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Presidents Message, by Alyce Prudden

October is here, and election season is in full swing.

At the very top of the League's agenda right now? Forums!

LWVCC will be presenting three in-person forums, featuring candidates in contested races – one in Port Orford on October 5th, one in Gold Beach on October 6th, and one in Brookings on October 8th. You'll find more details about these three events inside this issue. Please plan to attend!

Candidate forums present a wonderful opportunity for voters to meet candidates face-to-face, hear their ideas and plans, and ask questions. Presenting these forums requires a lot of hard work from dedicated league volunteers and others in the community. But from my perspective, 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 everyone who put their efforts into making these forums a reality.



**We're nearing November elections
In Curry and throughout the nation.
Outcomes depend on voters' selections
The key? Participation.**

**The mid-terms are ready to roll
For the US Senate and House.
Make your choices and get to the poll
Because non-voters don't get to grouse.**

**With many races and measures in play,
We're faced with a lot of decisions.
But informed choices can carry the day,
Reflecting our values and visions.**

**Civic duty takes heart and reason,
Plus hard work to get out the vote.
Yes, my friends, its election season;
Please – everyone – don't miss the boat!**



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In advance of the November General Election, LWVCC is presenting in-person Candidate Forums. LWVCC has invited all candidates for contested races in Curry County.

The format is a moderated Q&A. Questions are solicited from those attending the forums. Audience members are invited to write their questions on index cards provided by LWVCC. All questions are anonymous. The questions are sorted by office and category. The League moderator then presents the questions to the candidates.

All three forums will be recorded and will be available as soon as possible for viewing on the League's website at www.lwvcurry.org.

PORT ORFORD

The first forum will be presented at the Port Orford Public Library on Wednesday, October 5th, from 7 to 9 pm. The library is located at 1421 Oregon St, Port Orford. The forum will feature candidates for the Port Orford City Council.

GOLD BEACH

The second forum will be held at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach, on Thursday, October 6th, from 6 to 8 pm. The library's location is 94341 3rd St, Gold Beach. Candidates who have accepted the League's invitation for this forum are those vying for Oregon State House district 1, and for Curry County Commissioner position 1. Due to scheduling conflicts, and the League's "empty chair" policy, neither of the two Gold Beach City Council candidates will be participating.

BROOKINGS

The third forum will be presented at the Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings, on Saturday, October 8th from 5 to 7 pm. The library's address is 405 Alder Street, Brookings. Candidates invited for this forum are those running for Brookings Mayor and City Council, as well the candidates for Oregon State House district 1, and Curry County Commissioner position 1.



The League's "Empty Chair" Policy

*Thanks to all the stalwart volunteers whose efforts make these forums possible.
And special thanks to our Voter Service team:
Dennis Triglia & Susan Barke*

It sometimes happens that only one candidate in a contested race accepts a forum/debate invitation, or that a candidate cancels an appearance after agreeing to participate, thereby leaving the forum with only one participant. These are called "empty chair" events.

Guidance From the National League:



According to LWVUS, in "empty chair" situations, the rule for federal races is this: if only one candidate chooses to attend the LWV's forum, then no candidate for that office will be permitted to appear. As for state and local races, LWV recommends a similar protocol – that a forum not be held.

Guidance From the State League:



LWVOR follows all federal, state and local laws and regulations governing a forum/debate in an "empty chair" situation. If only one candidate for an office is present, LWVOR recommends that the forum not proceed, but be rescheduled. In the case of a last-minute candidate cancellation, if specified conditions are met, the sponsoring local league may allow the candidate who's present to give opening remarks, respond to pre-established questions, and present closing remarks, all within the agreed time limits.





National Voter Registration September 20, 2022

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- As in years past, the League of Women Voters of Curry County embraced the opportunity to register voters on National Voter Registration Day (NVRD).
- LWVCC set up tables at three locations in Curry County.
- Two were in Brookings – one at SWOCC and one in front of McKay's Market.
- The third site was in front of McKay's Market in Gold Beach.



Phoebe Skinner, Gold Beach



Alyce Prudden, Gold Beach

- For the most part, visitors to the three sites expressed their happiness to see the League out in the community registering people to vote, and they complimented our volunteers for the effort.
- At all three sites, volunteers encountered mostly folks who were already registered.
- That's not surprising, given Oregon's "motor-voter law" that allows residents to register to vote when they get an Oregon driver's license at the DMV.

