



## Portland and Oregon Economy

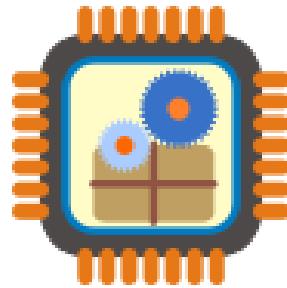
*Ann Mulrone*

Oregon, and the Country are beginning to recover from a devastating recession, one that has hit hard in our State and City. In March, CEOs of two of Portland's leading manufacturers and leading business organizations will talk with us about growing a company in Portland, and the status of our economic foundations.

**Neil Nelson** joined Siltronic Corporation in 2000 and has been President and CEO of the company since 2003. Siltronic is a Portland start-up, incorporating in 1978 as Wacker Siltronic. The company employs 850 people at its site in Northeast Portland. Along with its sister companies in Japan, Singapore and Germany, it is the third largest silicon supplier in the world.

In 2007, Siltronic received the Environmental Performance Award, awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency for outstanding commitment to consistently exceeding environmental requirements and continuous improvement in overall environmental performance. Learn more at [www.siltronic.com](http://www.siltronic.com)

**Jake Nichol** is President and CEO of Leatherman Tool Group, a world leading manufacturer of high quality pocket tools, lights and knives. Leatherman was a Portland start-up in 1983. Portland is its only manufacturing location where it employs 380 people. Leatherman manufactures 46 products, sold in 82 countries. The



### The Oregon and Portland Economy – What's the Story?

Tuesday, March 8  
7:00 pm

Board Room, Mult. County Bldg,  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

#### Speakers:

- **Neil Nelson**, President and CEO, Siltronic Corporation
- **Jake Nichol**, President and CEO, Leatherman Tool Group
- **Duncan Wyse**, President, Oregon Business Council
- **Sandra McDonough**, President and CEO, Portland Business Alliance

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company has repeatedly been named one of Oregon's Most Admired Companies by The Business Journal. Learn more at [www.leatherman.com](http://www.leatherman.com)

**Duncan Wyse** is President of the Oregon Business Council, a private non-profit, non-partisan organization of chief executives from some of Oregon's largest businesses. Two major initiatives under the umbrella of the OBC are the Oregon Business Plan and E3: Employers for Education Excellence. The Oregon Business Council is the winner of the 2003 Governor's Gold Award. In 2009 Duncan Wyse received the Sustainable Business Oregon Leadership

Award. Learn more at [www.orbusinesscouncil.org](http://www.orbusinesscouncil.org)

**Sandra McDonough** is President and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance, the successor to the Portland Chamber of Commerce which was formed in 1870. In 2002, the Chamber of Commerce merged with the Association for Portland Progress to form the Alliance. The Alliance has 1300 members, 82% of which have fewer than 100 employees. The organization has been active in securing transportation funds for the Portland area, manages the Downtown Clean and Safe program and organizes international trade programs through its Pacific

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**President's Column**

*Betsy Pratt*

Alert League members may have noticed my name in *The Oregonian* a couple of times in the past two months. In the first article, I was asked whether the current Multnomah County Board of Commissioners was more effective than the previous set (especially the disputatious ladies). (My answer: The Board seems to be working collegially and focusing on the job at hand.) In the second, the reporter wanted to know whether the League had indeed requested the Federal Court House to shift its public TV from Fox News to CNN. (My response: We did ask GSA to change the channel, but we did not specify an alternative channel.)

Like any other organization that operates in the public eye, we have a two-way relationship with "the media." First, we have a publicity team, headed by Don MacGillivray, which works diligently to get our name in the news; especially to promote our excellent public meetings, candidate forums, and voter education. We want the community at large to know that we have high quality information to share and that everyone is invited to participate in our meetings.

Second, as my experience shows, the League can also be a source for the media – usually on public policy issues. Our reputation for thoughtful, sound public stances makes our input valued. Debbie Aiona and Shelley Lorenzen have been quoted regularly in connection with Portland's urban renewal processes, and Debbie has also been an informed source on police oversight issues. These

interactions must be managed carefully so that our quoted viewpoints maintain our credibility and set a positive example for civil discourse. (The Court House TV story strained me a little on the latter principle.)

