



# Republican Women Central Lane

*Educating and informing the women  
of Lane County on the political process*

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## RWCL General Meeting OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>



**On our Agenda: Voting for 2014 RWCL officers and Speaker Michael Spasaro, Candidate for State Senate District 6 on drugs and Marijuana.**

Throughout his local and federal law enforcement career of 32 years, Michael spent twenty-five years as an undercover agent and received numerous local, state, federal and international awards. Just after 9/11, he was one of the first people who volunteered as an Air Marshall for 60 long days. Michael received an award specifically for this service.

Currently, Michael Spasaro is the Board Chair of a Lane County non-profit substance abuse recovery support facility. He is, also, an Adjunct, teaching Criminal Justice and Political Science at Linn-Benton Community College. Michael has the heart to protect the future of our children and grandchildren, working to build a more drug-free environment. Don't miss this meeting! Come hear Michael Spasaro on Monday, October 27, 2014 at the *Hilton*

*Garden Inn. The doors open at 11:30 A.M. Call Nina for reservations by Thursday, October 23 at 541-485-4100 or alnine17@comcast.net*

### Thoughts from your president...

There are only three weeks until Election Day! Can you believe it? This year has gone by so fast. The ballots will drop Wednesday, October 15, and everyone should have their ballot by Friday. This throws us into the final stage of Getting Out The Vote (GOTV)...all hands on deck! We need a big voter turn-out this election for the Republicans to take back our country and state...SO IMPORTANT! What can we do, personally, as Republican Women? GOTV!!

Our Vice President, Lela Trope is coordinating our GOTV efforts. We have a real chance to get our Republican candidates, from Governor on down, into office. Take a minute to call: Lela Trope, 541-912-4623. We can do this!

To quote our OFRW President, Sally MacLeod, "Let's show them what Republican Women stand for and what we can do!!"

Making the Difference, *Nancy Scalf, President RWCL*

**These are the Nominations to be presented at general meeting 10/27/14 for Slate of 2014 Officers... After we take nominations from the floor, We will be voting for our 2014 Officers. Please bring your nominations to our meeting. Questions? call Gerry Briggs 541-484-0732.**

**President, Nancy Scalf; Vice President, Lela Trope; Secretary, Jessica Simmons;**

**Treasurer, open; Chaplain Anita Lewis;**

**Trustees: Anita Lewis, Helene O'Rourke, Nina Rogers, Jeanette Steele**

## PART 2 — TRAVELS WITH *Helene*

## Caring for America

*Last month we had Part One of Helene's trip to Tibet. Enjoy Part 2.*

Tibetans are a wonderful, friendly, loving people, they are as curious about us as we are about them. The story I will always remember: The Tibetans found a young child to replace the Dalai Lama, which the Chinese government didn't like, so the boy and his entire family disappeared. The Chinese have replaced him with their own Communist choice but the Tibetans turn their backs to him—not that anyone cares.



The Chinese are building roads and railroads so they can get Tibet minerals out of the country faster. Nepal believes they will be next and are

really concerned, as they should be. We took a 3-day tour of Tibet and not only had to ask permission to do so but every two hours there was a check point where the guide had to take the permission sheet or our passports to pass through.

Tibet wasn't my favorite place and it isn't like a visit to Hong Kong, Shanghai or Beijing but it's getting there.

Tibet was a beautiful little country that was invaded and taken over by the Chinese Communists a number of years ago. Lhasa used to be a country town but the Chinese have made it into a concrete city with high rise building, big billboards and everything paved. The communists are destroying the country with no concern for the Tibetans.

The Tibetan children are taught Chinese in school, they learn their own language at home. There are police with BIG BIG guns (ak47's) on every corner and you are not allowed to take pictures of them - they will take your camera or phone. There are also cameras on every corner and the Chinese can watch everyone at all times. There are no friendly smiles from the Chinese.



In all three countries the kids love to have their pictures taken and love seeing themselves in the cameras.

It was amazing how many people lived in two story homes. And more amazing that the first story is where the live stock live and the second story is for the people. They all live very simply: a pad to sleep on, a small stove to cook, and all toilets are pits outside.



