






Letter from your Board of Directors

As you probably know, the Board meets once a month for about 3 hours, doing all the business of running the County League and coordinating with other County Leagues in Oregon as well as with the LWVOR Board. Our commitment to education and advocacy is unrelenting, and the Board is extremely hard working. This is important work and we ask you all to consider either taking a seat on the Board or helping with the committees.



 You can contact our membership chair Alyce Prudden at aeprudden@aol.com if you are interested in working with us.

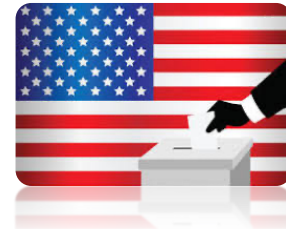
 The last three months has been challenging and we hope that you have been able to access all the information you need to vote responsibly.

 At this time, if you haven't already mailed your ballot, it is wisest to drop it into one of the ballot boxes either in:

-  **Brookings**
-  **Gold Beach**
-  **Port Orford**



-  **If you haven't mailed your ballot yet, it is too late for the mail to deliver it on time.**
-  **Please bring to the ballot boxes in each city or drop off at the County Clerk's office.**



**Our Vote is our Democratic right,
privilege, and duty.
We must respect it and use it well.**



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Was your vote COUNTED?

By Colleen Bunn, Treasurer



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I have voted in ten different states. Most of my voting experience has been the same from state to state, show up at the poll and vote, or fill out my ballot and drop in a dropbox. I'm done. I wait for the election results. That is not the experience of everyone. The first time my daughter voted in Alabama, she rushed to the polling place in between her law classes. The line was short, but when she got to the desk to get her ballot they told her the voting card she had been sent in the mail had the wrong polling place listed, she had to go to another polling spot several miles away. She quickly jumped in her car and drove to the next spot. The line was out the door and around the block. No way she could stay there and make her next class.

After class, she went back and stood in line for hours to make sure she could vote. Unfortunately, this is normal for a lot of people. This year, instead of just voting, I wanted to find out more about the process. Through League of Women Voters, I now know about the [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) website, and not only checked to see if my voter registration was current, but helped a divorced friend update her voter information to reflect her name change. I used the [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) site to learn about candidates that I did not personally know and had not received any political mailings for. After I voted, though, I saw news articles about drop boxes in California that had been vandalized, or ballots found in places they shouldn't be, and wanted to know that my ballot had been received and counted.

- To find out if your county's supervisor of elections has received your ballot, go to the Oregon Secretary of State's website <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections> and click on MY Vote.
- Enter your name and birthdate, and it will tell you if your ballot has been received, and when.
- If you mailed your ballot in, you will need to wait up to five days to give the postal service time to deliver it. If you have waited and your ballot does not show up, then you should call the County Supervisor of Elections Office (541-247-3297) and they will help you.
- I checked my ballot, it had been delivered, but this site does not say if your ballot has been verified.
- If your ballot is not verified, the County Election Office will mail you a letter telling you why it was not verified and what steps you need to take to correct it.
- You can also call the number above and the County Supervisor of Elections Office can tell you if your vote has been verified.

How to Check Voter Turnout in Curry County

By Colleen Bunn, Treasurer



Are you curious as to how many registered voters in our county are actually voting? Go the Curry County Clerk website (see link below), click on election division, and then current election information - scroll to the bottom of the page and click on ballot return, you will be able to see a summary of what is coming in to the election office and how many ballots have been verified. Again, if your ballot is in a pending status, you will be notified by mail.

https://www.co.curry.or.us/government/county_clerk/government/elections_division.php

By Charlie Alexander and MJ LaBelle, Co-chairs

September and October were months of setting new trends and working hard.

For the first time, on October 5, 6 and 7, 2020, four virtual Candidate Forums were held and recorded. Georgia Nowlin moderated; Charlie Alexander timed; Colleen Bunn was the technical guru (with Georgia) and MJ LaBelle hosted, recorded, and distributed the Forums.

- 🇺🇸 Forums can be found on our website at lwvcurry.org, Channel 182 and currycountyvoices.com.
- 🇺🇸 Thanks goes to Denise and Carl King of Curry County Voices and Miranda Plagge of Channel 182 for their assistance.

