



## CoastLines

### President's Message

*Check out our new Newsletter Format!*

**February** began with our monthly Board of Directors meeting. Charlie Alexander will be our new Voter Services Chairperson. Thank you Charlie!

The Harvard Project is ongoing and we voted to allocate a total of \$500 for travel for up to two teachers to attend this year.

Also in February we partnered with Curry Library in Gold Beach to hold a Census Forum. More on that in this issue.

The Unit Meetings this month focused on Ann Schmierer's project of updating the League Recycling position.

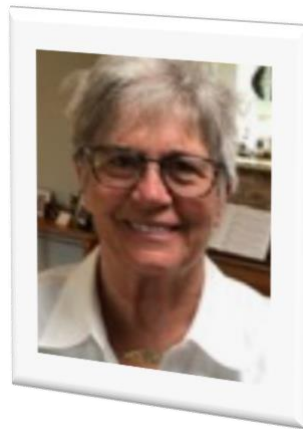
The Channel 182 Special District Forum held in January is finally up and available for review, as is the Census Forum.

Thank you Carl King for your support.

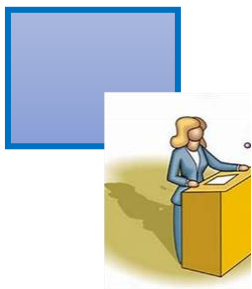
Dear Members, please help us by volunteering to be an "Observer" at the Commissioner and City Council meetings.

**Contact me at**

[maryjanelabelle@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanelabelle@gmail.com) to attend, take notes and report to the Board about discussions and positions taken at the meetings.



### Redistricting Forum



Please plan to attend this very important informational Forum put on by us and featuring LWVOR Campaign Chairperson Candalynn Johnson.

**The Forum will be held in Gold Beach at the Public Library on  
March 16, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.**



*The flyer is enclosed in this issue.*

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## Great News!

LWVCC has changed its IRS status from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The conversion process has been long and complex. It started with member approval at the annual meeting in June 2018. Six months later came submission to the IRS of the application, plus supporting documents and schedules (65 pages in all!). There were two follow-up submissions in 2019. The process culminated with

IRS approval in February 2020.

So how does the conversion affect LWVCC? As a 501 (c) (3), we are subject to strict expenditure limits on lobbying, though not on education.

Overall, we expect any impacts on our daily operations to be few and positive. For league supporters, it means that donations to LWVCC are now deductible to the full extent of the law. Here's that key feature in rhyme:

*Now that we're 501(c)(3),  
I pondered what it means to me.  
Then it hit like a knuckleball:  
Donations are deductible!  
So now when I give my league  
a gift, even my taxes may get a  
lift – how swift!*

A tax-deductible gift to LWVCC would be the perfect way to honor the League of Women Voters 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

*Alyce Prudden*

**Cheers to 100 years!**



## Unit Meetings & Recycling

The February Unit meetings focused on Recycling. Port Orford League member Ann Schmierer is in the process of updating the current League position paper on this very important issue.



Today, Recycling is the LAST step in a comprehensive eight step waste reduction cycle after **Rethinking, Refusing, Reducing, Re-using, Repairing, Re-gifting, Recovering.**

Ann will be pulling her team together (all those who signed up to work on this at the annual meeting last June).

Her goal is to have a revised policy to present to the LWVCC Board of Directors by the end of the Summer, or at year's end at the latest.

Thanks to Anne Tlaker who pulled together the Gold Beach Unit Meeting and Becky Flake for pulling together the Port Orford Unit meeting.

# The Road to 2020

## Census 2020 Information Session

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Jim Graham, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census gave his only public presentation in Curry County about the upcoming Census 2020. Held at Curry Public Library, Jim was introduced by Jordan Popoff, librarian, who also welcomed the audience to the library.

The event was a partnership of the League of Women Voters of Curry County (LWVCC), Curry Public Library and Wild Rivers Connect.

Jim Graham explained about the Constitutional mandate for the census, its importance, (Money, Justice and Power!) what it is, timeline and the challenges to an accurate census. The private and confidential treatment of the data was also stressed, as the release of personal information is prohibited by law and punishable under Title 13 and Title 26.

March 12<sup>th</sup> is the date that postcards will begin to go out and the online and phone options to complete the census will go live. For the first time, the census can be filled out online.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> is "Census Day"**, a key reference date for the

census. Efforts to contact those who have not completed the census will be from May to July. An accurate count is vital to services in Curry County which includes schools, roads, hospitals and local governments as well as community organizations.

Census recruitment efforts were represented at the event by Marion Roberts, US Census Recruiter and Jeanny Bulwada, Goodwill Employment Specialist. At the time of the meeting, 50 more census "enumerators" were still needed for Curry County.

Laura Hunter, Oregon Coast Community Action's (ORCCA) Census Outreach Coordinator was also present.

Georgia Nowlin of Wild Rivers Connect and League board member gave an overview about the census in Curry and the collaborative of Oregon's philanthropic organizations that are working to reduce the undercount in this year's census by funding the #WeCountOregon campaign to put Census Assistance Centers in every county in Oregon. ORCCA was

recently awarded the funding for the program in Coos and Curry Counties. Laura Hunter spoke about ORCCA's plan for outreach to the Hard to Count population and that they are actively looking to hire a part-time Curry County Census Organizer.

