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## **SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS VOTER FORUMS APRIL 29, 30 AND MAY 1 PORT ORFORD, GOLD BEACH AND BROOKINGS**

A number of candidates have filed for Special District boards, from local Port Commissions to Southwestern Oregon Community College. As usual, our League will hold forums for those running for contested seats. All forums will run from 7:00 to approximately 9:00 p.m.

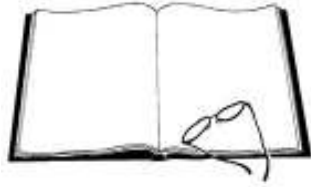
The **Port Orford** forum April 29 at Port Orford Library will feature three candidates for one Port Commission seat and nine running for four seats on the SOCC Board. Shirley Nelson will moderate. On April 30 in the **Gold Beach** City Hall Council Room there will be two candidates for the Port Commission and the same nine candidates for SOCC. Nelson will moderate this forum, too.

In **Brookings** on May 1 at Chetco Community Public Library a split forum will be held to accommodate nine school board candidates, four Port candidates, two for the Harbor Sanitary District and the SOCC board. Maggie McHugh will moderate. All League members in each town are urged to attend and to help at their respective forums.

## **MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH CARE IN CURRY COUNTY - PRESENTATIONS AT APRIL UNIT MEETINGS**

Bob Horel, a member of the League of Women Voters of Curry County, will be speaking on the transition from government to nonprofit management of health care at the April Unit Meetings in Port Orford and Brookings. He currently teaches Mathematics at College of the Redwoods in Crescent City and some courses at Southwest Oregon Community College Brookings campus.

A resident of Brookings, Mr. Horel retired several years ago as Warden of Pelican Bay State Prison, the culmination of a 20-year time of service with the prison system. Prior to that, he served as the Program Director for welfare services for the State of California. He will speak for about 20 minutes on the transition from government to non-profit management of the services under the purview of the board he chairs. He will then respond to questions and dialogue on the subject of his presentation.



Dear Members and Friends,

Special District Elections do not generate the wide visibility that national and statewide elections do but, in many ways, their results have more direct effects on our lives. Port Commissioners, members of our local school boards and the board of Southwestern Oregon Community College have a lot to do with quality of life in Curry County. We need to pay attention to these elections.

We have Voter Forums scheduled for April 29 in Port Orford, April 30 in Gold Beach and May 1 in Brookings. Please plan to attend the Forum in your area. Most importantly, these Forums are some of the most visible activities that our League presents. Our excellent reputation has been earned in part by the quality of these evenings. **We need your help!!**. If you can help us set up or clean up, gather question cards from the audience or act as a question screener, we need to hear from you. Please call Shirley Nelson at 541-332-9002.

Our March Unit Meetings were devoted to presentations and question and answer sessions with Curry County Sheriff John Bishop. The meetings were well attended, both by League members and by the community. A summary of these meetings is on Page 3.

Our April Unit Meetings will be devoted to Health Care Management in Curry County. There is a detailed description on Page 1. Our May Unit Meetings will be devoted to City governance. The mayors of Port Orford and Brookings will be attending the meetings in their respective cities. The Port Orford meeting is scheduled for May 14 and the Brookings meeting is scheduled for May 15. Come learn more about what your city is planning!!

League does make a difference!!

Al Wilson

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## **Sheriff Bishop Speaks at March Unit Meetings**



**A capacity crowd fills the Port Orford Public Library Freedom of Speech Room.**



**Sheriff John Bishop**

Curry County Sheriff John Bishop spoke to each of our three units during March. His talks covered the basic facts of his job: he is elected by the people and answerable to them, not the County Commissioners or any other body. The office of sheriff has a long history dating back to England in about 500 AD. More than 68 Oregon statutes describe the duties of a sheriff and what is mandated.

Though the talk was similar in all three locations, the questions varied widely. In Port Orford and Gold Beach they were more general, referring back to his speech; in Brookings there was much concern about guns and possible regulations or taking guns away from citizens.

In Gold Beach much of the conversation concerned medical costs, salaries, the number of positions in the past and present in the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff did emphasize the differences between City Police and the Sheriff office. A City Police Chief is under the City Council and manager whereas the Sheriff runs their department as an Elected Official and County Commissioners only control the funding. The differences in responsibilities were also emphasized. Only counties can declare emergencies and they are responsible for the jails. Cities use these services but only the taxes from the County share of property taxes are used as match to state and federal funding to keep the jail.

About forty-five people attended the Port Orford unit meeting, twenty-seven in Brookings, and fewer in Gold Beach.

