

CoastLines



Presidents Message, by Alyce Prudden

Farewell Summer, welcome Fall!

- 🍁 **September's** arrival marks a busy time for many people, including those of us at League.
- 🍁 **September 5th is Labor Day.**
- 🍁 **September 17th is the nation-wide celebration of Constitution Day.**
- 🍁 **September 20th is National Voter Registration Day.**
- 🍁 **September** is when election-year activity starts shifting into high gear.

And of course, September is when **LWVCC** traditionally kick-starts its new league year, with a reconstituted board combining old and new officers and directors.

Your board this year is smart, strong, dedicated, and resourceful. It's my privilege to continue working with Louise Abbott, treasurer; Susan Barke, secretary; and Dennis Triglia, voter service chair. And of course, we're all delighted to welcome newly-elected board members Karen Pringle-Cunningham and Debra Worth. Please check out their introductions in this issue.

Each of us on the LWVCC board brings our individual passions and talents to the mix. For my part, as LWVCC President, I plan to continue listening closely, leading collaboratively, and maintaining a focus on institutional strength and community outreach.

As many Americans recognize, this is a critical time in our collective civic life. Our democracy faces growing challenges, from voter suppression to the erosion of civility, from election subversion to an onslaught of misinformation and disinformation.

Overcoming these challenges will take hard work and resolve from each of us. I'm honored to do my small part as LWVCC President to support the League's core mission of educating our citizenry and defending our democracy. Thank you all for sharing in this vital endeavor.



*Farewell summer, welcome fall –
The time of year we give our all!*

*With Constitution Day in our sights,
We gratefully celebrate civic rights.*

*Then, joining folks across the nation,
We help with voter registration.*

*And with elections weeks away,
We foster voters' informed say.*

*From candidate forums to Vote411
Our knowledge helps voters get the job done.*

*Yes, when candidates, measures, and choices abound,
It's great to know that League is around!*



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**Here's some interesting information about Labor Day,
courtesy of History.com:**

Nowadays, many Americans see Labor Day as time off work, an opportunity to enjoy a barbecue with friends and family, and a final moment of summertime relaxation before the busy fall season begins. But the history behind the Labor Day holiday is far more complex and dramatic than many realize.

- ★ It all started with a heated campaign by workers in the late 19th century to win support and recognition for their contributions. Throughout the 1880s, labor strikes became increasingly common, with workers protesting their long hours and their difficult, dangerous working conditions.
- ★ In September 1882, New York City's Central Labor Union organized a parade through Lower Manhattan, joined by a large crowd of some 10,000 to 20,000 people. Other cities followed New York's lead in holding celebrations for workers in early September.
- ★ In 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day an official holiday. 22 other states followed over the next seven years.
- ★ In 1894, President Grover Cleveland finally signed legislation creating a national Labor Day holiday in early September. Ironically, just days later, he sent federal troops to Chicago who brutally crushed a strike by railroad and Pullman sleeping car company workers, leaving some 30 people dead.

<https://www.history.com/news/labor-day-pullman-railway-strike-origins?>



- ✍ *September 17th is Constitution Day.*
- ✍ *It commemorates the signing of the United States Constitution at the 1887 Constitutional Convention by our Founding Fathers.*
- ✍ *This most influential document in American history was signed on September 17th of that year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*
- ✍ *Also celebrated as Citizenship Day, this special day provides a perfect opportunity for Americans to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.*
- ✍ *To our glorious Constitution, Happy 235th Birthday!*

For more information about Constitution Day, see:

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/constitution-day>





<https://constitutioncenter.org/>

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>



**National Voter Registration
Day is coming up on
September 20th, and we
need your help!**

National Voter Registration Day, by Dennis Triglia, Voter Service Chair

-  This nonpartisan civic holiday celebrates our democracy. It involves the collective efforts of thousands of volunteers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, schools, libraries, election officials, and more, from all over the country.
-  National Voter Registration Day is more than just a single day of action and more than just collecting lots of new voter registrations. It is about engaging citizens who have been left out of the democratic process, sparking civic volunteerism, educating voters, and promoting shared democratic values.
-  In my opinion, this holiday is a perfect fit for community outreach by the League of Women Voters of Curry County and it also serves as an opportunity to talk about the LWV and possibly recruit new League members. Of course, this needs to be a team effort as it has been for the past several years.
-  The tables will be set up from 10 AM until 6 PM, and the Team Leaders will have all the necessary information for volunteers. I am requesting two- OR four-hour shifts (two people at each table at a time).



**We count on our members to support our important efforts!
Please contact me to see how you can help @ trigliad@yahoo.com**

**Mark your calendar for this
month's all-member unit meeting
– a Member Round Table.**

**The board is seeking input from members about anything league-related
– including the kind of member meetings you want.**

**We'll meet virtually on Thursday, September 15th, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
If you don't "zoom," there's always an option to phone in. We won't see
each other, but your voice will be heard.**

Please come – we need your input!



I grew up in Akron Ohio, and as a child we drove to the beaches on the east coast every summer to vacation. We stopped many times to tour monuments in Washington DC, and homes of Presidents Washington and Jefferson.

My father, a navy veteran who served in WWII, wanted to show us the Capitol, and my mother, a genealogist, wrote about and connected my family with history in a very personal way. They both had a strong sense of optimism about the future. They instilled in me and my siblings a strong sense of responsibility to care for the world around us. I must have taken that to heart because I earned a degree in Geography and City Planning.