The forums were very informative and the candidates' discourse was civil and gracious. The League thanks everyone involved. It took much time and effort, but was worth it. We hope that you learned about your choices so that when you voted, you were better informed.

Additionally, the League's **Voter Guides** were distributed to centers at each of our three cities. Candidates were entered in VOTE411 by Voter Service. Each candidate was asked to write a brief bio so that the voters could access vote411.org to prepare for voting. About 60% of the candidates took advantage of this.

Also, Voter Service registered the most voters we ever remember registering on National Voter Registration Day (September 22, 2020). Tables were set up in Brookings at the Chetco Library; in Gold Beach at McKay's Grocery and in Port Orford at Rays Grocery Store. Again, our gratitude is extended to these businesses for help in registering voters. Our County Clerk, Renee' Kolen was running between the three cities picking up newly filed registration forms.

- 🇺🇸 It was exciting!
- 🇺🇸 Here are the Curry County registration numbers:
- 🇺🇸 32 completed and 43 forms sent home to complete.

**Thank you to the voter
registration teams on the Board
and other League volunteers.**

Misinformation, Fake News & Political Propaganda



By MJ LaBelle

Georgia Nowlin, Colleen Bunn and I attended this workshop put on by the LWV Umpqua Valley League on October 28, 2020. It was presented by Donna Cohen. This is the second time I have attended her presentation to the League.

The 1.5 hour presentation focused on how to use your analytic skills to determine what is the truth in any given statement, whether on internet, television or other print (such as campaign ads). It was well done.

You can get information from the sites below, or attend yourself at the scheduled time below. It was well worth the time and effort to attend.



Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples.

Become your own "factchecker"!

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda future seminars:

- * November 17, 6:00-7:30. Sponsored by Bandon Public Library.
- * Registration link: Contact Bandon Public Library to register. 541-347-3221.

By Louise Abbott








The LWVCC will hold an all-member Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. This meeting will take the place of the individual LWVCC Unit Meetings for the month of November. The meeting will be hosted by Colleen Bunn and moderated by Louise Abbott.

There will be much to discuss as we process the national, state, county, and local election results. It will be especially important to determine how these results will impact the future actions and goals of the LWVCC.

Below, we have listed the 2019-2020 LWV-Oregon Legislative Priorities. At its July retreat, the LWVCC Board decided its focus should be on three of these areas: Climate Emergency, Protecting Democracy, and Anti-Poverty & Health Care Reforms and we are actively involved in LWVOR's Climate Emergency efforts. We want everyone's input on these issues. Which of these priorities are the most important for those of us here in Curry County to pursue? Or is there another priority for LWVCC?

We will email the information about how to join the meeting two days before the Zoom meeting.
Please plan on attending! Your input and ideas are needed as we move forward in this momentous time.

2019 – 2020 LWV Oregon Legislative Priorities

-  **Climate Emergency** - Advocates for a variety of policies and budgets to reduce risks and plan for adaptation where needed relating to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations.
-  **Protect Democracy** - Advocates for governance issues including ethics, efficiency, citizen participation and access, public records and meetings law, and contemporary privacy and technology issues. Elections policies include campaign finance reform, laws and administrative rules, and redistricting.
-  **Support Mental Health** - Addresses social policy areas that focus on mental health.
-  **Anti-Poverty and Health Care Reforms** - Actively lobbies for anti-poverty programs to help low income and at-risk people move toward financial stability.
-  **Promote Public Safety Measures** (Corrections and firearm reform) - Addresses social policy areas including adult corrections, judiciary, juvenile justice, public safety, and gun safety.
-  **100-Year Water Vision** - Promotes a clean and abundant water supply for all.
-  **Generate Adequate Revenue** (Tax reform) - Addresses fair, equitable, and stable tax and revenue policies to adequately fund services and functions critical to Oregonians.

Board Meeting Summary

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by Alyce Prudden, Secretary

A member recently suggested that LWVCC's board provide a summary of its monthly meetings. So here's a brief report on October's meeting.



