



## November General Meeting: Water User Perspectives

*Marnie Lonsdale*

Water is a finite resource that is essential to life. Throughout the world water demand appears to be greater than supply. In Oregon, we are fortunate to have significant water resources, but concerns exist about the equitable access to the resource and the quality of the water. These water concerns are shared by all stakeholders. The largest segments using water include agriculture, public water systems and industry. All users are looking to better manage their water in consideration of cost, efficiency and protecting water reserves. What are the specific concerns of these segments? What are they doing to preserve and protect Oregon's water supply? Come and learn more about how these segments depend on and are working to protect our water.

The League of Women Voters of Portland has invited a panel of representatives from agriculture, industry, public water utilities and public wastewater treatment to share both challenges they face and the steps they are taking to conserve and protect Oregon's water. Panelist include Don Horneck, Extension Agronom-

### November General Meeting



#### Water User Perspectives

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm  
Board Room, Multnomah County Bldg,  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard

Panelist include:

- **Don Horneck**, Extension Agronomist, Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- **Steve Behrndt**, Manager of the Wastewater Group of the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- **Lorna Stickel**, Water Resources Planning Manager, Portland Water Bureau
- **Marla Harrison**, P. E., Environmental Manager, Marine and Industrial Development Department, Port of Portland

Parking: Ample street parking.

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ist, Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Steve Behrndt, Manager of the Wastewater Group of the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Lorna Stickel, Water Resources Planning Manager, Portland Water Bureau and Marla

Harrison, P. E., Environmental Manager, Port of Portland

Panelists will give short presentations of their perspectives. A question and answer period will follow using written questions submitted by the audience.

#### Looking Ahead – Plan Your League Calendar

##### **Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) – [www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org) and [www.healthcareforalloregon.org](http://www.healthcareforalloregon.org)**

Tuesday, December 7, 10:30 am (tentative), Terwilliger Plaza, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland  
Dr. Paul Gorman, Associate Professor, Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology, OHSU  
Dr. Samuel Metz, Family Physician in Portland, PNHP member; Founding member of Mad As Hell Doctors

##### **What Are We Thinking: The League's Annual Look at Public Attitudes – [www.dhmresearch.com](http://www.dhmresearch.com)**

Tuesday, January 11, 12:00 noon, Legends Condominiums, 1132 SW 19th Ave, Portland  
Adam Davis, founding partner of DHM Research, a non-partisan and independent opinion research and consulting firm in Portland

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**President's Column**

*Betsy Pratt*

As you read this article, you have undoubtedly turned in your ballot, and the election will almost be history. As you got ready to vote, you will have studied your League Voters Guide, either the paper version that was mailed to each member, or maybe our new on-line version, VOTESOURCE.org. You may have attended a candidate event, maybe the October 1st Metro President forum that we co-sponsored with the City Club or the County Commissioner forum on October 5th. Perhaps you attended the ballot measure forum on October 12th. You may have viewed one of these meetings through your local cable access channel or a link from the League webpage. With all these tools at hand, you will have become a well-informed voter (and maybe helped inform someone else).

None of these resources would have been available without the contributions of many dedicated, hard-working people. This is my thank-you card to all of you.

- To Peggy Bengry and her team, for all their efforts to prepare the local section of the Voters Guide. They contacted candidates, researched local ballot measures (including a couple that popped up very late in the process), cross-checked facts, and proofread everything over and over again.
- To Debbie Kaye and the Speakers Bureau participants, who educated themselves on the seven State measures and the dozen local measures,

handled nearly 20 requests, and taped a special presentation on the ballot measures for cablecasting.

- To Barbara Fredericks, who coordinated with the City Club on the Metro President event, organized the County Commissioner forum, struggled mightily to assemble speakers for the October 12 ballot measure forum, and managed to stay cheerful the whole time.

- To Barbara Stalions who again coordinated the distribution of the printed Voters Guides for the entire state.

- To Heather Drake, for doing all the work behind the scenes to get the new on-line guide up and running, and to Kathleen Hersh for helping to get the message out to the public.

- To the Multnomah Bar Foundation, which gave us a grant that helped cover the costs of taping the October forums and of advertizing the on-line guide.

