

This edition is being sent to old and new members. If you have not renewed your membership since June, 2020, this will be your last issue. Please re-join!

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President Message ★ by Anne Tlaker Hall

Hello Leaguers and Friends!

Our work is cut out for us this year as the pandemic rages and elections loom. Amid all the isolation, so much is happening. Our National Convention was held via ZOOM which was amazing! Almost 2000 people on-line from all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and DC.

Inspirational speakers, voting and business conducted and new goals set out for our National organization from cyber security and climate change to racial equality. They say the reason humans have survived as long as we have is because we can adapt. And we can! I am adapting to becoming President a year earlier than expected and as a very new member, the learning curve feels like Everest...With experienced Sherpas like Mary Jane La Belle, Charlie Alexander and our incredible board climbing with me, we can't help but make it out on top. We held a socially distanced and masked New Board/Old Board Meeting June 23rd and a Board Retreat July 28th and I must say the synergistic power of these women could fuel a rocket to Mars. Board members include retired attorney, Alyce Prudden; retired professor, Louise Cabbot and accounting guru, Colleen Bunn as our new treasurer.

I look forward to working with you all!



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With Mary Jane, Charlie and Karol Simas keeping us on track we look forward to a productive and informative year.

And yes there is work you can help us with too! Never in my lifetime have I seen such efforts to undermine voting in this country. Efforts to make it harder rather than easier for the electorate to have a voice. Claims that mail-in voting is fraudulent when Oregonians have confidently embraced this form of voting for over a decade. I spent a few months researching and writing our 100th Anniversary musical: "Pathbreakers: Heroines of Oregon Suffrage" and found a real education in the vision and the struggles of our League founders...harassed, jailed, beaten...just to have a part in the making of our nation...and while dealing with the "Spanish Flu" pandemic! Their belief in democracy is inspiring today. Tell friends to check in with Vote411, the on line voter's guide to learn about candidates and issues. Contact the city coordinator to help with registering voters in your city Sept 22. Join an action committee...offer to work on our newsletter...be an observer at City and Commissioner meetings. There are so many ways you can participate in the League this year.

★ *by Alyce Prudden*

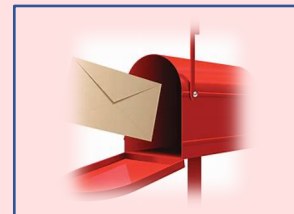
In May 2020, Lucie La Bonté made a generous donation to LWVCC of over \$1,000. As reported at the Annual Meeting, Lucie made the donation as a challenge to spur additional member donations. Lucie is an active member, ardent supporter, and long-time former LWVCC president. Lucie's donation arrived at a critical time, when our planned fundraiser was shelved by Covid-19 (at least for the time being). The League is very appreciative of the donation ... and the challenge.

A number of members have stepped up to the challenge, making contributions in varying amounts, toward a match. As of August 31, six individuals have donated to the "Lucie Challenge Fund" for a total of \$435.00. Thank you! Now would be the perfect time to honor Lucie's gift with a match – in whatever amount fits your budget.

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All donations are tax-deductible. And can be sent to:

**LWVCC Treasurer
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PO Box 1859
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Thank you!

News From our State League



Of interest to members from your national and state leagues, courtesy of LWVOR President Rebecca Gladstone's letter to local league leaders, dated August 17, 2020.

✓ **ABOUT ...*The United States Post Office***

League Statement on the Postmaster General's Reversal of USPS Changes Until After 2020 Election
On August 18, 2020, the LWVUS tweeted:



"While we're pleased changes made by the Postmaster General will temporarily cease, questions remain on how to make USPS whole again—including restoring deficiencies these decisions caused in the middle of a pandemic, just months before a national election."

✓ **ABOUT ...*Fact-Checking***

Sheila McGinnis, co-author of the LWVOR Privacy & Cybersecurity Study, wrote that the "study briefly addressed the growing concern over election integrity and disinformation (especially on the internet). Voters need factual, unbiased information to participate in a free and fair election process. ... Political topics are often the subject of misinformation, false claims, and digitally manipulated media—especially during election season. Be informed, and check your facts at one of these non-partisan fact-checking sites. *Don't be fooled*".

