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WELCOME NEW LEADERS

The League of Women Voters of Curry County (LWVCC) has some exciting new leadership for 2014-2015.

Former Curry County Commissioner, Lucie LaBonté, is serving as President. Lucie has exciting new ideas and excellent leadership experience to get things moving in Curry County.

Alyssa Babin is Vice President, *Coast Lines* editor, Fundraising Chair and Brookings Unit Chair. Fundraisers are activities in which all need to participate to make a difference in LWVCC success. Among Alyssa's plans - to host a gala event in the Spring. She will need everyone's help!

We welcome new Board Member Kathi Wilson, who was drawn to the area after growing up visiting her grandparents ranch in Ophir. Kathi now lives in Port Orford and will chair the Port Orford Unit.

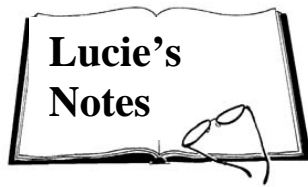
In September and October will be major Voter's Service activities, including Voter Registration and Candidate Forums. Secretary and Voter's Service Chair Charlie Alexander will need volunteers for these important annual events.

Kathi Lindsay will continue her diligent work as Treasurer, dealing with the League's complicated budget and other fiduciary duties.

We have a good start with our working board. Volunteers are still needed to assist with committees. After all, you can't let your board members be the only ones to have all the fun! Thank you for volunteering!



2014-2015 Board of Directors:
(pictured from left) Alyssa Babin,
Lucie LaBonté, Charlie Alexander,
Kathi Wilson and Kathi Lindsay



Dear Members and Friends;

Our new Board met in early August to plan the year ahead. It was a great day up in the Siskiyou Forest. I am very impressed by the talented and diverse members who you have elected as your board. We hope to have a fun and wonderful year while meeting the challenges before us.

We have some very exciting programs based on issues facing Curry County that will be presented at the Unit Meetings. "Mental Health in Our Jails" our *Issue for Emphasis* poses the question: "What Training Does Law Enforcement Have?"

This will be the topic of the September Unit Meetings. We have invited our police chiefs to meet with the units for discussion. As the year progresses we will take up issues; *Marine Sanctuaries, Nickel Mining and Children at Risk*. So watch the calendar for dates and please attend these meetings.

Voters Service, Fundraising and Membership are activities we all need to participate in even if your contribution is small. "Many hands make work easy". Look for activities and even if you volunteer to do one task it is appreciated.

Here's to a great year filled with learning and fun!

Lucie La Bonté, President

The League of Women Voters of Curry County



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September Unit Meetings

“Mental Health in Our Jails” our *Issue for Emphasis* for the year poses the question: “What Training Does Law Enforcement Have?”

This will be the topic of the September Unit Meetings. Our Police Chiefs from each city have been invited to participate in this conversation. Please check the calendar included on page 4 and plan to make one of the Unit Meetings.

At the meetings, we will learn what training officers have when an incident occurs as a first step for working on this issue.

Brookings Unit Meeting is Back

The Brookings Unit Meeting is back! The meetings will be every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.. The next meeting will be September 16, at Sebastian’s Restaurant in the Port of Brookings Harbor.

Candidate Forums Set

Two candidates for State Representative District #1 and two Curry County Commissioner candidates have been invited to attend three LWVCC Candidate Forums the first week in October.

Forums will be held October 6 at the Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings. On October 7 at Gold Beach City Hall. In Port Orford, the forum will be held on October 8 in Port Orford City Hall.

All forums will begin at 7 p.m. City candidates with opposition will be added to the list of invited candidates for each city after filing deadlines.

Annual Retreat

Janet Calvert, Board Member of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, spoke at the annual retreat on August 3.

The event was held at President Lucie Bonté’s artist’s hideaway in the woods halfway between Gold Beach and Agness.

In attendance were: Lucie LaBonté, Alyssa Babin, Charlie Alexander, Kathi Lindsay, Kathi Wilson, and Jessica Legg.

The board members created the yearly calendar after dining on a luncheon of fresh, locally caught tuna.

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar for September 2014				
	Board Meetings	Unit Meetings Important Dates	Topics of Unit Meetings	<i>Don't Forget Fundraising Goals</i>
Sept	11 10 a.m. Port Orford Alexander Home	9 Port Orford :1 p.m. Port Orford Library 16 Brookings : 5:30 p.m. Sebastian's Restaurant in the Port of Brookings Harbor 18 Gold Beach : 5:30 p.m. Gold Beach City Hall 23 National Voter Registration Day , Registering voters in Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings	Local Police Chiefs Discussion of Mental Health and related training as pertains to Curry County Law Enforcement.	Monetary support for the LWVCC Education Fund Coupon Book Sales

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter's Registration day is September 23! Volunteers will be registering voters in Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings. Volunteer by emailing Charlie Alexander at: lwvcharlie@yahoo.com.

Registering voters is a fun interactive activity at the heart of the mission of the League.

Volunteers Needed for Membership Leadership Development

LWVCC is seeking two volunteers to join members statewide to discuss new member recruitment and effective leadership. The commitment is one phone conference a month. If you are interested please contact Lucie at: labontelucie2@gmail.com.

Janet Calvert, Membership Leadership Development Coach for LWVOR, met with our board to explain the program and give an increased perspective on the League of Women Voters. Thank you Janet for making the trip from Lane County.

Coupon Book

The LWVCC needs volunteers to help contact businesses to be included in its money-making coupon book. This book offers discounts for many local businesses and services. If you can help, please contact Alyssa Babin at: lyssa.kate@gmail.com.

New Members

Alyssa Babin

I strive to emulate Mahatma Ghandi's "be the change you wish to see in the world". Helping to educate and recruit voters is a necessary and essential task in our Democracy. While in undergraduate school, I co-directed a student voter action group that registered over 300 people to vote in one month. Seeing what a difference it makes to have your voice heard and your vote counted is incredibly inspiring.

Working with the League of Women Voters on the Southern Oregon Coast, I hope to increase membership, increase awareness of the issues and get the vote up past the 35% primaries mark!



A recent graduate of Golden Gate University School of Law, I have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of legal research and writing activities. I have worked with the Center for Biological Diversity, the Office of the City Attorney of San Francisco, the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment, San Francisco Baykeeper, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and the California Coastal Commission.

Before attending law school, I was a Rare Plant Manager in the Golden Gate National Parks. I have a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. I am awaiting entrance to the Oregon State Bar.

Born and raised in Brookings, I am happy to be back on one of the most beautiful, rugged, remote coastlines in the world. As President of Wild and Scenic Rivers, a local, grassroots, conservation nonprofit, I look forward to continuing my lifelong goal protecting the rivers of Southern Oregon and Northern California

League of Women Voters General Election Positions

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) supports the following measures:

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Amends Constitution: Requires creation of a fund for Oregonians pursuing postsecondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund.

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