Bravos to everyone involved!

Now on to November (good grief, can the holidays be upon us already?). Our November General meeting will focus on the needs and concerns of water stakeholders, and their efforts to protect water quality and conserve water. Units began discussing the complex consensus questions associated with the LWVOR water study in October and will conclude those debates in November. Please join us as we dive into deep waters.

## Portland Housing Bureau Focus of November Action Meeting

*Debbie Aiona*

The recently formed Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) currently is finalizing its strategic plan. Our November Action Committee guest, Margaret Van Vliet, will update us on the plan and review the Bureau's various functions and priorities. If you want to know more about the city's efforts to end homelessness, house low-income and special needs populations, prevent evictions and foreclosures, and remove barriers to homeownership, join us on November 19th.

One of the significant changes that took place when the city's housing functions were reorganized was a shift in responsibility for urban renewal dollars dedicated to low-

**November Action Committee Meeting**

**Portland Housing Bureau Progress Report**  
**Margaret Van Vliet, Portland Housing Bureau Director**

Friday, November 19, 1:00 pm  
Room 433, Board of Trade Building  
310 SW 4th Avenue, Portland

All members welcome. Questions? Contact Debbie Aiona.

income housing from the Portland Development Commission to the PHB. At the end of this year, an evaluation of the 30 percent set aside program of urban renewal funds for low-income housing will begin. The

League was a strong supporter of the policy and will continue to urge expenditure of those dollars on the housing needs of individuals and families most in need and not served by the private market.

## Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee Report

*Debbie Aiona*

Last March, City Council enacted changes to Portland's police oversight system at the urging of Commissioner Randy Leonard and Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade. Community members and organizations involved in this issue believed that the changes did not go far enough and that they were enacted with minimal and inadequate public participation.

In response to those concerns, Council formed a stakeholder committee with representatives from a number of community organizations, including the LWV. The committee explored additional reform proposals and issued a report with recommendations. A copy of the report is available at: [www.cdri.com/library/PoliceOversightStakeholderReport2010\\_V2.pdf](http://www.cdri.com/library/PoliceOversightStakeholderReport2010_V2.pdf)

The League has been following this issue for over 25 years, and believes the recommendations included in the

report will bring positive change to the system.

The report's more significant recommendations include the following:

- Ensure that the Independent Police Review Division (IPR) has, and exercises, the power to conduct or participate in investigations (from time zero) of serious incidents.
- Ensure that IPR has the authority to compel officer testimony and directly interview police officers in administrative investigations.
- Make it easier for the Auditor to hire outside counsel at the Auditor's discretion.
- Diversify the pool of investigators at both IPR and the police bureau's Internal Affairs Division to include 1) People with investigative skills who have not been police officers in general, nor Portland officers specifically, and 2) A much greater demographic (racial, ethnic, cultural)

diversity and competency.

- Change the standard of review in appeal hearings from "reasonable person" to "preponderance of the evidence."
- Give the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) the authority to make policy recommendations directly to the police bureau.
- Provide dedicated staff to support the CRC.
- Order another expert review in 2012 and another stakeholder review upon completion of the expert review.

We are awaiting a response to the committee's recommendation from Auditor Griffin-Valade and a date for a City Council hearing and acceptance of the report. The hearing will give us the opportunity to inform council members of the importance of the recommendations and urge their adoption.

## LWV Membership: Each One Reach One

*Debbie Kaye, Membership Committee*

A woman I've known and admired all my life described her experiences in the literacy movement. The mission was "Each One Teach One". Once a person could read and write, that individual would teach those skills to another.

I want to extend that idea for our Portland League: Each One Reach One (or more). Many of us have introduced friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances to the League, citing its voter education services, studies leading to action, opportunity to learn about the community, and great camaraderie as reasons to join. We must continue to bring in new members in order to perform our tasks and keep the League healthy through new energy and ideas.

Nationally, membership organizations are suffering. People spend their time with families and work, religious organizations, and recreational activities. We need to carve out some of that precious resource of time for our important work in the community.

