



Auditor Study Committee Meeting

Kathleen Hersh

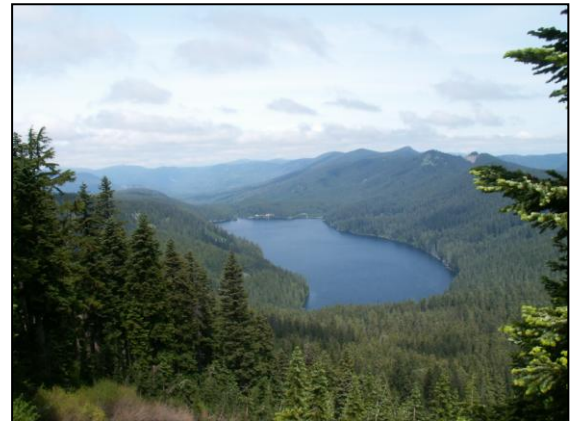
Where does the money go? How do the City Bureaus perform? What does our City Auditor do? What is the difference between a financial and a performance audit? How is the office's independence maintained? How are subjects for audit chosen? Is there potential for conflicts of interest? How are they handled?

If you are interested in these and other questions about the City Auditor's office, join our study committee. The initial organizational meeting will be Wednesday, August 24th at 10:00 am in Room 433 of the Board of Trade Building, 310 SW 4th Ave. If you are interested in joining the committee and cannot make the meeting, let Kathleen Hersh know (503-245-7434 or itpdx@comcast.net).

Field Trip to Bull Run Watershed

Mary McWilliams

Portland's Water Bureau takes people about 80 times a year, from May through October, in a comfortable 26-passenger bus on trips to the Bull Run watershed. This critical area provides tap water for one-fifth of Oregon's population, mostly Portland residents. The site is a 65,000-acre wonderland of woods and water once open to large-scale logging but now closed to all but workers and the tour-goers.



Last year, as a follow-up to the LWVOR's Water Study, the Portland League applied for a trip. Our day is **Wednesday, September 28th**. The bus will meet us at a member's home, to be later determined, around 8:00 am. We will need sack lunches and water, as well as comfortable walking shoes and clothing for the weather. There is some walking, especially down cement stairs from the top of the dam to the bottom and then inside.

Interested League members and their family and friends should sign up as soon as possible for the 26 seats by contacting the League office at 503-228-1675 or info@lwpdx.org.

Summer Reading: Prepare Now for the National Education Consensus

Ann Mulrone

Education will be our focus in September and October. Please take some time to review the local Education Study report, *Public School Districts in the City of Portland: Equity, Governance and Process*, that was mailed to everyone in February. Additional copies are available in the League Office.

Also review the excellent LWVUS

background reports on *The Role of the Federal Government in Education*. To find the papers on the LWVUS website:

- (1) Go to **www.lwv.org**
- (2) Click on **For Members** in the blue bar near the top of the page.
- (3) Scroll down the page and click on **Projects and Programs** from the list in green text on the left.

(4) The Education Study is listed in blue on the right side of the screen. Click to find excellent background papers and shorter articles.

If you would prefer to receive paper copies of the LWVUS materials, you can request a set from the League Office. Mail your check for \$7.50 made out to **LWV Portland** to: PO Box 3491, Portland, OR 97208. We will mail copies in mid-August.

President's Column

Mary McWilliams

LWVOR Convention

It was my pleasure to participate at the LWVOR Convention, held May 13-15, 2011, at the Keizer Renaissance Inn in Keizer. The theme was **Meeting Big Challenges: Economics and Demographics**. Fourteen Portland League members were in attendance at various times and included: **Debbie Aiona, Pat Chor, Rita Fawcett, Jane Gigler, Diane Herrmann, Kathleen Hersh, Kris Hudson, Sharon Little, Marnie Lonsdale, Ann Mulrone, Margaret Noel, Betsy Pratt, and Eva Schweber.**

Impact -- Saturday workshops were meant to get us moving and thinking differently. The two-hour Membership workshop, presented by Marnie Lonsdale, Sandra Smith Gangle, and Mary Sinclair, literally started with everyone at the convention having to pick ourselves and our belongings up and move to a different spot in the meeting room. That got us all going both physically and mentally. **I took away from this workshop the importance of viewing an issue from someone else's perspective.** It was instructive to pretend I was standing behind them and thinking, not about what I think, but what others think about an issue.

Skype & Facebook -- **Heather Drake**, our office manager, presented a workshop on Skype, a potential technology tool for an individual who cannot physically participate at a meeting. Rebecca Smith, LWVOR Executive Administrator, at her

workshop **urged all Leagues to have a presence on Facebook.** Social media like Facebook are ways of engaging a younger audience with the League. **Anyone interested in managing a Facebook page for LWV of Portland?**

LWVOR Raffle -- Kathleen Pratt, sister of our previous president Betsy, won the LWVOR Raffle. The Portland League received a **check for \$352** as we met 156% of our goal. Thanks, everyone, for selling and buying raffle tickets.

