



# CoastLines

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY JUNE 15; 9:30AM - 1:00PM**

**SHOWCASE BUILDING;  
THE EVENTS CENTER ON THE BEACH;  
CURRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; GOLD BEACH**

Come one, come all, to the League of Women Voters of Curry County Annual Meeting Saturday, June 15. The location will be the Showcase Building at the Event Center at the Beach in the Curry County Fairgrounds on Ellensburg Avenue (Highway 101) in Gold Beach. We will gather at 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. for paying for lunch, visiting, and having a cup of coffee or tea.

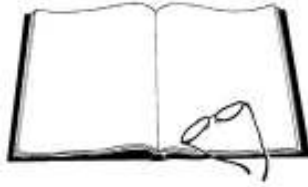
This is our time to celebrate what has happened in our League this past year and to adopt plans for the next year: electing officers, approving a budget and choosing program. We will honor those who have made special efforts this year, remember those who have moved away from our community or have died during the year. Our delegates and observers to the LWVOR Convention in Coos Bay will present brief reports. There will be chances for you to participate: making or seconding motions, voting, offering suggestions for unit topics for next year, taking a brief quiz on "What do YOU know about LWVCC?"

Business begins at 10:00 a.m. and we hope to conclude by noon for lunch. Friends of the Fair will have a good meal for us: Quiche Lorraine or Vegetarian Quiche, Salad Bar, Coffee or Tea, Ice Cream. The price will be \$13.00 which includes a donation to our League. The Friends need a count by June 8 so everyone will be called by that time to get your reservation and your choice of quiche.

County Clerk Renee' Kolen is tentatively scheduled to be our speaker on the topic of the state of Vote-By-Mail in Oregon. We also expect Janet Calvert of Eugene to tell us more about the Membership Leadership Development campaign which is having success nationally in increasing League membership. See you there!

## **FUNDRAISING FOR 2013 - 2014**

One of the most important topics that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting will be fundraising for 2013 - 2014 and beyond. As you will see by reading the proposed budget on Page 4, our League needs to put its fiscal house in order. Your Board is working on plans that they think can be implemented in the coming year that, with a little participation for each and every member, can help us arrive at a balanced cash flow. Please come to the Annual Meeting to hear about and to comment on these plans.



Dear Members and Friends,

Our League had many successes in 2012-2013 but we are faced with some big challenges. We can solve these problems. The time to do it is now. We cannot delay!!

Last July our League won the Sweepstakes Award for our entry in the Curry County Fair Parade. During the last year we presented two sets of Voter Forums; one for the County and State races in November 2012 and the other for the Special District Election that is still in progress. In January we published our biennial Directory of Public Officials.

Our Unit Meetings were productive. We provided important input on the Coastal Issues Study. We provided our opinions regarding existing local and State positions. We also sponsored discussions with various government officials that were open to the public. Subjects included health care delivery in Curry County, the state of the District Attorney's Office, an update on Public Safety in Curry County, a Health Care Management update and reports from the three Mayors of the cities in Curry County.

Our membership count increased by five even though we lost several members due to death or migration. All of these good things must not allow us to lose sight of two serious problems that our League must solve.

First, our League continues to draw upon financial reserves. This cannot continue. We are going to be discussing two items at the Annual Meeting: an increase in dues and a new fundraising project for 2013-2014. We need your input!!

The second problem is more subtle but every bit as important. Our good works are being spearheaded by long time League members. We need more involvement from new members so that they can assume these leadership roles in the future. Quite simply, we need new worker bees. We need to start training our future leaders now so that the continuing health of our League is assured. When we ask for willing hands, please step forward. Our League's long term future depends on your participation!!

League does make a difference!!

Al Wilson

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## Special District Election Voter Forums



**Candidates for Position 3, Port Orford Port Commission: Craig Lundborg, Chane Fullmer and Tom Calvanese; Shirley Nelson (moderator); Position 4, SOCC Board: Renee Menkens; Position 7 SOCC Board: Ian Maitland**



**An interested crowd at the Port Orford Public Library Freedom of Speech Room hears from the Special District Election candidates.**

Three candidate forums were held April 29, 30 and May 1 in preparation for the May 21 Special District Election. Candidates for four positions on the Southwestern Oregon Community College board appeared at all three forums, though different candidates participated on different nights, due to a SOCC Board Meeting Monday night (Port Orford forum) which involved four incumbents, and personal reasons for absences.

Candidates for Port Commissions appeared in all three cities and the Brookings forum also had candidates for the Harbor Sanitary District board and Brookings-Harbor School District board. Shirley Nelson moderated the Port Orford and Gold Beach forums and Maggie McHugh moderated in Brookings. Approximately forty people made up the audience at Port Orford and also at Brookings. The Gold Beach forum was not well-attended. A total of fourteen League members and three prospects worked the three nights.

## Nominating Committee Report

### LWVCC Officer and Directors

Office	Nominees	Term Expires
President	Al Wilson	2014
Vice President	vacant	2015
Secretary	Charlie Alexander	2015
Treasurer	vacant	2014
Director #1	Kathi Lindsay	2015
Director #2	Lucie LaBonté	2015
Director #3	Milt Nelson	2014
Director #4	Maggie McHugh	2014
Director #5	Genevieve Leary	2014

### 2014 Nominating Committee:

Georgia Nowlin, Chair  
Becky Flake  
Linda Elfman

Two additional Nominating Committee members will be appointed from the 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors.

