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“Challenges in Public Education” Topic of Next League Luncheon



The next “Lunch with the League” program will be held on Tuesday, April 2. The speaker will be Benita Albert, author and long-time educator in Oak Ridge.

Albert will discuss “Challenges in Public Education: Present and Future” She taught mathematics at Oak Ridge High School for 44 years, retiring in 2012. She has served as a college board consultant in Advanced Placement Calculus, conducting training programs for teachers across the country, since 1975.

Albert has authored or co-authored for many textbook publishers and mathematics ancillaries. Her honors include Presidential Awardee for Mathematics in 1991, and selection to the “USA Today All-American Teacher Team” in 2007.

As a member of the Board of the Oak Ridge Public Schools’ Public Education Foundation, Albert has served as co-editor-in-chief of the book “Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence in the Oak Ridge Schools, 1944-2018.” “The book has allowed me to see an Oak Ridge public schools’ education through the eyes of the most important witnesses: Oak Ridge students and teachers,” Albert said. This experience has further inspired her to increase awareness of current and future challenges in education, and to advocate for broader support of public education.

The meeting will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Lunch with the League is a public service program open to the community. Membership in the *League of Women Voters* is not required and there is no cost to attend.

The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon. Lunches are provided by the Soup Kitchen and are available at 11:30 a.m. on a first-come basis for \$8, or you may bring your own. Coffee and tea will be provided.

The *League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge*, a nonpartisan political organization for men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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