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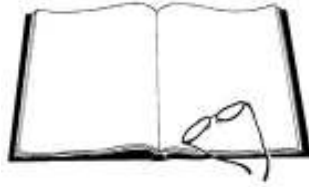
Welcome New Members

At our Annual Meeting in June the members voted that our Special Program for 2011-2012 would be increasing our membership. There has been some immediate success. We have seven new members. **Jeanie Bond** plus three household memberships: **Franciska Van Lith and Dennis Knauert, Bob and Kathy Horel and Patti and Tom Appleby**. Rumor has it that several other new membership applications are on their way but we must not stop here. There is much work to be done in the coming year and we need willing hands. If you know of someone that might be interested in joining our League please contact any Board member. Their phone numbers are on Page 2.

Take a look at the 2011-2012 Calendar on Page 3. There are many interesting activities scheduled for the year. The best way to recruit new members is to get them involved in what we do. The October Unit Meetings will feature Jim Kolen, Curry County Assessor, who will be talking about how property taxes are calculated, collected and disbursed. Everyone cares about taxes and there will be time for questions and answers so if you know a potential member who would be interested in attending please contact a Board member to get them an invitation.

2011-2012 Calendar

At the August Board meeting the calendar for 2011-2012 was approved. It is on Page 3 of this *Coast Lines*. Please note the interesting topics that are coming. The Unit Meetings in September will be devoted to Member Training – making sure we all know how the League does the things that it does. By the end of this brief session you will know how League studies issues and adopts positions. Also note the topic our other meetings. Please plan on attending!!



President's Message

Hello members and friends,

My first President's letter is one of welcome to new members and members who continue to serve and support the spirit of the League of Women Voters in our county.

What the League stands for is clearly stated in its mission statement: *"The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy."*

How that mission will be carried out in Curry County this year is in our hands. I am pleased that we have come together to contribute our talents to common causes, and I am eager to begin a new year.

Please find the schedule for our activities for 2011-2012 on page 3. I want to draw particular attention to the dates and topics for our Unit Meetings, our Holiday Party and our Annual Meeting. Our September Unit Meetings are targeted at our newer members, showing them the processes that League follows to accomplish so much. I urge you to add these dates to your calendars.

I speak for your Board in welcoming you to our Board meetings. These are open to all members. We talk about League functions such as state conferences and plan for local events that include Voters Forums and the Holiday Party and Annual Meeting.

Warmest welcome to LWVCC 2011-12!

League can make a difference,

Jan

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League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar for 2011-2012

	Board	Unit/General Meetings	Topics
September	21 st 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 13 th 1:00PM at Nelsons <i>Brookings:</i> 14 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Membership Orientation: How League Works
October	19 th 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 11 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 12 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Tax Collection and Disbursement in Curry County; Jim Kolen, Curry County Assessor
November	16 th 2:00PM Nelsons	<i>Port Orford:</i> 8 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 9 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Consensus Meeting on LWVUS study: Role of Federal Government in Education
December		<i>Holiday Party:</i> 10 th Location & Time TBA	Curry Health Network Update
January	18 th 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 10 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 11 th 2:00PM in Brookings Library	Program Planning, National and Local Positions
February	22 nd 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 14 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 15 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Celebrating League's 92 Years in Oregon and 100 Years of Oregon Women Having the Right to Vote; Voter Registration, Mock Election, Vote411
March	21 st 2:00PM Nelsons	<i>Port Orford:</i> 13 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 14 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Consensus Meeting on LWVUS study: Privatization
April	18 th 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 10 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 11 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Ballot Measure for May Primary Election
April		Voter Forums for May Primary	Locations, Dates and Times TBA
May	16 th 2:00PM Brookings Library	<i>Port Orford:</i> 8 th 1:00PM Location TBA <i>Brookings:</i> 9 th 2:00PM at Brookings Library	Consensus Meeting on LWVOR Coastal Issues Study
June		<i>Annual Meeting:</i> 9 th	Time, Location and Topic TBA

Workforce Housing Project

The Workforce Housing Project was started about two years ago to study the availability of affordable housing for the work force of Curry County. Their efforts, which were spearheaded by Wil Walkoe, involved the writing of a questionnaire and, using that questionnaire, interviewing employers, real estate professionals, developers and rental housing managers, government officials and others to find the kinds of housing that are available in Curry County. The data gathering is now complete. It is now time to draft the report that will be distributed throughout Curry County.

Wil met recently with new League members Dennis Knauert and Bob Horel to discuss the final presentation of the data. Both Dennis and Bob have the backgrounds that are needed for this task. They will be joined by another new League member, Tom Appleby. They will take the data that has been collected and turn it into a useable document for businesses and government to use for future planning. Many thanks to Wil for his diligence in guiding the project to this point. We look forward to seeing what our new members create and we thank them for stepping up to the task.

A Day in the Life of the Clinic

Every Tuesday for the past 14 months, at 11:30AM, volunteers arrive to set up the clinic in the basement of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. At the same time, the Tuesday Community Kitchen staff sets up to serve the food they have been preparing. Serving nearly 100 high-quality lunches takes plenty of preparation, so they have been busy for hours.