Tom & Karol Simas, Gold Beach





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- Even so, the effort succeeded in a number of new registrations.
- Senior citizens make up a large part of our local population, and they opted overwhelmingly to use the paper registration forms, rather than the internet.
- At the community college, however, two younger registrants used the available QR code and registered online.
- Additionally, four people needed to check whether they were registered, and our volunteers showed them how to do so. And we were able to answer questions about registration for unhoused citizens and for felons.
- For our little rural county, the effort was successful and rewarding.
- NVRD is a good way to increase awareness in our community regarding the importance of voting and to meet new people of all political parties.



Lori Stoddard, McKay's Market, Harbor



**Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a resounding success,
including these volunteers!**

- ★ Vicki Bradley
- ★ Barbara Braunstein
- ★ Lori Gallo-Stoddard
- ★ Ray Gary
- ★ Bill Gorham
- ★ Linda Lee

- ★ Vicky O'Hara
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- ★ Karol & Tom Simas
- ★ Phoebe Skinner
- ★ Dennis Triglia





The League maintained its decade-long status as the largest on-the-ground partner for National Voter Registration Day this year, with more than 400 Leagues hosting 600+ events.

The League is dedicated to registering voters year-round. In 2022, LWV hosted 900 registration events aimed at young voters alone, and countless others working with new citizens, formerly incarcerated people, and other impacted communities.




Key election dates for 2022

- Oct. 18** Last day to register to vote in the November election.
Last day to mail state voter pamphlets.
- Oct. 19** First day to mail ballots to voters.
- Oct. 26** Last day to mail ballots to voters.
- Nov. 8** Election Day



LWVOR is launching the 2022 Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME) on October 1st. Teachers all over the state can register. They'll get access to the Lesson Plan and the Civics Ed/Mock Election Curriculum, plus flyers and student ballots. Students will learn about races and ballot measures; early voting will be start October 11th, and the event will culminate with Mock Election Day on October 18th – the actual Oregon Voter Registration deadline for the November 8th election. October will be an exciting month for civic youth education in communities throughout Oregon.



Welcome to our new LWVCC members:

Kathleen Dickson
Jacob Farmer
Loren Farmer
Linda K. Stagg-Brown





It's Election Time!



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In the 2022 November general election, Oregonians will select members of Congress, a new governor, and state lawmakers. We'll also weigh in on four state ballot measures. (See the accompanying article about the ballot measures.) And here in Curry County, we'll vote on local candidates as well. Here's the lowdown on the candidates who will appear on the November ballot.



National Congressional Offices

SENATE: Oregon voters will elect one United States Senator. The candidates are incumbent Ron Wyden (Democrat / Independent Party); Jo Rae Perkins (Republican / Constitution Party); Dan Pulju (Pacific Green Party); and Chris Henry (Progressive Party).

HOUSE: Oregonians will also elect six candidates to serve in the United States House of Representatives (one from each of the state's districts, including Oregon's new District 6). Curry County is part of District 4. The candidates for that office are Val Hoyle (Democratic Party / Working Families Party); Alek Skarlatos (Republican Party); Jim Howard (Constitution Party); Levi Leatherberry (Independent Party / Libertarian Party); and Michael Beilstein (Pacific Green Party / Progressive Party).



Oregon Governor

Oregon voters will choose from among five candidates to be the state's next governor: Republican Christine Drazan; unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson; Democrat Tina Kotek; Libertarian R Leon Noble; and Constitution Party candidate Donice Noelle Smith.



Oregon Court of Appeals

There are two candidates for Position 3: Vance Day and Darleen Ortega.



State Lawmakers

For Curry County voters, there is a contested race for House Representative, District 1. The candidates are Bret Cecil (Democrat) and incumbent David Brock Smith (Republican).



Curry County Commission

For the nonpartisan office of Curry County Commissioner Position 1, the candidates are Brad Alcorn and Beth Barker-Hidalgo.



Local City Council & Mayoral Races

All local city council and mayoral positions in Curry County are nonpartisan. The contested races in Curry County's three cities are as follows.

