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## **VOTER FORUMS WELL ATTENDED & INFORMATIVE**



Moderator Al Wilson with Position 2 candidates Leroy Blodgett, Randy Dowler, Lucie La Bonté, George Rhodes and David Smith



Moderator Al Wilson with Position 3 candidates Susan Brown, Greg Empson and Bill Waddle

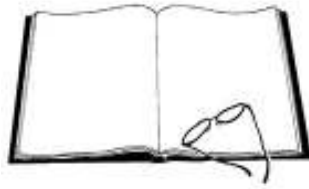
Three successful forums were held in April. Eight of the nine candidates appeared at all Forums. Although he fully intended to participate in all three Forums, John Herzog of Brookings, a candidate for Position 3, was unable to appear due to family issues.

Approximately 30 people were present at Gold Beach on April 17. All submitted questions were posed to the candidates. Three couples (five members) from our League conducted the forum. There was no press coverage or police presence. A story and picture appeared on the front page of the *Gold Beach Reporter* April 25, written by the editor who attended the Brookings forum.

At Port Orford on April 18 the audience was between 50 and 60 people and all submitted questions were posed to the candidates. Six League members were present to help. A uniformed policeman was present but was not needed and he left early. Although Shirley contacted the local high school, they were not represented. A writer from *Port Orford News* was there and a story and pictures are in the April 25 paper.

At Brookings on April 19 the audience was between 80 and 90 people. We only had time for about half of the questions for the Position 2 candidates but were able to present all of the questions to the Position 3 candidates. A uniformed Brookings policeman was present but was not needed. A photographer/reporter was present from the *Curry Coastal Pilot* and a lengthy and well written article with an accompanying photograph were in the April 21 *Pilot*. Six League members helped put on the Forum.

Many comments were heard, both from audience members and the candidates after each Forum thanking the League for sponsoring the events and congratulating us on a job well done. These Forums are the most visible thing our League does and these Forums reflected well on all of us. We can all be proud of our contribution to our Community.



Dear League Members and Friends,

Buenos dias! I returned last night from a week-long Spanish program through Road Scholar in El Rito, New Mexico. It was fantastic! I hope to use my new skills with patients at St. Timothy's Clinic, and with bilingual school children in our vicinity.

I am sorry that I could not attend the Voters Forums. I hear that everything went well. I am eager to hear more from members who attended. Thank you so much for the devoted efforts of members who helped put on these events. They are some of the most valuable work we do for our community and we could not have done it without you. Muchas gracias a mis amigos!

In May, Warren and I will attend LWVOR Council in Eugene. I have been asked to present our national lobbying study proposal. Our League is requesting the support of state and local Leagues around the country for our study proposal. I will keep you informed as to our success, as well as report on Council when we return.

Our May Unit Meetings are going to be special. We will be showing a DVD entitled "Ocean Frontiers." Please see Page 3 for a further description, dates, times and locations.

The announcement of our Annual Meeting is on Page 3. Please save the date and make your reservation by calling or emailing Shirley Nelson on or before June 1. A fine lunch will be served, there will be an interesting presentation by Tom Bozack and we have a lot of important business to cover. Please plan to attend so that you can have a role in deciding our League's activities in the coming year.

In the meantime, adios for now to my friends and colleagues in the LWVCC!

Jan Krick

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**Annual Meeting**  
**June 9, 2012**  
**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 to Shirley Nelson at [mas770@charter.net](mailto:mas770@charter.net) or 541-332-9002 by June 1, 2012.

**May Unit Meetings**

**Port Orford: May 8 at 1PM; Mt. Zion Lutheran Church;  
2015 Washington St.; Port Orford**  
**Brookings: May 23 at 2PM; Al Wilson's House**

A beautifully photographed, well-written and presented story of efforts to preserve wildlife in our oceans will be the subject of May Unit Meetings in Brookings and Port Orford. "Ocean Frontiers" features the Marine Reserve and Protected Area at Port Orford, an effort to get ships to change their routes enough to avoid collisions with whales in Boston Harbor, a project educating farmers in Iowa about how their practices impact the Gulf of Mexico, and a project with reefs in Florida. The 80-minute documentary shows how private industry and citizen activists can work together for the good of the environment. This should be an uplifting presentation. Don't miss it.

**Brookings Members:** Please note the date, time and location of this meeting. It is a change from our previous schedule. This will be a better venue for viewing this wonderful DVD. If you need directions to Al's house please contact him at [al@ruffandsluff.com](mailto:al@ruffandsluff.com) or at 541-469-5805.

## Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

One of the items of business for the League's Annual Meeting on June 9 is to approve our budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year that starts on July 1. Your Board of Directors approved the budget shown below for presentation to the members at that meeting. There will be time for questions, comments and proposed changes to this budget before voting for its approval. **It is important that you look over this budget before the meeting.**

Your Board wants to be able to increase our League's visibility and effectiveness in the community by advertising Vote411 in our community. We also expect increased expenses for Voter Service in the year ahead because our General Election might well require two sets of Forums: one for candidates and one for Ballot Measures. We want to accomplish all of this without raising dues. We need to generate additional income from other sources. Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss what your Board has in mind.

