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Thank You to Our Contributors

In addition to their dues, 160 LWV members and 295 friends made donations to the LWVOR in 2005-2007 in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$1000. These donations from individuals totaled \$25,853, or 22% of our income!

The names of all our donors are listed on our web site, www.lwvor.org. We greatly value and depend on their generosity and are grateful to all of them for helping us make democracy work in Oregon.

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

<u>INCOME</u>	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	Biennium 05-07
LWVOR member dues/fees	25,488	24,641	
LWVOR member cash contributions	2,530	10,636	
Non-member cash contributions	6,168	7,036	
Non-cash contributions	612	574	
Other fundraisers/raffle	--	14,660	
Meeting fees	5,109	9,291	
Equipment fees	1,600	1,600	
Interest/dividends	1,546	2,486	
Sales/subscriptions	1,278	306	
Miscellaneous	238	1,090	
TOTAL INCOME	\$44,571*	\$72,321*	\$116,892

<u>EXPENSES</u>	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	Biennium 05-07
Office and Administration	24,185	29,577	
Development	8,247	14,328	
Membership support/meetings	11,355	11,962	
Newsletter	3,231	3,703	
Advocacy activities	2,219	16,398	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$49,237	\$75,971*	\$125,208

*Totals may not equal sums due to rounding

Join Us! Membership is open to all citizens of voting age (men and women), with associate memberships for younger people and non-citizens. There are many flexible opportunities to help, which can be adapted to each person's schedule and interests. **Please join us and make a difference for democracy in Oregon.**

Please have the nearest membership chair contact me about joining the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF OREGON
Biennial Report 2005-2007**



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON



Dear Friends,

Being president of the League of Women Voters of Oregon from June 2005 to June 2007 was an exciting job. **It was truly inspiring to see how effectively our volunteers worked for the public good.** We are fortunate to have many dedicated members who observe government meetings, report back to our boards, and then take action using LWV positions. Because all our positions are developed after careful study of the issues, we have earned the respect of public officials. When our members testify, write letters, and call or visit their representatives, **we have outstanding credibility and influence.**

I am especially proud of our Action Committee, which, with the help of members statewide, worked to influence the Oregon Legislature, as well as to effect change in local communities throughout Oregon. This *Biennial Report* gives an overview of our advocacy work and some of our major successes during the past two years.

Successful advocacy depends on having strong, fact-based positions; working within coalitions of like-minded organizations; having sufficient funding to support the work of our volunteers; and—most of all—having **wonderfully dedicated volunteers** who spend time researching issues and communicating with government officials. We have been fortunate to be able to bring all of these elements together to **help build a better future for Oregon.**

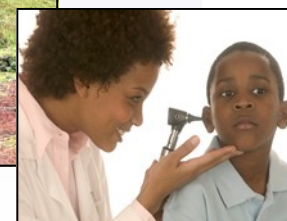
We need your support to continue our work. Please join us as a donor and/or as a member.

Margaret Noel

Margaret Noel, President LWVOR 2005-2007



**Advocating
for the
Common
Good**



Our Mission

The League of Women Voters® of Oregon (LWVOR) is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government in order to build better communities statewide.

LWVOR's purposes are to influence public policy through education and advocacy, and to provide support for League members and the League organization.

**Creating
Accountable
Government**

**Promoting Health
Care for All**

**Working for Quality
Education**

**Supporting Equal
Rights**

**Acting for Social
Justice**

**Protecting Natural
Resources**

**Developing
Leaders**

**Sharing our
Strengths**

**Empowering
Oregonians**

During the 2007 session, LWVOR volunteers attended legislative meetings almost every day. We followed more than 100 bills, and submitted formal comments or testimony 107 times on 88 of these bills. Forty-one of the bills we supported passed; all but one of the bills we opposed failed.



We kept our members and the public informed with our weekly *Legislative Report*. Also to help members and others understand legislative issues and how to influence legislation, we conducted various action workshops, including a Legislative Process Day in November 2006 and a Day at the Legislature in April 2007.

At the beginning of the 2007 legislative session, we hired a Legislative Coordinator for the first time in more than 10 years. A good thing, since this was a fast moving session, with lots of bills to follow and lots of testimony to submit!



We worked especially hard on the issues of rights of Oregonians, government ethics, access to the legislative process, women's health, at-risk youth, adequate funding for schools and other state services, and protecting Oregon's natural resources and the quality of our land, air and water. Some of our successes were the passage of anti-discrimination legislation, the legislative referral of a "fix" for Measure 37, the expansion of the Bottle Bill, adequate funding

for the Ethics Commission, and the defeat of an extension of unnecessary "pollution tax credits."



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

Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters of Oregon 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 Oregonians 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.

Nonpartisanship

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is 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.

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

(On the other hand, our sister organization, the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund, is totally educational and never advocates for or against any party, candidate, policy or ballot issue.)

Even before the session, we had members observing almost all the interim legislative meetings of the Big Look Task Force on Land Use Planning, the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature and the Oregon Law Commission. In local communities, members observed the meetings of local school boards, county commissions and other governing bodies.



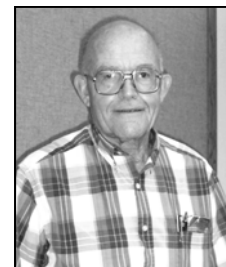
Our new studies of Oregon's Homeless Youth and the Oregon Judiciary helped bring attention to problems in these areas and were instrumental in helping secure funding to address these problems.



In our local communities, members worked against pollution in coastal waters and for low-income



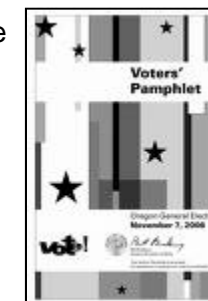
housing and services for at-risk youth. With the help of our League in Coos County and through a decision of the Oregon Supreme Court, we won our fight for legal standing to appeal land use decisions as a public interest organization.



"Start in League by observing, you only have to listen and understand, then continue by joining a committee and then chair a study or a committee as a member of the Board, and you will have learned to be a leader."

Milt Nelson, member, LWV of Curry County

For the 2006 General Election, we submitted *Voters' Pamphlet* statements on seven of the ballot measures and campaigned hard against the most egregious ones. (It was gratifying that voters agreed with all but one of our recommendations.)



"League teaches us to get the facts, dig for good information, show up and observe meetings to learn more about issues and how they are being addressed, and to seek various points of view before reaching a decision. ... Thanks to my League experience, I felt more prepared to seek office and have been able to 'hit the ground running' since being sworn in"



Cathy Clark, member, LWV of Marion and Polk Counties and Keizer City Council Member



**Educate! Advocate!
Empower!**

