



Transportation: The Backbone of our Region

Ann Mulrone

At the 2010 Convention, the League adopted positions developed and carried by the disbanded LWV of the Columbia River Region. Included in the portfolio are positions on Metropolitan Transportation, including Transportation of Goods and the Port of Portland. The December meeting has been designed to update us on the transportation planning documents that guide the development of our regional system with focus on the components that are the backbone of the Region's and Oregon's economic structure.

Both the Port of Portland and Metro have developed Transportation Improvements Plans, collaborating on these efforts. Port transportation studies, for instance, are based on Metro's assumptions about population and employment growth.

The Port's mission is to provide competitive cargo and passenger access to regional, national and international markets while enhancing the region's quality of life. For the most part, the Port does not own or control the surrounding transportation system that provides access to its facilities. Among the planning documents that deal with this multi-jurisdictional circumstance are Metro's "Regional Freight Plan and Goods Movement Action Plan" and the Port's "Freight Rail and the Oregon Economy" study. Both organizations are involved in the Columbia River Crossing project. The Port's Working

December General Meeting



Transportation: Air, Water, Rail & Roads The Backbone of our Region

Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 am
SW Community Center at Gabriel Park,
6820 SW 45th, Portland

Our speakers will present an overview of the regional transportation system, focusing on the components critical to our economic health. They will talk with us about the condition of the system,

funding needs, prospects for future investments, and how their agencies work together to prioritize projects and get them underway.

Speakers:

- **Susie Lahsene**, Senior Manager for Transportation and Land Use Policy, Port of Portland
- **Andy Cotugno**, Senior Policy Advisor to the Metro Council and to the Chief Operating Officer

Getting There & Parking: Please carpool to the Community Center. Bus routes are not the best. Parking is available at the Center and on adjacent streets.

Hosts: This is the League's holiday party. Unit 1 will host the gathering, providing coffee, tea, and treats.

Harbor Reinvestment Strategy includes the crucial Hayden Island project, a land use issue that has been controversial throughout the Region.

Members are urged to review the Metro and Port web sites to inform themselves about the role and functions of these agencies:

www.oregonmetro.gov, click on

"planning and conservation" from column on left, click on "transportation" from that menu, and www.portofportland.com, click on "projects, plans and studies from bar menu. Please also look at relevant League positions in the 2011 Membership Directory, Regional Issues, beginning on page 36.

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President's Column

Mary McWilliams

Thank you to LWV of Portland members who make our programs and activities possible through their volunteer efforts.

1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC / REPUBLICAN FORUMS

All candidates, except for one Democrat, participated in Hillsboro for the October 20th Forums (and taping for cable rebroadcasts). Wonderful job led by **Barbara Fredericks**. Please see her article on page 3.

LWVUS EDUCATION CONSENSUS

Ann Mulrone led us through this consensus with the fine help of units (both leaders and attending members), and the committee that summarized the results of those discussions. They included: **Ann, Lynn Baker, Kris Hudson, Paulette Meyer** and **me**.

On Nov. 10 at our board meeting the consensus was approved. Ann will send our results to LWVUS on its required internet form, before the Nov. 30th deadline.

OREGON'S FOOD STORY – NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wonderful program, panel, and food-related handouts were organized by **Ann Mulrone**. Thanks to her and

greeter **Debbie Kay**, moderator **Marnie Lonsdale**, technology **Mary Hepokoski**, and timekeeper **Barbara Stalions**. The program was taped and can be watched in November on Portland Community Media (Channel 30) and into December on MetroEast Community Media (Comcast Channel 11, 21, or 22; Frontier Channel 22, 32, or 33). See our web site lwvpx.org for dates, times, and channels.

POWER POINT PROJECTOR

Our thanks to **Norman Turrill**, LWV of Portland member and board member of LWVUS, for allowing us to use his power point project while storing it at our office.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

All League members should remember to record their volunteer hours and in-kind contributions. We will be asking for them in January and June 2012.

CALENDAR THROUGH JUNE ON OUR WEB SITE

A calendar of most of our activities through June 2012 are now on our web site, lwvpx.org. If in doubt as to a League date, please consult this calendar. To add an activity, please contact Heather at 503-228-1675 in the mornings or any time at info@lwvpx.org.

LWV Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

In Honor of Irene Marvich
from Kim Ball

In Memory of Bertie Albert
from Tom Albert

Transportation

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Susie Lahsene is senior manager for transportation and land use policy for the Port of Portland. She manages land use policy and transportation capital strategy and fund acquisition for the Port's transportation system, terminals and industrial land base. Susie led the Port of Portland 2004-2005 strategic planning process and is currently on the team to update the plan. She is the project manager for the West Hayden Island annexation process for the Port. She chairs the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Urban Freight Modeling subcommittee and is Chair of Oregon's Statewide Freight Advisory committee (OFAC). She holds a B.A. degree in urban studies and a master's degree in urban and regional planning, both from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and an M.B.A. from the University of Portland.

Andy Cotugno has 37 years of professional experience in the transportation and planning fields. He received a bachelor's degree in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California in 1974 and has done graduate work in public administration at Lewis & Clark College. Mr. Cotugno was appointed Metro's Transportation Director in 1980. In 2000, the Transportation and Growth Management Services departments were merged and Mr. Cotugno managed the merged department until 2008. In 2008 he was appointed to the position of Senior Policy Advisor to the Metro Council and Chief Operating Office.

Holiday Gathering After December Meeting



Join Leaguers for lunch at Marco's in Multnomah Village, December 13. We need to reserve, so contact Ann Mulroneu if you will be there.

