



**It's time to welcome that
small but mighty month,
fascinating February.**



**Presidents Message,
by Alyce Prudden**

The calendar's tiniest month sure packs a lot of punch – and not just weather-wise.

Diminutive February offers an outsize array of events and celebrations: President's Day, the State of the Union address, and Black History Month; Groundhog Day, the Superbowl, and – new to me – Random Acts of Kindness Day.

And then of course, there's Valentine's Day – which also happens to be the national league's birthday.

With all that going on, we hope you'll find time for a unit meeting.

Our third-Thursday all-member virtual meeting will be February 16th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. This month's topic is Redistricting & Other Election Reforms, and our speaker is the unparalleled Norman Turrill.

But wait, there's more! In-person units are starting up again, too. First up – central county members are planning a meet-up for Friday February 10th at 4:00 pm, at Rogue Landing North in Wedderburn, just north of Gold Beach.

You'll find more details about both meetings in this issue.

And be sure to check out the article on January's fundraiser. Despite wild weather and partial road closures, the event was both successful and enjoyable. And of course, it was lovely to gather in person again. I'll vote for more of that!



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*February has rolled around
with all its frigid charm.
And heck, sometimes this time of year,
it's hard to just stay warm.
But regardless of the weather,
there's always lots to do.
Yes, even in this elfin month,
League has a plan or two.
We'll have two unit meetings,
which we hope you can attend.
And then there's LWVUS's birthday –
got any candles to lend?
You've often heard "if you love what you do,
you'll never work a day."
So let's keep mixing league's crucial work
with a jigger of humor and play.*

**There's always a lot happening at the League of Women Voters of Oregon.
Here are a couple of current highlights from our state league.**

FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION 2023

- The League of Women Voters of Oregon holds its state-wide convention biennially (in odd numbered years).
- LWVOR recently issued its "First Call to Convention" so that local leagues can begin to plan and discuss matters that will be presented at the convention.
- As noted in last month's CoastLines, the state league's convention will be held in Eugene, from May 19-21, hosted by the Lane County league.
- For more details about the upcoming convention, including the full text of LWVOR President Rebecca Gladstone's First Call to Convention, see <https://www.lwvor.org/post/president-s-newsletter-february-2023>

THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

- The Oregon State Legislature convenes annually in Salem. In odd-numbered years, sessions may last 160 days, often referred to as "long session." In even years, a "short session" is held.
- While in session, the Legislature enacts new laws and revises existing ones, makes decisions aimed at keeping Oregon in good economic and environmental condition, and provides a forum for discussion of public issues.
- During the long session, the legislature approves a two-year state budget for the next biennium.
- This year, the 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly convened for its 2023 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 17th.
- The LWVOR Action Team follows legislative sessions closely, and reports periodically on the progress of bills and initiatives.
- You can sign up for LWVOR's Legislative Report at https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/AkofF9n2wclWE0djZcAWpA

GOVERNANCE ISSUES NOW IN THE LEGISLATURE

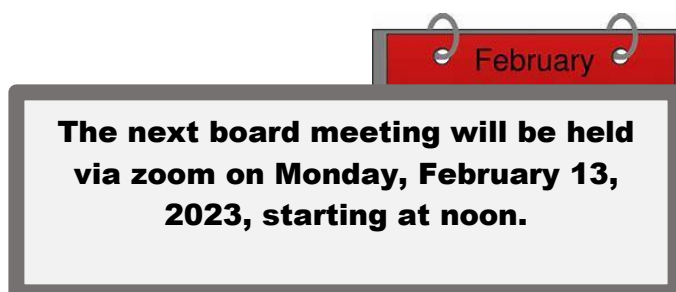
- Because governance is the topic for LWVCC's all-member meeting this month, here's a quick summary of current legislative action in that arena.
- **Redistricting:** The People Not Politicians coalition, of which LWVOR is a leader, received certified ballot titles for its two initiatives for the 2024 general election ballot, IP 13 and IP 14. The coalition decided to circulate only IP 14; it will begin collecting petition signatures soon, probably this month.
- **Campaign Finance Reform:** The Honest Elections coalition, of which the LWV of Oregon is a part, has filed two initiatives for the 2024 general election ballot. Both IP 8 and IP 9 are in the long ballot title process and have received certified ballot titles from the Attorney General's office. These are now on appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court.
- **Election Methods:** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) has been put forth in two bills. SB 506, introduced by Sen. Jeff Golden, permits counties to adopt RCV for conducting county elections. HB 3107 is a committee bill sponsored by House Rules and filed at the request of Rep. Julie Fahey.

News From National League



LWV is turning 103 this Valentine's Day!

- ♥ To celebrate and lift up our collective power, Leagues all around the country are taking action on **February 14th**.
- ♥ To sign up for emails about these events, go to <https://www.lwv.org/events/happy-birthday-lwv>.



