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## September Units - Fairgrounds/Event Center Master Plan Update

Your LWVCC Board chose an Economic Development topic for September's Unit Meetings. The Curry County Fairgrounds/Event Center receives no funding from the County other than insurance coverage for the buildings that the County owns. Therefore the Fair Board is updating the 1996 Master Plan in order to seek funding to renovate this important facility.

The County owned buildings are maintained thanks to the non-profit, Curry Fair Friends who cater events and donate all of the proceeds to the Event Center. However the Board is aware of major problems like leaking roofs. In order to bring enough funding in to maintain and improve the facility the Board is proposing an RV Park on the beach adjacent to the Conservation Zone as a possible project. There is a long list of projects the Board has developed of needs and public input is needed.

This past July the City of Gold Beach stepped forward dedicating 1% of its bed tax to the Event Center for projects to improve buildings that primarily are on Ellensburg Ave., Highway 101. Over the years Fair Boards and managers have proposed projects only to be rejected by voters or that never could happen due to lack of funding. With that said there have been improvements over the past 20 years; the old Museum is now a completely renovated Forestry Learning Center, all the buildings are painted, improvements to the barn area and general maintenance projects including new roofs on the outside stage and maintenance building. Thanks to help from the OSU Extension, the 4-H Dormitory has been renovated. The Board has retired a \$50,000 debt so it is now time for new projects.

How does the LWVCC fit in? Citizen Participation and Access. "The League of Women Voters believes democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that government bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible." *LWVUS Principles*. A small government body such as the Fair Board has very few people coming to its well advertised meetings and the Fair Board wants public input and participation. A display with a survey was set up at the Fair but very few people responded.

Due to the Fire Emergency in the south county Brookings members are asked to come to meetings in Port Orford - September 12 at noon at the Port Orford Library or in Gold Beach September 19 at 5:30PM at Gold Beach City Hall. Speakers will present a list of projects for citizens to comment on. Your participation is needed.



Hello to Members and Friends!

First my heart goes out to all of our members and friends in the south county who have been threatened by the Chetco Bar Fire. Loss of homes and constant threats of evacuations is disruptive and nerve racking. Every fire event is different and this one threatens all of Brookings, Harbor, Cape Ferrelo and Pistol River. We are thinking of you. Above all stay safe!

Things are looking up for our little League. Our wonderful new Board had its Retreat in August at the lovely home of Anne Morgan. At the Retreat we had many good discussions about the future of the League of Women Voters of Curry County. (See article).

I am proud that we now have a Board Member who is actively monitoring County Commissioner Meetings, Karol Simas. It is interesting what she is learning and she will be reporting on those meetings.

We have two Board Members who have stepped up to be our Voter Service Co-Chairs - Charlie Alexander and Mary Jane La Belle. We are seeking a person with computer skills to monitor the emails on Voters Service that will be coming from LWVOR and LWVUS. Would any of you like to be on the front line of what is going on regarding elections and the legislature?

Another volunteer Board Member Anne Morgan had agreed to take the portfolio of Membership Chair. Anne will be updating our list and sending information on to LWVOR and LWVUS so that our members receive all the information they send us. We also decided to hold Membership Teas in all three parts of the County starting in Gold Beach in September. All members are asked to bring a friend or two to learn about the LWVCC and hopefully join us.

Three off Board members have been appointed to important tasks. Phil Dickson will be our Communications person; post CoastLines on the www and monitor our Facebook Page. Evan Kramer will continue as our Public Relations/Publicity person. One of our newest members Anne Tlaker has agreed to be Fundraising Chair.

Thank you one and all for volunteering! This will be an exciting year. We have great meeting topics planned and our Board agreed to host the 2018 LWVOR Council. Onward and upward!

Sincerely;

Lucie La Bonté - President



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# National Voter Registration Day - September 26

## By Charlie Alexander

We have, again, signed up to register 25 new voters in Curry County. This amount includes people changing their address in the county and new people to the county. Our League usually sets up a card table in a store in Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford and we ask League members in those communities to work 2-3 hours each. We need someone in each of those communities to ask at a store if it would be ok to have a table and coordinate getting the registration forms to the County Clerk. You can set your own hours with the store manager. Ten to six, or noon to six or something in between.

I have lots of registration forms and the posters and stickers will be arriving from the League of Women Voters of the United States this week. If you are able to help on September 26th, please contact Mary Jane LaBelle: [maryjanelabelle@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanelabelle@gmail.com) or at: 541-332-1111 or Charlie Alexander: [lwwcharlie@yahoo.com](mailto:lwwcharlie@yahoo.com) or at 541-332-0386 ASAP. Your help is needed!

## New Board Member Mary Jane LaBelle

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*One of our new talented Board Members is Mary Jane LaBelle. Mary Jane has taken on two jobs for our League, Secretary and is one of our Voter Service Co-Chairs. We are very excited to have such a talented lady on our new Board.*

Mary Jane LaBelle has been a medical audit professional since 1983.