The League stands out particularly during election season. Let's make use of that visibility to invite new people to join and participate. With fifteen Speakers Bureau presentations, two candidate forums, a ballot measure forum and Multnomah County measure explanations recorded by League members for playback, AND ongoing voter registration, we are working hard for Portland and the County. In addition to all that Voter Service, there is the advocacy side which currently includes supporting measure 26-108 for campaign finance reform; police review; urban renewal; affordable housing; and studying equity in public schools. Wow! Look at all that we do. To paraphrase a friend, Leaguers "live our civic responsibility with such passion and commitment".

Please remind people in your circles of the invaluable work we do for the community, and invite them to join you in your favorite League activities. The League is worthwhile. It is rewarding. It is fun! Let's share the wealth.

## Celebrating Lifetime Member Ann Hyde

*Betsy Pratt*

Like many other young mothers in the 1950s, Ann Hyde connected with the League of Women Voters as a good way to meet women with similar interests and to become educated about local issues. Her Andover, Massachusetts League even provided child care during meetings.

Ann's involvement strengthened when her family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. While her husband attended architectural school, Ann completed her own college degree and began representing the League on issues such as recycling, auto emission testing, and public transportation.

The Hydys lived in San Diego for 5 years, and then moved to Portland. Ann attends Portland units when she can – she believes that no one should just rest on their laurels – League members need to keep caring and staying involved.

## A Gift That Keeps on Giving: Membership in the League!

Want to give a gift that provides benefits all year long? Consider giving a gift League membership to friends or family.

In the last few months, current LWV members have introduced four new members to the Portland League through gift memberships.

Give someone you care about the chance to make a difference in their community by becoming a member of the League. Contact the League Office ([info@lwvpdx.org](mailto:info@lwvpdx.org) or 503-228-1675) for more information.

LWV Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

*In Memory of Mary Boos*  
from Richard & Carol Boos

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from Morley Knoll

*In Memory of Rusty Goldy*  
from Joella Werlin



## 70 & Over Members Enjoy League Updates at Legacy Lunch

*Mary McWilliams,  
Development Director*

Twenty-seven League members and one guest attended the 70 & Over Legacy salad lunch on Tuesday, September 28th at the home of Mary McWilliams, Mt. Tabor.

Many thanks to those who helped to make the lunch a success:

Organizers: Kris Hudson and Mary McWilliams

Lunch Invitations/Other: Heather Drake, Carol Cushman, and Kris Hudson

Greeters and co-hosts with Mary McWilliams: Carol Cushman, Carol Wilson, and Jan Wolf

Food: Mary McWilliams, Carol Wilson, and Jan Wolf

Presenters:

Betsy Pratt—Welcome and LWV of Portland update

Kris Hudson—Moderator and information on funding the League

Carol Cushman—Upcoming ballot measures advocated by the League

Norman Turrill—LWVUS update

Jane Gigler—LWV of Oregon and Education Fund update and oral history project

And “thank you” to our lunch participants who enjoyed coming together and socializing with old and new League friends.



## Thank You to Multnomah Bar Foundation for Voter Education Forums Funding

*Barbara Fredericks*

With the help of many League volunteers, and many hours of planning and preparation, we presented a candidate forum, a ballot measure forum, and a rundown of the Multnomah County ballot measures to assist voters for the November 2 election.

To help us reach a larger audience, Portland Community Media taped the candidate forum, and MetroEast Community Media taped each of the two ballot measure programs. With their expert help, all of our voter education programs were available to voters by way of multiple replays on local access cable television.

MetroEast gave us added audience exposure through a link on our website that allowed voters to view the ballot measure programs on demand on their home computers.

As always, we must raise funds to cover the costs of taping our programs. We were most fortunate this election season to receive a generous grant from the Multnomah Bar Foundation (MBF), which allowed us to have each forum taped and aired on local access cable TV. This grant was just one of numerous grants we have received from the MBF for projects in recent years. We are very grateful for their support.

## Speakers' Bureau: The Stats

*Debbie Kaye*

As of mid-October, our nine-member Speakers Bureau had been invited to make 17 presentations to organizations including The Multnomah County Londer Learning Center, patrons at the Kenton Library, Westminster Presbyterian Church, SW Hills Neighborhood Association, AAUW, and various retirement communities.