The following board actions were taken:

- Approval of financial statements: The Board approved the financial reports for September as presented by Treasurer Colleen Bunn.
- Approval of prior meeting minutes: The Board approved the September meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Alyce Prudden.

Other items included:

- A report on our two community rewards programs – AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer – which are now up and running;
- Review of a proposed internal policy for LWVCC records retention and destruction;
- A report from the Voter Service Committee, describing the ambitious, successful voter registration efforts and virtual candidates' forums;
- A report from the Membership Committee, covering the member survey and other outreach efforts: phone contact with non-renewing members, preparation for the upcoming all-member Zoom meeting, networking with other nonprofits, ideas for reaching targeted local communities, and brainstorming about how best to involve members as volunteers.
- A fundraising update, including progress on matching donations for "Lucie's Challenge;"
- The Coastlines review, covering an assessment of October's issue, plans for November's issue, and an update to the calendar;
- A publicity report, describing recent media mentions of LWVCC;
- A website report, covering newly-added content plus post-election plans for taking down the candidates' forums; and
- Review of state league interactions, including the receipt of LWVOR materials for local distribution (both Voters' Guides and Get-Out-the-Vote postcards), plus highlights from



Since the board meeting summary is a new feature, any feedback would be appreciated. Feel free to contact me by email or phone (aeprudden@aol.com; 541-412-0292).

Holiday Party Update from the Board Please



DATE: This year's holiday party is set for **Sunday, December 6, 2020.** (Please disregard the conflicting information in October's calendar, which mistakenly picked up 2019 dates, including for the annual holiday celebration.)

TIME: We're scheduled for 1-3 pm.

PLACE: We've been invited back to Lorraine Filipone Rossiter's lovely home. **But be aware**

Because of the pandemic, we will need to employ precautions. As we get closer to the date, we'll be in touch with specifics.

Thank you for being a member and happy holidays!



by Alyce Prudden, Membership Chair



Here's what's on the membership docket for this month.

Upcoming:

- The Zoom meeting coming up on November 12 will be a nice opportunity to gather and to connect with other LWVCC members over topics of shared interest. We hope to see you there.
- Your member survey will be arriving this month in your snail-mail box. We hope you'll fill it out and return it. We'd love to hear from you.

Ongoing:

- As noted in last month's Coastlines, we've started an "Idea Bank" to learn what LWVCC members want from their local league.
- For member meetings, would you be interested in general civics topics? Or would you like to know more about LWVCC history or some aspect of our local community?
- As for other ways to connect, what do you think about sharing books or worthwhile websites?



We'd love to hear about them at the November Zoom meeting.

Or you can always "deposit" them to the Idea Bank by contacting me anytime:

phone: 541-412-0292

email: aeprudden@aol.com

Thanks, and stay in touch!

New Member Bio *By Cindy Myers*

My family roots are in North Carolina, but our father was in the Air Force and stationed in New Jersey, when I was born. We moved several times until we settled in southern California. Our mother was an active volunteer with scouts and service organizations. After graduating from UCLA, I attended Oregon State for my M.S. in Geology. My field area was at the mouth of Redwood Creek, in Orick, California, where I fell in love with the Wild Rivers Coast. My first husband and I lived up near Signal Buttes, which was beautiful and felt a lot like pioneering. After we split, I moved back to town and later into my current home. Here my wonderful husband Steve and I raised our daughter, Bethy, who graced the fashion runway at a LWV annual meeting! She is now a drama major at the University of Washington (go Huskies!).



WELCOME
new member

Over the last 40 years, I've only been away for a few years: when I took my first permanent job with the Corps of Engineers in Sacramento, and when I was stationed in Powers with the Siskiyou National Forest. After 13 years with the Forest (mostly in Gold Beach), I left the government in 1997 and for the next 18 years consulted as a monitoring coordinator and water quality specialist for the watershed councils and Curry SWCD.

After hearing from Lucie LaBonte that the LWV had studied issues in water quality and waste management, I became interested. In our community, I've enjoyed serving as Girl Scout leader, trainer, & mentor; Coach/judge for science & math clubs, volleyball, senior projects, and speech tournament; Site Council member; 4-H camp & natural resource day speaker; CASA volunteer; and officer with Gold Beach Youth Soccer and Ellensburg Theater Company Boards.

