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Voter Registration Day!! **September 24, 2019**

You will see tables at The Brookings Library, Rays in Port Orford and McKay's in Gold Beach. Get everyone you know to Register to Vote!

The LWVCC Annual Meeting was held, Saturday June 1, 2019, at the Soroptimist Building, 94202 Caughell St., Gold Beach. It began at 9:30 am with coffee and conversation. This was the last meeting presided over by President Lucie La Bonte, who is retiring from the Board of Directors. She received special recognition and gratitude for the many years she has served on the Board. We expect to see her in the future. In turn, Lucie thanked her Board for helping to revitalize the Curry County League.

Audubon President, Ann Vileisis presented a thorough update on current Oregon mining laws, referencing the Curry County and subsequently the Oregon League's Hard Rock Mining Study. As usual, Ann was so informative. Thanks Ann!

New officers were elected:
President - Mary Jane LaBelle - 2019-20
Vice-President - Anne Tlaker Hall - 2019-21
Secretary Tucker Nunn - 2018-20
Treasurer Karol Simas - 2018-20
Board Position #1 - Georgia Nowlin - 2019-20
Board Position #2 - Alyce Prudden - 2019-21
Board Position #3 - Judy Kaplan 2018-20

A vote passed the membership to adopt the recycling study "Economic Feasibility Recycling in Curry County" proposed by Ann Schwierer from North County. Ann will lead the group of 8 members who signed up to work on this. Thanks to Louise Abbott, Debra Worth, Ed Patterson, Judy Kaplan, Renee Kolen, Hassie Taylor and Anne Morgan for agreeing to work on the study. . (See page 5 for Title, Scope and Outlook).

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**President's Letter
(MJ LaBelle)**



Dear Fellow Leaguers and Friends,

This is the first Coastlines for the new Year. Our last edition was in May and we begin anew every September. Additionally, this is my first year as President of LWVCC. I have served on the Board of Directors for two years, so I am relatively new at this and ask for your patience as I thread my way through the County, State and National League. I promise to do my best! My thanks to Charlie Alexander for agreeing to be my advisor because she has been involved with Leagues in different states for decades. Also to immediate Past President Lucie La Bonte for her help in transition and advice about moving forward. Thanks also to Phil Dickson for administering our website again, to Anne Morgan who has agreed to help with Membership, to Hassie Taylor who will observe at some of the Commissioner meetings and to Renee Kolen who will again serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. My gratitude to all of you. "It takes a Village" of volunteers to run our LWVCC and these aren't the only ones. I will acknowledge all our observers and Unit Chairs in a later newsletter. They are the arteries through which we grow and nourish ourselves and our communities.

We began the year, as we always do, with a retreat, where we plan the new year's projects. Above is a photo of the Board standing with ten members of "Pedal the Pacific", a group who spoke to us about their commitment to raise funds to bring awareness to the dangers of sex trafficking. This group were young women between the ages of 18 and 22 from Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Oklahoma. A different group rides from Seattle to San Diego every summer, usually stopping to rest, eat and wash clothes in Sixes. All monies raised go toward the shelter for girls rescued from sex trafficking. It is a privilege to host this wonderful group of young, strong and committed women. This year they raised over \$250,000.

I attended the LWVOR convention in Ashland this year. The issues of focus for 2019-2020 will be Oregon's 100 Year Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote; Climate Emergency, Redistricting and National Healthcare. These issues and more will be our focus this year.

The Harvard Project

by Phoebe Skinner, Social Studies Teacher, Pacific High School

PHS Teacher wins LWVUS Study Opportunity

The US League held an essay contest for High School Government and Social Studies Teachers. The prize was a three day all-paid trip to attend a workshop at Harvard Business School. Ms. Skinner's essay won in Curry County and this is the report she is sharing with us on her experience. You will be hearing more of this later this year as we plan a special County wide meeting with Ms. Skinner.

"A discourse on democracy was at the core of the Case Study Method workshop I attended at the Harvard Business School in August. The generous support of League of Women Voters chapters from across the country made this event possible for me and 70 other teachers. Thirteen of us were from Oregon. Acclaimed Professor David Moss lead the workshop in which we learned to incorporate the case study method that has long been used at Harvard Business School. I am eager to bring these cases that focus on various aspects of the development of democracy in the United States to my government and history classes at Pacific High School. I am also very much looking forward to facilitating a community case study event this spring to increase discussion of our democracy's history here on the South Coast."

Phoebe Skinner, Social Studies Teacher, Pacific High School

Central County Unit Discusses Floras Lake, Upcoming Gun Workshop, Timber Removal

Members voiced concerns regarding a proposed timber removal project on Grizzly Mountain. Will the harvest put chemicals into the Rogue River? Gold Beach and Nesika Beach get their water from the Rogue.

The Floras Lake workshop produced concerns regarding a possible change in the Commissioner's position to do a land swap with Oregon State Parks. Commissioner Paasch talked about selling the land to a corporation (Shell or Jordan Cove proponents) for mitigation. Previous commissioners had agreed with the Lands Committee and north county residents that a swap with State Parks would be the best solution. Next hearing is on June 5.

The Gun proposal that would override State and Federal law was having another workshop Wednesday, April 24.

Please Remember to Renew Your Sponsorship!

**A Board Member will come by to ask for your renewal.
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Special Districts Candidate Forums

Normally we would be preparing for our Candidate Forums at this time. However, according to the County Clerk's office, there are no contested races in the November 5, 2019 election, so at this time we will not be holding Candidate forums in October.

