

## December 2020 Calendar of LWV Events

**Wed., Dec. 2, 2:00 p.m. — Book Club** — *Pioneers* by David McCullough  
Virtual meeting.

If you are interested in joining Book Club contact Roz Shirack.

**Mon., Dec. 7, 2 - 4 p.m. — Board meeting** — via Zoom

### **Wed., Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. — Holiday Party! via Zoom**

Let's get together for a holiday party December 9th at 10 a.m. via Zoom. It won't be our usual potluck with eating, singing carols and visiting. However it will give us a chance to see each other and catch up on how we are faring during this pandemic.

After a social time there will be a video that is introduced by our LWVUS president, Deborah Ann Turner, on the history of the women's struggle to gain the right to vote. The video has extensive commentary by the late Ruth Bader Ginsberg which is especially significant because of her support of equal rights for women, first as an attorney and later as a judge and finally a Supreme Court justice.

This seems like a good way to end our centenary year recognizing those who have worked so hard to secure equal rights for women. So a day or two before December 9 look for an email with the link to the meeting. Then on December 9 pour a cup of eggnog or spiced cider and join the party.



### **Looking Ahead to 2021:**

**Tue., Jan. 19 — LWVOR Legislative Process Day**

The event will be held via Zoom. Details in the new year.

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## 2020 General Election

*Bev Clarno, Oregon Secretary of State*



In the months leading up to the 2020 General Election, I challenged all Oregon voters to remain engaged in our democracy and be sure to participate in this year's election. Not only did you participate, but unofficial numbers show that we have had a record number turnout with over 2.4 million ballots cast. We proved to the nation that vote by mail works, and is safe and secure! Thank you for participating and making your voices heard. The official election results will be certified on December 3rd and the Electoral College will take place on December 14th which will be available to watch by livestream.

*The League salutes all secretaries of state and their election staffs and volunteers for conducting an accurate count of the votes in this year's and every year's election.*

*A follow-up to our LWVOR study of Privacy & Cybersecurity:*

## Statewide Data Privacy Audit

The Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division released an audit in November that found Oregon does not have an enterprise privacy program to manage data privacy risk. Many state agencies collect personally identifiable information on Oregonians – health and vital records, driving records, education data, and tax information, to name a few. However, because Oregon does not have a statewide official who is responsible or accountable for managing the risk that comes with this private data, agencies are left on their own to determine what personally identifiable information is and how to best safeguard it. The Department of Administrative Services could be doing more to provide guidance in this area.

You can read all of the state's audit reports online at <https://sos.oregon.gov/audits/Documents/2020-37.pdf>.

### LWVMPC Board 2020-2021

**President:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Jean Sherbeck

**Treasurer:** Elsa Struble

**Assistant Treasurer and Webpage:**  
Alice LaViolette

**Membership:**  
Amy Vandegriff

**Program:** Diana Bodtger

**Publicity and Facebook:** Cindy Burgess,

**Voter Education Co-chair:** Kathleen West

**Action Chair:** A volunteer would be welcomed.

### Off-Board Chairs

**Voter Education Co-chair:** Deanie Anderson,

**VOTE411.org data entry:** Janet Adkins,

### Focus

**Editor & Webmaster:** Sally Hollemon,

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### **Nominating Committee:**

Volunteers would be welcomed.

## 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.

## Online Programs from the National Institute for Civil Discourse

**America's Most Reliable Voter: Results 2020 & the 50+ Voter**, sponsored by The Hill. Featuring Virginia Kase, CEO, LWV; Charlie Dent, former Congressman (R-PA); Nancy LeaMond, AARP; Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA); Minyon Moore, Dewey Square Group; Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA); Mark Penn, The Stagwell Group; Ashlee Stephenson, US Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). Virginia Kase speaks at approx. 1:01:59 until 1:11:47 on the video. Program aired Nov 20, 2020

View at this link: <https://thehill.com/event/524201-results-2020-the-50-voter>

### **What now that the election is over? The best- and worst-case scenarios.**

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton (IL) and The Robert McCormick House at Cantigny Park, as part of their Civic Awareness Series. Featuring Prof. Steven Schwinn, professor of Constitutional Law at the Univ. of IL at Chicago, who presented a timely, thorough, and engaging recap of the ongoing/ latest legal challenges to the recent election and what to expect going forward. Program aired Nov 19, 2020

View at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3E1Brhbu1A&feature=youtu.be>

**Faith, Compassion, and Healing Our National Divides.** Sponsored by the National Inst. for Civil Discourse and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC and featuring Dr. Russell Moore, Southern Baptist Convention, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Episcopal Church. Moderated by Krista Tippett, On Being. Enthusiastically attended by 4,000 people from across the world. Program aired Nov 20, 2020

View at this link: <https://goldenrule2020.org/faith-compassion-healing-national-divides/>



## Join the League of Women Voters of Marion & Polk Counties (LWVMPC)

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.

Dues are \$65. You can join online [HERE](#).

Alternatively, you can mail your check payable to LWVMPC to our treasurer:

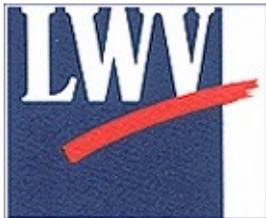
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Please include your name, address, phone and email address.



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