Ms. LaBelle holds a diploma from Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1967 and is licensed to practice nursing in California. She has a BA from Mills College in Oakland, CA. Ms. LaBelle and has worked clinically in SF and Boston Hospitals. Ms. LaBelle is an entrepreneur who has founded & co-founded six corporations and two professional organizations.

Mary Jane was a founding member of the Medical Auditors Association of California (MAAC) and served on the Board for ten years. She was a founding member of the American Association of Medical Audit Specialists (AAMAS), served on the Board for eight years and is currently serving as President-elect

She has served or is currently serving on many boards of directors including; Escalate, DataMetrix, Curry Community Health, League of Women Voters of Curry County, Port Orford Community Ambulance, St John's Women's Guild and the Port Orford Food Co-op .

## Board Retreat

Up Hunter Creek is the lovely spot Anne Morgan calls home. Her home is nestled in the trees overlooking the creek with hummingbirds buzzing about.

After our arrival we settled into our Retreat Agenda. We began with each member talking about something no one else knew about them, our greatest adventures and why we chose to live in Curry County. We found some members had more in common than they knew!

Down to business we reviewed Bylaws and Board Policies and discussed Committee Chair Assignments (see President's Letter). Discussing Unit Meetings and Hot Topics the Board decided to invite the Event Center/Fair folks to discuss their Master Plan in September, Health Care for October and speakers on Climate Change for November. Evan Kramer has volunteered to be Unit Chair in Port Orford but we are still looking for a volunteer for Brookings and a volunteer for Gold Beach. We discussed fundraisers and have a couple of great ideas we are working on that will be announced soon.

Lunch was a delicious potluck, all good food everyone could eat. We sat outdoors and enjoyed good company and the lovely setting.

After lunch we settled down to establishing the year's calendar and having our first Board Meeting with reports and approving agenda items.

## Fall Membership Teas

Working to increase our membership is one of the discussions the Board had. We decided to have 3 membership teas this fall. The first will be held at Renee Kolen's House in Gold Beach on September 21 from noon until 2PM. We are asking each Gold Beach member to bring at least one person who is interested in the League of Women Voters. After getting to know each other there will be a discussion of what our league has accomplished over the past 35 plus years. It is amazing of how our league has influenced so much of what has taken place in our County and State.

On October 22 at 2PM our Membership Tea will be held at Charlie Alexander's home in Port Orford. We are asking Port Orford members to come and bring a friend or friends to hear about our league.

We are still looking for a person to volunteer to hold a tea in Brookings hopefully in November. It can be any day of the week at any time, your choice. Contact me at: [labeontelucie2@gmail.com](mailto:labeontelucie2@gmail.com) if you would like to host the tea in Brookings.

If you can't make the tea in your area you are welcome to attend any tea. Email for directions!

**OUR HOLIDAY PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3. PLACE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED! SAVE THE DATE!**

## League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2017-18

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
<b>September</b>  <b>Fair/Event Center</b>	7	Board Meeting - Port Orford	94408 Sixes River Rd.	11AM
	12	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	19	Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
	21	Membership Tea - Gold Beach	Kolen Home	Noon
	26	National Voter Registration	All 3 Cities	
<b>October</b>  <b>Health Care in Curry County</b>	5	Board Meeting - Gold Beach	94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd	11AM
	10	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	11	Brookings Unit Meeting	Evergreen Federal Savings	Noon
	17	Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
	22	Membership Tea - Port Orford	42550 S. Mill Pond Rd.	2PM
<b>November</b>  <b>Climate Change</b>	2	Brookings Unit Meeting	TBA	
	14	Board Meeting - Port Orford	42550 S. Mill Pond Rd.	11AM
	21	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
		Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
<b>December</b>		Membership Tea - Harbor	TBA	
	3	<b>Holiday Party</b> Board Meeting If Needed		
<b>January</b>		Brookings Unit Meeting	TBA	
	9	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	11	Board Meeting - Gold Beach	94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd	11AM
	16	Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
<b>February</b>		Brookings Unit Meeting	TBA	
	1	Board Meeting - Port Orford	94408 Sixes River Rd.	11AM
	13	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	20	Gold Beach Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
	TBA	Fundraiser TBA	Event Center	TBA
<b>March</b>		Brookings Unit Meeting	TBA	
	1	Board Meeting - Gold Beach	94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd	11AM
	13	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	20	Gold Beach Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
<b>April</b>		Brookings Unit Meeting	TBA	
	5	Board Meeting - Agness/GB	98645 Agness Rd.	11AM
	10	Port Orford Unit Meeting	Port Orford Library	Noon
	17	Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30P
	TBA	Candidate Forum		
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<b>May</b>		Candidate Forum		
	TBA	LWVOR Council	Gold Beach TBA	TBA
<b>June</b>	2	Annual Meeting Old Board New Board Meeting	TBA	10 AM - 2PM





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