## **PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET**

Line Items	2012-13 Budget	est. to 6-30-2013	Proposed 2013-2014
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising Grant, Vote411	750		
Bulletin Sponsors	400	340	400
Contributions	600	35	
Fund Raisers	750	140	
Interest	8	1	2
Meetings	600	468	600
Membership Dues	1950	1787	2010
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5058</b>	<b>2771</b>	<b>3012</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising Grant, Vote411	750		
Dues Assistance	55		60
Office Supplies	10		
Postage	18	38	40
Publications	50		50
Bulletin Copying	146	111	110
Bulletin Postage	135	108	110
Convention/Council	500	400	500
Workshops	200		200
Local Projects	100	86	100
Voter Service	223	133	125
Website	215	212	212
Fundraiser Expense	100	140	
License Fee	80	50	50
State Assessment	45	45	45
PMP National	1018	884	1039
PMP State	933	784	921
Annual Meeting	250	250	250
Christmas Lunch	230	193	210
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5058</b>	<b>3434</b>	<b>4022</b>
		<b>-663</b>	

The proposed budget makes these assumptions: (1) a dues increase to \$60 for an individual member and \$30 for the second household member will be approved at the 2013 Annual Meeting and (2) that the League will lose 7 members July 1 and gain 5 new members by January 31.

Given these assumptions and the current levels of Per Member Payments (PMP) to LWVUS and LWVOR, the new level of dues will result in a net gain of \$50 from dues collection. As part of this proposed budget the Board of Directors recommends approval of two additional dues increases of \$5 per year for individual members and \$2.50 for second members in a household with the first becoming effective for fiscal year 2014-2015 and the second becoming effective for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The proposed budget includes no fund raising activity. The resulting deficit of approximately \$1,000 will deplete the League's cash reserves in two years. Thus, a major fund raiser is necessary to prevent insolvency.

## **PROPOSED STUDY OF CURRY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING**

Background: The League of Women Voters of Curry County has a history of interest, study and involvement in local planning and zoning issues. Between 1989 and 1993 local League members adopted several positions regarding planning and zoning issues.

1. Planning (1989)
  - a. Water and Sewers
  - b. Urban Growth Boundaries
  - c. Planning and Building Departments
  - d. Planning Commission
  - e. Zoning Ordinances
2. Conditional Use Permits (1992)

At the January 2013 Program Meetings it was recommended that these positions be reviewed in light of County revisions and modifications to the Curry County Comprehensive Plan and the Curry County Zoning Ordinances. A search of the League's records has not located any studies on which these local League positions were based.

Proposal: A Study Committee should be authorized and a Committee Chair should be appointed at the June 2013 Annual Meeting.

Scope of the Study: The Committee should review the latest Curry County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances and compare them to the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, paying particular attention to consistency (or lack thereof) within the County and State Planning Goals. The Committee should also evaluate the effects, if any, of current budget and staffing in the County Planning Department to determine adequate implementation and enforcement of planning and zoning laws. If the Committee does not feel that the current planning and zoning ordinances meet the concerns expressed in previous League positions or if other issues of concern surface, the Committee should recommend one or more position statements for consideration and possible adoption by the League of Women Voters of Curry County.

Length of the Study: Two Years, with a report and perhaps recommended position statements due to the League in time for consideration at the Annual Meeting in June 2015.

Questions to be Considered by the Members at the 2013 Annual Meeting:

1. Who will Chair the Committee? Maggie McHugh has volunteered.
2. How many people are needed for the Committee?
3. Will any expenses be incurred by the study? If so, what and how much will they be?
4. Do the Members choose to approve the creation of this study?

## **PROPOSED STUDY OF CURRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**BACKGROUND:** A study of Curry County government was done in the 1999 and a position based on that study was adopted. Many changes, particularly in personnel and funding, have taken place since that position was approved. A new study is proposed to examine how Curry County's government functions today.

**SCOPE:** A two year study of Curry County's government is proposed to determine how it currently functions. The study will focus on the current budget, projected over the next five years, and consider alternate funding sources for the future. It will study the relationship among Commissioners and between the Board of Commissioners and elected and appointed department heads together with the role of County Counsel.

**YEAR ONE:** Conduct interviews with above officials and others employed in the County government. In some cases the question will be, "How has your Department changed since 1999?"

Determine how and when evaluations of personnel and services are conducted.

Attend budget hearings in spring 2014.

**YEAR TWO:** Examine cost and effectiveness of advisory boards, commissions and committees whose members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

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May and June 2013		
<b>Port Orford Unit Meeting</b>	May 14; 1- 3 PM	Port Orford City Hall Council Room
<b>Brookings Unit Meeting</b>	May 15; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex
<b>Special District Election</b>	May 21 by 8 PM	A ballot box near you
<b>Gold Beach Unit Meeting</b>	May 23; 5:15 PM	Gold Beach City Hall
<b>LWVCC Annual Meeting</b>	June 15: 9:30 AM	Showcase Building, The Events Center on the Beach, Curry County Fairgrounds, Gold Beach

# Membership Invitation

WE NEED YOU WITH US!

JOIN NOW!

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