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State and County Voter Forums Well Attended

The Voter Forums for State and County offices were held on October 1, 2 and 3 in Gold Beach, Port Orford and Brookings, respectively, and were a rousing success. They were well attended, with about 50 people in the audience each night. Each evening was split into two sessions. The first was for the candidates for the Oregon Legislature. Jeff Kruse (R) and Eldon Rollins (D) are the candidates for State Senate. Jim Klahr (D) and Wayne Krieger (R) are the candidates for State Representative. The second half of each Forum was devoted to the candidates for Curry County Commissioner. David Brock Smith and Lucie La Bonté are the candidates for Position 2. Greg Empson and Susan Brown are the candidates for Position 3.



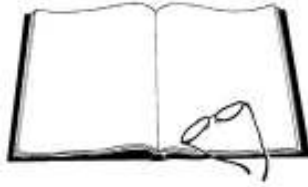
Representative Candidates Jim Klahr and Wayne Krieger, Moderator Al Wilson and Senate Candidates Eldon Rollins and Jeff Kruse at the Brookings Voter Forum.



Commissioner Candidates Greg Empson and Susan Brown, Moderator Al Wilson and Commissioner Candidates Lucie La Bonté and David Brock Smith at the Brookings Voter Forum.

The audience at each Forum submitted thoughtful and meaningful questions and each of the candidates provided answers that allowed those in attendance to understand how they would approach their task should they be elected.

The issues of the *Curry Coastal Pilot* that appeared shortly after the Brookings Forum contained an excellent synopsis of that Forum. The views of each candidate were accurately summarized by the reporter. League members will probably enjoy reading those articles if they have not already done so. They are available online at the *Pilot's* web site: www.currycoastalpilot.com.



Dear Members and Friends,

So far this month, the League of Women Voters of Curry County has organized and presented three candidate forums, conducted voter registration at SOCC, distributed Voter Guide magazines to all three county libraries and conducted a fine Unit Meeting on the Ballot Measures. At every event, we encouraged the use of VOTE411.org. This comprehensive LWV voting tool allows voters to access information from every candidate and about each of the ballot measures. Many thanks to all LWV members who volunteer their time and talent to bring voter information to the public.

Did you know we have 5 presidential candidates this year? It's so easy to find them online at VOTE 411.org. You can produce a pseudo-ballot tailored to your address. This allows you to mark your choices, print it and use it to complete your actual ballot.

Ballots will be mailed from the Curry County Clerk's office on about October 19. Your ballot should arrive by October 23. You have until November 6 to submit it.

Want to save a stamp? After you complete your ballot and sign the envelope, you may drop it in the white ballot boxes at the City Halls in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. Your ballot must be deposited by 8:00 PM on November 6. You also may mail it in the envelope provided. Do not forget a first class stamp and mail it in time to be delivered by November 6.

In this critical election year, please VOTE and encourage others to do so. If you have election questions, please contact the Elections Office at 541 247-3297 or toll free at 877 739-4218.

More than ever, League and informed voting matter.

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Registering Voters at SOCC



Maggie McHugh helps a SOCC student complete her Oregon Voter Registration.

Voter Registration at SOCC the week of October 8 brought exciting results. Not only did the local League of Women Voters register 17 new voters in Curry County, but we started a habit. Every election a ballot will arrive in the mail and each of these students will be able to vote. What's more exciting is that, thanks to LWVCC volunteers and Vote411.org, each of them is now equipped to do more -- they know how and where to educate themselves before voting.

The reaction of many students was inspiring. LWVCC members told each of them about Vote411.org and they were thrilled to hear that they could get impartial information online. We got to see firsthand how young people today view the world. Those of us with an increasing amount of grey hair grew up gathering our information from newspapers, television and radio. Some of us tend to shy away from information that is available online. Not so with the today's young people. They are at home with a computer terminal and they view online information as their preferred source.

One student after another eagerly registered after they found out the information about the candidates and issues was readily available from a non-partisan web site. One conclusion was inescapable: Vote411.org is going to do more than provide information to voters. It is going to motivate them to get involved. Those of us who were at SOCC saw evidence of this with our own eyes.

Janet Pretti, SOCC Curry Campus Dean, was very pleased that we were at the college. "I loved having you here," she said, "and seeing students at your table every time I walked by."

Many thanks to board members Jan Krick, Maggie McHugh and Al Wilson who took turns talking to students about the importance of voting and how easy it is to register and find voter information online.

Dean Pretti added, "I love that we have 17 new voters in Curry County." So do we! They have joined the ranks as voters and they know what to do to become informed before they vote.

