



SALEM CITY CLUB

“Ethics, Lobbying and Legislating”

We've seen and heard a lot lately about Oregon's ethics laws in general, and about how they apply, and should apply, to lobbyists and legislators.

What amount of wining, dining, entertaining, and gifting should lobbyists be permitted to shower upon legislators? None at all? A little something that doesn't cost more than \$10, or \$50? Or anything at all, as long as the lobbyist is present and the expense is reported and published?

And what should be reported, and when? And how should the laws be enforced?

Salem City Club will present a panel on Oregon's ethics laws Friday noon, February 23, with three knowledgeable speakers approaching the subject from different perspectives.

Attorney General Hardy Myers will discuss the Oregon Law Commission's comprehensive year-long study of the ethics laws. As Chair of the commission's Ethics Work Group, he will describe the bi-partisan commission's 13 proposed recommendations to the legislature, covering gifts, entertainment, reporting requirements, auditing, penalties, and independent funding for the Government Standards and Practices Commission. Mr. Myers has been Attorney General for 10 years, and previously served as a state representative for 10 years, including Speaker of the House in 1979-83.

Rep. Dave Hunt, House Majority Leader, a strong advocate of stringent reform, will discuss new House rules and proposed legislation covering many of these issues. Hunt has served in the House for four years, representing a north Clackamas County district. He previously served on the staffs of three members of Congress. In private life, he is Executive Director of the Columbia River Channel Coalition, which promotes maritime trade on the river. He also serves on the Oregon City School Board and as national president of American Baptist Churches USA.

Mike Dewey, a longtime Salem lobbyist, will discuss ethics issues from one lobbyist's perspective. He grew up in Salem, the son of a father and a mother who were professional lobbyists over several decades. After graduating from Arizona State University, he started lobbying in 1973. A partner in Legislative Advocates, his clients are involved in health care, telecommunications, land use, agriculture, and banking issues.

We look forward to a stimulating discussion of this important issue. For lunch reservations email nelalind@aol.com or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to just attend program. Please call in your plans for lunch or attendance, so we will have adequate seating available. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to www.salemcityclub.com.

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