## **LWVOR Convention in Coos Bay May 17 to 19**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon holds a convention every two years. This year's convention is located nearby in Coos Bay. A complete description of the convention and what you need to do to attend was printed on Page 4 of our January 2013 issue. For further information please contact Shirley Nelson at 541-332-9002 or [mas770@charter.net](mailto:mas770@charter.net).



**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

Oregon State Capitol and Montag Den, Willamette University  
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**Hearings:**

We will give you the opportunity to sign up in advance with a host for 8 AM, 1 PM, and/or 3 PM hearings. Please make sure we have a legible email address so we can send you the sign-up form and instructions on Monday, April 8.

Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **April 3, 2013**. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org). Register online and get map, parking info, and agenda at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org).

## **CHANGES MADE TO LWVOR COASTAL AND NEARSHORE MANAGEMENT POSITION**

*Below are the passages that have been added to the Coastal and Nearshore Management position of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, 1990. All Units of the League of Women Voters of Curry County participated in the study which resulted in these 2013 additions:*

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports uniformity of regulations governing the coastal management zone, with opportunity for public input. Jurisdictions should have the ability to enhance regulations to better address local conditions. The League supports the development and maintenance of local comprehensive plans and development codes. Funding should be adequate for effective management and enforcement and should come from a variety of sources.

The LWVOR supports the creation and operation of marine reserves and protected areas on the Oregon Coast. Siting and management of reserves should reflect a variety of factors, including habitat, species diversity, fisheries and tourism, with sound science being the most critical. The reserves should have identified goals, continuous funding should come from multiple public and private sources.

The LWVOR supports active research into ocean energy technologies. Research should incorporate evaluation of impacts on marine habitats and the coastal economy. Funding should be from multiple public and private sources. Commercial deployment should be allowed only after adequate scientific research is completed and regulations have been adopted. Monitoring should be ongoing with necessary actions and modifications taken to protect the marine environment. Commercial operations should agree to bear the cost of remediating and restoring any environmental damage.

The LWVOR supports actions to restore and preserve estuaries to assure they function effectively in the long term. Measures could include additional reserves, streamside protection, planting, removal of invasive species, scientific research, restoration, and response to climate change. Funding should be from multiple public and private sources. Estuary restoration should encourage education and volunteer involvement.

The League recognizes that dredging may be necessary to keep deep-water channels open for maritime commerce. Prior to activity, environmental assessments must be completed to ensure protection of habitat. Design and execution should minimize damage to natural habitats.

Recognizing that mining affects water quantity, quality, and habitat, mining practices should be strictly regulated to minimize damage and require restoration. In some instances where preserving water quality and habitat is vital, mining should be banned.

## Welcome to New Members!!!

**Kathi Lindsay** is one of our two newest League members. Already an active part of the Port Orford Unit, she is contacting elected officials to better understand issues the citizens face. Asked what drew her to League, she reported appreciation for Voter Forums with full and unbiased information. She grew up, was educated and worked as a special education teacher in Oklahoma. She holds an Associates degree in early childhood education from Oklahoma City Community College, and Bachelors, Masters and certification in Special Education from Oklahoma University. Kathi brings “a gift for teamwork” to whatever she does, and is now set to bring that skill to our League’s activities.

**Judy Fladger** spent her working life in Southern California, where both she and her husband were social workers, and then for many years worked for Xerox Corporation prior to moving to Port Orford in retirement. She spent three years in college. Since moving here, she became an active CASA, she and her husband served as foster home parents for challenging young men. She volunteers at Port Orford Library and the Common Good food program. Asked why she joined, she said she always knew League provided researched voter information, and said at the first meeting she attended, “I was able to use my brain today.”

### In Memoriam

With deep sorrow we remember and are thankful for the wonderful life of long time League member **Dobe Wilson**. He and his wife Connie have been members our League for many years and were active in our studies, our Voter Forums and, most recently, as the team that mails each issue of *CoastLines*. Connie continues in that capacity. Survivors include Connie, his wife of 67 years; daughters Kye Forsee and her husband Bruce of Alexandria, Va., and Suzi Wilson of New York City; grandchildren Diane Marineau, David, Alan and Peter Forsee; and eight great-grandchildren.



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April and May 2013		
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Apr 9; 1- 3 PM	Port Orford Public Library
Brookings Unit Meeting	Apr 10; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex
LWVCC Board Meeting	Apr 19; 11 AM	Biscuit Building in Gold Beach
Port Orford Voter Forum	Apr 29; 7 PM	Port Orford Library
Gold Beach Voter Forum	Apr 30; 7 PM	Gold Beach City Hall Council Room
Brookings Voter Forum	May 1; 7 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Port Orford Unit Meeting	May 14; 1- 3 PM	To Be Announced
Brookings Unit Meeting	May 15; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex
Special District Elections	May 21 by 8 PM	A ballot box near you
LWVCC Board Meeting	May 22; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex

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