

## November 2020 Calendar of LWV Events

**Wed., Nov. 4, 2:00 p.m.—Book Club**— *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff  
Virtual meeting.  
If you are interested in joining Book Club contact Roz Shirack.

**Mon., Nov. 9, 2 - 4 p.m.—Board meeting**—via Zoom

**Wed., Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m.—Legislative Outlook with Alice Bartelt**

**Alice Bartelt chairs the LWVOR Action Committee.**

This meeting will be held via Zoom.

The link will be emailed a day or two before the meeting.

Details on Page 2.



**Fri., Nov. 13, 11:00 a.m.—LWVMPC Holiday-Greeting PSA in Bush Park**

Join with us to video our holiday greetings to the community. Details on Page 6.

**Fri., Nov. 13, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.—Salem City Club via Zoom**

**“A Postmortem on the 2020 Elections: What Happened?”**

with Political Scientist Dr. Ed Dover.

There is a \$5 charge for non-members of City Club.

To register for the program go to <https://salemcityclub.com/events>.

**Wed., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.—Salem Peace Lecture via Zoom**

**“Unfinished Democracy: Making Good Trouble for Racial Equity”**

with The Rev. Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson

Email [pbergel@igc.org](mailto:pbergel@igc.org) to be put on his list to receive the link to the meeting.

**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 compare candidates for the offices on your ballot and read explanations of the state measures.

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# Legislative Outlook with Alice Bartelt

## The Work of the LWVOR Action Committee After the Election

*Diana Bodtke, Program Chair*

On Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. Alice Bartelt will present a Zoom program for LWVMPC on how the results of this election may play out for the work of the LWVOR Action Committee. Also she will give us her perspective on the impact of the pandemic on the way in which they will do their work.

The link to the meeting will be emailed to LWVMPC members a day or two before the meeting along with an explanation of how to use Zoom if you haven't done it yet. So plan to log in and come prepared with your questions.



### The LWVOR Action Committee

The LWVOR Action Committee uses our League positions on issues to lobby the Oregon Legislature. This work is labor intensive and done by a group of dedicated League volunteers from around the state. They attend hearings. They present testimony to legislative committees. They work with legislators and groups with common interests.

The results of this year's election will be significant to the work of the LWVOR Action Committee. There are four ballot measures with potential for significant impact. There are numerous candidates vying for statewide and legislative positions. Also it is the year redistricting must take place.

### Alice Bartelt

Alice Bartelt is an eleven-year member of the League and has been chair of the LWVOR Action Committee since 2009. She has also worked on legislative issues for many years on behalf of AAUW. She retired in 2007 from SAIF where she was a staff attorney specializing in workers' compensation law.



## **FOCUS**

*Focus* is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters® of Marion and Polk Counties. Members subscribe through their dues, and membership is open to anyone 16 years of age and older.

## Salem Peace Lecture

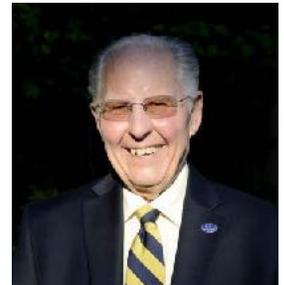
Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson will speak on “Unfinished Democracy: Making Good Trouble for Racial Equity.” Rev. Jordan-Simpson is the 26th Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, the oldest peace and justice organization in North America. Under her leadership, the organization is adopting a reparative lens to pursue justice and racial reconciliation in the United States.



An ordained minister, her leadership among New York's advocates and organizers has centered on advocacy for children. As Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund - New York, she worked with advocates to name and address New York's cradle to prison pipeline crisis; prioritize youth justice within New York's diverse faith communities; and close abusive youth prisons redirecting resources to invest in youth and their communities.

The Salem Peace Lecture will take place on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m., a month later than usual and after the election is over. It will come to you via Zoom. **Please email your address to Peter Bergel at [pbergel@igc.org](mailto:pbergel@igc.org)** so that he can email the link to the meeting.

**Peacemaker of the Year**—Each year the Salem Peace Lecture Committee honors a Peacemaker of the Year during the lecture. This year's honoree will be former Salem Mayor and lifelong human rights activist Mike Swaim.



You will not want to miss this, so mark your calendar now. LWVMPC is a cosponsor of the Salem Peace Lecture.

## Patience is a Virtue in this Election

*Excerpted from LWVUS newsletter*

Voters in many states are voting by mail for the first time this year due to the pandemic, but mail-in ballots require additional time for election officials to count and process, which flies in the face of the instant results we have come to expect on election night. Delayed results will happen, but it's a good thing.

Let's think this through. We want complete and accurate local and state election results. So, if we are waiting while ballots are counted—instead of rushing—we won't learn the election outcomes on November 3, but it means our system is working. It means that everyone's vote will be counted, and their voice heard.

Consider that national, local, and state-wide elections could be close. Allowing the amount of time needed to guard against voting discrepancies and fraud should be our priority. Let states take time to count every vote. We will know soon enough the winners of each race; and if we take our time, we know the results will be accurate.

Our democracy is worth the wait.