**"Voting is the oxygen of our democracy."
– Alex Padilla
California Secretary of State**

✓ **FactCheck.Org**
✓ **Politifact**
✓ **OpenSecrets.org"**



Please Support Your League

★ *by Alyce Prudden, Membership Chair*

I'm delighted to be the new membership committee chair – especially with such a critical and exciting year ahead.

As detailed in other articles in this issue, this year's LWVCC initiatives include:

- ★ **Voter Registration:** We've committed to registering voters as part of National Voter Registration Day, September 22 – using all appropriate precautions, of course. We'll be seeking volunteers, so expect a call!
- ★ **Voter Education:** Providing voter information is a core mission. We'll be distributing League Voter Guides in the Fall. We're contributing local candidate information to the League's voter information website, Vote411.org, and candidate forums for Curry County are in the offing, too.
- ★ **Redistricting:** See the article on page 8 for updates.
- ★ **Program:** On August 26, we held an excellent consensus meeting on the state's Privacy and Cybersecurity study, which was well-attended by our members. Also, we will continue moving forward with our local Recycling Study update.
- ★ **Member Engagement:** To foster greater connections between members and the League, we'll be surveying members' interests and trying to match them with league activities. And we'll continue to use unit meetings to safely bring members together for education and fellowship around issues of common interest.



**We count on our members to support
our important efforts!**

If you haven't already done so, please mail your
renewal check now to:

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**This year's dues remain at \$65 for an individual (\$97.50
for a household of two) – and they're tax deductible.*



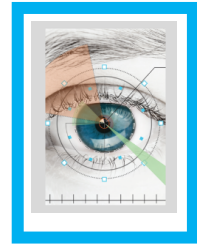
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**"Everybody counts in applying democracy."
– Carrie Chapman Catt**



★ by MJ LaBelle

A huge THANK YOU! to all who participated in our **zoom** Consensus meeting on August 26! A third of our membership participated! BRAVO! Joining us as mentors were Sheila McGinnis, LWVOR Board Member and co-author of the study, along with Mary Sinclair, former LWVOR Board Member and currently a member of the Umpqua Valley League. The discussion centered on the policy implications of Internet technologies for data privacy, election security and E-commerce.



LWV Curry members deliberated propositions and questions posed by the state study committee to reach a local consensus on the issues. Agreements reached during the Curry League's discussions will be combined with the agreements of all local Oregon Leagues and submitted to the state LWV to develop a state-wide Cybersecurity policy position statement. Upon approval of the position by the LWVOR's board, the state position will be used as the basis for League action and advocacy on any Oregon cybersecurity legislative proposals.

"Freedom is not a state; it is an act.

It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest.

Freedom is the continuous action we all must take."

– John Lewis



Voter Registration

September 22, 2020

★ *by MJ LaBelle*

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The day for a huge nationwide push for voter registration is coming this month. Charlie Alexander, Voter Service co-chair, has lined up the city coordinators.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact the city coordinators below to assist with helping at the Voter Reg tables in these cities:

Brookings: Alyce Prudden aeprudden@aol.com

Gold Beach: Karol Simas surfsimas@gmail.com

Port Orford: Charlie Alexander lwvalexanderc@yahoo.com

The tables will be set up from approximately 10am to 6pm, but the coordinators above will have time/place information for you. You will be requested to take two hour shifts and there will be two people at the table at a time. Masks will be required, and we will take pandemic precautions per Governor Brown's recommendations.



"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



Let's Get Engaged!

★ *By Alyce Prudden, Membership Chair*

There's nothing like a quarantine and social distancing to put the kibosh on our sense of connection. But if nothing else, the past six months have emphasized our basic human need to interact.

With that in mind, as your new Membership Chair, my sights are set on fostering stronger member engagement – despite the pandemic!

But I'll need help – committee members, volunteers, and lots of ideas.

As one step toward strengthening member engagement, we're preparing a survey designed to learn members' preferences, passions, and interests, with an eye to matching them with league activities. There's nothing like a good volunteer fit to strengthen connection!

Additionally, we're looking at ways to be face-to-face without in-person unit meetings. And we're not above stealing ideas from sister leagues, like LWV of Umpqua Valley, which has just initiated a "First Tuesday Talk Time." That league is launching a monthly virtual conversation, held over the lunch hour, at which members are invited to talk about their interests and their ideas for improving their local community. It sounds like a lovely way to safely bring members together for engagement, information-sharing, fellowship around issues of common interest – and fun! Stay tuned – or chime in – as we develop our own local take on this idea.

