

## October 2020 Calendar of LWV Events

### Sat., Oct. 3, 10 a.m. - noon—Fall Membership Gathering

Via Zoom. The link will be emailed to participants on October 2.

Speaker: Matt McBeth, Social Studies teacher at Cascade High School

Topic: *The Harvard Case Study Method of Teaching History and Civics*

**Please RSVP by Thursday, October 1, to Amy Vandegrift.**

See Page 2 for details.



**Wed., Oct. 7, 2:00 p.m.—Book Club—***Code Girls* by Liza Murdy  
Virtual meeting.

If you are interested in joining Book Club contact Roz Shirack, [rozshirack7@gmail.com](mailto:rozshirack7@gmail.com).

**Sat., Oct. 10, 1 p.m.—Great Decisions:** *U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle*  
Via Zoom. Discussion leader: Kathleen Terman

**Mon., Oct. 12, 2 - 4 p.m.—Board meeting—**via Zoom

### Wed., Oct. 21, 1 p.m.—*Cybersecurity* Presentation & Consensus

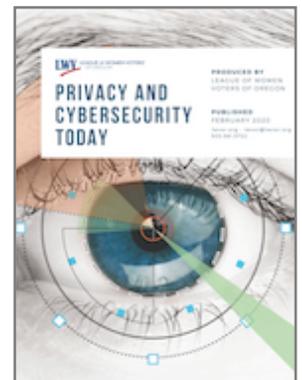
Via Zoom. The link will be emailed to participants on Oct. 20.

Program: A video of the Portland League's presentation plus consensus questions—the latter sent with this *Focus*.

*Privacy and Cybersecurity Today* is emailed with this *Focus*.

Details on Page 3.

**Please RSVP by Monday, October 19, to Sharon Krimmel.**



**Election information is on Page 4.**

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**Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. - noon**

**Our Fall Membership Gathering  
Oct. 3, 10:00 – 12:00 noon on Zoom**

*Amy Vandegrift, Membership Chair*

This year has provided all of us with new opportunities and challenges to support our important Get Out the Vote voter service projects and participate in other League studies and meetings. Our traditional Fall brunch gathering this year will be an online Zoom meeting where you can see and talk with current and new members in a whole new way.

**The Harvard Case Study Method  
of Teaching History and Civics**

Please join us on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on a Zoom link from the comfort of your own home. (We will not know if you are in your flip flops or PJs.)

Our program speaker, Matt McBeth, is a Social Studies teacher at Cascade High School. LWVMPC sponsored his training in the Harvard Case Study method of teaching history and civics. Now he will share with us information about the program and take us through a short simulation of the teaching method. The background materials present an historical event related to Martin Luther King. It will be emailed to all members as soon as we receive it. I encourage you to take time to read the material as if this were your class assignment in high school. This will allow you to be a full participant in discussions.



As much as I'd like to drop a fresh baked scone by your home, our gathering will be a BYO coffee, scone or any other snack item you'd like to have.

**Please RSVP by Thursday, October 1, to Amy Vandegrift.** She will email information about using Zoom and how discussion groups work on Zoom. (It's really very easy.) Amy will email the Zoom link on October 2 to participants.

**If you do not have an internet connection:** It is possible to call in on a phone to participate. Instructions for connecting by phone are mailed with this *Focus*. **Call Amy Vandegrift and tell her you will participate by phone and ask her to mail a copy of the background material to you.**

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Members subscribe through their dues, and membership is open to anyone 16 years of age and older.

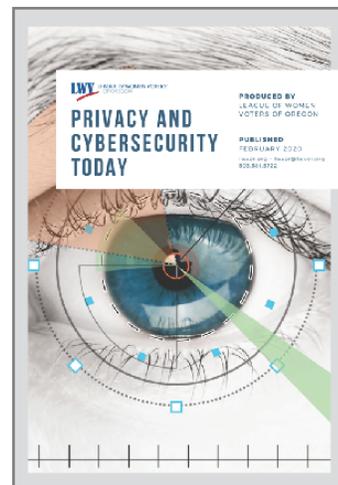
Wednesday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m.

## Privacy and Cybersecurity Today— Presentation and Consensus on Zoom

The meeting will begin with a presentation on Cybersecurity that was made to the Portland League and features three panelists: Becky Gladstone, LWVOR President; Emily Maass, a lawyer; and Tim Scott, Multnomah County Elections Director.