Dealing with the rapidly changing media world has been increasingly challenging. The traditional print media is shrinking and the on-line sources are expanding exponentially. It used to be that a public service announcement in *The Oregonian* would be adequate to reach everyone in Portland. Now Don sends meeting notices to all the neighborhood newspapers and a wide (and growing) array of on-line services. He keeps exploring new options to see which ones are most effective.

Years ago, someone noted that our culture has a tendency to sensationalize the trivial and trivialize the important, which raises our other concern in dealing with the media. We would much rather spend time explaining important topics, like why achieving equity is an important issue for our local school districts, rather than justifying a change in TV channels, but that's not apparently what catches the public's attention. We want to be newsworthy in the best sense of the word, because that is how the League can be a visible force in the community. Our role in promoting open and accountable government and informed citizenry depends on our credibility, which in turn means we will keep pursuing constructive interactions with the media.

**Board Meetings are Open to All Members**

Members of the League are welcome to attend board meetings. We meet the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the 4th floor conference room downstairs from the office September through April. Meetings are announced in the **Voter**. Please join us and learn how our board functions. You might want to join!

## Low Income Housing: Who needs it? Who pays for it?

*Debbie Aiona*

Housing Development Center Executive Director Robin Boyce gave an information-packed presentation at the January Action Committee meeting. The Housing Development Center ([housingdevelopmentcenter.org](http://housingdevelopmentcenter.org)) is a local non-profit whose mission is to “build and sustain affordable housing for low income families and individuals.” Its core services include development, asset management, policy and program development, and a community fund.

Robin described the barriers faced by individuals and families seeking affordable housing. Insufficient income, type of housing, special needs, poor rental or criminal histories are some of the factors that make it difficult to find housing. During the past couple of decades low-income Oregonians’ real income decreased and unemployment was higher than the national average. Oregon is among the top 10 states in income disparity. The inflation-adjusted change in incomes from the late 1970s to the late 1990s saw the bottom fifth experience a 13 percent **decrease** and the top fifth a 52 percent **increase**.

It is much more difficult for low-income households to find housing they can afford. In 2007, 76 percent

of Oregon households earning less than 30 percent of median family income (MFI), \$21,350 for a family of four, were severely rent burdened. These households pay more than 50 percent of their income on housing. When so much of a family’s income is spent on housing, it is difficult to afford other necessities such as food, medical care, and transportation.

The City of Portland has devoted considerable effort to housing the lowest income households and has achieved admirable results. Forty-two percent of renters earning below 30 percent of MFI and living Portland’s low-income housing portfolio are severely rent burdened. Compare that to the 76 percent of very-low income renters in Multnomah County who are severely rent burdened. Non-profit housing developers and the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) are responsible for housing the majority of very low-income tenants, while for-profit developers build a greater portion of the units affordable to households earning over 50 percent of median family income.

Portland’s portfolio of low-income housing was financed primarily through the use of capital subsidies. At the time a project is developed,

public money from various sources is used to subsidize development costs. This allows the project to cover its ongoing expenses in spite of the fact that it charges low rents. Non-profit developers enter into an agreement with the city that stipulates they will keep the rents affordable to low-income households for 60 years. Maintaining the effort has become more and more difficult because the federal government has dramatically decreased its contribution to housing over the last 30 years.

Housing costs are a key factor in a family’s ability to meet basic needs and succeed in life. A 2009 Oregon Food Bank study found that Oregon has such a high rate of hunger because the cost of living has increased dramatically while wages for workers with limited education and training have stagnated or lost ground. Over the last decade, Oregonians have seen dramatic increases in the cost of housing, energy, and health care. Often a family’s food budget is the only place to cut. Hardworking people should be able to afford housing and still have enough money for food and other basic necessities. The League will continue to support Portland’s efforts to increase the stock of low income housing for those most in need.

### March Action Committee Meeting

#### Office of Neighborhood Involvement Public Involvement Best Practices Program

Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, ONI Community Relations

Friday, March 25, 1:00 pm

Room 433, Board of Trade Building,  
310 SW 4th Avenue, Portland

All members welcome. Questions? Contact Debbie Aiona.

### Directory Updates

Linda McDowell

Carolyn Rundorff

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## March Units – A New Experience

We have dedicated March to learning more about how the economy works. We are a State and City of small companies, so the local economy planning group has designed a role playing unit program which they hope will give members a taste of the small company experience. Attend your unit, put on your Board of Directors hat and help **Berries Unlimited** chart a course for the future!