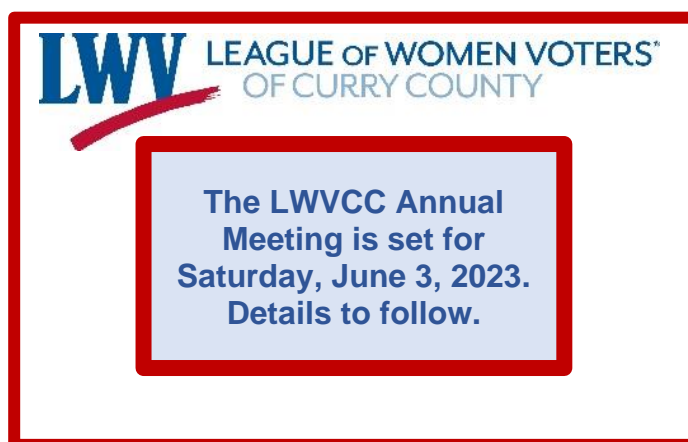
Last month's LWVCC board meeting was held via Zoom on January 9, 2023, starting at noon.
All board members were present.

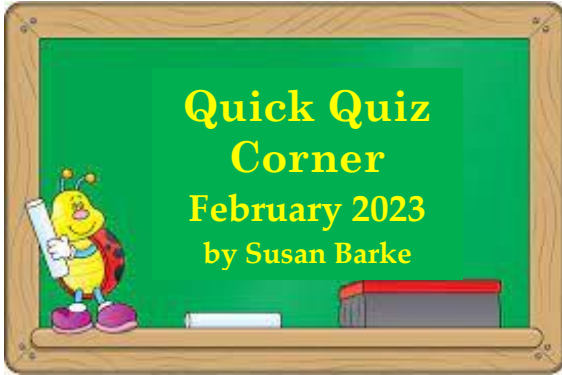
The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

- Motions to approve the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2022, as submitted by the treasurer.
- Motion to approve the board meeting minutes for December 12, 2022, as submitted by the secretary.

Other business included discussions of the following:

- LWVCC membership and roster management with the national league;
- Unit meetings, both all-member virtual meetings and small unit in-person meetings;
- Voter Service: boxes and materials, plus planning for the May Special District Election;
- Preparation and planning for the January 14th fundraiser.





1. How many federal holidays are there in the month of February?
A. 3 B. 2 C. 1
2. The Oregon State Senate has _____ members.
A. 30 B. 18 B. 50
3. Which US President wrote the following to his wife on Valentine's Day "February 14 may be the day they observe and call Valentine's Day, but that is for people of ordinary luck. I happen to have a Valentine's Day which started on March 4, 1952 will you be my Valentine from now on and for ever and ever?"
A. George H.W. Bush B. Ronald Reagan
C. Jimmy Carter

Feb Answers: 1. A President's Day/Washington's Birthday 2. A One from each district 3. B

What is "program"?

Program consists of

- a) "action to implement the principles" of the national organization; and
- b) "local governmental issues adopted at the Annual Meeting for concerted study and action" [LWVCC Bylaws, Art. VII, §2].

Do you have a program proposal to submit?

If so, please submit it to the board soon, no later than April 3rd:
"Voting members may make recommendations to the board at least two months before the Annual Meeting." [Art. VII, §2 (a)]

What happens then?

- The Board considers each member proposal.
- It becomes a "recommended item" if the Board concurs, or a "non-recommended item" if the Board does not.
- "The Board may also present its own proposed program.
- All recommended, non-recommended, and board-proposed program proposals shall be submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting." [Art. VII, §2 (b)]



Fundraiser Report



On January 14th, we held our much-anticipated fundraiser at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach. The event – an Art & Craft Sale and Silent Auction – featured many unique offerings for sale and auction, plus live music and light refreshments. We also had a table offering information both about league and about opportunities for local civic engagement and service.

Did the weather cooperate? NO, it did not. To brazenly co-opt the immortal words of Edward Bulwer-Lytton's 1830 novel *Paul Clifford*: "It was a dark and stormy [day]; the rain fell in torrents—except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in [Gold Beach] that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the [attendees who] struggled against the darkness."

Louise Abbott
Alyce Prudden
Ria Shannon Smith



Despite one of the worst weather days of the year – not to mention a partial road closure on Highway 101 between Port Orford and Gold Beach – people came!

A small but hearty group of folks showed up. Some supported our fundraising efforts with purchases and auction bids; others supported our "friend-raising" efforts by taking time to hear about the league's work and local civic opportunities.



Deb Worth

Of course, the event would not have been possible without a cadre of enthusiastic volunteers and generous donors, starting with the event chair, the amazing Dr. Louise Abbott.

Local businesses answered the call for donations, including these merchants who donated gift certificates: Spinner's Restaurant and Fisherman's Direct (Gold Beach); and Whaleshead Restaurant, Zola's Restaurant, and Chetco Trader Pawn Shop (Brookings).

