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CANDIDATE FORUMS SET FOR APRIL 10, 11, and 12th

Candidate Forums will be April 10th at the Port Orford City Hall, April 11th at the Chetco Library, Brookings and April 12th at the Gold Beach City Hall. All Forums are 7 to 9 pm.

Participating candidates are: for County Commissioner #2, Jan Barbas, Andre Bay, Christopher Paasch, Jeri Lyn Thompson and for State Representative #1, David Brock Smith (R), Shannon M. Souza (D). At the time invitations were sent out there was a second candidate for the Republican Primary for State Representative but one candidate dropped out. There will only be one candidate for each party for State Representative #1 on the Primary Election ballots.

Each candidate will give an opening statement after drawing for speaker order. Once the statements are complete, a moderator will read questions collected from the audience on 3"x5" index cards. Each member of the audience will be given a card when they arrive or during the forum as questions arise. No oral questions are allowed. A timer will be at each forum to time opening statements and answers to questions. All forums will end promptly at 9PM. The public is invited to stay and meet the candidates at the end of the forums.

If you are a member interested in working on the forums, please call Charlie, 541-332-0386 or e-mail: lwvcharlie@yahoo.com to sign up.

Aerial Spray Notification Process - Does it Work?

The League of Women Voters of Oregon worked with Beyond Toxins, residents and legislators to develop a process to notify Oregon residents as to when aerial spraying will take place on private timberlands. How does the process work and is it working?

LWV of Curry County invited speaker Janet Moore of Coast Range Forest Watch to speak on the notification process (FERNS). 45 people attended the forums that were held in all three parts of the County. Also present was a representative from Oregon State Forestry who administers the FERNS program. Improvements have been made and residents can go on the State Forestry website for notifications and to register. Concerned citizens were also encouraged to contact timber companies and spraying companies listed by map site to find out more about how and when spraying will occur. At the Gold Beach meeting one of the Cedar Valley residents who lobbied to increase buffers and notification came and briefly spoke. He was encouraged by improvements that were made. The group felt that buffers need to be increased and water testing needs to be funded.

Members and Friends:

March came in like a lion and we hope is going out like a lamb! Climate Change is having an effect on Curry County weather.



I will be sending out a Second Call to Council to all members with more information about the League of Women Voters of Oregon 2018 Council hosted by the Curry LWV soon. This is taking place at the Event Center on the Beach May, 4,5 and 6. The theme is "Watershed Moments". Former Secretary of State Bill Bradbury has agreed to speak as the evening Speaker on "Watershed Moments:

Climate and Salmon". The noon speakers are from our Curry Watersheds Partnership. We hope that all Curry LWV members will participate. There will be workshops throughout the day and members from all over the state to meet. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help register people Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Thank you to Anne Tlaker for helping organize this event!

This month we have our Primary Election Candidate Forums. It will be a little different this year as we will be hosting County Commissioner #2 candidates who are running as opponents in this non partisan election and State Representative #1 candidates who do not have an opponent on the Primary Ballot. Commissioner candidates must receive over 50% of the vote to win the non-partisan election or the top two candidates will have a runoff in the fall. More information about the forums is on page 1. Thank you for setting up these events Charlie and MJ!

June 2nd brings members to the final meeting of the year, our Annual Meeting. This year we will hold the meeting at the Soroptimist Building in Gold Beach from 9:30AM-1PM. We are asking members to bring a potluck dish. At this meeting we will be holding elections, approving any bylaw changes, approving the 2018-19 Budget and approving any study topics or issues for emphasis. With many new members it is a good opportunity to come and learn about how your LWVCC works and meet new people! Please mark you calendars!

I just added myself to the "LWVUS On-Line Community". (see page 5). It can be accessed on the LWVUS site, lwv.org

Lucie La Bonté
President

Needed - LWVCC Observers for City Councils and Port Commissions. If you are attending these meetings and want to volunteer to report to the league contact Lucie.
Take Action, be involved!



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| Director #2 | Karol Simas | 2019 |
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Hi.



My name is Billy Smith and I have recently become a member of the League of Women Voters and will briefly introduce myself.

I have been living on the southern Oregon Coast, in Gold Beach and among the Brookings and Port Orford communities, since 1985. I grew up in Houston, TX and made my way here via San Francisco, Anchorage and Kodiak, along with many road trips from Alaska to Mexico. I met my wife, Ria, here in GB after she had followed her own convoluted path here, from Red Bluff, CA.

Along the path, I found my way to Vietnam, studying engineering at University of Houston, and practicing my structural drafting skills in Houston and San Francisco. I went on to commercial fishing and a little gold mining in Alaska followed by designing homes in the GB area while honing some carpentry skills.....and I'm still enjoying the path, loving living here. Now, on to the good work of the League of Women Voters.