Many thanks to the very qualified Speakers Bureau members who put in a lot of time to understand and present the ballot measures clearly to a wide range of listeners.

## Many Help to Get Out Fall Direct Mail

*Mary McWilliams,  
Development Chair*

A fall election in which we are most active in our non-partisan voter information is a traditional time for the Portland League to send out a direct mail appeal to prospective new donors and past donors to aid the work of our organization.

Many helped to make this more than 1,000 piece mailing possible, including Pat Osborn, who led the effort with Heather Drake's able assistance, Debbie Kaye for proof reading and volunteers who helped stuff the envelopes on this three day effort: Mary Cammann, Susan Hunter, Barbara Kelly, Darleane Lemley, Judy Litt, Monty Macoubrie, Mary

McWilliams, Carolyn Rundorff, and Pat Russell. Thank you one and all for helping.

Besides this fall direct mail campaign to new potential non-members donors and past donors, other direct mail campaigns this year included a request to members in the July membership renewal letter. Members continue to be very generous in their support. There will also be an end of the year appeal to members and a spring appeal to members and past donors. Direct mail campaigns are a huge effort but our approximately \$58,000 annual budget does benefit. Thank you to all who help make it happen.

## New Members

**Jessica Aiona**

**Jessie Brainerd**

**Warren James**

**Richard Meyer**

## Directory Updates

**Mary Meikle**

## Directory Updates

**Alyda Gilkey**

**Beverly & Richard Wilson**

## Calendar

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| <p>2: <b>Election Day</b></p> <p>3: <b>Exec Committee</b><br/>12:00 pm, Room 520</p> <p>9: <b>General Meeting</b><br/>7:00 pm, Mult. Bldg.</p> <p>10: <b>New Member Meeting</b><br/>7:00 pm, Home of Pat Osborn</p> <p>12: <b>Voter Deadline</b></p> <p>15: <b>Membership Comm.</b><br/>9:30 am, Room 520</p> <p>15: <b>Board Meeting</b><br/>1:00 pm, Room 433</p> <p>19: <b>Action</b><br/>1:00 pm, Room 433</p> <p>23: <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>24: <b>Mailing Party</b><br/>10:00 am, Room 520</p> <p>25-26: <b>Office Closed</b></p> | <p>1: <b>Exec Committee</b><br/>12:00 pm, Room 520</p> <p>7: <b>General Meeting</b><br/>10:30 am (tentative),<br/>Terwilliger Plaza</p> <p>10: <b>Voter Deadline</b></p> <p>13: <b>Board Meeting (Tent)</b><br/>1:00 pm, Room 433</p> <p>17: <b>Mailing Party</b><br/>10:00 am, Room 520</p> <p>18-31: <b>Office Closed</b><br/><br/><i>Office will reopen on<br/>Monday, January 3.</i></p> |
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## November Unit Meetings

### LWVOR Water Study Consensus

**Unit #1-Southwest-Evening**  
**Monday, November 22, 7 pm**

Leader: Ann Mulroney

Host: Ester McGinnis

**Unit #2-Southeast**  
**Monday, November 22, 10 am**

Leaders: Paulette Meyer AND Beth Johnson

Host: Thelma Lester Clark

**Unit #4—North/Northeast**  
**Thursday, November 18, 1 pm**

Leader: Bev Wilson

Host: Debbie Aiona

**Unit #5—Terwilliger Plaza**  
**Monday, November 15, 3 pm**

Leader: Jeanne Steed

No Host: Convene at Terwilliger Plaza Auditorium A, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd

**Unit #6 Southwest/Northwest Hills**  
**Friday, November 19, 9:30 am**

Leader: Mary Hepokoski

Host: Gail Post

**Unit #7—Vermont Hills**  
**Monday, November 15, 9:30 am**

Leader: Jeanne Steed

Host: Ethel Noble

**Unit #8—Online**

Leader: Kathleen Hersh

Location: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LWVPDXVirtualUnit/>

### Calendar Location Key:

**Room 520** and **Room 433** are located at our office building:  
Board of Trade Building, 310 SW 4th Avenue, Portland (4th Avenue between Stark and Oak Streets)

The **Mult. Bldg.** is located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard. The Board Room is located on the first floor.



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