### BERRIES UNLIMITED

Berries Unlimited is organized as a C Corporation. The company processes mixed berries that it freezes and packages for the wholesale and retail market in the Northwest United States, Canada and Asia. It also markets a high end line of IQF (individually quick frozen) berries to the east coast. It owns and operates two processing facilities, one in Oregon on the Columbia River and one in Washington. The company owns berry fields in Oregon and buys

**BERRIES  
UNLIMITED**

**Board of Directors  
Meeting  
March 2011**

The Chairman is requesting full attendance at the March Directors' Meeting. The company's situation has been critical for some time. Despite major efforts to sustain and strengthen the company, profits continue to decline, a five year trend that is no longer sustainable. We face critical decisions.

**Please pick up your Board of Directors packet at the General Meeting on March 8.**

product from growers in Oregon and Washington.

Company Mission. To grow a company that provides a good living for its family of stockholders in such a way that its producing land stays productive and its workforce develops skills that sustain the company and provide upward mobility opportunities.

The Situation. The company has been experiencing declining profits for five years. It can no longer sustain itself under its current business model. The company future is precarious. The Board of Directors has been working with the company Executive Team for several years to chart a course to profitability without success. The company faces three choices:

- Should it sell; can it?
- Should it undertake a major expansion; can it?
- Should it scale back the company?

### Save the Date!

## Local Convention Preview and Service Auction, Redux

*Debbie Kaye*

Can it really be that time again? Why, yes, it is! Our Local Convention/annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important and very interesting gathering. We will conduct the business of our League, dine together, hear an informative speaker, learn more about each other's skills and make some money, too.

Back by popular request, a service auction will be part of the festivities. We will welcome Leaguers' generous auction donations of services

such as garden consulting, rides to the airport or train station, use of vacation homes, dinner parties, baked goods, custom quilts, and other items

from your considerable imaginations. Please contact Pat Osborn or Debbie Kaye with ideas or questions. We will provide a donation form soon.

**Local Convention Preview**

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Portland City Auditor**

Tuesday, May 10

Carvlin Hall, St. Philip Neri Church,  
2408 SE 16th Street, Portland

Catered buffet dinner

## Equity in Education: A Level Playing Field?

*Lynn Baker*

A large number of our members and the public attended the General Meeting in February for a panel discussion about equity in Portland's public schools. Dan Jamison, Vice President of Education Policy at the Chalkboard Project, sees the achievement gap as the most urgent equity issue today, and believes that teacher effectiveness is the most crucial component for change. He recognizes a stark economic challenge in education funding and sees that we must prioritize to make differences. Schools need to develop concrete measurements for what works for all kids, and to provide teachers with support for professional development and effective teacher evaluation.

Doug Wells is past president and current board member of Community and Parents for Public Schools, a group working with school districts to include community and parent voices in school issues. He sees that our financial support system is broken. He sees "analysis paralysis", where people meet, analyse, and take no action. He, like Mr. Jamison, sees a need for accountability, and transparency in evaluation of teachers and principals which is tied to student performance. Teacher contracts seem to work for teachers and are an impediment to getting the best teachers in front of classrooms. Parent and public involvement is critical.

Nichole Maher, Executive Director of Native American Youth Family Center, spoke with passion about what Native American children need, and lack, in public schools. The biggest problems she sees are the drop-out and school attendance rates. The Native population seems invisible but is a significant 4%. The largest Native student populations in the state

are in PPS, David Douglas, and Parkrose. One of every two children of color and Native children live in poverty. It should not make us comfortable if the majority says that it wants equity for "other" children as long as it costs nothing. Early childhood education, increased parent involvement, and a welcoming atmosphere must be fostered. She sees a perfect kindergarten as having a culturally specific curriculum, with adults who reflect the student population, and is grounded in Native values. Because of the lack of public schooling that produced results for Native children, her group formed its own high school. Of 123 students this year, 79% graduated on time, compared to 31% of Native children in public schools.

Lorenzo Poe serves as the Director of Partnership Development for Portland Public Schools. He agrees with the other panelists that there is much to do to achieve equity, and the Board and Superintendent are committed to achieving it. There needs to be access for all students, ELL, TAG, and all races, to quality programs, and that is what the high school redesign is trying to address. He recognizes the challenge of narrowing the achievement gap between white students and students of color, especially black male students. Courageous Conversations, a two-year program at PPS, is beginning to deal with racism, and he feels the whole community must have conversations about race and privilege. Teacher quality is key to successful student achievement. An Educational Equity Policy is needed to pinpoint clearly what the district's intent is to achieve equity. Funding issues should not relieve the community of having to address these hard issues.

