

*"The New Year comes—fling wide, fling wide the door."
(Carrie Williams Clifford, 1920, The New Year.)*



January Presidents Message
by Alyce Prudden

Happy New Year!

I hope that your holiday season was safe, enjoyable, and peaceful. With the calendar turning, it's a good time to look back at the year just ended and to gaze ahead to the year just arrived.

LWVCC closed out 2021 with three events: two meetings in November and a party in December, all virtual. Our regularly scheduled board meeting took place in mid-November, followed a few days later by an informative all-member unit meeting featuring Curry County Jail Commander Lt. Joel Hensley. In early December, we hosted our annual Holiday Party. (Check out the summaries and pictures of these events in this CoastLines issue.)

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating the first unit meeting of 2022. Please note: We're retaining our third Thursday pattern for unit meetings, but for January, we're trying out a new, later time slot: from 6:30 to 7:30

We'll be seeking member feedback about whether this time is convenient, so please chime in. The **January Unit Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, January 20th, via zoom, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.**

The unit meeting topic will be **climate change**, featuring **Dr. Bill Gorham**. A retired marine biologist, Dr. Gorham spent 30 years as an environmental consultant. He's also a leader in Coastal SOCAN (Southern Oregon Climate Action Now). He's an informed and dynamic speaker, who's shared his vast and practical knowledge with LWVCC before. Please plan to join us for an up-to-date, in-depth discussion of this important, existential topic.

Beyond climate change, other critical challenges face us. As noted by Cheryl Graeve of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, we "carry the knowledge that we are not out of the woods with the pandemic; that we don't begin to know or understand the 'new normal' that awaits us; and, we can't shake the nagging feeling that our democracy is in a very fragile state. It's up to us to lead the way."

At League, we are well-positioned to lead the way in our local civic life. Our member-driven, mission-focused organization provides a wonderful platform for growth, collective action, and positive change. Our shared commitment to the common good keeps us strong as we march forward into this new year, with courage and optimism. If 2022 is a 365-page book waiting to be written, may we all write it well.

To end on a lighter note, herewith this edition's rhyme.

*The calendar has turned; it's 2022.
And here at League (like everywhere), we start the year
anew.*

*Yes, winter can be daunting and Covid's still in force.
But even so, we'll do our best to keep a steady course.
We plan to meet in person soon, when safety will permit,
'Til then, please join with us by zoom, every chance you get.*

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The November LWVCC board meeting was held via zoom on November 15, 2021. from 10 am to noon. All board members were present.

The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

1. Motion to approve the treasurer's report
2. Motion to approve the secretary's report

Other topics included the following:

- 2021 Holiday Party: date, time, and theme confirmed
- 2021 Holiday Bazaar takeaway: nice as a friend-raiser but not as a fund-raiser
- Current membership roster: 37 members
- Hard Rock Mining Study: report on LWVOR post-consensus position statement
- 2022 Board meetings for January to May: scheduled for second Mondays at noon
- 2022 Unit meetings for January to May: scheduled for third Thursdays, now at 6:30 pm



The next board meeting will be Monday, January 10th, from noon to 2 pm, via zoom.

Holiday Party!

"Hats Off To Travel."



The 2021 virtual LWVCC Holiday Party was held Sunday afternoon, December 5th, via Zoom.

- 🎩 This year's party theme was **"Hats Off To Travel."**
- 🎩 The event garnered a small but enthusiastic group of attendees.
- 🎩 Guests were asked to wear a unique, comfy, or holiday-themed hat. And we did!
- 🎩 All of the headgear was interesting. (College-themed Santa hats anyone?) But Colleen's vintage hat was a show-stopper -- amazing, chic, and gorgeous!
- 🎩 Guests also were asked to share a travel story.
- 🎩 The stories were fun, enlightening, and unexpected. They covered the globe and the years, with some tales taking us back decades.
- 🎩 With luck, LWVCC will hold its 2022 party in person.

Cheers!



A good time was had by all.



November 2021 Unit Meeting Summary, by Louise Abbott

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LWVCC's All-Unit Meeting was held via Zoom on
November 18, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.



- The meeting topic was the Curry County Jail, and the discussion was led by Lt. Joel Hensley, Jail Commander.
- A total of 10 people were in attendance, including the speaker.
- Dennis Triglia moderated, and Louise Abbott recorded.
- Some technical difficulties were encountered with Zoom, due to severe local weather at the time of the meeting.



About the Speaker:

- Lt. Hensley has been with the Curry County Sheriff's Office since 1998. He's served in a broad range of duties, including Corrections, Patrol, and Detectives.
- Lt. Hensley possesses Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Supervisory certificates in both Corrections and Patrol.
- He has been the Jail Commander since 2014. In July 2019, he earned a promotion from sergeant to lieutenant.
- Lt. Hensley is responsible for the welfare of AICs (that's "adults in custody," the proper term for those housed at the jail).
- Lt. Hensley supervises 14 deputies, two registered nurses, and one nurse practitioner.
- Active in community service, Lt. Hensley is currently a Curry Health District director; he previously co-chaired the Oregon Jail Commanders' Command Counsel.
- Lt. Hensley cites family as his proudest accomplishment, including wife Katie and their two adult sons, Brandon and Dakota.



