



Republican Women Central Lane

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

APRIL BULLETIN 2016

Astrophysicist, Dr. Gordon Fulk to Speak, April 21 at RWCL General Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn

To introduce our speaker, I found this article written by him to be the most apropos. I have deleted some of it to fit our format. This article was published November 7, 2015 under [www.Oregon Live.com](http://www.OregonLive.com) and can be found online.

Is 'climate change' really the world's most pressing problem? By Gordon Fulk

Famed Nobel laureate in physics *Richard Feynman* once described science as *"the belief in the ignorance of experts."* The very first scientific society, The Royal Society, adopted the motto: *"Take nobody's word for it."* Questioning is the stock-in-trade of scientists; it is the way we discover new things and the way we keep science honest. Without the ability to question conclusions, science degenerates into politics and pseudo-religion.

Yet fanatical proponents of the prevailing climate paradigm, like historian Naomi Oreskes, argue that such questioning

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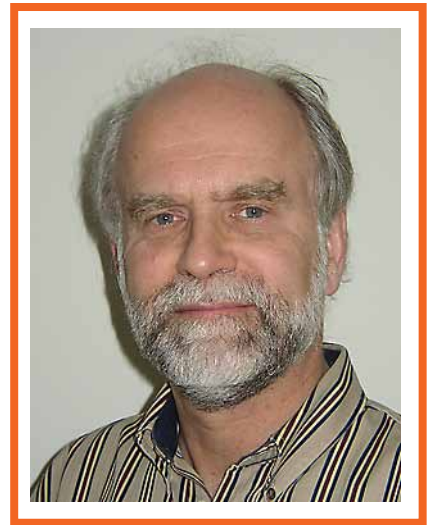
is equivalent to the tobacco companies questioning the link between smoking and lung cancer. That is pure political nonsense, because the arbiter in science is always robust data, not opinion. And we scientists relish the opportunity to point out again the very sturdy statistical links between smoking and lung cancer.

The problem with climate science is that the robust data that should backup the alarming conclusions of the establishment are not there. In fact the robust data show no link between man-made CO2 and global

temperature. To be sure, propagandists are forever promoting natural climate variations as "proof." But these are merely proof that our climate continues to cycle in response to natural forces, as it always has. The Minoan, Roman, and Medieval Warm Periods were all warmer than the Modern Warm Period and had nothing to do with our ancestors pulling their chariots with Hummers. This simple logic puts those scientists who earn their living from climate hysteria on the defensive.

Knowing that the robust data is running solidly against them, they are looking elsewhere for a way to win the argument. Climate modelers who have been predicting far more warming than has been observed are particularly on the defensive, because their failures are well documented. *To try to salvage something, they have asked President Barack Obama to invoke the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) act to prosecute as mobsters their fellow scientists who dare to disagree with them.*

This scandal is unfolding as the United Nations is about to convene another climate conference in Paris later this month. To make matters worse, well-known French TV meteorologist *Philippe Verdier* was abruptly removed from French government television *(Continued on page two, upper left corner under CLIMATE)*



MEETING APRIL 21

@ Hilton Garden Inn
Doors Open 6:00,
Dinner 6:30 meeting
7:00

Dr. Fulk will speak for an
hour on Global Warming.
Seating limited

R.S.V.P.

Please call *Nina* for reservations
by Monday night, April 18,
541-485-4100, or
alnine17@comcast.net.

We have had to pay \$30 to \$45.00
for no-shows so please make
reservations and then attend or we
will have to bill you.

This should be an outstanding
meeting so bring friends. We are
looking forward to seeing you and
thank you for your support.

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for writing a book charging that we “are hostage to a planetary scandal over climate change – a war machine whose aim is to keep us in fear.”



Will these latest scandals overshadow the Paris conference, as the “Climategate” scandal hung heavily over the Copenhagen conference? My sense is that the participants are now very well-practiced at weathering the perpetual setbacks swirling around them. . .

What will slow them down is the enormity of what they demand: enormous payments to developing nations and enormous curtailment of industrial activity in the developed world, further shifting it to those developing nations.

None of this legitimately addresses any concerns about carbon dioxide, however misguided. It only shifts carbon emissions from one location to another, giving corrupt politicians and bureaucrats a chance to claim success before people realize that they have been duped again by the pervasive propaganda. . .φ

Candidates & Election Day May 17, 2016

Here is a list of Candidates who will appear on our ballots that will be sent out April 29. See Important Dates list for other events.