The individuals who donated time, refreshments, and/or items for the sale and auction included everyone on the LWVCC board (Louise Abbott, Susan Barke, Karen Pringle Cunningham, Alyce Prudden, Deb Worth), along with leaguers and community members Charlene Enoch, Becky Flake, Lucie LaBonté, Lisa Neher, Georgia Nowlin, Karol Simas, Phoebe Skinner, Ria Shannon Smith, and Ed Patterson.

Was the event successful? YES, it was.

Despite the wild weather and sparse attendance, we made money, raised our profile, and had fun.



**Tom Simas
Phoebe Skinner
Karol Simas**



On the purely financial side, LWVCC netted \$562 after costs, thus exceeding our \$500 goal. Our only cost was \$200 for the room/equipment rental. All items for the sale and auction were donated, as were the refreshments.

We also succeeded with both outreach and enjoyment. It was fun having face-to-face time with friends old and new. The atmosphere was made even more enjoyable with the lovely addition of live music, graciously provided by the talented Ken Dobberpuhl. The music even drew in a young attendee, Eva Meller, who joined in the music-making with her ukulele and voice.

**Overall – despite the day's weather and travel challenges – the fundraiser was a fun and successful event.
Thanks and kudos to all!**



**Eva Meller
Ken Dobberpuhl**



Background:

In the league setting, units have historically functioned as small discussion groups, with meetings often held in a league member's home, typically monthly.

These meetings enable members to:

- ☑ deepen their knowledge through discussion of community education programs and other current issues;
- ☑ discuss local and state ballot measures;
- ☑ guide League policy and action through consensus discussions of local and state LWV Studies; and
- ☑ visit with old and new friends in small, comfortable groups.

Small discussion units are a long league tradition. But the pandemic prompted LWVCC to switch to county-wide, all-member meetings via Zoom. Now that the pandemic has eased, we're rethinking unit meetings.

At its January 2023 meeting, the LWVCC Board decided to continue periodic all-member, county-wide zoom meetings, though on a less frequent schedule. The Board also decided to encourage members in Curry County's three cities to consider restarting in-person small units in their area, and an email was sent on January 19th inviting current and former members to do just that.

With that background, here's what's on the menu for member unit meetings this month.

Central County in-person meeting, February 10th

With encouragement and effort from Lucie LaBonté, a contingent of LWVCC members in the Gold Beach area will have a "Meet and Greet" for Central County LWVCC. It's scheduled for 4:00 pm on Friday February 10th at the Rogue Landing North in Wedderburn. As Lucie put it in her emailed invitation, the event will be "a great opportunity to invite people who you know may be interested in joining the LWVCC," as well as a chance to discuss future meetings, including time, place, topic, and discussion leader, and also an occasion to "just have a fun time. It will be wonderful to see faces again." For further information about this meeting, contact Lucie at lwvccclu2@gmail.com.

All-member virtual meeting, February 16th

The upcoming all-member meeting is set for Thursday, February 16th, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. It will be conducted via zoom. The topic is "Redistricting & Other Election Reforms." The discussion will be led by Norman Turrill, current LWVOR Action Committee Governance Coordinator. Mr. Turrill, one of the first men to join the League of Women Voters, is a knowledgeable and lively speaker. We hope to see you at one or both of these meetings.

**It's
Nominating
Time!**



- 🕒 The LWVCC Nominating Committee is made up of five people.
- 🕒 Three are member-elected for two-year terms (currently, Mary Jane LaBelle, Georgia Nowlin, and Lucie LaBonté); two are board-appointed annually for one-year terms (currently, Debra Worth and Karen Pringle Cunningham).
- 🕒 This invaluable committee is on the job right now!
- 🕒 As we move into Spring, the committee is actively looking for up to three members willing to serve on the LWVCC Board of Directors.
- 🕒 In addition to elected board positions, there are options for one-year appointments, including for treasurer this election cycle.
- 🕒 The LWVCC Board is an active and collaborative group of people dedicated to the League's success. Board service offers a deep view of the League's mission and activities. **New LWVCC members are most welcome!**

If you would like to learn about these opportunities, please contact our Nominating Chair, MJ LaBelle, at maryjanelabelle@gmail.com.



League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2023



Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
February	10	Central County Unit Meet & Greet	Rogue Landing North, Wedderburn	4:00 pm
	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	14	<i>Happy 103rd Birthday LWVUS!</i>		
	16	All-County Unit Meeting, "Redistricting & Other Election Reforms" with Norman Turrill	Zoom	5:30-6:30 pm
	17	<i>Random Acts of Kindness Day</i>		
	22	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5:00 pm
March	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	16	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	22	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5:00 pm
April	10	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	20	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	26	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5:00 pm
May	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	16	Special District Elections	County Clerk's Office; Official Ballot Dropsites	7:00 am - 8:00 pm; Until 8:00 pm
	24	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5:00 pm
June	3	Annual Member Meeting	TBD	TBD

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