I'm excited to be chairing LWVCC's membership committee. I'm eager to hear your ideas for forging stronger connections within our League community.

So what say we get engaged? Contact me at aeprudden@aol.com or 541-412-0292





★ *by MJ LaBelle*

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence & Summit, New Jersey has published a book in honor of the Centennial entitled, “Songs of the Suffragists: Lyrics of American Feminism from 1850 to 2020,” that can be purchased at:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1711686433/>.

To help other chapters, book clubs, historical societies and schools with remote programming, they also created a 28-minute documentary and discussion guide, which are available for FREE on their website: <https://www.lwv-bhnp.org/songs-of-the-suffragists>.

Here’s a little bit more about the book and program:

Written to commemorate the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment's passage, the book features the lyrics of more than twenty songs: from the 1851 song, "The Bloomer's Complaint" to the 2017 song, "Woman," and explores the cultural context and enduring themes of feminism in American songs. Each chapter contains a brief historical/cultural commentary about the era of the song, as well as an excerpt of song lyrics. The documentary expands upon the book’s themes, covering several songs not highlighted in the book, and focuses on the way both culture and law are integral to social change.



**“Justice is what love looks like in public”
– Cornel West**



U. S. Postal Service Commemorative Stamp

★ *by MJ LaBelle*



- ★ August 22, 2020 a new stamp was issued by the U.S. Postal Service, 19th Amendment: Women Vote, commemorates the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote.
- ★ The stamp honors the suffrage movement and the people who carried it through to fruition.
- ★ The 19th Amendment was ratified to the Constitution on Aug. 26, 1920.
- ★ Inspired by historic photographs, the stamp art features a stylized illustration of suffragists marching in a parade or other public demonstration.
- ★ The clothes they wear and the banners they bear display the official colors of the National Woman’s Party — purple, white and gold.
- ★ Designed by art director Ethel Kessler using art by Nancy Stahl, the stamp includes the words “Women Vote” and “19th Amendment” in shades of purple beneath the image.



★ *By Charlie Alexander*

A lot is happening right now with Voter Service. Mary Jane and I have been attending ZOOM meetings, put on by LWVOR and LWVUS. In these interesting times there are a lot of changes happening. I will talk about National Voter Registration Day first. It will be on September 22nd and we need lots of you to help Curry County LWV register 50 “new” voters. If someone changes their address, which is one of the new ways to ask when you are trying to get people to register - “Are you registered to vote at your current address?”, this is counted as a new registration, as is changing their political party. We are hoping to have some of us at Food Bank hand out day, at churches that have food give away meals and groceries, asking people while they are in line, tables at grocery stores and just asking everyone you see if they are registered to vote. We will start this adventure a week before 9/22 and will turn in all the cards on 9/23. We have to submit our number of new registered the night of 9/22 to LWVUS. They are hoping to register one million new voters nationwide. The last day to register to vote is October 13, 2020.

Candidate Forums:

Mary Jane and I have spent several days and many hours trying to figure out how we are going to conduct Virtual Voter Forums. We have been in contact with the counties that we share state elected officials with and we are co-sponsoring some ZOOM Forums with them. We have been invited to submit questions to them, so if you have any please send them to me and I will forward them on. We are in the process of setting up our Curry County Forums and by the time you are reading this, the letters have gone out inviting candidates to one of the four forums we are doing. The first forum will be on October 5th for contested state and county offices, the second will be October 6th for Port Orford City Council, followed an hour later for Brookings City Council contested seats. We will have one on October 7th for Gold Beach City Council. The forums will be recorded and shown on currycountyvoices.com (Channel 182) and our website lwvcurry.org via U-tube. I believe we can also put them on Vote 411.



*It is an exciting, fast paced time
for the Voter Service chairs!!!*

We Need Your Questions for Voter Forum Candidates!

Please submit to lwvalexanderc@yahoo.com

Please note new e-mail address for Charlie – she was hacked about six weeks ago. They asked for a favor, which was money – a lot of you contacted her and she appreciated that.