Candidates for U.S. Senator

Mark Callahan (R)
Faye Stewart (R)
Dan Laschober (R)

Oregon Secretary of State

Sid Leiken (R)
Dennis Richardson (R)

Oregon State Treasurer

Jeff Gudman (R)

Oregon Attorney General

Daniel Zene Crowe (R)

U.S. House Of Representatives, District 4

Jo Rae Perkins (R)
Art Robinson (R)
Seth Allan (R)
Earl Rainey (R)
Ben West (R)
Colm Willis (R)

Candidates for Eugene Mayor

Lucy Vinis
Bob Cassidy
Stefan Strek
Mike Clark
Scott Landfield

April 1 – Out-of-country and military ballots mailed.

April 18 – Out-of-state ballots mailed.

April 26 – Voter registration deadline.

April 29 – Ballots mailed; official drop-off sites open.

May 8 – Mothers Day.

May 17 – Election Day. If you haven't mailed your ballot, you will need to take it to a drop-off site.

May 19 – RWCL general meeting. Speaker to be announced.

June 6 – Last day for county clerk to certify election.

June 14 – Flag Day.

June 16 – RWCL General Meeting. Speaker TBD.

June 19 – Fathers day.

July 4 – Independence day.

September 5 – Labor day.

November 11 - Veterans day.

Other RWCL general meetings will be added as decided. φ

Defining What It Means To Be Free—Heritage's Index of Economic Freedom

What is economic freedom?

Economic freedom is the fundamental right of every human to control his or her own labor and property. In an economically free society, individuals are free to work, produce, consume, and invest in any way they please. In economically free societies, governments allow labor, capital, and goods to move freely, and refrain from coercion or constraint of liberty beyond the extent necessary to protect and maintain liberty itself.

What are the benefits of economic freedom?

Economic freedom brings greater prosperity. The Index of Economic Freedom documents the positive relationship between economic freedom and a variety of positive social and



economic goals. The ideals of economic freedom are strongly associated with healthier societies, cleaner environments, greater per capita wealth, human

development, democracy, and poverty elimination.

Liberty, Prosperity and opportunity are in decline thanks to President Barack Obama's economic policies and inaction by Congress. That's the verdict from the 22nd edition of the *Index of Economic Freedom*, which Heritage publishes annually in partnership with Wall Street Journal.

This years findings—based on factors such as government spending, regulations and the rule of law—include:

- The U.S. has fallen from 6th freest economy in the world, when President Obama took office, to 11th place in 2016.
- With losses of economic freedom in eight of the past nine years, the U.S. has tied its worst score ever, wiping out a decade of progress.
- America's declining score in the index is closely related to rapidly rising government spending, subsidies, and bailouts.

You can discover additional insights into the decline of freedom in America, and study practically any nation that interests you, by exploring the 2016 Index online—where you'll find economic freedom data for 186 countries,

Inspiring Book—“We are Afghan WOMEN”

On March 8, Mrs. Laura Bush will host a special event celebrating the release of the Bush Institute’s powerful new book, *We Are Afghan Women: Voices of Hope*.

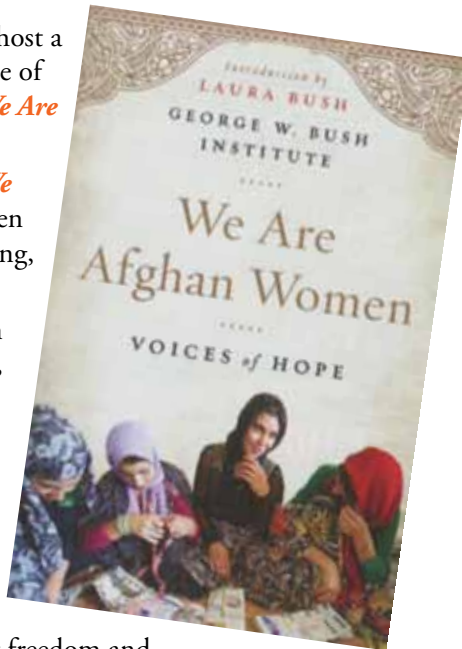
With an introduction by Mrs. Bush, *We Are Afghan Women* presents Afghan women in their own words—words that are inspiring, moving, courageous, and heartbreaking.

The book chronicles the lives of women of all ages, who are daughters and mothers, entrepreneurs and activists, some who are highly educated and some who are still learning. It creates a compelling portrait of the lives, struggles, and successes of this extraordinary nation and its extraordinarily resilient women.

“*We Are Afghan Women*” is being celebrated as an eloquent, engaging call for freedom and empowerment.