By Colleen Bunn, Treasurer

FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE

League of Women Voters of Curry County (FH475)

1 Household signed up \$.54 Total Donation. Remember to link your Fred Meyer *rewards* card to our organization (FH475). The more you shop at Fred Meyer, the more money our organization will earn!

If you need help getting signed up, give me a call and I will help you get signed up.

Colleen Bunn 208-610-6852

AMAZONSMILE UPDATE

Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0838450 to generate donations for League of Women Voters Of Curry County. Remember, your Amazon purchases have to start out on the smile.amazon link above in order to accumulate donations to our League. **Happy Shopping!**

UPDATE:

LUCIE'S CHALLENGE \$1005.21 *By Colleen Bunn, Treasurer*



MATCHING FUNDS - DONATED AS OF OCT. 21, 2020 - \$500 toward \$1,005.21.
What was the inspiration behind Lucie LaBonte's Challenge? By: Lucie LaBonte



"As a member of the **LWV** in the 1980's-2020 I saw how the LWVCC effected change in a great range of issues from stopping harmful environmental impacts on land and sea, on social issues, and by providing unbiased and accurate information to Voters on issues and candidates. Studies were completed providing us (**LWVCC**) with tools for action. Early on, it was impressed on me that our work takes funding. We did many fundraisers, but in 2020 with Covid-19 we suddenly lost the ability to raise funds.



The **LWVCC** had just changed our non-profit status so that contributions were now tax deductible. Seeing that the budget was not in balance going into the 2020 Annual Meeting, I decided to write a check to cover the deficit. I am not traveling [now], and [am] spending less money, so why not contribute to this organization that has done so much for Curry County? I thought a fundraiser as a "challenge" was in order. Join me in supporting our work by writing a tax-deductible check in these challenging times!"



League of Women Voters of Curry County
Calendar – 2020-2021

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
VOTE!!				VOTE!!
November	12	Post-election Member Roundup /all units	ZOOM	5 pm
	16	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas' Home	12 noon
December	6	Holiday Luncheon Party	Lorraine F. Rossiter's home	1-3 pm
January	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	Louise Abbott's Home GB	12 noon
February	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	Louise Abbott's	12 noon
March	15	LWVCC Board Meeting	TBA	12 noon
April	12	LWVCC Board Meeting	TBA	12 noon
May	17	LWVCC Board Meeting	TBA	12 noon
June	5	LWVCC Annual Meeting New / Old Board Meeting	TBA	9:30 am-1 pm



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The Crazy Norwegian's

Fish & Chips
259 6th Street
Port Orford
541-332-8601

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4790 Irvine, Blvd. Ste. 308
Irvine, CA 92620
541-954-3500

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Seafood, steak & chop house
Dinner 4:30 pm 7 days a week
29430 Ellensburg Ave
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541-247-5160

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Fishermen Direct

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917 Oregon St
Port Orford
541-290-4999

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U-Haul 8:30am to 2pm
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Brookings, OR 97415
KCIW.org
contact@kciw.org
541-661-4098
All-Volunteer Community Radio

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12+ vendors
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www.CurryHealthNetwork.com
Gold Beach:

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541-247-3000

Curry Medical Practice

94220 4th ST
541-247-3910

Brookings:

Curry Medical Center

500 5th St
Primary, Specialty, Same Day Visit, Emergency Care
541-412-2000

Port Orford:

Curry Family Medical

525 Madrona Street
541-332-3861

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The League of Women Voters of Curry County - -How to Join

Yes, I want to make a difference by joining the League of Women Voters of Curry County. _____ Individual Membership \$65 _____ Household Membership (2 adults in household) \$97.50 _____ I am unable to join but enclose a contribution of _____.

Only a portion of Membership dues to the League of Women Voters of Curry County are tax deductible. Donations to the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund are tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

I would like to work on _____

**Send your check to: League of Women Voters of Curry County
PO Box 1859, Gold Beach, OR 97444**

Stay informed on issues that concern you. Join with us to make your voice heard. Develop skills in networking, communication and leadership.

You will receive periodic League publications (local, state and national).