**We welcome new members to
our Curry County League!**

- ★ Susan Barke
- ★ Cindy & Stephen Meyers

How To check Your Voter Registration

★ *by Colleen Bunn, Treasurer, LWVCC*

For the first time, EVER, I just used the internet to check and see if my voter registration was valid. This was pretty quick and easy. I clicked on the following link, entered my name and birthdate, and it told me my voter status was active, what ADDRESS I was registered at, and what party I was registered as. This has given me peace of mind and confidence in the system.



- ✓ Check now to make sure you are registered
- ✓ Check that your address is correct
- ✓ Check if you are not registered, or your address has changed

You still have time to contact & work through any issues at:

Renee Kolen
County Clerk Curry County Elections
94235 Moore St., Suite 212
Gold Beach, OR 97444
Phone: (541) 247-3297

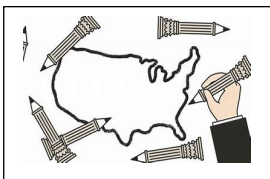
<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/showVoterSearch.do?lang=eng&source=SOS>

Redistricting Measure Update

★ *by MJ LaBelle*

At the League Leader's meeting on September 1, 2020, former LWVOR President and leader of the Redistricting ballot measure, Norman Turrill, reported that the Redistricting measure will not be on the November Ballot.

The courts held that it was ineligible. I am unable to explain why, but we will hear more about this. Norman expects it will be on the 2022 ballot. It was a disappointment—Norman has been working on this for four years.



Postcard Campaigns

★ *by MJ LaBelle*



There are two postcard campaigns that are designed to get out the vote (GOTV).

- 1 The first is being handled by LWVUS.
 - ✓ They are using Oregon as one of the test states and are sending approximately 35,000 postcards to registered voters who did not vote in the last election.
 - ✓ This is about half of those who did not vote.
- 2 The second postcard is being designed and printed by LWVOR.
 - ✓ It will have all the Oregon voting and registration dates.
 - ✓ The LWVCC Board will be requesting these and will be distributing them to Curry County League members to send to your personal friends and family in Oregon.
 - ✓ You will be hearing about this from the Board.
 - ✓ We just learned this September 1.

League of Women Voters of Curry County

Calendar – 2020– 2021

September, 2020
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Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
September	21 TBA TBA TBA 22	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting Port Orford Voter Registration	Karol Simas' Home, GB TBA TBA TBA Brookings: TBA GB: MacKays Port Orford: Ray's	Noon TBA TBA TBA 10am-6pm 10am-6pm 10am-6pm
October	5-7 13 14 19 TBA TBA TBA 31	Candidate Forum Taping Voter Registration Deadline Ballots Mailed LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting, GB Unit Meeting, Brookings Unit Meeting, Port Orford Census End	TBA/ ZOOM probably Karol Simas' Home, GB TBA TBA TBA	TV/U-tube Noon TBA TBA TBA
November	3 16 TBA TBA TBA	Election Day LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting GB Unit Meeting PO Unit Meeting Brookings	Vote Karol Simas' Home, GB TBA TBA TBA	noon TBA TBA TBA
December	6	Holiday Luncheon Party	TBA	TBA
January	TBA TBA TBA TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting GB Unit Meeting PO Unit Meeting Brookings	TBA TBA TBA TBA	noon TBA TBA TBA
February	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVCC 100th Birthday Fundraiser Unit Meeting GB Unit Meeting PO Unit Meeting Brookings	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	noon TBA noon TBA TBA
March	TBA TBA TBA TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting GB Unit Meeting PO	TBA TBA TBA TBA	noon TBA TBA TBA

		Unit Meeting Brookings There is no special election this month		
April	TBA TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings	TBA TBA	noon TBA
May	TBA TBA TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVOR Convention Unit Meetings	TBA TBA TBA	noon
June	6	LWVCC Annual Meeting New/Old Board Meeting	Gold Beach	9:30am-1pm





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Yes, I want to make a difference by joining the League of Women Voters of Curry County. _____ Individual Membership \$65 _____ Household Membership (2 adults in household) \$97.50 _____ I am unable to join but enclose a contribution of _____.

Only a portion of Membership dues to the League of Women Voters of Curry County are tax deductible. Donations to the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund are tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

I would like to work on _____

Send your check to: League of Women Voters of Curry County
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