All I could think about was *"I want to be home"* and *"Thank God we are a free country."* I wish I had a magic wand to

give the country back to the Tibetans and also wish that every American teenager, and politician would spend a month with the communists. I think attitudes would change.

Whatever you do—please don't mention Chinese food, rice, yak meat, goat meat, or anything related to eating with chop sticks—I'm guessing it might take me two or three YEARS to recuperate. I was so thankful to be home I said no more traveling for me. Well that lasted a couple of weeks. Look out Cuba here I come.



### DVD'S for VETS

At this time we have approximately 50 DVD's to send to Texas. If you have any DVD's, CD's, exercise DVD's, new games, puzzles (without pieces missing), kids movies, toys or games PLEASE PLEASE bring them to the October 27th meeting.

*Janet Givens* will be taking over our Military/Armed Forces Committee so let's put her to work.

Thank you for the support of our troops in the hospital in Texas!

*Helene O'Rourke*

### AMERICAN HERO ADVENTURES with Captain Troy Givens

Troy Givens has his *American Hero Adventures* up and running and he has tee-shirts for sale (see photo of Troy, T-shirt and Car) at \$20 and sweat shirts for \$40.



If you pre-order you can have a choice of colors. Plus he has V-Neck T-shirts. Please see Helene or Janet at the next meeting. And don't forget to check out American Heros Adventures at facebook.com. Wanna contact Troy for more information?? [troy@americanheroadventures.org](mailto:troy@americanheroadventures.org)



## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUR LCRCC AND OUR PCP'S

*Our Lane County Republicans called a Central Committee meeting, September 25, 2014, with all PCP's to hammer out the stance of the Lane County Republicans for this upcoming election on November 4.*

*This is the result of their hard work reprinted from the Lane County Republican newsletter for your consideration:*

**Measure 86**—Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund.

**Analysis:** The State of Oregon is heavily in debt because of obligations to PERS. College students have options other than borrowing. LCRCC advises a NO vote.

**Measure 87**—Amends Constitution: Permits employment of state judges by National Guard (military service) and state public universities (teaching).

**Analysis:** The US Constitution prohibits judges from participating in "other States" or Federal positions in order to avoid conflict of interest in their judicial decisions. LCRCC advises a NO vote.

**Measure 88**—Provided Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.

**Analysis:** This measure would allow persons who are in US illegally to acquire a "Driver Card" to drive a car legally in Oregon. By being here illegally they have already broken a law. The law passed by the legislature imposes restrictions on the Driver Card use, but enforcement will be problematic. LCRCC advises a NO vote.

**Measure 89**—Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex.

**Analysis:** Gives gender discrimination more protection than other grounds of discrimination. LCRCC advises a NO vote

**Measure 90**—Changes the general election nomination process: provides

for a single primary ballot to list candidates. The top two candidates advance to the general election. This eliminates major Party Primaries, and replaces them with "Top Two" vote-getting candidates regardless of party affiliation. All registered voters may cast primary ballots. Eliminates write-ins and minor party candidates.

**Analysis:** Both major political parties oppose this measure. It would make a primary election non-partisan, thereby denying members of a party the opportunity to select their candidates based on political persuasion. Measure 90 is confusing, poorly drafted, and will create unintended consequences which will discourage voter participation in elections. LCRCC advises a NO vote.

**Measure 91**—Allow possession, manufacture, sale of marijuana by and to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, and taxation.

**Analysis:** This measure contradicts Federal law, which takes precedence in regulation of drugs. Colorado law enforcement has noted a significant increase in vehicle accidents since recreational marijuana was legalized in that state. Unlike alcohol intoxication, marijuana users do not show visible signs of intoxication even though they are equally incapacitated. LCRCC advises a NO vote.

**Measure 92**—Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label "genetically engineered" foods as such. Packaging of foods with genetically engineered ingredients must display words "Genetically Engineered" on the front, back or in the store display. Allows private citizens and the State of Oregon to enforce.

**Analysis:** Many Americans are concerned about GMO products, however this measure will significantly increase the cost of groceries, and excludes labeling foods sold in restaurants, dairy products, animal feed. Store owners will be obligated to change product labels at a cost that will be passed on to consumers. The measure allows private citizens as well as the State of Oregon to enforce, and as such can create unforeseen problems. LCRCC advises a NO vote

*Senate District 7 has a write-in candidate! Please get the word out to like-minded fellow voters!*

Kevin Levesque is our man! See his website [HERE](#). Please contact him through his website to get a sign for your yard and help spread the word. If you live in House District 13 or 14, this is your Senator to vote for! Be sure to spell his name correctly or it will not be counted as a vote for him!