November 2021 Unit Meeting Summary, by Louise Abbott - continued


About the Jail:

- Lt. Hensley provided an overview of the jail's history and operation.
- The jail was built in 1970 and has not been upgraded since.
- The original facility was designed for 52 beds, but currently has 35.
- A feasibility study is underway to explore how the jail might be upgraded or rebuilt, along with the county courthouse.
- The jail is staffed with two deputies at all times.
- Among the sheriff's staff are two female patrol deputies and two female jail deputies.
- The jail population varies.
- Typically, many AICs are held for probation violations.
- AICs may be held while awaiting trial, or after conviction when serving a sentence of a year or less.
- The jail offers AICs many services.
 - Three meals are provided each day, including for restricted diets.
 - Clothes and bedding are laundered. GED preparation is offered.
 - For education and recreation, library service is available, with approved books and magazines, plus playing cards and other games.
 - Television is available with limitations on what can be viewed.
 - A small outside yard allows AICs access to fresh air and to outdoor recreation like handball.
- In terms of medical services, the county picks up the tab for virtually all medical costs since all medical insurance programs stop upon incarceration.
 - That can be very expensive.
 - A few veteran benefits have recently been made available to AICs.
 - Mental health professionals visit, and training is provided to the deputies to assess and handle mental health issues.
 - AICs are screened and suicide prevention protocols are in place.
 - Covid vaccination is available.
 - Not surprisingly, the pandemic has complicated jail management.
- Every two years, the jail is inspected to determine if mandatory state standards are being met. In the past, jail tours were offered to the public, but they stopped during the pandemic.
- Once the covid pandemic is in hand, Lt. Hensley hopes to provide public jail tours once again.
- Between Lt. Hensley's extensive knowledge, and enthusiastic participation by those in attendance, the meeting proved lively and informative.





Deborah Ann Turner, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States, had the following Year-End Announcements:

Celebrating a Year of Advocacy

-  From the ongoing pandemic to a new Presidential administration, 2021 was a year to remember. Throughout it all, Leagues took action to promote fair maps, engage new voters, and push back against unprecedented waves of anti-voter legislation.




Defending Democracy in 2022

-  With midterms quickly approaching and anti-voter legislation cropping up throughout the country, there couldn't be a more important time to get involved in making the ballot fair and accessible to all Americans.
-  To kick-start the new year, January 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, join the King family and fellow advocates as we Deliver For Voting Rights."









Link: <https://deliverforvotingrights.com/>

But wait, there's more!

-  LWFVUS also recently announced that it will launch its updated website design the week of January 24th.
-  According to an email from Lilly McGee, Digital Communications Manager:
-  "This relaunch is the first, major part of ongoing work to make our site stronger.

This stage includes:

-  New homepage design that better highlights our focus areas, major legal cases, recent news, and VOTE411
-  Modernized design across the site
-  Custom "Take Action" to-do lists on our primary issue pages to empower users to get involved
-  Enhanced search, including the ability to search by content type and topic
-  On-page donation options to ease the donor experience
-  Accessibility upgrades on the backend to improve the user experience. And more upgrades are planned.

**LWFVUS is very excited to introduce the new site design ...
and to continue our digital enhancements throughout 2022.**





**News from the State League:
What's Happening at LWVOR**

Here are some highlights!



- There's always something going on at the League of Women Voters of Oregon, and the start of the new year is no exception.

Child Care Update: Call for Volunteers

- LWVOR's Child Care Update Study is underway, and the state league is asking local leagues to find out a little about childcare in their area.
- LWVOR is seeking volunteers from the Curry County League to interview principals from a few childcare providers in our area.



If you'd be interested in participating in this important work, please contact Louise Abbott.

LWVOR Program: Immigration Reform

- This year, one program focus for the state league is immigration reform.
- LWVOR will be pressing LWVUS to increase its lobbying work in 2022-24, to support legislation for comprehensive immigration reform and expanded paths to citizenship.
- LWVOR is seeking support from all Oregon leagues in this effort, with a proposed statement for us to adapt, adopt, and send to national.
- As LWVOR's President Becky Gladstone put it: "Advancing residents towards citizenship fits right into the League's mission of Making Democracy Work."
- And although "LWVUS has made statements and calls to action, more energy is needed to achieve immigration reform."
- "This is an urgent and appropriate moment for the LWVUS to invest more energy in advocating for legislation that would incrementally improve the lives of immigrants whether they are undocumented essential workers, DREAMers, farmworkers or green card holders who have been waiting for decades to become citizens.
- During 2021, there were many unsuccessful efforts to reach compromises and to address the concerns of Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle.
- Since 1986, Congress has continually failed to act on immigration reform."

TOOL-KITS

- LWVOR is ramping up its efforts to provide us with a number of helpful "tool-kits."
- Underway are tool-kits for *New Events* and for *Communications*.
- Under consideration is an *Office Guidelines* toolkit.
- These new offerings would join LWVOR's existing tool-kits for *Action*, and for *Voter Service Reps* (which will be transitioning to voter education).





Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
January	1	New Year's Day		
	10	LWVCC Board Meeting	zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	20	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic: Climate Change Speaker: Dr. Bill Gorham	zoom	6:30-7:30 pm
	26	LWVOR Local League Leaders	zoom	5 pm
February	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	17	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	23	LWVOR Local League Leaders	zoom	5:00 pm
March	13-19	Sunshine Week: <i>annual nationwide celebration of access to public information</i>		
	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	17	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	23	LWVOR Local League Leaders	zoom	5:00 pm
April	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	21	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	27	LWVOR Local League Leaders	zoom	5:00 pm
May	9	LWVCC Board Meeting	zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	17	Oregon Primary Election	County Clerk's Office; Official Ballot Dropsites	7:00 am - 8:00 pm. Until 8:00 pm
	19	All-County Unit Meeting, Topic & Speaker: TBD	TBD	TBD
	25	LWVOR Local League Leaders	zoom	5:00 pm

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