

CoastLines



With Halloween just behind us, and Thanksgiving still a few weeks ahead, we're laser-focused on the fast-approaching November 8th general election.

The League's mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government. Naturally, that includes voter education – especially now, ahead of elections.

In furthering that mission, last month LWVCC presented three in-person forums, featuring candidates in contested local races. The first forum took place in Port Orford on October 5th, followed by one in Gold Beach on October 6th; the third and final forum was held in Brookings on October 8th. All three were well-attended, civil, and lively. You'll find more details about them inside this issue.

The League has also distributed Voters' Guides, published by the League of Women Voters of Oregon with assistance from voter education volunteers from leagues throughout the state. LWVCC has distributed copies of the Voters' Guides in English and Spanish at various places in Curry County, and they are also available on the LWVCC website, lwvcurry.org.



Presidents Message,
by Alyce Prudden

Armed with this important knowledge, now it's time for league members – and everyone – to get the vote out. Bye for now – I'm off to VOTE!



Vote! For our nation's sake, vote!
It's what keeps our system afloat.
 It's time to stand and raise our voices,
 Mark our ballots, make our choices.
Vote! For goodness' sake, vote!
Never let this privilege seem rote.
 Please exercise this precious right
 For which our forebears had to fight.
For democracy's sake, don't miss the boat.
Whatever it takes, get out and vote!



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FAREWELL TO DENNIS TRIGLIA

Dennis Triglia resigned from the LWVCC Board, effective October 9th. His resignation encompasses all of his LWVCC positions: Board Director #1, Chair of the Voter Service Committee, and member of the Nominating Committee.

The Board reluctantly accepted Dennis's resignation, expressing both sadness and gratitude.

We greatly appreciate Dennis's hard work and accomplishments while serving on behalf of the League of Women Voters, and we will miss him.



Board Meeting Summary

Last month's LWVCC board meeting was held via Zoom on October 10, 2022, starting at noon. All board members were present, except Dennis Triglia, who has resigned from the board, and Debra Worth, who was away.

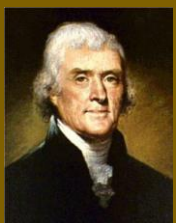
The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

- ✓ Motions to approve the financial report for the period ending September 30, as submitted by the treasurer;
- ✓ Motion to approve the board meeting minutes for September 12, 2022, as submitted by the secretary.

Other business included the following:

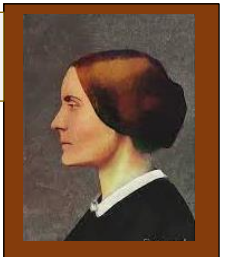
- ✓ Voter services – Discussion of the committee's status: Dennis has resigned as chair and Susan has resigned as co-chair.
- ✓ Discussion of National Voter Registration Day held on 9/20/22. Discussion of the October Candidate Forums on 10/5/22 (Port Orford), 10/6/22 (Gold Beach) and 10/8/22 (Brookings).
- ✓ Unit meetings – The September meeting was a member round table.
- ✓ By consensus, there was no October unit meeting.

The next board meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, November 14th, from noon to 2 pm.



"We do not have government by majority. We have government by the majority who participate." -Thomas Jefferson

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it." -Susan B. Anthony





LWVCC presented three in-person Candidates' Forums in October, which covered the length of the county:

- ❖ Port Orford on October 5th
- ❖ Gold Beach on October 6th
- ❖ Brookings on October 8th



The League invited all candidates in all contested local races, and most were able to participate. The exceptions are due to league policy and practice.

First, the league's "empty chair" policy prevents a forum when only one candidate in a contested race is available. Under that policy, we were not able to present the two candidates for Gold Beach City Council, Position 5 (Valarie MacGillivray and Anthony Vieira), since only one was available.

Additionally, it's long-standing league practice to invite candidates for county-wide office – and for state offices that represent the county – to all local forums. This election cycle, the county and state candidates' schedules allowed them to attend the forums in Brookings and Gold Beach, but not the one in Port Orford.

All three forums were well-attended, civil, and lively. Here are some details from each. They can be viewed on the LWVCC website – lwvcurry.org – under the Elections tab.

Port Orford, with reporting from Charlie Alexander

The forum went off extremely well, especially considering the circumstances, which included last-minute scheduling and a cranky public address system.