Following the presentation we will discuss the consensus questions, which accompany this *Focus* along with the full study report. The questions begin with key findings from the LWVOR study followed by the questions. Before the meeting please read the report and then consider your answers to the multiple-choice questions in preparation for our October 21 meeting. If you cannot participate in the meeting, you may answer the questions and email or mail your responses to Cindy Burgess.

**Please RSVP to Sharon Krimmel by Monday, October 19**, that you will participate in the Zoom meeting, either online or by phone. Sharon will email the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.



## Ballot Measures 2020

LWV members researched the four state ballot measures for the *Voters' Guide*. Those explanations of the measures will be available on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) in early October.

**BM 107**—Campaign Finance Limits

**BM 108**—Increase/Create Tobacco/Nicotine Tax

**BM 109**—Oregon Psilocybin Services Act

**BM 110**—Drug Addiction Treatment and Decriminalization



The LWVOR Board vote to support 107, 108 and 110 based on LWV positions. We have no position on 109.

## Sources of Information on Candidates and Ballot Measures

**VOTE411.org**—This site, which is sponsored by LWV and maintained in our area by LWV member Janet Adkins, allows you to enter your home address to see the races and measures that will be on your ballot. (The information should be available by early October.)



### **Salem City Club “2020 Informed Voter Series” via Zoom Webinar**

**Fri., Sept. 25, 12 - 1 p.m.**—“At Stake in November: Commentary on Measures and Candidates on the Oregon Ballot” with Jim Moore, Political Science professor; Bill Lunch, Political Science professor emeritus; Jeff Mapes, political reporter for OPB. Free.

**Fri., Oct. 2, 12 - 1 p.m.**—Candidates for Oregon Senate District 10: Denyc Boles (Rep.), Deb Patterson (Dem.), Taylor Rickey (Lib.)

**Fri., Oct. 9, 12 - 1:30 p.m.**—Candidates for Marion County Commissioner, Position 3: Ashley Carson Cottingham (Dem.) and Danielle Bethell (Rep.)

**Fri., Oct. 23, 12 - 1:30 p.m.**—“Ballot Measure on Campaign Finance” with Dan Meek from Honest Elections and Kyle Markley from the Oregon Libertarian Party.

**Fri., Nov. 13, 12 - 1:30 p.m.**—“A Postmortem on the 2020 Elections: What Happened?” with Political Scientist Dr. Ed Dover.

Beginning with the October 2 program, there is a \$5 charge for non-members of City Club. To register for each program go to <https://salemcityclub.com/events>.

### **“Your Vote Counts” on Capital Community Media** (formerly CCTV)

On the CCM webpage <[watch.capitalcommunitymedia.org](http://watch.capitalcommunitymedia.org)> at the top of the page in the space marked “Search” type in “Your Vote Counts” to see the candidate interviews conducted by LWVMPC members as well as LWV explanations of the state ballot measures. The races for November 2020 should be available in early October.

### **Questions about voting in Oregon?**

Go to <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/voteinor.aspx> to get answers.

### **General Election Ballots**

**October 13 is the last day to register to vote** in the November 3 General Election.

**Ballots will be sent out on Oct. 14. Voters should mail their completed ballots by October 27.** After that, to ensure ballots are received by election day, ballots should be placed in a drop box; sites are listed in an enclosure with each ballot. Voters can also visit the Marion County Courthouse on November 2 or 3 to cast their vote.

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## General Election Ballots (Continued)

**If you were displaced due to fires:** If you are not at your registered address, you must register two addresses through the Secretary of State’s “Voting—MyVote” at <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/myvote.aspx>. Keep your residential address, whether the structure is still there or not so the ballot mailed to you will contain contests for where you lived when the disaster occurred. Add a temporary mailing address, where you will be when ballots start mailing on October 14th. This can be any U.S. or post office box address, including your County Elections Office. Your County Clerk can help you! The ballot dropbox locator map will be updated 20 days before the election. Ballots returned by 8 p.m. election day to any Oregon drop box will be delivered to your home county and WILL BE COUNTED.

## Voter Service Volunteers are needed in early October

*Kathleen West, Voter Service Co-Chair*

**Address Postcards**—We’ve ordered 100 LWV get-out-the-vote postcards to mail in early October to non-affiliated voters to encourage them to fill out their ballots. Contact Kathleen West and arrange to pick up some postcards and a list of names and addresses. You’ll also need 35-cent postcard stamps.