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Northwest International Trade Program. Learn more at [www.portlandalliance.org](http://www.portlandalliance.org).

## Why Focus on Manufacturing?

The loss of manufacturing jobs has been an ongoing concern in the country and our state since before the current recession. The Portland Plan Economic Development Plan states that typically, manufacturers are "traded sector" companies, they compete in markets outside of the region, bring income into the region and tend to drive its prosperity through growth and employment, higher income levels and wealth generation. Both of the manufacturing companies on the March panel are traded sector companies.

## Portland Public School Board Candidate Forum

April 26, 7:00 pm

*Barbara Fredericks*

Candidates for four positions on the Portland Public School Board will appear on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the Blanchard Education Services Center in a forum presented by the Portland League of Women Voters and Community and Parents for Public Schools. The forum will also be available for viewing on PPS Education Media Services local access cable television.

## Directory Update

**Minda Seibert**

**April General Meeting**

**Tax Expenditures – What They Are; Good or Bad, or Both, and Why**

*Ann Mulrone*y

Oregon, like most states, is facing a severe budget crisis with a substantial gap between revenue and budget needs. Tax expenditures are being closely examined by the Legislature as one way to close the gap. Our April General Meeting will examine tax expenditures and the issues involved in using, deleting, sunseting or otherwise amending the 217 tax expenditures in the Oregon Tax Code. The panel:

- **George Naughton**, Director of the Budget Office, Department of Administrative Services (invited).
- **Chuck Sheketoff**, Executive Director, Oregon Center for Public Policy
- **Jody Wisner**, Tax Fairness Oregon
- **Jon Bartholomew**, Executive Director, OSPIRG

Tax expenditures are defined in state law. The 1995 Budget Accountability Act defines a tax expenditure as

*“any law of the Federal Government or of this state that exempts, in whole or in part, certain persons, income, goods, services, or property from the impact of established taxes, including but not limited to tax deductions, tax inclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates, and tax credits.”*

To be prepared for this discussion, follow this issue in the LWVOR Legislative Reports, [www.lwvor.org/legislativereports.htm](http://www.lwvor.org/legislativereports.htm) or on the Legislature web site, [www.leg.state.or.us](http://www.leg.state.or.us).

To review the Governor’s Tax Expenditure Report go to [www.oregon.gov/DOR/STATS](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/STATS), click on publications in the left column and scroll down to Tax Expenditure Report.

**Volunteers Make These Two League Events a Reality**

*Mary McWilliams*

**Directory of Elected Officials, Multnomah County Edition**

Beginning in December 2010, League volunteers from LWV of Portland and LWV East Multnomah County (EMCO) began working on updating the *Directory of Elected Officials*, to reflect November 2010 election results. Getting elected is only the very beginning of these officials' work. Communication with constituents is among the most important aspects of the work, and constituents have a responsibility to communicate and work with their representatives. That is what the *Directory* is all about.

Each League volunteer updated one section of the Directory. In January the material was submitted to the office, added to the Directory, and proofread. By early February, the new Directory was at the printers. By mid-February, it was mailed to LWV of Portland members, donors, and others who had requested it, free of charge. It is also being distributed to the Multnomah County Elections Division and to the Multnomah County Library system and others. Check the distribution list at the office, if you would like to make sure that any person or organization that you think should have a copy (or more), is on that list.

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**LWVOR Convention**

**First Call to LWVOR Convention 2011  
Meeting Big Challenges:  
Economics and Demographics**

- When:** Friday through Sunday, May 13-15, 2011
- Where:** Keizer Renaissance Inn & Conference Center, 51188 Wittenberg Lane, Keizer, OR
- What:** The biennial convention elects a slate of officers to govern the LWVOR, adopts a budget, and establishes the program direction for the next two years.
- Who:** Any Portland member who is interested in the workings of the state League.

Please contact the Portland League Office (503-228-1675 or [info@lwvpdx.org](mailto:info@lwvpdx.org)) if you are interested in attending.