Nominations Open

Your Nominating Committee is meeting to invite members to serve on the 2018-19 Board of Directors. The slate will be elected at the Annual Meeting set for June 2nd. Chair Renee Kolen and nominating committee members; Charlene Enoch, Evan Kramer, Mary Jane La Belle and Karol Simas will be making calls soon. This is a great way to learn about your league and get involved. Terms are from July-July. Positions open are:

President (2018-2019), Vice President (2018-2020), Treasurer (2018-2020), Director #1 (2018-2020), Director #3 (2018-2020) Nominating Committee - Chair and 2 members not on the Board (2018-2020)

When a committee member calls, say yes!

Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming our newest member! We continue to grow. Thank you for joining!

Erna Barnett, Port Orford

If you have a friend who might be interested in joining, bring them to a Candidate Forum or meeting to learn about the important public service we provide.



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FIRST CALL to COUNCIL 2018

Event Center at the Beach, Gold Beach, Oregon

Theme: "Watershed Moments"

COUNCIL: Council is the biennial state meeting of the League of Women Voters, held on alternate years to the state Convention. First Call is issued so local Leagues can begin to plan and discuss matters that should be presented at Council.

TIME AND PLACE: The 2018 Council will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4-6, 2018, at the Curry County Event Center, 29392 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. Early arrival is encouraged on Friday, May 4, as there will be a dine-around that evening. Council will begin on Saturday at 9:00 AM. Council will adjourn at around noon on Sunday to be followed by a state board meeting.

HOST LEAGUE: League of Women Voters of Curry County

PURPOSE: The following officers and directors shall be elected: Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for two-year terms and three elected Directors for two-year terms. The Council shall give guidance to the LWVOR Board on program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the LWVOR Board of Directors.

The Council is authorized to change the program only in the event of an emergency upon recommendation of the LWVOR Board or a local League using the following procedure:

- 1) At least eight weeks before the Council meeting (March 9, 2018) any local League proposing a change shall submit it in writing to the LWVOR Board which shall decide whether to recommend it;
- 2) At least four weeks before the Council meeting (March 23, 2018) the LWVOR Board shall email to the Presidents of the local Leagues and MAL representatives all proposed changes;
- 3) Any change proposed by a local League and not recommended by the LWVOR Board shall first require a majority vote of the Council for consideration; and
- 4) The change shall be adopted by two-thirds vote.

The Council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the LWVOR Board.

REPRESENTATION: In a council year, each recognized local League shall be entitled to two (2) delegates. Each approved State (MAL) Unit shall be entitled to one delegate. For those MAL members, not in an approved State Unit, MAL representation at council shall be one delegate selected as established in the LWVOR Policies, Procedures & Guidelines. If there are fewer than 10 MALs, the interest of the MALs shall be represented by the LWVOR Membership Chair. Each local League may designate the same number of alternates as allotted delegates. Any number of observers may attend.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: A block of 24 rooms has been reserved for the LWVOR Council at **Gold Beach Inn** (29346 Ellensburg Ave., <http://goldbeachinn.com/>) and **Ireland's Rustic Lodges** (29330 Ellensburg Ave., <http://irelandsrusticlodges.com/>), both in Gold Beach, OR near the Events Center and with the same phone number, 541-247-7091. There are a variety of rooms available in this block of rooms at various prices. Please call and make your own reservations at your convenience, identifying yourself as a League member.

League of Women Voters of Curry County

Calendar - 2018

| Month | Day | Events | Place | Time |
|--------------|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| April | TBA 10 11 12 | Board Meeting - Agness/GB Candidate Forum Candidate Forum Candidate Forum | Port Orford City Hall Brookings - Chetco Library Gold Beach City Hall | 10AM 7 PM 7 PM 7 PM |
| May | 4,5,6 | LWVOR Council | Event Center - Gold Beach | |
| June | 2 | Annual Meeting Old Board New Board Meeting | Soroptimist Building, Gold Beach - Potluck | 10 AM - 2PM |

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Dear Friend,

For nearly 100 years, the League of Women Voters has fought to educate and engage Americans on the issues impacting their communities. Rooted in the movement that secured the right to vote for women, the League strives to expand participation and give a voice to all Americans. We believe that people form the basis of a strong democracy. Year in and year out, our volunteer teams across the country provide fact-based information to help millions of voters get registered, learn about issues and candidates, and participate in the voting process. The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. Our issues are grounded in our respected history of Making Democracy Work® for all citizens.



Joining our online community is just the first step toward working with other activists and community volunteers to help the League educate and engage members of your community. Here are additional steps you can take to do even more:

- Learn more about our priority issues including expanding voter access, educating voters, and defending the environment, and read about our recent work on our blog.
- Find your state or local League and join the movement to make democracy work.

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. We believe deeply that the public should hear different views on the issues facing our communities because an honest and respectful sharing of ideas is vital to American democracy. League members engage on issues that matter in their communities, helping the League serve as a voice for citizens and a force for change. Thank you again for your interest and support, and welcome to our online community!

Sincerely,

The League of Women Voters Thank you for joining the League of Women Voters online community!



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