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The League of Women Voters ® of Curry County

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Annual Meeting Saturday June 9; 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM



**The Tea Room
434 Redwood Avenue
Brookings, OR 97415**



Schedule

9:30 - 10:00 AM	Meet and greet, pay 2012-2013 dues, pay for luncheon.
10:00 AM - Noon	Business Meeting including approval of 2012-2013 Budget and Program and election of Officers and Directors
Noon - 12:45 PM	Luncheon
12:45 - 1:30 PM	Presentation by Tom Bozack - "The Influence of Viral Propaganda on American Political Discourse"

Menu

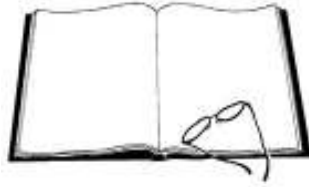
Choice of Lasagna, Vegetarian Lasagna, Ginger Chicken Salad, Quiche Lorraine or Vegetarian Quiche. A garden salad, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea or soda) are included. Beer and wine are available for purchase.

Cost: \$22.00 includes service. As we started to do at our Holiday Party, the League is making a modest profit on the cost of lunch in order to keep dues as low as possible.

Reservations are necessary and should be made with Shirley Nelson at mas770@charter.net or 541-332-9002 by June 3, 2012.

Our League's Annual Meeting is a time to review the year that is ending and to prepare for the future. We elect officers, adopt a budget, and adopt a program for the coming year. We always look at our local positions and follow instructions from the previous January's Program Planning units. We have a couple of changes to propose to add to existing positions. You will hear reports about what our League has accomplished this past year. We have done a lot. Please come celebrate our achievements!

Annual Meeting is also a great chance to visit with fellow League members that you might not see often, including those from Port Orford and Gold Beach, and to enjoy a delicious lunch. Try to arrive at the restaurant at 9:30 a.m. or shortly thereafter. That will give you time to pay for lunch and your dues for next year, find a place at the table, maybe have a cup of coffee, and visit.



Dear League Members and Friends,

Taking part in State Council this year was a valuable learning experience and special opportunity not only to meet League members from across the State but to watch our State officers in action. Highlights were speaking before the group, hearing many words of admiration for our efforts and achievements here in Curry County, and thoroughly enjoying the wit and charm of speaker Secretary of State Kate Brown. I also met our own local League liaison Alice Bartelt to whom I have sent a personal invitation to attend our Annual Meeting on June 9.

It is also my pleasure to extend a very sincere invitation to each of you to attend our League's Annual Meeting. We begin at 9:30 a.m. with a time to socialize among members before beginning our business meeting at 10 AM. I think you will find committee reports recalling the activities of our local League of the past year to be especially interesting. After business has been conducted, lunch will be served after which Tom Bozack will speak on a timely topic: revealing mischievous and misleading techniques in election campaigning. Please join us at the Tea Room in Brookings. For those of you on the board, please remember that a short board meeting will follow immediately.

Also coming up will be a Candidates Forum in October for the Fall Election and our August planning meeting for the 2012-13 fiscal year. We hope you will all find the League of Women Voters an organization worthy of your continued support. We do make a difference in Curry County, in Oregon and even on a national level as we propose studies, like the one on lobbying this year, that has received national attention. More on that topic in my report at the Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Jan Krick

The League of Women Voters of Curry County



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Work Force Housing Summary

The Work Force Housing Project issued a summary report that was sent to all of the people who were interviewed and to other interested parties. Jan Krick's cover letter for the summary follows. A summary of the report is on Page 4.



May 6, 2012

To: Participants in the LWVCC Workforce Housing Project

The League of Women Voters of Curry County wants to thank you for your participation in the 2009-11 Workforce Housing Survey concluded recently.

The attached summary of survey findings and chart showing earnings to housing costs confirm that the time and effort spent surveying and compiling the data was worthwhile.

If you would like to receive the complete 5-page report from this project, please contact me and I will be happy to mail or email that report to you. You can reach me at (541) 469 4230 or jan@oregoncoasters.com.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has always seen itself as an unbiased source of collective knowledge. This report and its contents has been approved by the LWVCC Board of Directors.

Again, thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely yours,

Jan Krick
President
League of Women Voters of Curry County

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League of Women Voters of Curry County Work Force Housing Project

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has completed a project evaluating the availability of affordable work force housing in Curry County. The project was designed to answer the question "Is there an adequate supply of work force housing in Curry County to support economic development, whether through growth of existing businesses or attraction of new businesses?" LWVCC is making the project results available to all interested parties.

What is Work Force Housing?

Work Force Housing (WFH) is housing that is affordable by workers in the lower half of the pay range of local employers. Since a business can only operate in this area if all of its employees can afford to live here, the supply of work force housing is a critical factor in economic development.

The LWV Project

From 2009 through mid 2011, the LWVCC has conducted a series of interviews to assess the balance of supply and need for WFH. Structured interviews were conducted in two categories: Employer Interviews and Targeted Interviews (real estate agents, financial institutions, builders, business associations and government agencies). Qualitative and quantitative responses were recorded, analyzed and displayed.

Project Findings

- There is a clear shortage of WFH in Curry County.
- This shortage creates problems both for current area employers and for economic development.
- Provision of additional WFH would be a definite asset to the County.

