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431 LWV members and 441 friends made donations to the LWVOR Education Fund in 2005-2007 in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$5,000. These donations from individuals totaled \$84,994, or 39% of our income!

The names of all our donors are listed on our web site, [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org). We greatly value and depend on their generosity and are grateful to all of them for helping us make democratic work in Oregon.

**Financial Report: League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY 05-06</u>	<u>FY 06-07</u>	<u>Biennium 05-07</u>
LWVOR member cash contributions	42,672	33,986	
Non-member cash contributions	25,757	15,589	
Non-cash contributions	5,967	270	
Grants	27,170	56,816	
Interest/dividends	947	1,738	
From Endowment Fund	3,802	4,231	
Miscellaneous	36	185	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$106,351</b>	<b>\$112,815</b>	<b>\$219,166</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>FY 05-06</u>	<u>FY 06-07</u>	<u>Biennium 05-07</u>
Office and Administration	22,960	26,252	
Development	7,215	1,073	
Studies: Research and Publications	7,466	11,146	
Voter Service	50,262	76,825	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$87,901*</b>	<b>\$115,292*</b>	<b>\$203,193</b>

\*Total expenses are less than sums due to rounding



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Elections  
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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF OREGON  
Education Fund**

**Biennial Report 2005-2007**



Dear Friends,

As Chair of the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund, I have had the privilege of working with teams of dedicated volunteers. We are all just ordinary people. Yet together **we have accomplished an extraordinary amount** in the past two years. This *Biennial Report* reviews our major achievements from June 2005 to June 2007.

Following long-established LWV traditions, we studied issues in depth, published reports and sponsored events to help others understand our government. As always, we were committed to making our Education Fund projects as **balanced and unbiased** as possible, so that the public can trust our information when they exercise their right to vote and participate in our democratic government.

Our achievements during 2005-07 were outstanding because of the help we received from partner organizations, our wonderful donors and especially our devoted volunteers. **Participating in League projects is very satisfying for LWV members**, who are justifiably proud of working to make Oregon's democracy stronger. Supporting this work financially is also satisfying for our donors, who know the value of their contributions is matched many times over through the hundreds of volunteer hours contributed by members. To continue this work in the years ahead, we need your support.

**Please join us in making democracy work in Oregon.**

*Margaret Noel*

Margaret Noel, Chair LWVOREF 2005-2007

**Our Mission**

**The League of Women Voters® of Oregon Education Fund** works to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and to increase understanding of major policy issues.

The Education Fund seeks to empower citizens to understand government issues and to participate in the political process. We seek to provide balanced, accurate, nonpartisan information to all Oregonians.

## Educating Voters and Future Voters

Our voter service efforts for the 2006 elections were truly outstanding, involving well over a hundred LWV volunteers and over 1000 volunteer hours. We worked to educate voters and future voters through printed, audio and on-line versions of our *Voters' Guide*. We distributed more than 600,000 printed copies of our *Voters' Guide* in seven different versions, including guides for both statewide and local candidates and measures, an Easy-to-Read Voting Guide, a Spanish version and a large-print edition.



The LWVOR Education Fund coordinated the Oregon Student Mock Election. Over 26,000 students in 104 schools throughout Oregon participated. The Mock Election not only won accolades from teachers, but also received awards for outstanding leadership and for involving diverse students and parents.

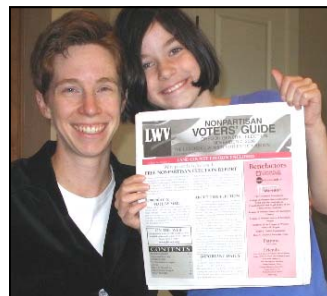


*"[The] Oregon Student Mock Election ... provides an important opportunity for our ... youth to experience democracy firsthand. The League of Women Voters' interest in encouraging political participation through the Oregon Student Mock Elections is commendable."*

Gordon H. Smith, U.S. Senator



We produced web and cablecast video debates for Oregon Supreme Court candidates. In addition, our member Leagues sponsored over 50 other debates, forums and speakers' bureau presentations in communities throughout Oregon.



*"The League's Voters' Guide is highly valued by voters wanting unbiased information, not just advertising sound bites."*

Phil Keisling, Barbara Roberts, and Norma Paulus, former Oregon Secretaries of State

*"When doing ballot measure research, you learn to appreciate the arguments from both sides and where the people are coming from. It helps you in making your own decision more rationally."*

Paula Krane, member, LWV of Corvallis



*"Most people have a one-sided view, but I've learned that there's always another side of the coin we have to look at."*

David Gillespie, student, Mountain View High School, Bend, commenting on what he learned while participating in the Oregon Student Mock Election in 2006

## Nonpartisanship

The League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund is totally nonpartisan and educational and does not advocate for or against any party, candidate, policy or ballot issue. Statements, voters' guides, reports, and presentations under the auspices of the Education Fund reflect a balanced look at the pros and cons of an issue and do not favor a particular position.

On the other hand, our sister organization, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, may take stands on issues after we have conducted a thorough, balanced study of these issues through our Education Fund **and** after LWVOR members have discussed and agreed upon an advocacy position based on the findings of the study.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is also a nonpartisan organization and never supports or opposes any political candidate or political party. Our membership is open to men and women from all political parties and those not affiliated with any party. We work with elected officials from all parties.

## Researching and Presenting Critical Issues



During 2005-07, the LWVOR Education Fund completed three statewide studies. Over 120 League members helped, researching background materials, conducting more than 375 interviews, and compiling **all** this information into four concise, readable final reports: *Oregon's Homeless Youth*; *Redistricting in Oregon*; *The Oregon Judiciary, Part I, An Overview of the Oregon Judiciary*; and *The Oregon Judiciary, Part II, Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. These reports are all available on our website. We also sent hard copies to all members, legislators, other public officials, and every library in Oregon.

*"...you have my profound thanks for your ... commitment to maintaining the impartiality, competence and forward thinking of Oregon's Judicial Branch of government."*

Paul J. De Muniz, Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court



*"Leagues across the state interviewed school district personnel, talked with those who serve these young people, asked their communities pointed questions about this population, and in doing so, cast a focused beam upon the life of a homeless teen."*

Linda Clary, member, LWV of Umpqua Valley, and chair of the Homeless Youth Study Committee

## Sharing our Strengths and Developing Leaders

*"Involvement with the League is an ongoing education. I enjoy sitting with some of the most knowledgeable women and men in the community, ...and coming to understand the context of current issues and their potential ramifications. I'm delighted also to learn the history of my fellow learners. This one was a mayor, and that one is involved with monitoring international elections, and so on. How fortunate I am to be sitting at this table."*

Renee Buchanan, member, LWV of Lane County



## About the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the LWVOR Education Fund

Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) has a membership of more than 1,500 women and men volunteers. Our Education Fund was established in 1980, affirming our commitment to providing nonpartisan information to help citizens understand vital public issues that affect us all. The League of Women Voters of Oregon is now the advocacy arm of the League, while the Education Fund provides information that is as balanced and neutral as possible.