“*The education and empowerment of women within a society is a sign of a progressive civilization. In 2001, Afghan women were isolated and treated as second-class citizens. Though they still fight for rights and equality, they have come a long way,*” says Condoleezza Rice, who served as Sec. of State under President Bush. “The stories in *We Are Afghan Women: Voices of Hope* teach that women can fight poverty and inequality with courage, hope, and perseverance. These women are inspiring and their lessons should move us all to stand up for those whose voices may not be heard.

This book is available through Amazon and through Bush Center’s Online Store at shop.bushpresidentialcenter.com ☪



Food for Lane County (FLC)



As a reminder to everyone, **Food For Lane County** is one of our community activities sponsored by RWCL under our umbrella of “**Caring For America.**”

FOOD
For Lane County

Jeanette Steele is our Chairperson who every month, after our meetings, goes and drops off our donations. Her report for March is 12 pounds of food and money donated \$19.00.

Thank you to all who donated and lets remember to bring some canned goods April 17,

If you just want to swing by and drop off a donation and say this is from **Republican Women Central Lane** Here is their Location address:

*770 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene,
OR 97402—Phone:(541) 343-
2822; Hours: 8AM–5PM*

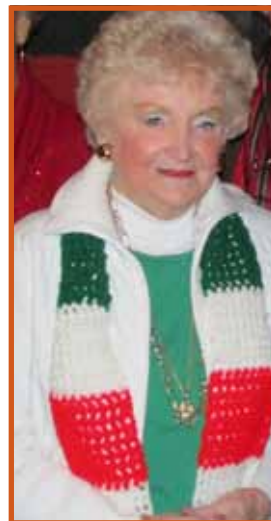
Special Recognition

For Two Members—Helene O'Rourke & Nina Rogers



When you come to our meetings, you will find some imaginative, historical and pretty Photo Albums on display. We would like to Thank **Helene O'Rourke** for her many years of dedication to chronicling RWCL events.

May you be onto another of your delightful adventures.



Nina Rogers has been Parliamentarian, Trustee and Chaplain and a member of Republican women for longer than I know.

You'd recognize her by her pretty smile and colorful clothes. She has been a great asset to RWCL and she celebrated her 90th birthday. Thank you Nina for all you do.

New Committeewoman Elected For Oregon Republican Party

Former Oregon State Senator Marilyn Shannon was elected by county party delegates to serve as the National Committeewoman for the Oregon Republican Party on Saturday, April 2 at the ORP Convention, held in Medford, Oregon. This is a four year term. Ms. Shannon had received numerous endorsements from various county chairs and parties from around Oregon, as well as ORP Vice Chair Tyler Smith. Mr. Smith gave his endorsement at the convention in a speech just prior to Ms. Shannon's speech.

What got the biggest applause during Ms. Shannon's speech is when she told the voting delegates if elected; she would keep them informed and up-to-date of happenings in the Republican National Committee.

Solomon Yue retained his title of National Committeeman against rival Perry Atkinson.

The Oregon Republican Party will be electing Delegates to vote for the 2016 presidential nominee on June 4, 2016 in Salem. Find out how you can become involved in this process at www.LaneGOP.org

By Becky Lemler
LCRP Secretary & 1st Alt. Delegate



Oregon gets F grade in 2015 State Integrity Investigation

November 10, 2015

The State Integrity Investigation is a comprehensive assessment of state government accountability and transparency done in partnership with Global Integrity.

In a state where ethical behavior is assumed rather than regulated, former Gov. John Kitzhaber offered his resignation in a pre-recorded speech heard in his reception room, while de facto-governor Kate Brown prepared for duty in the secretary of state's office a floor below.

Kitzhaber was being investigated following media reports that his fiancé, a consultant, was selling access to the governor's office and using state resources for personal gain, and that he blurred the line between his job as governor and his re-election campaign.

For many in the state, Kitzhaber's resignation is a thing of the past. But the scandal that ensnared the former governor highlighted a wobbly legal framework in Oregon's government, where good behavior is taken for granted rather than enforced.

That framework explains why Oregon fared poorly in this year's State Integrity Investigation, earning an overall score of 59 – an F grade – and ranked 42nd among the 50 states in the data-driven assessment of state government accountability and transparency by the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity.

The Center for Public Integrity was founded in 1989 by Charles Lewis. We are one of the country's oldest and largest nonpartisan, nonprofit investigative news organizations. ***Our mission: To serve democracy by revealing abuses of power, corruption and betrayal of public trust by powerful public and private institutions, using the tools of investigative journalism.***

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