



Looking Ahead

What Are We Thinking: The League's Annual Look at Public Attitudes

Tuesday, January 11, 12:00 noon
Legends Condominiums,
1132 SW 19th Ave.

With **Adam Davis**, founding partner of DHM Research (www.dhmresearch.com), a non-partisan and independent opinion research and consulting firm based in Portland

January Units - Local and State Program Planning

Please check websites:

www.lwvpx.org
www.lwvor.org

to become re-acquainted with our local and state positions.

If you have ideas for new program studies, position re-studies or re-view please start putting those ideas on paper and talking with others. January will be your time to bring those ideas forward.

December General Meeting



Single Payer Health Care: A Discussion with Physicians for a National Health Program

Tuesday, December 7, 10:30 am
Terwilliger Plaza Main Building,
2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland

Parking: Carpool if possible. Valet parking if needed. Contact Jeanne Steed if you would like specific driving directions.

Transit: TriMet 8-Jackson Park/OHSU stops in front of building. Plan your route with TriMet's Trip Planner at www.trimet.org.

Lunch at Terwilliger Plaza: If you would like to stay after the meeting and lunch with fellow League members, please RSVP to Jeanne Steed so that a table(s) can be reserved.

Physicians for a National Health Program is a single issue organization advocating a universal, comprehensive single-payer national health program. Since 1987 PNHP has advocated for reform in the U.S. health care system. The organization has more than 18,000 members and chapters across the United States.

Paul Gorman, MD is Associate Professor in the Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology at Oregon Health & Sciences University. He is on the teaching faculty at OHSU as well as Providence Portland Medical Center.

Samuel Metz, MD is in private practice with the Oregon Anesthesiology Group, working with most major hospitals in the Willamette Valley. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at OHSU Department of Anesthesiology and Peri-Operative Medicine.



A Great Holiday Gift Idea!

As the holidays approach, please consider the gift of a membership in the League of Women Voters of Portland. Perhaps your niece or nephew has moved to Portland, or a grandchild has returned as an adult. How about that new neighbor, or the one you watched grow up with your own children, now back in Portland and seeking connection with the community? The League is such a great way to learn about Portland, meet interesting and dedicated people, and engage in meaningful civic involvement. If you need proof positive of the benefits of gift membership, see the article on Page 2 about Esther Lewis. The perfect gift!

**League of Women Voters
of Portland, OR**

Voter is produced 9 times a year by the League of Women Voters of Portland. We welcome your comments, suggestions, story ideas and submissions. Please contact Pat Chor or Heather Drake at the League office, 503-228-1675. Submissions must be received no later than the Friday before the board meeting each month.

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Speakers' Bureau Wrap Up

Debbie Kaye

With participation from Betsy Pratt, Corinne Paulson, Colleen Shoemaker, Jeanne Steed, Carol Cushman, Norman Turrill, Sharon Little, and Barbara Fredericks, the Speakers Bureau made 18 appearances and offered ballot measure information and Voters Guides to 300 voters in Portland. We spoke with people at a wide range of organizations including retirement centers, professional and church groups, Housing Authority of Portland, American Association of University Women, Multnomah County post-incarceration GED program, PSU emeritus professors. Thanks very much to the well-informed Speakers Bureau members, each of

whom gave a great deal of time to learn and share the basics and finer points of the 17 measures on the Portland ballot.

Looking to the future, I would like to see our Speakers Bureau not only respond to invitations from various organizations, but reach out to neighborhood associations and community centers, colleges and universities, and other civic organizations. We offer a terrific and respected product; let's market it where it can reach the most people. Readers, if you are involved with an organization which would welcome this type of voter education, please let me know.

50-Year Member Profile: Esther Lewis

Betsy Pratt

League members live interesting lives. Cause or effect? A case in point is Life Member Esther Lewis, who grew up on Mount Tabor. Her mother gave her a membership in the Portland League when she was a young mother around 1950.