**Directory Update**

**Karen Rouse**

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In addition to the print copy, the *Directory* is in a downloadable PDF version on our web site: [www.lwvpx.org](http://www.lwvpx.org)

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The *Directory* is a free service of the LWV of Portland that is widely used to identify and contact Multnomah County elected officials. The *Directory* wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our Education Fund donors. Consider becoming a donor either through PayPal on our web site [www.lwvpx.org](http://www.lwvpx.org); or a check payable and mailed to: LWV of Portland Education Fund, P.O. Box 3491, Portland, OR 97208.

Please thank these League members who worked on the *Directory*, when you see them:

**LWV of Portland – Office Manager Heather Drake and members: Jessica Aiona, Peggy Bengry, Cathy Crawford, Barbara Fredericks, Alyda Gilkey, Lainey Hakala, Mary Hepokoski, Kathleen Hersh, Debbie Kaye, Don MacGillivray, Mary McWilliams (coordinating), Betsy Pratt, Janine Settlemeyer, and Bev Wilson.**



**LWV of East Multnomah County (EMCO) – Marlene Byrne (coordinating), Betty Cornelison, Vinne Hammond, Lois Selmar, Kate Selmar, and Elise Swan.**

### Saturday, February 12th Morning Coffee for Newly Elected Officials & Launch of Directory

A new LWV of Portland public event to launch the *Directory* and to hear from officials who were elected or re-elected in the November 2010 election, this coffee was held at Metro Council Chambers. The coffee brought together about 50 League members, donors, and the general public to socialize, have refreshments, and to meet and hear from nine newly elected officials. There was even time to have audience questions answered.

The officials included: Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, who welcomed us all to Metro (Metro President Tom Hughes was not able to attend) and later spoke about her interests; Oregon Representative Lew Fredericks, District 43; Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and Auditor Steve March; Councilors John Kilian and Lori Stegmann from the city of Gresham; and Director Jill Kuehler from East Multnomah County Soil & Water District and Director Brian Lightcap and Terri Preeg Riggsby from West Multnomah County Soil & Water District.

Putting on this event was a multi-step process. All newly elected Multnomah County officials were invited to this event, as well as continuing elected officials, key administrators, and partner organizations.

Don MacGillivray managed public relations with press releases to the media and email blasts to appropriate organizations. League members and donors were alerted through the January and February Voters or telephone calls.

Many volunteers contributed to making this event a success, some offering their help for more than one task. They included: **Marlene Byrne from EMCO, and LWV of Portland members Peggy Bengry, Pat Chor, Claire Corwin-Kordosky, Carol Cushman, Rita Fawcett, Lainey Hakala, Kris Hudson, Debbie Kaye, Barbara Kelly, Judy Litt, Don MacGillivray, Mary McWilliams, Pat Osborn, Betsy Pratt, Janine Settlemeyer, Bev Wilson, and Jan Wolf.** A special thanks goes to Janine Settlemeyer, who watched for and welcomed latecomers to Metro, thus missing most of the event; and to Heather Drake, who was involved in this event every step of the way.

Finally, THANK YOU to the Development Committee who supported this first time event and took on major tasks: Carol Cushman, Kris Hudson, Debbie Kaye, Mary McWilliams (chair), Pat Osborn, Jan Wolf, and Carol Wilson.

## Lifetime Member Profile – Leeanne MacColl

*Betsy Pratt*

What do Chamber Music Northwest and the Portland League have in common? Life Member Leeanne MacColl, whose long-time passions for music and public policy have made her a major force in both organizations. Leeanne was introduced to the League through the faculty wives at Reed College when she and her husband arrived in Portland in the early 1950s, along with two young boys. Leeanne remembers being impressed by these women who seemed to know everything about her new community.

Leeanne worked her way through the Portland ranks, becoming local League president in 1985. During her presidency, she had the fatiguing experience of relocating our office to

the Dekum Building and the gratifying opportunity to accept a significant bequest from former Portland president, Mary Damaskov, which became the foundation of our endowment fund.

For several decades, Leeanne was a leader in the tri-county League, originally known as the Columbia River Region InterLeague Organization (or CRRILO). By the late 1960s, the region as a whole was becoming aware of the need for regional solutions to problems like garbage handling, air quality, and transportation. The League responded by establishing CRRILO which gave us the opportunity to speak on issues that crossed county boundaries. Leeanne chaired a CRRILO study on transportation that examined all modes and

strongly recommended greater investments in mass transit. Her CRRILO role offered opportunities for fascinating field trips including visits to the proposed landfill site at Arlington, to the Boardman Coal-Fired Power Plant, and to Washington County for examples of the urban/rural growth boundary.

