



Oregon's Food Story – From Farm to Many Tables

Ann Mulrone

Agriculture accounts for 12% of the state's economic activity, and 11% of the state's employment. Oregon is a family farm state; less than 2% of Oregon farms are non-family corporate entities. Portland and Oregon are home to nationally recognized programs to diversify food distribution and expand opportunities for farming and eating in a sustainable way.

Our November speakers will bring these two strands of Oregon's Food Story together on November 8th.

Gary Roth, Administrator of the ODA Agricultural Development & Marketing Division. Mr. Roth leads the Department's programs to assist the agricultural industry in marketing its products as well as creating jobs through expanding value-added agricultural businesses. Mr. Roth has spent his entire life in agriculture, starting with growing up and working on his family's 300-acre Oregon farm. He graduated magna cum laude from Oregon State University and the University Honors College with a B.S. degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Allison Hensey, Program Director of the Healthy Food and Farms Program of the Oregon Environment Council since 2006. Ms. Hensey served as a Policy Specialist in the Director's Office of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, providing funding and support to agricultural producers, forestland owners, and others for

watershed restoration and salmon recovery projects. Ms. Hensey received her B.A. from Claremont McKenna College and her J.D. from the University of Oregon. She has practiced land use law in Portland.

Dr. Larry Lev, Professor and Extension Economist, Department of Cultural and Resource Economics,

Oregon State University. Dr. Lev joined OSU in 1984 to work on a Farming Systems project in Tanzania. He became a member of the OSU Extension Service in 1988. Dr. Lev received his PhD in 1984 from Michigan State University. He teaches Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural and Food Policy at OSU.

November General Meeting



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Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 pm
Board Room, Mult. County Building,
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

Speakers:

- **Gary Roth**, Administrator of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Agricultural Development & Marketing Division. Roth will present an overview of Oregon's agriculture industry, with focus on developing and marketing the state's agricultural businesses and products.
- **Allison Hensey**, Program Director of the Healthy Food & Farm Program of the Oregon Environmental Council. Hensey will discuss the Council's work and review the many innovative programs in Portland and Oregon designed to diversify and expand food distribution and supply opportunities for farmers, ranchers and eaters.
- **Dr. Larry Lev**, Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University. Professor Lev will discuss his outreach and applied research on local food systems and values-based agricultural supply chains.

Parking: Ample street parking.

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Mary McWilliams

Many committees and individuals are making LWV of Portland visible and promoting our work in September and October.

LEGISLATIVE BRUNCH on Sept. 24th was a good way to start off 2011-12. **Ann Mulrone** conceived and organized this General Meeting. And to our greeters, **Brenda Smith** and **Ruth Kratochvil**, timekeeper, **Marnie Lonsdale**, and picture taker **Mary Hepokoski**, many thanks.

SEPT. UNITS were a role playing on a made-up education issue and our own local Education position. **Ann Mulrone** and **Marnie Lonsdale** led this preparation and made the presentations to units with **Colleen Shoemaker** and **Lisa Wilcke**. Feedback from the attendees of the seven units was positive and enthusiastic.

BULL RUN WATERSHED FIELD TRIP on Sept. 28th was organized through the City of Portland Water Bureau. Briggy Thomas was our leader for the 21 participants, and kept us well informed on all aspects of drinking water, where it comes from, and its environment. It was an excellent educational experience on a comfortable bus in a pristine watershed on a beautiful fall day, and a

good follow-up to the LWVOR Water Study.

VOTERS' GUIDES for the 1st Congressional District Special Primary November 8th were delivered in early October to libraries and county clerks' offices in the counties of Washington, Yamhill, Columbia, Clatsop and a small portion of west Multnomah, by **Peggy Bengry**, **Pat Chor**, and **Kathleen Hersh**. This brought a LWV of Portland presence to these areas. Thanks to them and also to **Barbara Fredericks** who has been organizing the Democratic and Republican forums on October 20th.

The *DIRECT MAIL FUNDRAISING* stuffing party occupied three mornings in early October. It was ably led once again by **Pat Osborn**. Pat also wrote the letters and asked others to help edit them. Others culled the mailing lists. There were three mailings (of about 800 pieces), one first class to a small number of past donors with handwritten notes and two bulk mailings, one to prospects, and one to past donors. Helping with any aspect of the mailing were **Mary Cammann**, **Kris Hudson**, **Debbie Kaye**, **Yvonne Kuzma**, **Darlean Lemley**,

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LWV Portland members descend down the dam during the Bull Run Watershed Tour.