**Distribute Voters’ Guides**—We have to be creative this year in finding places to distribute the LWV *Voters’*

*Guides* since schools and churches are unavailable. However, several retirement homes and other locations are willing to take the *Voters’ Guides*, which contain information on state candidates and ballot measures. Contact Kathleen West and arrange to help distribute the guides.



**National Voter Registration Day**—Kathleen West and new member Mary Jo Stoutenburg distributed English Register to Vote posters, each with Oregon Voter Registration forms, to locations in Marion and Polk Counties.

If you know someone who isn’t registered to vote, the easiest way is online at <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>. Click on English or another language and then the blue “Register to vote now” button.

## Save the Date: Salem Peace Lecture November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson will speak on “Unfinished Democracy: Making Good Trouble for Racial Equity.” This year’s Salem Peace Lecture will be held online, and details will be in the November *Focus*.



## Welcome New Member! Julie Graham

## Dues are Due!

Elsa Struble, Treasurer

If your name is not listed below, it's time for you to renew your membership in LWVMPC by check or by PayPal. Dues, due in September, remain the same as last year; details are shown on Page 7. I hope to get the member directory out earlier than in recent years, so I plan to email you only one reminder.

COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders in March caused the cancellation of a number of local League meetings. We were thankful that the fine Oregon League Centennial Celebration had just been held.

Not everything stopped for League members over the summer. Board meetings and meetings of the Book Group and the Great Decisions discussion group have been taking place, thanks to Zoom, and you'll be glad to know that several all-member Zoom meetings, described in this *Focus*, are coming up. Plan to attend the first one on October 3, but warm up for it with the free (this time) September 25 City Club meeting on Oregon election information entertainingly presented (first scheduled for September 11 but postponed because of the fires). Check Page 4 of this *Focus* for how to register for and participate in these Zoom meetings.



**Thanks to members new and renewing** (names in the 2019-20 directory) who have paid their dues for 2020-21: Diana & Egon Bodtker, Donna Briney, Jaime Ann Carleton, Tomika Dew, Suzanne Dufner, Randy Fishfader, Susan Forkner, Danielle Gonzalez, Julie Graham, Joan Harmsen, Mary Hart & Keith York, Alice LaViolette, Sally Lawson, Jean Massie, Lucia Norris, Deb Patterson, Kathy Patterson, Heraldine Schwartz, Barbara Sellers-Young, Jean Sherbeck, Roz Shirack, Mary Jo Stoutenburg, Harriet Trill, Amy Vandegrift, and Kathleen West.

If your name isn't listed, please pay your dues!

**League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties**  
**Membership through September 30, 2021**

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all women and men 16 years of age and older. Membership includes subscriptions to local, state, and national League publications, many of which are sent by e-mail and all of which are supported by your local dues.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Renewing members**, please add below any information that is different from what's in the 2019-20 directory. If you've mislaid your directory, contact Elsa Struble at [gstruble@willamette.edu](mailto:gstruble@willamette.edu), 364-3929.

**New members**, please complete the following contact information.

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to join the League: \_\_\_\_\_ as a *new* member. \_\_\_\_\_ as a renewing member

I am enclosing:

\_\_\_ \$ 65 for Individual Membership

\_\_\_ \$ 30 for each additional Household Member, Student or Limited Income Member  
(Those with limited income may also contact Amy Vandegrift or Elsa Struble about scholarships)

\_\_\_ \$ 90 for a single Supporting Member

\_\_\_ **\$15 extra to receive printed newsletters through the mail**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to LWVMPC budget (not tax deductible)

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL to LWVMPC** (not tax deductible)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contributions to LWV of Oregon are now tax deductible. Write a separate check payable to LWVOR and *send it to* Treasurer Elsa Struble; she will forward it to the state League and the amount will be held for us to use for our educational projects or per-member payments owed the state League. (Checks sent to the LWVOR office will not benefit our local League but directly benefit the state League, another good cause.)

**Mail check(s) & form** to Treasurer Elsa Struble, 210 18th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

For further member information, contact Amy Vandegrift at 503-364-0492, [vandebloom@gmail.com](mailto:vandebloom@gmail.com)  
or Elsa Struble at 503-364-3929, [gstruble@willamette.edu](mailto:gstruble@willamette.edu)



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