Silent Auction -- Our silent auction item was 12 non-fiction books (plus other items) read and donated by our book group, **Viva Libra.** The **winning bid was for \$85** and we received a check for that amount.

Volunteers Keep Us Strong

From mid-May 2010 through mid-May 2011, **sixty-eight** different LWV of Portland members (and two non-members) contributed more than **2,818** volunteer hours and \$423.60 in-kind to promote League activities. Thank you all for your generous service of time and energy.

Not everyone reported volunteer hours, as we know from volunteers listed in the 2011 Convention Booklet, so the final figure is probably much higher. You can help by keeping track of your volunteer hours and in-kind contributions for 2011-12 (mid-May 2011 to mid-May 2012). Report them to Heather Drake in the office at your convenience, either monthly or when she requests them in January and mid-May 2012.

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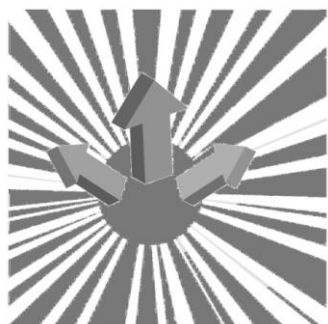
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Looking Ahead: 2011 – 2012



*Ann Mulrone*y

This year the League of Women Voters of the United States will be asking us to reach consensus on two issues critical to our country; “The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education” and “The Privatization of Government Functions”. The Program Committee is using this opportunity to renew our knowledge during 2011-12 of other national positions and their Oregon stories.

Portland Connections – At Home and Everywhere			
	General Meeting	Units	Activities
Sept	Legislative Review	Local Education Consensus – How Will It Work	Bull Run Watershed Trip
Oct	The Impact of the Federal Role in Education on Teaching	National Education Study Consensus	
Nov	The Food Story: At Home and Around the World	Discussion Exercise: Food Awareness	Tours: Farms and Processors
Dec	The Metro Story: A Regional and Local Perspective		
Jan	The Changing Media: Its Role in Our Communities	Program Planning: National and Local	
Feb	LWVUS Privatization Study	Privatization Consensus	
March	Immigration: How it Works; Does it?	No Units Scheduled	River Tour (Tentative)
April	Primary Election Forums	Coastal Management Consensus (Tentative)	Coastal Management Short Course (2-3 sessions); Possible Field Trip to Coast Speakers’ Bureau on Ballot Measures (Voter Service)
May	Local Convention		

The Portland Plan’s Time Has Come

Don MacGillivray

For those who believe in the importance of urban planning, the time is coming soon to make an impact on the outcome of The Portland Plan.

The Portland Plan is a long-range plan to make Portland an equitable, thriving, sustainable city. Through it, Portlanders can help define community priorities, guide investments, and set the course for the city and partner agencies for the next 25 years.

The draft plan will be available for review in early August. Planning and Sustainability Commission hearings will begin in late September and extend through October, and the final draft will go to the City Council in early 2012. Subjects covered by the Plan are Education, Economic Development, and Healthy Connected Neighborhoods, with Equity as an overriding component of all subjects and with connections to many other related issues.

Work on the Comprehensive Plan for areas of Portland has begun. The Central City Plan is progressing, and the NE Quadrant is also nearing completion. The SW Quadrant is next, which includes downtown Portland.

For more information see:
<http://www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/> or google The Portland Plan.

Joint Terrorism Task Force: Updated City Council Resolution Adopted

Debbie Aiona

On April 28, Portland City Council held a four-hour hearing on the city's relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force. The unanimously adopted resolution included provisions that are an improvement over the prior agreement, but concerns remain about whether the protections guaranteed by Oregon law will be in jeopardy.

The newly adopted policy includes the following provisions:

- The chief of police in consultation with the mayor and the FBI may assign Portland Police Bureau (PPB) officers to work with the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) on an as-needed basis.
- The chief will apply for top secret clearance and the mayor for secret level clearance.
- Whenever PPB officers are assigned to the JTTF, a supervisor also will be assigned. FBI personnel will supervise casework, but local officers will remain in the PPB chain of command.
- PPB officers must comply with Oregon law (ORS 181.575) that prohibits the collection and unlimited retention of police files on individuals engaged in political, religious or other noncriminal first amendment activities.
- Officers must report violations of Oregon law or concerns about potential violations to the FBI supervisor, the chief, and the city attorney. The chief must report any actual violations to the mayor.

- The chief must provide a summary report to city council and the public on the PPB's work with the JTTF by the end of each January. The report will include issues related to compliance with Oregon law. The report will include issues related to compliance with Oregon law.

