



# SALEM CITY CLUB

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## *“Should the Oregon Legislature Meet Every Year?”*

Friday, December 1, 2006 | 11:45 – 1 p.m.  
Mission Mill Dye House, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR

### Reservations Required

Call 503.589.2975 or e-mail nelalind@aol.com by noon Tuesday, November 28

*The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us!*

Come hear the Public Commission on the Legislature Co-chairs Judge Laura Pryor and Gary Wilhelms present key points from the final report at our luncheon program on Friday, December 1st. This will be very timely because they will have just presented the report to the Legislative Emergency Board a couple of hours prior. Recommendations approved by the commission will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration and action. Recommendations from this commission could have an affect on all citizens and we hope this program will enlighten the community.

For background, during the 2005 Regular Session, the Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill 1084 establishing the 30-member Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature. By doing so, the legislature was acknowledging the need for study and evaluation of legislative branch administration, procedures, facilities, staffing and overall capacity, and the need for study and evaluation of ways to improve those functions.

Previous comprehensive reviews of the legislative branch took place in 1968 and 1974. This new commission, with the support of legislative leadership and the authority to introduce legislation, has a unique opportunity to suggest changes to strengthen the authority, credibility and effectiveness of future Legislative Assemblies.

To date, the commission has made several major recommendations including:

- transitioning from biennial to annual sessions;
- retiming the start and limiting the length of session;
- establishing a program evaluation office;
- increasing staffing in legislative offices;
- establishing wireless access in the capitol;
- renovating portions of the capitol and developing a long-term plan for additional renovations; and
- establishing a state commission to set salaries for legislators and other elected officials.

To learn more about the commission, please visit their website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/pcol/> and be sure to join us **Friday, December 1st** when we hear from Judge Laura Pryor and Gary Wilhelms, Co-chairs of the Public Commission on the Legislature.

For lunch reservations call 503.589.2975 or email nelalind@aol.com. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is a no charge for attending the program at noon. Please call in your plans for lunch or attendance, so we will have adequate seating available.

When: Friday, December 1, 2006; 11:45 lunch | Noon Program  
Where: Mission Mill Spinning Room, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR 97301  
Contact: Carla Mikkelson, 503.589.2975  
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Cost: Members: Full Fare Lunch \$13.50; Soup and Salads \$11.50; Beverage and Rolls \$5.00;  
Non-members: additional \$3; No charge to attend program at noon