Leeanne's other interests include being a long-time member of a piano quartet that performed around town. Her husband, Kim, headed the Catlin Gabel School between 1958 and 1966, and later taught history at Portland State University. He is also noted for significant texts on Portland history. Leeanne and Kim raised two sons and two daughters who are spread across the country.

## Announcing the LWVOR Raffle 2011

Win \$3,000 for the vacation of your choice anywhere in the world, through travel agent, Doug Walker, Walker Travel, [www.walkertravel.com](http://www.walkertravel.com)! Thirty days advance notice of travel dates is required. Award must be used by May 14, 2012.

LWVOR Raffle 2011 tickets will be available at March and April unit meetings, and other League events. Mary McWilliams is in charge of sales for the Portland League, and you may also contact her to get a supply of tickets. Please buy tickets to introduce the League to non-League members, as a fundraiser for your local League, as gifts. The only restriction is that LWVOR board members and staff are not eligible to win; however, their relatives are!

Each raffle ticket costs \$10 and only 2,000 tickets are printed for this state-wide raffle. The drawing will be held at the LWVOR convention on May 14, 2011, Saturday night at 8 p.m., Keizer Renaissance Inn, Keizer, OR. The winner does not have to be present to win.

The Raffle will raise about \$15,000 after expenses, and is an important revenue component to the LWVOR budget. The funds support LWVOR Action activities and keeps convention costs and other expenses, such as PMP, down. The raffle may also identify non-members who are willing to support our programs. Not only does the Raffle benefit LWVOR, but it can also raise funds for the Portland League!

## Legislative Interviews Thank You Volunteers

*Debbie Aiona*

Prior to each legislative session, the LWVOR Action Committee asks local Leagues to arrange interviews with their legislators. They respond to questions developed by the action committee that are related to action priorities. The interviews provide an opportunity to develop relationships with local representatives. Responses are used to identify areas of common interest.

Thank you to all the LWV Portland volunteers who participated in the interviews this year: **Kris and Steve Hudson, Jeanne Steed, Diane Hermann, Don MacGillivray, Judy Litt, Janine Settelmeyer, Brenda Smith, Carol Cushman, Mary McWilliams, Kay Tousley, Claire Corwin-Kordosky, Ann Mulrone, Jan Wolf, Bill Harris, Leeanne MacColl, Mary Hepokoski, Pat Osborn, Barbara Frederickicks, and Rita Fawcett.**

## Calendar

| March 2011 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2011 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## March Unit Meetings

**Berries Unlimited Board Meeting**

**Unit #1-Southwest-Evening**  
**Monday, March 28, 7 pm**  
Leader: Ann Mulroney  
Host: Donna Ward

**Unit #2-Southeast**  
**Monday, March 28, 10 am**  
Leaders: Paulette Meyer AND Beth Johnson  
Host: Beth Johnson

**Unit #4—North/Northeast**  
**Thursday, March 17, 1 pm**  
Leader: Bev Wilson  
Host: Marnie Lonsdale

**Unit #5—Terwilliger Plaza**  
**Monday, March 14, 3 pm**  
Leader: Jeanne Steed  
No Host: Convene at Terwilliger Plaza Auditorium A, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd

**Unit #6 Southwest/Northwest Hills**  
**Friday, March 18, 9:30 am**  
Leader: Mary Hepokoski  
Host: Mary Hepokoski

**Unit #7—Vermont Hills**  
**Monday, March 14, 9:30 am**  
Leader: Jeanne Steed  
Host: Corinne Paulson

**Unit #8—Online**  
Leader: Kathleen Hersh  
Location: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LWVPDXVirtualUnit/>

2: **PR Committee**  
10:00 am, Room 520

2: **Voter Service Comm.**  
10:00 am, Room 433

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

3: **Program Committee**  
10:00 am, Room 520

8: **General Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Mult. Bldg.

9: **Tax Expenditures**  
9:30 am, Room 520

18: **Voter Deadline**

21: **Membership Comm.**  
11:00 am, Room 520

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

22: **Office Closed**

24-25: **Office Closed**

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

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

12: **General Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Mult. Bldg.

15: **Voter Deadline**

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

26: **Office Closed**

26: **Candidate Forum**  
7:00 pm, Blanchard

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

## A Warm Welcome to New Members!

Lisa Wilcke

Marian Martinez

Richard Pomeroy

**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)

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