Line Items	2011-12 Budget	est. to 6-30	Proposed
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising Grant, Vote 411	0	0	750
Bulletin Sponsors	450	395	400
Contributions	660	0	600
Fund Raisers	1250	0	750
Interest	25	7	8
Meetings	300	600	600
Membership Dues	1450	910	1950
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>5058</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising Grant, Vote 411	0	0	750
Dues Assistance	50	0	55
Office Supplies	25	0	10
Postage	0	18	18
Publications	50	0	50
Bulletin Copying	165	144	146
Bulletin Postage	275	133	135
Convention/Council	500	300	500
Workshops	200	200	200
Local Projects	250	10	100
Voter Service	125	50	223
Website	200	200	215
Fundraiser Expense	100	0	100
License Fee	50	80	80
State Assessment	45	45	45
PMP National	925	840	1018
PMP State	875	770	933
Annual Meeting	300	250	250
Christmas Lunch	0	229	230
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>3269</b>	<b>5058</b>
		<b>-1327</b>	

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Four positions on the LWVCC Board must be filled at the Annual Meeting on June 9. The Nominating Committee will be nominating (1) Jan Krick as President for a one year term, (2) Milt Nelson as Treasurer for a two year term, (3) Genevieve Leary as a Director for a two year term. The fourth nomination remains open. Ideally this person would serve as Secretary for a two year term. Failing that, the League needs another Director to serve a two year term and the role of Secretary would rotate amongst the Board Members. The Nominating Committee is continuing to look for a candidate. If you are interested please contact Jan Krick at [jan@oregoncoasters.com](mailto:jan@oregoncoasters.com) or 541-469-4230.

Members should be aware that Milt Nelson agreed to accept the nomination as Treasurer when Genevieve Leary agreed to accept the position of Treasurer starting with the 2013-1014 fiscal year. The plan is for Milt to train Genevieve in the coming year. He will then resign the role of Treasurer and become a Director while Genevieve becomes Treasurer.

### **ITEMS FOR CONCURRENCE AT ANNUAL MEETING**

At January Unit Meetings we looked at our six local positions. Each year we are asked to review these and make one of three choices: Retain the position as is, update it\*, or drop it (which means we could no longer take any action on that subject in our county). Discussion was active, especially in Brookings, as people questioned or made suggestions about our existing positions. The results were discussed at the April board meeting.

Our positions cannot be too specific because that limits us in taking action (letters to Editor, other letters, testimony before public bodies, etc.). Therefore, adding the names of specific projects – even though they seem to fit under the position is usually not effective and often unnecessary under the “umbrella” wording of the position. The board, using suggestions from Brookings Unit, drafted the following additions to two of the positions. These must be approved at the Annual Meeting for them to take effect.

**Recycling** (partial statement of position): Curry County LWV believes recycling should become mandatory ... League supports recycling education and encourages full citizen participation in recycling efforts. *Add: We urge the reduction of consumption of resources by buying items with less or no packaging ,by reusing containers, and by composting.*

**Water Sources & Uses in Curry County** (partial statement): “... that watersheds are a part of earth’s hydrological cycle and are, therefore, affected by rainfall shortages. Applying this principle, the League supports. 1. Maintaining a healthy balance between the water requirements for population growth and the water requirements of anadromous fish runs *and all life forms.*

### **POSSIBLE NEW STUDY**

A possible new study was also proposed at the Brookings Unit Meeting: “To Study Health Care in Curry County.” While our League has not done a study for thirteen years, we also have had fewer members willing to work on studies. We did a survey (similar to the Workforce Housing Survey) about county health care – from the consumer’s point of view – since the last study on county government.

**A Study requires a lot of work** and these things need to be in place before the Board can approve a Study: 1. a chair, 2. a committee of at least two other people (in our county, one of those three people from each town would be ideal). 3. Those people, or at least the chair, would have to determine the *scope* of the study. Are we going to look at just hospitals? Would we include Crescent City and Coos Bay and Bandon hospitals, at many Curry people go to those places? Would we include hospitals within the county and clinics? Would we look at insurance and how that contributes or not to health care? 4. Timeline: Will this be a one-year or two-year study? 5. Would we publish the results? 6. What do we want to find out? What kinds of consensus questions will we ask our members so that we can come to a position? **If anyone can satisfy requirements 1 through 4 by the May 16 Board Meeting, the Board will consider proposing the study to the Annual Meeting. Only the League members can vote to create a Study.**

## Vote411 is Up and Running

The League of Women Voters now has an online Voters Guide. It presents non-partisan information for every contest that will be on your ballot. The only information you need to supply is your home address. You will be able to study and compare candidate biographies and answers to important questions. All answers were provided by the candidates. No spin. No negative ads. Just the unbiased information you need to make these important decisions. When you get done you can print off your choices to simplify filling out your ballot.

You can get to Vote411 by going to the "Elections" page at [lwvcurry.org](http://lwvcurry.org) or by going to [onyourballot.vote411.org](http://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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due May 15. Make sure your  
ballot is completed, signed,  
sealed and returned on time.**



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May and June 2012		
<b>Port Orford Unit Meeting</b>	May 8; 1 PM	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church; 2015 Washington St.; Port Orford
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	May 16; 2-4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
<b>Brookings Unit Meeting</b>	May 23; 2 PM	Al Wilson's House
<b>LWVCC Annual Meeting</b>	June 9; 9:30 AM	The Team Room; 434 Redwood Ave. Brookings

# Membership Application

WE NEED YOU WITH US!

JOIN NOW!

Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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

P O Box 1471  
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