Census Information - LWVUS

The Constitution requires the government to conduct a census every 10 years. The goal is clear: to count all people living in the United States without exception—adults and children, citizens and non-citizens alike.

By the Census Bureau's own analysis, adding a citizenship question would stop approximately 6.5 million people from participating. If people are not counted, our communities will receive fewer resources for critical infrastructure like roads, schools, hospitals, libraries, and other programs people rely on every day. People will have less representation in government if there's an inaccurate census count.

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The Oregon League Celebrates its 100th Anniversary!

2020 is a big year of celebration for the LWVOR: it's the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment: Women's right to vote in Oregon. The Oregon League will be holding its grand party: a Luncheon on March 7 in Salem, Oregon at the Convention Center. Bring your family and help celebrate. There will be more information coming to you later. Registration begins in January.

Most of the local leagues will be holding celebrations as well. There will be parades, lunches, gatherings and general reveling for this important historical event.

Curry County is planning a play to be held on February 14. Anne Tlaker, VP of the LWVCC Board, is in the creative process of writing and we all look forward to helping. Tickets will be available later in the year, but PLEASE mark your calendars for Valentine's day next February. It will be an event not to miss.

CoastLines Editor Needed - Job Description

Being *CoastLines* editor is a fun job, can be completed in a few hours a month, if all the information is in. If you are a LWV Curry County member and interested in doing this job next year (August 2019-May 2020), contact Mary Jane LaBelle at: maryjanelabelle@gmail.com

CoastLines is the LWVCC newsletter published at the beginning of our year of activities (September) through May with the exception of December (8 editions). Its primary purpose is to disseminate information, regarding league activities to our members from the Board and committees. The template is now in *Word*, but past issues have been developed in *Microsoft Publisher*. We no longer print issues monthly but send via email and occasionally print editions for special meetings. We continue to have a number of sponsors, at a low yearly cost to them, to cover any expenses.

Each issue of *CoastLines* is assembled by inserting the desired text and pictures into an existing *Word* template that gives the layout for 9 pages. Page 1 has the banner, volume, issue and date and lead stories. Page 2 has the Board info and President's Message. Pages 3&4 have articles, page 5 has the calendar, pages 6&7 has space for sponsors, page 8 has a mailing space (just in case) and a copy of the membership form.

Job Description - The editor needs to have good basic computer skills for uploading and downloading documents and pictures with Word into the template. Some writing is involved. Once completed the draft is sent to someone to review for typos. The corrected version is sent to the President (spokesperson for the LWV) for final approval. The President checks to be sure the issue is free of partisan remarks and the information is correct. Once this is done, *CoastLines* is converted to a PDF file and emailed to our membership, LWVOR, LWVUS, local league presidents, sponsors, elected officials and potential members. This is done with the push of a button.

LWV Curry County Recommended Study Proposal

Title: Revisiting the Feasibility of Recycling in Curry County

Scope: The purpose of this re-study is to address significant changes since the original study, "Economic Feasibility Recycling in Curry County." This study update will include: current recycling data, the evolution of recycling in the US and Curry County and will explore potential solutions to existing barriers to recycling that stem from feasibility, markets, logistics and consumer sentiment towards recycling. It will also include what challenges need to be addressed, how to address the proliferation of plastics locally and changes in the recycling supply chain.

Outlook for Work: The possible activities will be to: research and update the previous study; investigate what other communities facing similar challenges are doing and potential solutions; and explore alternative recycling for specific classes of materials with CTR. This study update and refinement will likely take more than one year depending upon the feasibility of CTR being able to adequately address these challenges. We intend to publish the report at the conclusion of the re-study.

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar – 2019- 2020

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
September	16	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's Home, GB	9:30 am
	19	Unit Meeting Brookings	Brookings Library	1 pm
	24	Voter Registration	PO Rays, GB McKay's, Brookings Library	10 am- 6 pm
	26	Unit Meeting Port Orford	Becky Flake's	5 pm
October	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's Home	9:30 am
	19	LWVOR Fall Workshop	Eugene	9a-3p
	15	Unit Meeting, GB	TBA	12 noon
	17	Unit Meeting , Brookings	TBA	1 pm
	24	Unit Meeting, Port Orford	Becky Flake's	5 pm
November	5	Election Day	Vote	
	18	LWVCC Board Meeting	Evergreen Bank, Brookings	9:30 am
	19	Unit Meeting GB	TBA	12 noon
	20	Unit Meeting PO	Becky Flake's Home	5 pm
	21	Unit Meeting Brookings	TBA	1 pm
December	8	Holiday Luncheon Party	TBA	1 pm
January	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas', GB	9:30 am
	TBA	Special District Issues Forum	Gold Beach Library	5:30 pm- 7:30 pm
February	10	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas' Home, GB	9:30 am
	TBA	Special District's Candidate Forums	TBA	TBA
	14	LWVCC 100th Birthday Fundraiser	TBA/Gold Beach	TBA
March	7	LWVOR 100 th Anni. Lunch	Salem Convention Ctr	TBA
	9	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's Home, GB	9:30 am
	12	Special District Elections	Vote!!	Vote!!
	TBA	Unit Mtgs or member teas	TBA	TBA
April	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Brookings Library	9:30 am
	TBA	Unit Meetings	TBA	TBA
May	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	MJ's Home, Sixes	9:30 am
	TBA	LWVOR Convention	TBA	
	TBA	Unit Meetings	TBA	
June	6	LWVCC Annual Meeting New/Old Board Meeting	Gold Beach	9:30a-1p 1pm



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