Holiday Luncheon December 8 at 11:30 AM Port Orford Senior Center

Mark your calendar for Saturday December 8 at 11:30 AM at the Port Orford Senior Center, 1536 Jackson Street in Port Orford. Our speaker will be Peggy Lynch, Natural Resources Coordinator for League of Women Voters of Oregon. She will talk about the process of LWVOR lobbying at the Oregon State Legislature. Peggy has been a member of the League's Action team for many years. She has a thorough knowledge of the legislative process and the issues facing this legislative session. There will be many vitally important bills coming before the legislature in January. Get the low down on what is coming by joining us at the luncheon.

The menu will be chicken, vegetable casserole, roll, coffee or tea, and dessert. The price will be \$12.50 per person including the meal, gratuity, cost of the facilities, and a bit extra for our treasury. Our cook must have reservations by December 1 and special dietary needs should be mentioned when you make reservations. After November 15 please call Jan Krick at 541-469-4230 or Shirley Nelson at 541-332-9002.

Suffrage Succotash Friday November 2 at 6:00 PM Chetco Community Public Library

Save Friday night, November 2 for the First Friday Salon at Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings, starting at 6:00 p.m. "Suffrage Succotash," a Reader's Theater production by Port Orford's Theatre 101, will be presented. This is a partial history of voting rights in the United States, from the early colonies to state-by-state rules to struggles of specific groups of people to gain the right to vote: African Americans, women, Native Americans, eighteen year-olds, etc.

Led by a costumed Benjamin Franklin and featuring such people as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harry Burn, and Abigail Scott Duniway (played by Shirley Nelson), the production is packed with information. It played four nights in Port Orford to appreciative audiences. Admission is free but donations are welcome for Theatre 101 expenses.



Coastal and Nearshore Oregon Study Consensus Questions at November Unit Meetings

All LWVCC members should have received *Coastal and Nearshore Oregon: Using and Protecting Our National Resources*. It was mailed from our Oregon League's Education Fund team in late September. This is a comprehensive look at the history of our coastal environment and the steps that have been taken to protect our ocean and its shores. It explains our current situation, future development potentials and obstacles that must be overcome to utilize, preserve and protect our natural resources. The study further investigates the impact of our ocean's well-being and the sustainability of all our resources in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, including workforce, wind and wave energy production, fresh water, farming, fishing, and wildlife.

The study will be discussed at the unit meetings on Wednesday, November 7, at 2 p.m., in the Chetco Library small meeting room in Brookings, and Tuesday, November 13, at 1 p.m., in the Nelson's home in Port Orford. The League of Women Voters Oregon Coastal Study team has compiled consensus questions that will be made available to all of Oregon's local leagues before the November unit meetings for our consideration and participation. Our responses will be returned to the study team and our voices will be heard.

You are encouraged to prepare for the November unit meeting by reading the study in advance, and to attend either the Brookings or the Port Orford meeting to take an active role. If you did not receive a Coastal Study in the mail, please contact League President Jan Krick immediately. Her phone number is 541-469-4230. Her email address is jan@oregoncoasters.com. If transportation to your Unit Meeting is needed, please let her know.

This is a well-written and -researched report that is critical to our future in Oregon and to the future of our ocean, our wildlife and all natural resources locally and regionally. Please mark this important unit meeting on your calendar and attend. Remember that visitors are welcome to listen, but only members may take part in the consensus process. This excellent report has already been requested by US House Representative Peter DeFazio and will be forwarded to our Curry County Commissioners after the election.

Membership Leadership Development Program

Imagine if our League was growing in membership and funding; if we had our own coach for support, ideas, and guidance; if our League had training and mentoring to help reach this goal. Our own President Jan Krick and Shirley and Milt Nelson participated in an intensive workshop in Salem at the end of September to learn techniques to help League of Women Voters of Curry County grow and improve. We were led by two women from the LWVUS staff and Oregon's Norm Turrill who is on the LWVUS board.


The workshop was lively and informative and we will share what we learned with our Board and members throughout the rest of this year. Janet Calvert of Lane County is our coach and she will call monthly and talk to the three of us about what progress we are making. She, in turn, has a coach from LWVUS. This is the system that is working in other Leagues in the United States. Stay tuned.

Port Orford City Candidates Forum

About forty people attended the October 18 forum for Port Orford City Council and Mayor held at Port Orford City Hall. Two candidates for mayor and four candidates for three open council seats participated. Shirley Nelson was moderator. Becky Flake assisted, as did a prospective LWVCC member.

**Election Day is November 6.
Have your ballots in the box by 8:00 PM.**


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November and December 2012		
Suffrage Succotash	Nov 2; 6:00 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Election Day	Nov 6; until 8:00PM	A ballot collection box near you!!
Brookings Unit Meeting	Nov 7; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Nov 13; 1- 3 PM	Milt & Shirley Nelson's Home
LWVCC Board Meeting	Nov 14; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Holiday Luncheon	Dec 8; 11:30AM	Port Orford Senior Center

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