Esther participated in the Laurelhurst/NE Unit, and then served on the Portland Board and later the State Board. During her third year on the Portland Board (1956-57), Esther collaborated with fellow Unit member, Evelyn Nokes, in writing an analysis of a LWVOR proposal to work for consideration of a revision to the State Constitution. This project was spearheaded by members of the Eugene LWV, including Anabel Kitzhaber, who had recently arrived from an eastern state that had successfully revised its constitution.

Esther joined the State Board in the fall of 1957 and was given the job of writing a LWVOR publication on the

State Constitution. Her partner in this venture was fellow state Board member Joyce Benjamin of Eugene, who worked on the handsome printing and binding. The result, "Sense and Sentiment about the Oregon Constitution," was publicly presented on the 100th birthday of the State of Oregon, February 14, 1959.

That year, the state legislature set up a 16-member Constitution Revision Commission, made up of legislative leaders of both parties, judges, law professors, an ex-governor, newspapermen, and Esther, the only female. After months of regular, two-day, meetings in Salem, the Commission presented a new version of the Constitution to the Legislature, which failed to pass by one vote. Esther commented that the committee did not anticipate how the initiative petition process might explode into such a factory of signature gathering for special interests.

While engaged in League activities, Esther raised four children and fostered a number of others, three of whom are still part of her family. In 1971 to 1973, the family moved to Bangkok, Thailand, where her husband worked for the Mekong Secretariat on river management issues. When she returned to Portland, Esther got involved with the World Affairs Council for several years in a "part-time" job, culminating with organizing a 1,000 person dinner for then Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, while welcoming a second set of Lao refugees into her home.

Esther maintained her League membership throughout the years, on a less active basis. These days, she keeps in touch with a wide-spread, international network of family and friends, and maintains a beautiful home and garden in northeast Portland.

Calendar

December 2010							January 2011						
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1: **Exec Committee**
12:00 pm, Room 520

7: **General Meeting**
10:30 am, Terwilliger Plaza

10: **Voter Deadline**

13: **Board Meeting (Tent)**
1:00 pm, Room 433

14: **Development Comm.**
11:00 am, Room 520

17: **Mailing Party**
10:00 am, Room 520

18-31: **Office Closed**
Office will reopen on Monday, January 3.

5: **Exec Committee**
12:00 pm, Room 520

11: **General Meeting**
12:00 noon, Legends

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17: **Board Meeting**
1:00 pm, Room 433

25: **Office Closed**

26: **Mailing Party**
10:00 am, Room 520

28: **Action**
1:00 pm, Room 433

December Unit Meetings
<p>Some units may have holiday events in December. Contact unit leaders for details.</p> <p>Unit #1-Southwest-Evening <u>Leader:</u> Ann Mulroney</p> <p>Unit #2-Southeast <u>Leaders:</u> Paulette Meyer AND Beth Johnson</p> <p>Unit #4—North/Northeast <u>Leader:</u> Bev Wilson</p> <p>Unit #5—Terwilliger Plaza <u>Leader:</u> Jeanne Steed</p> <p>Unit #6 Southwest/Northwest Hills <u>Leader:</u> Mary Hepokoski</p> <p>Unit #7—Vermont Hills <u>Leader:</u> Jeanne Steed</p> <p>Unit #8—Online <u>Leader:</u> Kathleen Hersh</p>

Thank You VOE Supporters

Thank you to everyone who donated time, energy, and money to the campaign for Measure 26-108.

We may not have prevailed in the final ballot count, and VOE is no longer an option for candidates to City office, but we were not defeated.

This was a close decision, and the supporters of campaign finance reform continue to be hopeful for the future.

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)

Terwilliger Plaza is located at 2545 SW Terwilliger Boulevard. Contact Jeanne Steed (503-299-4636) for specific driving directions.

Legends is located at 1132 SW 19th Avenue.

Congratulations
to Portland League members
Kristan Knapp and Don MacGillivray
for their recent
2010 Spirit of Portland Awards!!



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