So - for those living in the following areas, these are the people to vote for: House District 13: Laura Cooper; House District 14: Kathy Lambert; Senate District 7: write-in Kevin Levesque



YES! Christmas is coming to RWCL and we are beginning preparation for our Christmas party and Anita Lewis is going to make Christmas Stockings to stuff for decorations on our tables.

Anita is asking for small items to be donated so we can stuff these stockings. The items can be both adult and/or Children items and need not be expensive. Look for more information coming on the Christmas party.

*We're gearing up for a three-fold celebration; new Republicans in the State and Federal Congress, Christmas cheer for all of us and Blessing to a new year 2015!*

So find some fun small trinkets for kids or adults and bring them to our October 27th meeting and don't forget to bring some food for Lane County. It will be our Thanksgiving gift.

*So Remember: trinkets for stockings and Food For Lane County!!!! Bring it on!*

# Pictures tell the story: - Picnic 2014



Our Armitage park Picnic was a success. We had lots of homemade salads, cookies and sweets, with delicious hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by our two Chefs, Chuck Moss and Luke Sanders; We had lots of candidates including Rep Dennis Richardson and candidate signs and literature. We had candidate speeches with candidate question and answer session and then, eventually, we had clean-up.



Most important is the THANKS we want to extend to everyone involved in the picnic.

To begin with, large thanks to Our County Commissioner, and long time supporter, Sid Leiken for being our monitor for the day. He did a marvelous job introducing our candidates and giving us some historical perspective.

Thank you to all the candidates; Laura Cooper, Kathy Lambert,

Michael Spasaro, Andy Pertersen, Art Robinson and a special thanks to Dennis Richardson who came by after his debate in Eugene.

Last but not least, HUGE thanks to the picnic committee, you all know who you are, for pulling together and making it happen. . . I can't name you 'cause I'll forget someone and then the world will stop spinning! Another special thanks to Norma for bearing the biggest burden of shopping and to our Chefs, Chuck and Luke.

Thank you all for your hard work and team spirit.

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## Caring for America! (continued)

We, as Republican Women, welcome opportunities to reach out beyond ourselves to "care for America". As the ladies were packing up after our "Picnic, Pot Luck and Candidate Social", it soon became apparent that people were not as hungry as we thought they would be. We had enough hamburgers, hot dogs and buns left to feed as small army...or a worthy cause. Read below how you were able to make a difference in the community of Elmira.

*Thank you, Thank you, . . . .* & Thank you

Dear Republican Women Central Lane,

September 29, 2014

I want to thank you for your generosity. Recently your organization donated hamburgers, hot dogs and buns that were leftover from one of your functions to our youth at Elmira pen Bible Church. This is a huge blessing to us.

Each Wednesday night, we see 30-40 middle school and high school students, many of which come from underprivileged homes. Sometimes they have not eaten or only had access to one other meal that day, usually at school. One of our core values is to feed the youth, both physically and spiritually. We are often able to have influence in their lives after we have loved on them and given them something to eat.

What might seem like a modest donation goes a long way to provide a safe and healthy place for the youth to come to on Wednesday nights. Thank you again. You have helped us continue to be a positive influence on the young people in our community!

Blessings,



Chris Huntoon  
Elmira Open Bible Church Youth Pastor  
88899 Territorial Rd., Elmira, OR 97437

## Food For Lane County UPDATE! AGAIN!



RWCL was touched by Chris Huntoon's thank you letter to us for donating our picnic leftovers to their youth program. It reminds us of how important food is for all sorts of good will: **body and soul**. So let's try and put those canned goods in our cars now so we'll remember to bring them to our last regular meeting of the year. Yes, that's right, last regular meeting of 2014.

Our next event will be our Christmas Party luncheon on December 5, 2014. So let's make a big splash with food for Lane County on Oct 27!

Jeanette Steele,  
Food for Lane County Chair

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