President

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Monty Macoubrie, Carol Wilson, Jan Wolf and our office manager **Heather Drake**. Our thanks to them.

The OCTOBER GENERAL

MEETING on Oct. 11th on the Federal Role in Education was organized by **Ann Mulrone**y and moderated by **Mary Hepokoski**. Our thanks to them and to the greeters, **Julie Chapman** and **Carol Cushman** (with **Ruth Kratochvil** bringing a small vase of colorful flowers for the table), the assistants with cards for questions by **Margaret Dudley** and **Lynn Baker**, and technical help from **Marnie Lonsdale**. The panel of four diverse educators was excellent and prepared us well for the October unit consensus on the LWVUS Education Study.

The October Unit Leaders for the LWVUS Education consensus have met to prepare under the direction (and with the copious materials) of **Ann Mulrone**y and **Kathleen Hersh**. Our thanks to them and the discussion leaders **Lynn Baker**, **Mary Hepokoski**, **Paulette Meyer**, **Jeanne Steed**, and **Kathleen Hersh**.

LWV OF PORTLAND TABLE at Terwilliger Plaza's Volunteer Fair on Oct. 13th was staffed by **Irene Marvich** and **Leeanne MacColl** and me. I enjoyed talking with Terwilliger residents who were LWV of Portland donors, members, or just interested.

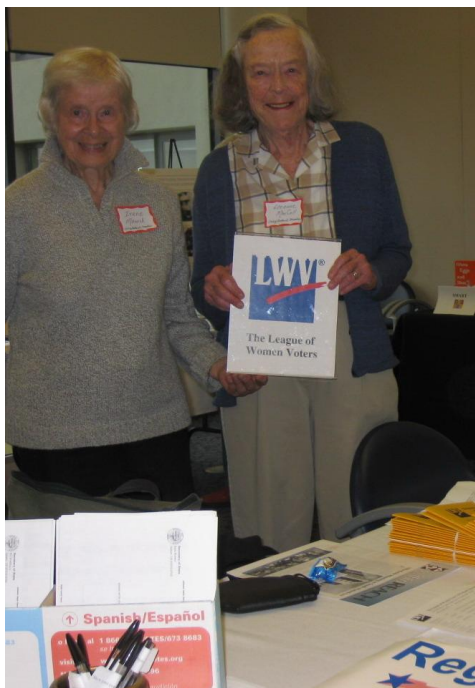
OPEN WORLD DISCUSSION

Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1:30-3, 4th Floor Conference Room, Board of Trade Bldg (League office's building). Several times in the past years, most recently a group from Russia in fall of 2009, LWV of Portland hosted for about a week, six guests from other countries through a LWVUS-sponsored program. There is a theme, such as Democracy and the Media, and the local organizing

committee arranges tours and speakers around the theme as well as home stays, dinners, receptions, and other activities. Culturally it is very satisfying, and is also a fundraiser for our League. But it can be exhausting and a demand on League members' time.

Usually in the fall, LWVUS lets Leagues know about the groups coming to the U.S. and asks for expression of interest. A lot of preplanning is necessary to be ready for that autumn call for visits within the year. Are there a sufficient number of Portland League members interested in another such cultural visit? The purpose of our meeting on Nov. 10th is to discuss this possibility for 2012-13 or 2013-14. Please let me know if you are interested, and plan to join us at the meeting.

LWV of Oregon (LWVOR) has two requests of all Leagues around the state for help:



LWV Portland members Irene Marvich and Leanne MacColl greeted attendees at the Terwilliger Plaza Volunteer Fair.

Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade, June 2, 2012 at 9 pm.

LWVOR is considering participating, if there is enough support from League members around the state. LWV of Portland sent out LWVOR's survey to our members via email in late Oct. Please respond as an individual and return before Nov. 10th as instructed on the form to LWVOR. They are asking about our willingness to help organize through phone calls, to recruit walkers, make signs, give small individual donations, provide names of organizations that can contribute \$500 towards the entrance fee, participating by walking in costumes (1912 costumes worn by both men and women to celebrate 100 Years of Oregon Women's Suffrage), help with costumes, or have a convertible.