We really tried to work the LWVCC sound system, but unfortunately we weren't successful, despite awesome efforts by Susan Barke and her husband Fred. We were finally able to get the tiny library system to work. But with only one mic, our moderator Georgia Nowlin had to continually maneuver to the five Port Orford City Council candidates. Even so, most attendees were able to hear, most of the time.

And what a great turnout – 46 people, standing room only! And so many interesting questions were posed, too.

It was a very successful forum and I cannot tell you how many people came up to us League members and thanked us for having it. The community thanked us with donations, too – \$82 in all. I think that's a record!



Thanks to all who made the Port Orford forum such a success.



CANDIDATES:

All five candidates vying for three open seats on the Port Orford City Council were present:

- ★ Lorin Kessler, Perri Rask, Craig Rosenauer, Ann Vileisis, and Brett Webb.

LWVCC TEAM:

- ★ Organizers – Susan Barke, Charlie Alexander, Georgia Nowlin, Mary Jane LaBelle
- ★ Moderator – Georgia Nowlin
- ★ Question Sorters – Mary Jane LaBelle and Evan Kramer
- ★ Timer – Susan Barke
- ★ Greeters & Question Runners – Margie Bromser and Jean Jezuit

Thanks, too, to David Nowlin and Fred Barke, for their help with transportation, equipment hauling, set-up and tear-down, and general handiness.

"The feedback was consistent: the League is respected."

MJ LaBelle



Gold Beach, with reporting from Alyce Prudden

Overall, the Gold Beach forum was an excellent event. We counted a total of 58 people in attendance: 48 in the audience, plus the four candidates running for county-wide and state office, along with five league volunteers and Carl King, videographer extraordinaire.

Left to right:

Philip Dickson,
Karol Simas,
Debra Worth,
Linda Elfman,
Alyce Prudden,
Carl King



We were able to use the library's sound system, which worked beautifully. The audience was polite and engaged. Audience members posed interesting questions on topics ranging from national issues to local concerns. The four candidates were very civil with each other, and with the audience. The candidates handled the questions well, including a couple that veered into dubious territory, which we failed to catch in the early flurry.

Many of those present thanked the league for presenting the forum. And we in turn offer our thanks to all those who contributed to the effort.

CANDIDATES:

For House Representative, District 1, both candidates participated:

- ★ Bret Cecil (Democrat) and incumbent David Brock Smith (Republican).

For the nonpartisan office of Curry County Commissioner, Position 1, both candidates participated:

- ★ Brad Alcorn and Beth Barker-Hidalgo.

LWVCC TEAM:

- ★ Organizer - Alyce Prudden
- ★ Moderator - Philip Dickson
- ★ Question Sorters - Alyce Prudden and Debra Worth
- ★ Timer - Linda Elfman
- ★ Greeter & Question Runner - Karol Simas



Brookings, with reporting from Dennis Triglia

The forum in Brookings went off very well, except for occasional loud reverberations from the sound system. It was a big event, featuring 11 candidates: all seven people running for Brookings city offices, plus the four county and state candidates who were present at the Gold Beach forum.

We counted a total of 80 people in attendance – just three fewer than maximum occupancy! That included 61 in the audience, plus the 11 candidates, Carl King, and seven league volunteers.

The audience was polite and engaged. The candidates were very civil and handled the questions well. The audience learned quite a bit about the candidates both personally and ideologically.

- ➔ We got a lot of good feedback from those present, audience and candidates.
- ➔ We're grateful to all who helped make this event possible.

CANDIDATES:

The four county and state candidates participated both in Gold Beach and in Brookings:

- ★ Brad Alcorn and Beth Barker-Hidalgo, running for County Commissioner,
- ★ Bret Cecil and David Brock Smith, running for House Representative.

In addition, all candidates for Brookings city offices participated.

- ★ For mayor, Anthony Bond, Ron Hedenskog, and Candice Michel.
- ★ For council position 3, Diana Cooper and Andy Martin.
- ★ For council position 4, Teresa Lawson and Michelle Morosky.

LWVCC TEAM:

- ★ Organizer – Dennis Triglia
- ★ Moderator – Georgia Nowlin
- ★ Question Sorter – Debra Worth
- ★ Timer – Ed Patterson
- ★ Greeter & Question Runner – Kathleen Dickson
- ★ Sound System – Louise and Jim Abbott



The Brookings city candidates' comments at the forum were reported in an October 15th article in the Curry Coastal Pilot. The electronic version of that article can be found at; https://www.currypilot.com/news/several-candidates-vying-for-brookings-mayor-and-council-seats/article_4127de3a-49b9-11ed-b492-7b3c2b2f37e9.html

Candidate forums present a unique opportunity for voters to meet candidates face-to-face, to hear their ideas and plans, and to ask questions of those seeking office. Presenting these forums requires a lot of hard work from dedicated league volunteers and others in the community.