- PPB officers assigned to the JTTF will attend an annual training provided by the city attorney on Oregon and federal law.

- The chief and mayor are required to seek regular briefings from the FBI, at least twice a year, so that they are familiar with the degree of terrorist threats and can manage resources accordingly.

- The PPB is required to draft Standard Operating Procedures and make them publicly available.

The U.S. Attorney General Guidelines under which the FBI operates allow agents to conduct investigations based solely on the possibility of criminal activity or where there is no factual predicate. In a 2010 report, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Inspector General stated that this "possibility of criminal activity standard" is "easily attainable and speculative." Oregon law, on the other hand, requires a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity before information can be collected or retained on an individual engaging in political, religious or other first amendment activities. Furthermore, if files are created on individuals who were not engaged in criminal conduct, Oregon law requires that they be purged, but federal guidelines do not.

The League testimony recommended adding a provision that was not adopted requiring the city attorney to review periodically the cases in which PPB officers participated to ensure compliance with Oregon law. Absent that, the public can only trust that the two individuals with the authority to provide oversight, the chief and the mayor, will ensure that our officers are not violating Oregon law. Neither of those individuals is a lawyer.

It is crucial that the annual report include the information the public needs to be assured that local officers are participating appropriately. The ACLU offered a number of excellent suggestions for items to include in the report such as, the number and type of investigations in which PPB officers participated, number of hours spent, number of briefings the chief and mayor received and the consultations officers requested from the city attorney. The policy does not require the report to be presented at a council hearing, but that is something the community should demand.

Since passage of Portland's new policy on JTTF participation, the FBI has granted its agents increased authority to search databases, go through people's trash, and engage in surveillance in cases where there is no suspicion of criminal conduct. This highlights the importance of ongoing public vigilance to ensure that our officers are following the Oregon law that protects our first amendment rights.

Thank You 2010-11 Contributors to LWV of Portland!

Mary McWilliams

The League of Women Voters of Portland relies on the generosity of all of our contributors (of any amount), both members and non-members, who donate to our various funds. Your donation supports the Portland League's activities: to encourage informed and active participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Not listed (because they received goods or services with their check or donated goods and services to keep expenses at a minimum) are people who helped financially to support the Portland League at the May 2011 **Silent Service Auction**; and those that bought **umbrellas** that say "LWV Be Informed and VOTE," for themselves or to give as gifts (say, as a birthday gift for an 18-year-old as a new VOTER). **Thank you one and all.**

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- **New 2011-12 LWV of Portland Board** from Rita Fawcett

Renew Your Membership by Sept. 15

Debbie Kaye

Your Membership Committee worked hard at the end of June to draft and finalize four membership renewal letters designed to address the particular interests of different constituencies. They are members, recent members, lifetime members, and those lapsed for up to three years. As you saw in your envelope, we also updated the member interest form to give you more opportunities to tell us how you would like to be involved and to tell us more about you.

We encourage you to return your renewal very soon (how 'bout today?!) and preferably by Sept. 15. Many thanks for your continued support of our League.

Grow the League One By One

Ruth Kratochvil

Through the years, I have publicized many events and groups. Trying to “pull out all the stops” in reaching my audience, I would be as creative as I could in finding outlets and avenues in which to promote. However, every time, it seemed someone I thought surely knew about the event would say, “Oh, when is that happening?”

Could we all be looking outward for new members but forgetting to look close up for recruits? I just happened to mention to a fellow gardener that I had to stop early one day working in my plot because I had a League meeting. “Oh,” she said, “I’ve always been interested in finding out about and joining the League of Women Voters.” Has this happened to you? Perhaps it could happen if you told your work colleagues, fellow volunteers, or neighbors about your involvement in League. At a summer evening gathering of friends, mention a study that excites you or a speaker you heard, an upcoming educational field trip or the League’s participation in the monthly naturalization ceremony. A new League member may be as near as your neighbor across the fence or your relative across town. Invite them!

Past LWVOR President Marge Easley devoted her last President’s Column in the spring 2011 Voter to the declining numbers of League members across the state. Here in our own Portland League we have seen our numbers fall some. The challenge to the organization is large, but for each of us as individuals it is small. Let’s rise to Marge Easley’s challenge and grow our League one by one!

Lifetime Member Profile: Anne Willer

Betsy Pratt

Anne Willer joined the League when she was 21. Her interest in the League of Women Voters goes back to her childhood in Oak Park, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. Her father had friends in the Chicago Democratic Party, and they used to talk politics with vigor. The family lore says that Anne cut her teeth on a wooden beer barrel during a Democratic Party picnic. After high school she took a year of secretarial training and worked as a stenographer/private secretary for an advertising agency. Her future husband, whom she met on a blind date, served as a B-24 bomber pilot during WWII in the China/Burma theater. She had the first of her 5 children in 1946.