- For Port Orford City Council, there are five candidates for three open seats. The candidates are Lorin Kessler, Perri Rask, Craig Rosenauer, Ann Vileisis, and Brett Webb.
- For Gold Beach City Council, there is a single contested race, for position 5. The candidates are Valarie MacGillivray and Anthony Vieira.
- In Brookings, there are three mayoral candidates: Anthony Bond, Ron Hedenskog, and Candice Michel. There are two candidates for council position 3: Diana Cooper and Andy Martin. And there are two candidates for council position 4: Teresa Lawson and Michelle Morosky.





Also on the ballot

- ✓ In addition to candidates, Oregon's November election also features four ballot measures.
- ✓ For each ballot measure, an appointed committee drafts an impartial, simple, and understandable statement that explains the measure. The explanatory statement is printed in the Voters' Pamphlet. The explanations for the four ballot measures on November ballot can also be viewed at: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/explanatory-statement.aspx>
- ✓ The table below lists the four ballot measures on the November ballot and includes the state league's position on each.

Title	Subject	Description	LWVOR Position
Measure 111	Oregon Right to Health Care	Legislative Referral 111 – Amendment to the Oregon Constitution This requires the state to ensure affordable healthcare access, balanced against requirements to fund schools and other essential services.	Support
Measure 112	Criminal Punishment	Legislative Referral 112 – Amendment to the Oregon Constitution This applies to prisoners working without getting paid. It removes language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.	Support
Measure 113	Accountability for Legislators	Initiative Petition – Amendment to the Oregon Constitution This would disqualify Legislators with ten unexcused absences from floor sessions and from holding the next term of office.	No position
Measure 114	Firearms	Initiative Petition – Adoption of an Oregon Statute: "The Reduction of Gun Violence Act" This would require a permit to acquire firearms and prohibit magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.	Support





September Board Meeting Summary

- Last month's LWVCC board meeting was held via Zoom on September 12, 2022, starting at noon.
- All board members were present, except Karen Pringle-Cunningham, who was traveling.

The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

Motions to approve the financial reports for the periods ending July 31 and August 31, as submitted by the treasurer;

Motion to approve the board retreat minutes for July 11, 2022, as submitted by the secretary, with one correction as to title.

Other business included the following:

Voter services – Planning and preparation for (1) National Voter Registration Day on 9/20/22; and (2) the October Candidate Forums on 10/6/22 (Gold Beach) and 10/8/22 (Brookings).

Unit meetings – The September meeting will be a member round table. By consensus, there will be no October unit meeting.



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

SEPTEMBER MEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

Last month's member meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, September 15th, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

The meeting was a virtual all-member Round Table, aimed at giving LWVCC members the opportunity to inform the board about their preferences on local league issues of any kind – specifically including ideas about future member meetings.

There were eight members in attendance, including a brand new member, and the group also heard by proxy from several other members who could not attend but offered their input beforehand.

The discussion was wide-ranging, but it mainly focused on two topics. The first topic – as planned – concerned member meetings. The second, which arose organically at the meeting, addressed the possibility of a north county candidate forum.

With respect to member meetings, the ideas ran the gamut. As to format, some members favored a quarterly meeting, with one in each city.

Others preferred a return to small, in-person unit meetings for each area of the county, held in members' homes. Meetings could be monthly (or not). They could be in the daytime (or not). They would feature a speaker or a panel (or not). The meetings would hybrid, with a virtual option (or not). The topic would be coordinated among the north, south, and mid-county units (or not).

Suggested topics included climate change, poverty, homelessness, and technology training.

The discussion then turned to the idea of presenting a candidate forum in Port Orford. Among those present at the meeting, there was a strong consensus that LWVCC should – and could – do a forum in Port Orford, in addition to the two forums planned for Gold Beach and Brookings. Several of those present volunteered to put it together. (Two days later, after a series of emails among LWVCC board members, the board made the decision to go forward with the Port Orford forum.)

The meeting was intended to be lively and informative – and it most certainly was. Thanks to all who attended and chimed in.





Calendar 2022

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

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
October	5	Candidates' Forum	PO Public Library Port Orford	7:00 – 9:00 pm
	6	Candidates' Forum	Curry Library Gold Beach	6:00 – 8:00 pm
	8	Candidates' Forum	Chetco Library Brookings	5:00 – 7:00 pm
	10	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00 -2:00 pm
	18	Oregon Student Mock Election	Statewide	
November	8	Election Day	County Clerk's Office Official Ballot Drop sites	7:00 am - 8:00 pm
	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00 - 2:00 pm
December	4	Holiday Party	TBA	TBA



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