In my view, this effort is unquestionably worthwhile, because it's at the very heart of the League's mission of educating and informing our citizenry. Thanks to each and every person who put their time and energy into making these forums a reality.

In addition to all the candidates and team members listed above, I'd like to offer special thanks to Carl King for recording the forums, and to his wife Denise King for getting them on the airwaves. We're also most grateful to the public libraries in Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings for providing a venue for these important events.



News From National

- ✓ The national league has partnered with Vot-ER, an organization that brings civic engagement directly into our health care systems.
- ✓ Interested volunteers will have the chance to help patients register or prepare to vote.
- ✓ The immediate goal is to organize upcoming get-out-the-vote opportunities, particularly over the critical two weeks leading up to Election Day.
- ✓ Volunteers can sign up for a shift to call on voters from underrepresented communities.
- ✓ Training will be provided at the start of every short volunteer shift – all you need is a computer and a phone! There are still two shifts available:

Thursday, November 3, 2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET – sign up at this site:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/pluAzC5nukeWU8UMEdR4Q2>
Saturday, November 5, 2022 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET – sign up at this site:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/FWfG0QJkF0ercMbtrCt6ow2>



News From State League

- ✓ The LWVOR Nominating Committee is reaching out to local leagues, seeking suggestions for state league leaders for 2023-2025.
- ✓ A number of positions need to be filled at the May 2023 LWVOR Convention.
- ✓ All are two-year terms.
- ✓ The open slots include board positions as well as off-board portfolio chairs and members.
- ✓ Board positions include President, First Vice President, Secretary, three Board Directors, plus Nominating Committee Chair and two additional member of that committee.
- ✓ Off-board portfolios include Human Resources Chair, VOTER editor, Communications Chair, Action, and Voter Education.
- ✓ The Nominating Committee would love to hear from all leagues around the state.
- ✓ If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please contact either of the two co-chairs by email with your suggestions and a convenient time to telephone you to discuss your nominees.
- ✓ The Nominating Committee co-chairs are Diana Bodtker [Diana.Bodtker@gmail.com] and Libby Medley [Medleylj@gmail.com].





BE SURE TO VOTE!

Election Day



Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Submit your ballot before 8 pm

LOCATIONS:



In-person at the Curry County Elections Office

Office hours: 8:30am - 12:00 | 1:00 – 5:00pm

29821 Ellensburg Avenue 2nd floor, Gold Beach

24 Hour Drive-Up Ballot Dropsite Locations



Curry County Courthouse

E Moore Street

Parking lot

Gold Beach, OR 97444



Brookings City Hall

898 Elk Drive

Brookings, OR 97415



Port Orford City Hall

555 W 20th Street

Port Orford, OR 97465

QUESTIONS?

Contact the County

Clerk

(541) 247-3295

clerk@co.curry.or.us





Calendar 2022



League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar Fall – Winter 2022

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
November	8	Election Day	County Clerk's Office Official Ballot Drop sites	7:00 am - 8:00 pm Until 8:00 pm
	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00 - 2:00 pm
	17	Member Meeting: Election Round-up	Zoom	5:30 - 6:30 pm
December	4	Holiday Party	TBA	TBA



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Seafood, steak and chop house
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541-366-2200

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541-661-4098
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Gold Beach, 97444

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provides to inform Curry County Voters.



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2022-2023

Board Officers & Directors

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★ **Alyce Prudden**

Secretary

★ **Susan Barke**

Treasurer

★ **Louise Abbott**

Board Directors

★ **Debra Worth**

★ **Karen Cunningham-Pringle**



Back: Susan Barke, Louise Abbott, Dennis Triglia (resigned October 2022);
Front: Karen Cunningham-Pringle, Debra Worth, Alyce Prudden

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Yes, I want to make a difference by joining LWVCC!

Individual Membership \$65.00 _____ Household Membership (2 adults in household) \$97.50 _____

I am unable to join but enclose a contribution of \$ _____

LWVCC is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization;

therefore, your dues & donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell/Text _____ Email _____

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Please send your check to: LWVCC, P.O. Box 1859, Gold Beach, OR 97444

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