November General Meeting Attracts Crowd and Partner Groups

Ann Mulroneu

Close to 50 people learned a lot about Oregon agriculture and our local food supply system at the November 8 General Meeting, Oregon's Food Story, From Farm to Many Tables. An Information Table featuring reports and brochures from non-profit groups and government agencies was a big attraction. The variety of information made clear the dimensions of this topic, one that touches many areas of League interest.

Our work this year to reach out to partner organizations is beginning to show results. Joining League members at the meeting were representatives from the Multnomah County Office of Sustainability, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Women for Agriculture, the Food Bank, The Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and the East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District. This is clearly a topic with broad interest.

Many Thanks to Voter Service Volunteers

Barbara Fredericks

We are very grateful to all the volunteers who made the Voters' Guide and the candidate forums happen for the November 8 Special Primary Election in the First Congressional District.

Central to our efforts were the intelligent questions for the candidates sent in by League members in response to our request.

Peggy Bengry, Voters' Guide Editor, Pat Chor, Kathleen Hersh, and Mary Cammann produced and delivered the Voters' Guide to sites in all five counties in the First Congressional District. Kathleen Hersh continued our experiment of placing online ads for the Voters' Guide.

Twelve of the thirteen candidates for their parties' nominations participated

in the October 20 candidate forums in the Hillsboro Civic Center Auditorium. We received many compliments from the candidates. League volunteers Marge Easley, Nanette LaDu, Tia Wulff, Carol Wilson, Mary Hepokoski, Pat Chor, Peggy Bengry, Rita Fawcett, and Carol Cushman made the forums possible. Don MacGillivray sent our news release for the forums far and wide. We are also grateful for the opportunity to partner with the American Association of University Women to present the forums, and for the help of Alice Bartelt on behalf of AAUW. Office Manager Heather Drake was, of course, a source of indispensable initiative and help in all our work.

Thank you all very much!

Coming Attractions!

January: Bill Lunch at Legends

*Ann Mulrone*y

January 10 - Lunch at Legends, featuring Dr. Bill Lunch, Professor (Emeritus) of Political Science at Oregon State University

February 14 – Immigration: What’s Going on and What’s Not. Stephen Manning of the Immigrant Law Group has been confirmed for the panel.

March 9 - Privatization.

March and April – An Introduction to Biological Oceanography. David Lonsdale, retired marine biologist, is developing and will present a three-session series on oceanography. The curriculum is being designed to help us understand what’s going on at the coast as preparation for our coastal management consensus, probably in later April. The course will be open to spouses and friends. The curriculum may include an overnight trip to the coast for field study. This will be a truly special opportunity for our League. Stay tuned for more details.

Privatization Readers’ Group – Join Now!

Contact Ann Mulrone

LWVUS has completed five Background Papers on the national Privatization Study. We are gathering a readers’ group for each unit. Members will be asked to read one or more Background Reports and act as a resource person for their units during the consensus meetings in March 2012.

These are very interesting reports dealing with a critical issue affecting all levels of government.

Review the papers here: www.lwv.org

Go to the **For Members** pull down menu. Click on **Projects and Programs**. Select **Taskforces and Studies** from list on right. Select **Privatization Study**. Box on right titled Background Paper, click on **Get Informed**.

Membership Handbook & Directory

Debbie Kaye

We will complete our annual *Membership Handbook and Directory* update in December. It is a terrific resource comprising League Basics including organization and terminology, officers and directors, the list of units and leaders, government contact information, Portland League positions, and our Membership Roster.

Only paid-up members are included in the Roster. The Portland League wants to see your name in print; please renew your membership, right now! You may send it to the PO Box listed on the first page of the current *Directory*, or renew on line at: <http://lwvpx.org/get-involved/join-the-league>.

December 9 is the final date for renewals to be included in the *Directory*.

League Umbrellas on Sale!



The price of an umbrella bearing the League “Be Informed and VOTE” message has been reduced to \$12. Contact the League office to order this attractive and useful item for yourself or for a gift. Think stocking stuffer, graduation present, 18th birthday gift for a new voter!

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8: Board Meeting 3:30 pm, Room 433							4: Executive Committee 12:00 noon, Room 520						
9: Media / Voter Deadline							10: General Meeting 11:30 am, Legends						
13: General Meeting 10:0 am, Southwest Community Center							11: Development 10:00 am, Room 520						
15: Naturalization Ceremony							12: Board Meeting 3:30 pm, Room 433						
16: Mailing Party 10:00 am, Room 520							16: Media / Voter Deadline						
19-31: Office Closed							24: Office Closed						
							25: Mailing Party 10:00 am, Room 520						
							27: Action 1:00 pm, Room 433						

Website Hints: Calendar

Kathleen Hersh

What's happening? Want to keep up with all that is going on in your League?

There is a calendar on our website (lwvpx.org) with information on upcoming events. You can access the calendar from the home page either by clicking on the "events calendar" at the very top of the page or the "complete calendar" listing in the blue box on the left under "Get Involved". Either link will bring up the League Calendar showing the month. You can get the details of any listed event by clicking on that event. You can also add the events to your own electronic calendar by clicking on the iCal or vCal links in the description of the event. Play with it; you can't break it! And keep up with our very active and involved League!

A Warm Welcome to New Members!

- Trish Bowcock
- Karen Livingstone
- Marilyn Schuberg
- Nancy Siverson
- Linda Wood

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 **Southwest Community Center** is located near Gabriel Park at 6820 SW 45th, Portland.

Legends is located at 1132 SW 19th Ave, Portland.

Directory Updates

Kathleen Hersh



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