Anne held just about all the jobs in her Chicago-area League – secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president. She chaired a committee on human resources and monitored the goings-on of her local government. She even ran for a position as Village Trustee but did not win. During that time, she became acquainted with a local leader of the Black Panthers named Fred Hampton and was asked to testify about him during a trial. She believes there may still be an FBI file on her because of that connection.

Anne served 3 terms as an Illinois State Representative, one of 12 women. She became active in criminal justice issues, touring state prisons which were horrible facilities, and working to reform the women’s prison. She sponsored a bill to set constraints on strip searches which were being used abusively by Chicago policemen, typically on black women. The bill, the first of its kind in the nation, set procedures for privacy and required a second woman to be present. Anne lost her fourth campaign to a young man whose campaign manager accused Anne of supporting questionable Chicago institutions like the Shed Aquarium, the Field Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry, to the detriment of her constituency.

Anne and her husband moved to Portland in 1988, after touring the country and liking what they saw here. Their daughter, Barbara, had already moved here, and a son had settled in Corvallis. Barbara, a League member, recently served as an interim Multnomah County Commissioner. Both Anne and Barbara have attended Portland League activities, including the 70 and Over luncheons.

Join us as the League Walks for the Cure

Debbie Kaye

This year's Komen Race for the Cure events are scheduled for Sunday, September 18. Please join League members for the 5K walk beginning at 9:00 am.

In 2010 we had five participants, including three survivors: Lynn Baker, Pat Osborn, and Bev Wilson, with Betsy Pratt and Debbie Kaye. We carried the LWV banner. Let's put together a bigger group this year for a strong League presence in support of ending breast cancer. The

5-kilometer walk in downtown Portland is pretty flat and not rapid. Joining together with many thousands of people focused on this topic is exhilarating! The energy is palpable.

If you would like to participate, please do both: (1) register at the Komen web site, komenoregon.org (the cost is \$30), then (2) contact me; I'm starting a list. Give me your name, email address, and telephone number. We will determine a time and place to meet on September 18.



The LWV of Portland team in 2010 included members (from left) Betsy Pratt, Lynn Baker, Pat Osborn, Debbie Kaye, and Bev Wilson.

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Save the Dates

The following are Non-Portland League Events with LWVUS and LWVOR partner connections. For more information, see their web sites: www.lwv.org and www.lwvor.org.

Oregon Women Vote 1912-2912

Century of Action celebrates 100 years of Oregon women's right to vote and advances the understanding of women's citizenship in Oregon's history. Learn more at www.centuryofaction.org.

Century of Action, which includes LWVOR as a partner, is a project of the Oregon Women's History Consortium. Two upcoming free events in Portland:

Mon-Aug 29 at 7 pm – Lives of Women Citizens History Pub, "History of and Conversation about Women in Public Service", Bagdad Theater, 3702 SE Hawthorne.

Sat-Nov 5 at 3 pm – Lecture and Town Hall Debate, "Illustrated Lecture on Woman Suffrage History and Dramatic Performance of 1912 Oregon Campaign Debate", Central Downtown Library, US Bank Room.

Moving Planet Day

On September 24, people will mobilize in thousands of communities across the globe to call attention to the need to get off fossil fuels and move towards a sustainable, renewable-powered future (see www.moving-planet.org or www.350.org).

Both LWVUS and LWVOR have climate action positions and urge local Leagues, at the very least, to participate in activities in their communities on this vital issue. Watch the media for area events on Sept. 24. An event being advertised now on climate action is:

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August 2011							September 2011						
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Save the Dates

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Wednesday, Sept 14 from 8:30 am-5:30 pm
 Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF) annual
 Regional Livability Summit on CLIMATE
 EQUITY: Healthy People, Places, &
 Process, Smith Memorial Union, PSU.

“Livable communities cannot be achieved if
 poverty, environmental health and the social
 determinants of health are not addressed as
 part of climate action strategy in the Port-
 land-Vancouver region,” (CLF Climate Eq-
 uity Email Flyer – www.clfuture.org). Reg-
 istration begins August 8.

Civic Engagement

Civic engagement has long been a key area
 of League member interest as it imparts the
 civic education critical to being an informed
 and engaged person. LWVOR has forwarded
 to local League preliminary information on
 this conference:

Thur-Nov 3 – Sat-Nov 5 noon to noon, Civ-
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 Conference Center
 ([www.oregonvolunteers.org/
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Mon: CLOSED
 Tues: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Weds: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Thurs: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Fri: CLOSED

Summer Hours Began:
 Monday, June 6

Regular Hours Resume:
 Monday, August 22

Calendar Location Key:

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- _____ Household --- \$105.00
(2 people at same address)
- _____ Limited Income --- \$43.60
- _____ Student --- \$25.00