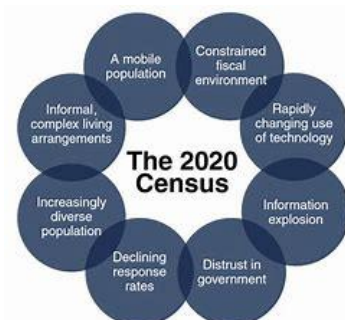
Mary Jane LaBelle, LWVCC president closed the meeting with information on upcoming League activities and a thanks to everyone.

Carl King of Curry County Voices recorded the session and it is available on:

<https://currycountyvoices.com/programs/>

Our Curry libraries will be having Census Kick-off events on various dates. Curry Public Library will be having a Census Kick-off Party and Trivia Night on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Check with your local library for their dates and times.

*Georgia Nowlin*



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COUNTY PRESENTS

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For more information contact, [Candalyann@lwvor.org](mailto:Candalyann@lwvor.org)



## Voter Services

**Charlie Alexander**, our next voter services chairperson, has begun the task of setting up the Candidate Forums for Oregon's May 19<sup>th</sup> primary election.

The Forums will be held on April 13, 14 and 15 in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. Check the attached calendar for times and places.



**Voter Registration  
Deadline is April 28!**

The races will be for National and State primaries and local County offices. Currently, there are two seats on the Board of Commissioners that are up for election.

Additionally, the County Clerk, Assessor, Sheriff and Treasurer will be on the primary election only if three candidates run for each seat. If three people do not run, the races will be on the general election Ballot in November. Candidate filing deadline is



March 10, so we will know for sure who is running on March 11. Charlie and I have been entering candidates and the Gold Beach Ballot Measure 8-100 on Vote411. There will be Voter Guides for both elections, but Vote411 allows candidates and ballot measure pro and con statements to be entered.

Try out Vote411 when you receive your ballots! We are learning to better use this tool during each election.



## Harvard Project

**Many of you** may know about the LWVUS project to send high school social studies teachers from around the US to Harvard for a three day workshop last summer to learned about teaching critical thinking skills through the Case Study Method used at the Harvard Business School . The program was developed by a Professor David Moss as an undergraduate class at Harvard. It quickly

Became the most popular course at Harvard. Phoebe Skinner a Pacific High School teacher, participated this past August and she will be facilitating a Case Study discussion for our community on **Tuesday, April 21, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Curry Public Library in Gold Beach.** Mark your calendar! Additionally, due to the success of the program it will offered

again and all local Leagues, including LWVCC, have called from essays from high school History and Social Service teachers in Curry County to choose the teacher(s) to attend the workshop this coming summer.

*To be noted: Oregon sent the most teachers (13) of any state to this program last summer. There were a total of 70 teachers participating. As a result, the Oregon Department of Education has reached out to Professor Moss and plans are in the works to have a Case Study training here in Oregon in the future.*

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Play!



**Set your calendar** to attend the musical written and directed by our very own Anne Tlaker and acted by our local actors.

**May 3, 2020 1 to 3:30pm**  
at the **Rogue Playhouse** in Gold Beach.

All members will be receiving 2 tickets to sell at \$25.00 each. There are only 100 seats available, so tickets will go quickly.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video Available!



**About three months** ago the Oregon League began to create a video to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in Oregon. The video is completed and we will be showing it at appropriate gatherings. Many local leagues are represented, including Curry.

Please view at:

<https://vimeo.com/390036985>.

*Watch your mailbox for your tickets!*



## Volunteer Appreciation Day



**On April 1 and 15, 2020**, the Curry County Board of Commissioners is recognizing the volunteer agencies in our County. LWV Curry County will be presenting a short synopsis of what we do, how we do it and how often we do it around 9am on April 1. Join us for this unusual event! To all of you who work and toil for no pay other than the joy of service to the League ideal, the LWVCC Board commends you.

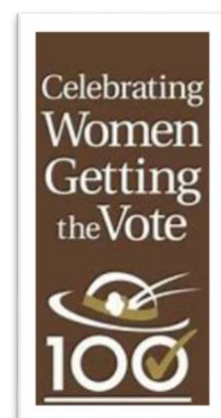
In the words of Kahlil Gibran:

*"I slept and dreamed life is all joy; I woke and realized that life is all service; I served and realized service is joy."*

*Welcome!*

**To our Newest Member!**

Joyce Spicer joined our Local League on February 27 at the Port Orford Unit Meeting at Becky Flake's home. Joyce is a realtor in Port Orford.



# League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar –2020

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
March	7	LWVOR 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch	Salem Convention Center	10AM-2PM
	9	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas's House	10:00 AM
	16	Redistricting Forum	Gold Beach Library	5:30 PM
April	1	Volunteer Appreciation Day	Commissioners Board Room	9:00 AM
	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Brookings Library Annex	4-6:00 PM
	13	Candidate Forum	Brookings Library	7-9:00 PM
	14	Candidate Forum	Gold Beach City Council	7-9:00 PM
	15	Candidate Forum	Port Orford Library	7-9:00 PM
	21	Harvard Project Demo	Brookings Library	6:30-8:30PM
	28	Last day to Register to Vote		
May	3	LWVCC 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Rogue Playhouse	1:00 PM
	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	MJ LaBelle's, Sixes	10:00 AM
	TBA	LWVOR Council	Newport	
	19	Primary Election	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
June	6	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Gold Beach	9:30AM-1PM
		New/Old Board Meeting		1PM



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