LWV Members/Elected Officials

LWVOR is putting together a history of current Oregon League members who may be elected officials, now or in the past from any state. If you were an elected official before becoming a League member, that counts too. LWVOR specifically cited any state school board, city council, county commission, state government or federal government. LWV of Portland would like to know about appointed commission positions as well.

These are the members that we know have been or are elected officials: **Jane Cease, Barbara (Clark) Hanson, Amanda Fritz, Jewel Lansing, Mary Nolan, Bobbie Regan**, and **Carol Wilson**. Appointed: **Ann Mulrone**y, **Judy Davis**, **Steve Hudson**, and **Sunny Petit**. If you are not on these lists, please call the Portland office with your information in the mornings at 503-288-1675 or email info@lwvpdx.org.

Deadline: Nov. 15th. We will for-

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Membership

Memo

TO: Members
RE: Renewals

FROM: *Your Membership Committee*

This message is directed to those members who have not yet renewed your membership in the League. Please do! We invite you to remember the value of your membership, to the community and to yourself. Our members enable the League to educate voters, to engage Portland's citizens in civic affairs, and to promote good government. Members benefit personally both from supporting these efforts and from participating in them.

We are pleased to announce that you may now renew (and invite your friends to join) on line. Go to our web site:
lwvpx.org/getinvolved/jointheleague. You may pay dues securely via your PayPal account or credit card. You may still mail your membership.

Membership renewals must be received by early December to be included in our directory. Portland needs our nonpartisan, balanced approach. Please renew your membership in the League TODAY!

A Warm Welcome to New Members!

Merry Amrine-Dindia

Roberta Margolis

Barbara Ross

Directory Updates

Thelma Clark

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County Fundraiser

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ward the information to LWVOR.

Here is a made-up example of what data LWVOR wants:

Joan Williams – City Councilor (1995-2000) and Mayor (2000-2005), Lovely, OR; Heaven County Commissioner for 12 years; Oregon Legislature State Representative (2006 to present).

League Year Off and Running

Ann Mulrone

League year began with a lovely event in a beautiful setting. Ten legislators and more AAUW members joined Leaguers at the Sept. 24 Legislative Brunch at the Eastmoreland Golf Course and Club. The Brunch was organized to express our appreciation for a largely bipartisan (in spirit), productive 2011 Legislative Session. Legislators from both parties attended and shared their perspectives on the Session. All was collegial!

Our October General Meeting panel on The Federal Role in Education was excellent. Their ideas and knowledge will contribute a great deal to our unit consensus meetings. Professor Burk presented a thorough history of the Federal Government in Education, Gwen Sullivan talked passionately about the challenges for teachers, Charlene Bassine told us about the realities of implementing No Child Left Behind in schools, and Mark Hansen spoke movingly about the essence of education, the relationship between teacher and student.

Leaguers Walk for the Cure

Debbie Kaye

Sunday morning, September 18, was overcast and cool downtown. More than 50,000 women, men, and children gathered to walk and run for the Cure, including six League members. Mary McWilliams, Debbie Kaye, Jane Gigler, Mary Hepokoski, Kris Hudson, and Kathleen Hersh carried the League banner in the 5K walk.

Along the way we encountered bands, volunteers safeguarding the street corners and offering water, balloons, helicopters, and tremendous energy for ending breast cancer. Radio announcers on elevated platforms at the finish noticed our banner and announced that the League of Women Voters was present!



(From left) Mary McWilliams, Debbie Kaye, Jane Gigler, Mary Hepokoski, Kris Hudson, and Kathleen Hersh.

November Action Committee Meeting

Portland Water Bureau: Emergency Preparedness

Rebecca Geisen, Senior Planner, Portland Water Bureau
Resource Protection and Planning Department

Friday, November 18, 1:00 pm
Room 433, Board of Trade Building,
310 SW 4th Avenue, Portland

All League members welcome. Questions? Email or call
Debbie Aiona.

Happy Hour Gathering Before General Meeting



Tuesday, Nov. 8, 5:30 pm
Madison's Grill,
1109 SE Madison, Portland

Let's begin our evening
together with fun and
conversation!

Get Ready for November "Food Story" Meetings

There is terrific information online about Oregon and Portland's Food Story and the dimensions of our state's substantial and complex agricultural industry. Below are a few resources that bring interesting background for our general meeting and unit discussions this month.