Additional Information and Follow Up

Attached, please find a chart showing the compiled data received regarding housing costs and housing budgets based on income in Curry County. Please contact LWVCC president Jan Krick (541-469-4230 or jan@oregoncoasters.com) if you would like to receive the complete report from this project.

We Couldn't Have Done It Without You

This project was the result of the efforts of quite a few people. Most were League members and some were not. Their efforts included hours of planning, designing of the questionnaire, gathering and analyzing data then compiling it into a readable format. Our thanks go to project lead, Wil Walkoe, as well as Patti and Tom Appleby, Bob Horel, Dennis Knauert, Jan Krick, Shirley Nelson, Dave Nixon, Dorthea Petersen, Jan Willms and Sara Wilson.

MAY UNIT MEETING REPORT

“Ocean Frontiers,” a colorful and informative film, was shown at both Unit Meetings in May. The DVD begins and ends with Port Orford people explaining the process used to get a Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area established. The second segment described how environmentalists and shipping companies cooperated to protect whales in Boston Harbor. The third segment showed how the coral reefs in the Florida Keys are being cared for. The fourth segments showed how Iowa farmers learned how their agricultural practices impact the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico and how they could improve the situation.

THE VALUE OF VOTING

Port Orford’s Theatre 101 is in the process of preparing a Reader’s Theater event to be held four times beginning July 4. The working title is “The Value of Voting” and features people and events involved in the struggles to gain voting rights for all Americans. They want to include the League of Women Voters in these events. Tentative schedule is July 4, 5, 6, and 7 at 7:00 p.m. The LWVCC Board decided to support the endeavor and try to get our members to help with registering voters at the theater during intermission. More information will be available at the Annual Meeting.

LWVOR COUNCIL

Editor's note: Jan and Warren Krick were the Curry County League's delegates to State Council in Eugene on May 11 and 12. Here is Jan's report.

We very much enjoyed the collaboration and camaraderie of League members from all over Oregon. The purpose of State Council is for the LWVOR Board of Directors to connect with local Leagues between convention years; that is, every other year. A formal call is made by the president of LWVOR to presidents of all local Leagues, directors and members at large to meet to elect the second vice-president, treasurer and three elected Board members as well as give guidance to the Board on programs and methods of work, and to approve the State’s annual budget.

It sounds like work and it was, but it was also fun exchanging ideas and hearing what other Leagues are doing. Our Curry County League generated interest and admiration for our past work on Homeless and Runaway Youth and the Judiciary State studies. Our recently completed Workforce Housing project has caught the eye of many local leagues in Oregon, as well as our proposal for a national study on lobbying. I received a call from LWVOR President Robin Wisdom as we were preparing for the trip asking me to speak about our proposal and my recent telephone conversation with LWVUS lobbyist Betsy Lawson. Imagine my surprise when I found that I was first on the Council agenda!

Also on the minds of League members in Oregon is a State restudy, presented by the Education Fund, on Children at Risk. As a result of our participation in the 2006-08 Homeless and Runaway Youth study that netted Oregon programs \$900,000 in state-funding, we in Curry County have been asked to take a role in this restudy. On a less celebratory note, because League membership rates have fallen statewide, a new membership development program is being funded at the national level that will bring trained coaches to any Oregon League that requests help in raising awareness and membership locally. We can be very, very proud that in Curry County membership is up whereas, statewide, it has fallen by 21% since 2010. I want to thank all of you for your loyalty and commitment to what the League of Women Voters does in our community, state and country to keep the populace informed and educated concerning political issues that affect our lives. We also talked about the success of Vote411, Election Year 2012, Coastal Natural Resources, and the celebration this year of a century of voting rights for Oregon women.

Vote411 Provided Candidate Information During Primary

The League of Women Voters online Voters Guide - Vote411 - was a great success during the Oregon Primary Election. It presented non-partisan information for every contest on each voter's ballot. After supplying their home address each voter received a ballot tailored specifically for them.

Looking ahead to the General Election in November each voter will be able to study and compare candidate biographies and answers to important questions. All answers will be provided by the candidates. No spin. No negative ads. Just the unbiased information needed to make these important decisions. Voters will be able to print their choices to simplify filling out their ballot.

You can get to Vote411 by going to the "Elections" page at lwvcurry.org or by going to onyourballot.vote411.org. After you supply your home address click on the "Find My Races" button. Verify that your address is correct and all of the races that will appear on your ballot will be available.

Proposed Membership List Distribution Plans

Your Board wants to make sure that each member has ready access to a membership list to help members contact each other. We want to avoid the expense of printing and mailing the list. At the same time we want to protect each member's privacy. Here is what we propose:

- We will send out a membership list as an addendum to our July/August *Coast Lines*, which is published on about August 15.
- Members will be able to contact the Membership Chair prior to August 1 to request that some or all contact information (address, phone number or email address) be omitted from the list.

We will discuss this proposal at the Annual Meeting and agree on a policy.

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Membership Application

WE NEED YOU WITH US!

JOIN NOW!

Name/Names _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

_____ \$55 ONE-YEAR individual membership due on Sept. 1st of the current year.

_____ \$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.

Please make your dues checks payable LWVCC, listing the year (2011-2012) on your check, and return with an application form to: LWVCC Treasurer

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