The patrons begin to arrive: some for lunch, some for medical assistance, some for both. Amid the clatter of dishes and hum of congeniality, Clinic staffers begin to take names, patients complete necessary paperwork, and the line continues to grow until the intake list reaches 20 to 30 names. People with various illnesses wait patiently, nervously, watching the door, anticipating, but not quite believing that it will open. At precisely 1PM it opens and into the Clinic they pour, gratefully, humbly, until the waiting room on the other side is full. Then they sit, again waiting, still uncertain that it is really true, worried that someone still might say there has been a mistake, that their paperwork is not in order or that the doctor is not in.

As patients take a seat in the waiting area, the clinical hustle and bustle has already begun. Volunteers: intake, outtake, social workers, nurses, medical practitioners and valued management and clerical staff buzz through the Clinic, nonstop, until the final patient has been seen. Sometimes it is 4:30, sometimes 5:30 or as late as 6:30PM. No matter. Everyone gets the attention they need. Exhausted, but gratified, the staff begins to fold up the Clinic operation and return it to its customary appearance as a church meeting room for church members, AA and other groups.

As the cleaning crew arrives to dismantle and disinfect, volunteers drift out and the scene returns to normalcy. What remains is the memory of grateful patients who were not forgotten or turned away, and feel better. New volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Father Bernie at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 541 469 3314.

Editor's Note: While the Clinic is not directly connected to the League of Women Voters of Curry County the Board wants to use available space in Coast Lines to make members aware of this valuable work.

Our League Needs Your Help

One of the most important things that the League of Women Voters of Curry County does is keep its members informed about the actions of the various governmental bodies in Curry County. For years Dorthea Petersen has been reporting on the Curry County Commissioners' meetings. Sadly for us, Dorthea has moved out of Curry County and will no longer be able to do this important job. Not only do we need to replace her, we should have members reporting on all of the City Council, Board of Education and Port Commissioners meetings in our County.

Being an observer is a job that any of us can do. It merely requires attending the public meetings, writing a brief report on the actions taken and sending that report to the *Coast Lines* editor. You are not expected to take part in the meeting, just observe what takes place. We all believe strongly in open government and having observers at these meetings is the grass-roots effort that makes open government a reality. If you are interested in becoming an observer to a governing body in your area please contact any Board member at a phone number listed on Page 2.

Officers and Directors 2011-2012

At our Annual Meeting in June the following Officers and Directors were elected. In addition, at its August Meeting the Board made its two appointments to the Nominating Committee.

Officers and Directors: Jan Krick (President), Al Wilson (Vice President), Milt Nelson (Treasurer), Kathleen Tomko (Secretary), Warren Krick (Director), June Whitehead (Director) and Shirley Nelson (Director).

Nominating Committee: Connie Wilson, Becky Flake, Georgia Nowlin, June Whitehead and Warren Krick.

Learn About Property Taxes

Jim Kolen, Curry County Assessor, will be our guest at the Unit Meeting on October 11 and 12. He will be telling us about the entire process of levying Property Taxes from assessment to collection and disbursement. And he will be there to answer your questions about property taxation in Curry County. We all know how fragile our County's finances are. Here is a chance to gain valuable insight into an important part of the County's operations. Please plan to attend so that all of us can take advantage of Mr. Kolen's knowledge.

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dorthea Petersen has LWVCC's observer at the Curry County Board of Commissioners meetings. She has moved from Curry County so this is her final report.

June 6, 2011

Administrative actions included:

- Unanimous approval of a Health and Human Services application for a Healthy Homes grant.
- Unanimous approval of an Oregon Youth Conservation Corps grant award with signature authority for Dukeb, Juvenile Director.
- Unanimous approval of a contract with Del Norte County for juvenile detention services.

July 18, 2011

Administrative actions included:

- Unanimous approval of the promotion of Nina Paluch to the Assessor's Office.
- Unanimous approval of the delegation of authority to Chairman Rhodes for the introductory presentation to State Parks regarding the properties surrounding the airport near Bandon.

August 3, 2011

Administrative actions included:

- Unanimous approval of the promotion of R. Bulskov to Business Operations Manager of the Health and Human Services Department.
- Unanimous approval of a resolution directing business for the potential merger of the Health and Human Services Department with the Health District.
- Unanimous approval of an agreement with the Oregon DOT for the Moore Street signal upgrade.

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September and October 2011

Port Orford Unit Meeting	Sept 13; 1PM	Nelson's House
Brookings Unit Meeting	Sept 14; 2PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Board Meeting	Sept 21; 2PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Oct 11; 1PM	Location TBA
Brookings Unit Meeting	Oct 12; 2PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 19; 2PM	Chetco Community Public Library

Membership Application

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JOIN NOW!

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Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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_____ \$82.50 HOUSEHOLD (for one-year membership for the current year) for two members who share an address

_____ YES, I would like to receive *CoastLines* by email, saving LWVCC over \$10 a year in postage and printing.

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