LWVUS Foundations. The League has been studying and acting on agricultural and related issues for many years. Review the web site for a broad view of our work and interests. www.lwv.org. From blue bar at top of page, select Issues, from list select Natural Resources. The first three topics under Natural Resources are relevant: Agricultural Policy, Natural Resources, Resource Management.

Oregon Agriculture: The Oregon Business Plan has an excellent Industry Overview; facts, issues, trends. The Overview includes website citations on farmers markets, family farms, non-profits and government programs. www.oregonbusinessplan.org/Industry-Clusters/About-Oregons-Industry-Clusters/Agriculture.aspx. For the current Oregon Department of Agriculture industry report go to: www.oregon.gov/ODA/pub_bd_rpt.shtml. (insert the underscore symbol where there is a space)

Food Supply and Distribution Innovations: Lots of great information on the Oregon Environmental Council website, also links to other resources and non-profits. See especially the notice about the **November 2 meeting with Dr. Woodrow Clark, a Nobel Prize co-recipient** who will speak about "green" and business innovations worldwide and Oregon's growing role. www.oeconline.org

Food Supply and Distribution Issues and Challenges: Dr. Larry Lev, one of our November speakers has focused his research on these issues. A one page review of one report is available at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/err99/>

Cost of Feeding Our Families: The US Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion has excellent information that brings these issues home to the dinner table. <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov>. Especially interesting is "Official USDA Food Plans: Cost of Food at Home at Four Levels."

Coming Attractions

*Ann Mulrone*y

December General Meeting

December 13, our morning holiday meeting – Our transportation system is the framework for the region. It is also the most expensive. What's ahead for our infrastructure? Budgets at all levels of government tighten, then tighten again. Learn more....

Suzie Lahsene, Regional Transportation and Land Use Manager, Port of Portland

January General Meeting

January 10, luncheon at Legends – It is a political year! Change is in the air around the country, Portland and Oregon too. Learn more.....

Dr. Bill Lunch, Professor (Emeritus) in Political Science at Oregon State University, award winning broadcasting journalist and OPB Political Analyst since 1988.

Privatization – LWVUS Study Getting Serious!

Scope: The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. Consensus due by May 1, 2012.

First Background Paper Online, "The Legal Framework of Transparency and Accountability within the Context of Privatization". www.lwv.org, click on For Members on blue topic bar, then click on Projects and Programs; Privatization overview is listed first. On this page look at Taskforces and Studies list on right side; click on Privatization for copy of background paper.

Calendar & Units

November 2011							December 2011						
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2: Executive Committee 12:00 noon, Room 520	8: Board Meeting 3:30 pm, Room 433
8: Happy Hour 5:30 pm, Madison's Grill	9: Media / Voter Deadline
8: General Meeting 7:00 pm, Board Room, Multnomah County Bldg	13: General Meeting 10:0 am, Southwest Community Center
10: Open World 1:30 pm, Room 433	15: Naturalization Ceremony
10: Board Meeting 3:30 pm, Room 433	16: Mailing Party 10:00 am, Room 520
11: Media / Voter Deadline	19-31: Office Closed
17: Naturalization Ceremony	
18: Action 1:00 pm, Room 433	
22: Office Closed	
23: Mailing Party 10:00 am, Room 520	
24-25: Office Closed	
30: Executive Committee	

November Unit Meetings

Oregon's Food Story

Unit #1-Southwest-Evening
Monday, December 5, 7 pm

Leader: Ann Mulroneo

Host: Barbara Stalions

Unit #2-Southeast
Monday, November 28, 10 am

Leaders: Paulette Meyer AND

Beth Johnson

Host: Thelma Clark

Unit #4—North/Northeast
Thursday, November 17, 1 pm

Leader: Brenda Smith

Host: Lynn Baker

Unit #5—Terwilliger Plaza
Monday, November 14, 3 pm

Leader: Jeanne Steed

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

Unit #6 Southwest/Northwest Hills
Friday, November 18, 9:30 am

Leader: Mary Hepokoski

Host: Carol Wilson

Unit #7—Vermont Hills
Monday, November 14, 9:30 am

Leader: Jeanne Steed

Host: Beverlee Smith

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 **Multnomah County Bldg** is located at 501 SE Hawthorne
Boulevard, Portland. The Board Room is located on the first floor.

Madison's Grill is located at 1109 SE Madison, Portland.



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