# Join the LWV Climate Team

*Deanie Anderson, Member of LWV Climate Team*

The League of Women Voters declared climate change a key priority in our national 2020-2022 program. Since then we have formed the [LWV U.S. Climate Team](#) – a group of League members from across the United States working together to fight climate change. All League members are welcome.



Together we are informing each other, sharing strategies, forming nationwide teams on climate issues where there is interest, and analyzing federal legislation for maximum impact.

## You Can Engage at Many Levels

You can become a leader, be a member of a smaller team focusing on one issue, be part of a Google Group to hear what folks are thinking, and many levels in between.

We have a [website](#) where we share information on the many aspects of our work, resources, and provide a place for knowledge on specific issues.

We will share information on significant actions and activities in emails, Zoom calls, and webinars, but those will be only occasional. For a more frequent flow of information, become a member of our Google Group, where we can all share information on what folks are thinking and more transient information such as articles, news, and opinions. Our work will be guided by the latest science regarding best practices and most effective strategies for addressing climate change.

To join the Google Group click the [link here](#) and then click “Join Group” near the top of the webpage.

## Where We Are Now

We currently have the following teams at different stages of development. The types of teams can be divided into core teams, and issue teams.

### Core Teams

LWV U.S. Climate Steering Team  
Federal Legislation, Regulations, and Policy  
Social Media

### Issue Teams

Price on Carbon  
Food, Soils, and Agriculture  
Wildfires  
Electrification of Buildings  
\*Climate Justice  
\*Municipal Climate Action Plans  
\*Team is being formed.

**Quote:** “We can no longer look at climate change as a second-tier issue, relegated to something confined to the environmental community. It must drive our policy and our politics in every realm and in every constituency.”

— Governor of Washington Jay Inslee

Feel free to contact me if you want to know more. I hope you’ll join the LWV Climate Team!



## LWVMPC Voter Service Activities

*Deanie Anderson and Kathleen West, Voter Service Co-chairs*

During this important election season from May to November, our local League has provided many valuable resources to our community and across the state.

**Your Vote Counts**—Before both the Primary and General Elections, LWVMPC planned and conducted “Your Vote Counts” programs consisting of interviews of candidates for federal, state, and local offices in collaboration with Salem City Club, AAUW and some Neighborhood Associations. A PowerPoint and video on the four state ballot measures was prepared and distributed to all local Leagues. Thankfully, Capital Community Media (CCM) was again the producer and technical manager. These programs were distributed through CCM (Channel 21), KМУZ radio, Vote411.org, the LWVOR website and newsletters, and the *Salem Reporter*.

**Voters’ Guides**—Local League members were the editors for the ballot measure explanations for the LWVOR Voters Guide. 500 English and 300 Spanish Voter Guides were delivered around Salem and West of the bridge and Woodburn.

**Vote411.org**—We submitted local information on city and county candidates to League-sponsored Vote411.org.

**Virtual meetings**—Several of us attended regular LWVOR voter service Zoom meetings, which provided some of the best statewide coordinated efforts in several years so, yes, Zoom has some benefits! There was better outreach to the community in part due to a \$200 contribution for advertising.

In-person presentations to local groups about ballot measures didn’t happen due to Covid restrictions, but Diana Bodtker gave a Zoom presentation to a local PEO chapter.

All of this Voter Service work took time, technical inventiveness, cooperation, lots of emails, phone calls, Zoom meetings and Skype appointments to accomplish.

### Thanks to the many volunteers

There was an excellent response from LWVMPC members to volunteering, and I would like to acknowledge this group, hopefully without any omissions: Sally Hollemon, Jane Berry-Eddings, Diana Bodtker, Janet Adkins, Cindy Condon, Cindy Burgess, Laura Buhl, Tomika Dew, Barbara Sellers-Young, Amy Vandegrift, Kathleen West and Jean Sherbeck.



Other helpers were Jan Margosian, Mary Holdman, and Barbara Parker; CCM producers Wendy Brokaw and Soha Badieli, and the CCM technical crew; Melanie Zerner of KМУZ; LWVOR leaders Betsy Pratt and Rebecca Gladstone as well as LWVOR office staff member Sarah Andrews.

## Cybersecurity and Privacy

Fifteen League members participated in the online discussion of *Privacy and Cybersecurity* on October 21. Our answers to the consensus questions will be combined with those of other Oregon local Leagues, and an LWVOR committee will formulate a position statement that the LWVOR Action Committee can use to lobby the Oregon Legislature.

### Protect yourself from Cyberattack

- Make sure your computer software, including your web browser, is updated with the latest patches.
- Create strong passwords.
- Treat public Wi-Fi networks as a potential security risk. Never check financial or sensitive data when using public Wi-Fi.
- Don't be spoofed! Don't click on a link unless you first confirm it's from a legitimate source. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of cyberattacks. So stay vigilant and think before you click.



To learn more about how to stay safe online, visit [StaySafeOnline.org](https://www.staysafeonline.org) or [us-cert.cisa.gov](https://www.us-cert.cisa.gov).



**Join the League online  
HERE.**

**League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties**  
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**New members**, please complete the following contact information.

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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)  
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