After graduation I found work as a planner in Missoula, Montana, and later as a researcher, writer and facilitator for rural land and water conservation entities. Later as staff for Montana Community Foundation, I evaluated grants and assisted philanthropic families. I carried the same skills to Central Oregon and focused on addressing the root causes of poverty for a decade. Brookings became a temporary home while I worked on the capital campaign for the Curry Campus. Soon after I became the Director of the Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) Foundation in Coos Bay. There I saw first-hand how students changed the trajectory of their lives by investing time and energy in certificates and degrees. Now retired in Brookings, I serve as a volunteer on the Board of SWOCC's Foundation and on Southern Oregon Climate Action Now, Coastal Chapter.

My DIY projects include gardening, basketry, and art of many types, and I share these pursuits with my grandchildren.



Candidate forums are in the works for early October!

As this issue goes to press, we're planning for two in-person gatherings.

Forum #1 is planned for Thursday, October 6th, from 6-8 pm, at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach. It will include candidates for Curry County Board of Commissioners; Gold Beach City Council; and Port Orford City Council.

Forum #2 is planned for Saturday, October 8th, from 5-7 pm, at the Chetco Community Library in Brookings. It will include candidates for Brookings Mayor and City Council.

The two candidates for our State House District, HD-1 (Bret Cecil and David Brock-Smith) will be invited to both forums.

Please mark your calendars, think of your questions for the candidates and plan to attend!



Debra Worth was born and grew up in Chicago and decided winters were not to her liking. She moved to the Mojave Desert, which was a big change of scenery, and joined the Navy. In the desert. After the Navy she went to work for the Department of Defense as a paralegal and patent technician. It was a job that she very much enjoyed. Particularly when she was presented with a patent to prepare that was composed of a box of mathematical formulas on bar napkins. It worked.

Debra moved to the Sierra Nevada Foothills and finished her Bachelor of Geography and Planning with a minor in Public Policy. She earned a degree in English Literature and Field Biology from Junior College.

She worked as a watershed manager for a non-profit that was a wonderful experience. She played Taiko drums in San Francisco several times and performed in the world Taiko Festival. It was a dream come true.

Debra served on the local school board as the clerk and liaison to the county and was part of the ad-hoc committee to write and implement the Nevada County Sex Ed curriculum. It wasn't as much fun as it sounds. She served on the board of a non-profit reproductive health care center that is still serving the community to this day. She was a board member of League of Women Voters in Nevada County.

She was president of the Democratic Women's Club for two years and raised a great deal of money for scholarships for local students.

She moved to Brookings four years ago with her husband, Ed Patterson, and helped him and others form a branch of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN). She also sits on the South Curry Watershed board and loves supporting Cherish the Chetco.

Debra is happy to be a part of the League of Women Voters once again as a board member.



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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!

News From National

The following information is from the “Newsroom” at the LWVUS website.

- In May 2022, the Missouri Legislature passed a restrictive election law, HB 1878.
- It was signed into law by the governor in June. That law is now being challenged in court.
- In two separate lawsuits, the League of Women Voters of Missouri, together with the Missouri NAACP and two individual voters, allege that the newly enacted voting restrictions violate the Missouri Constitution.
- The first suit, filed on August 22nd, challenges the law’s voter registration and ballot assistance restrictions.
- The second suit, filed on August 24th, challenges the provisions of HB 1878 that would eliminate forms of identification that Missourians currently rely upon to verify their identity at the polls.
- Those suits are pending.

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom>



In her latest newsletter, LWVOR President Rebecca Gladstone highlighted several current issues of interest. Among them was a report on the four measures that will appear on the Oregon ballot in November. That report is excerpted below.

OREGON BALLOT MEASURES

Four measures will be on all Oregon ballots this November, and this is where the state League stands on them. The League studies issues, reaches member consensus, and then we adopt positions. We refrain from supporting or opposing measures if we have not studied the issue. The LWVOR board voted to accept the Action Committee recommendation for the following:

- **#111 Oregon Right to Health Care Amendment – SUPPORT**
[Legislative Referral 111] Amend the Oregon Constitution: The State must ensure affordable healthcare access, balanced against requirements to fund schools and other essential services.
- **#112 Remove Slavery and Crimes from the Oregon Constitution – SUPPORT**
[Legislative Referral 112] Amend the Oregon Constitution: Remove language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime. This legislative referral applies to prisoners working without getting paid.
- **#113 Oregon exclusion from re-election for absenteeism – NO POSITION**
[Ballot Measure 113] Amend the Oregon Constitution: Disqualify Legislators with ten unexcused absences from floor sessions from holding the next term of office.
- **#114 The Reduction of Gun Violence Act – SUPPORT**
[Ballot Measure 114] Requires permit to acquire firearms; police maintain permit/firearm database; criminally prohibits certain ammunition magazines.

<https://www.lwvor.org/post/president-s-newsletter-september-2022>



Membership Update, September 2022, by Alyce Prudden, President

Membership Renewals

Our membership count dipped this summer, as it often does. In hopes of increasing renewals, we prompted members to renew at the June annual meeting, and we sent email reminders in July and August.

To all of you who've renewed, a big shout-out! And to those who haven't, a gentle reminder that it's still not too late. If cost is an issue, we have a limited number of "scholarship" memberships available; please contact us.

Unit Meetings

The pandemic-era "new normal" drags on. Like many organizations, LWVCC pivoted in 2020 from in-person gatherings to virtual meetings. For the most part, we've continued to do so – especially with unit meetings. But we're very open to other ideas.

One alternative would be a return to traditional small-group, geographically centered, in-person unit meetings. Historically, those meetings have taken place in each of Curry County's three cities – Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings – and they've been organized by a unit leader in each locale. If you're interested in reviving these traditional meetings and/or being a local unit leader, we'd love to hear from you. And of course, if you have other meeting ideas, we'd love to hear from you about those, too.

Please bring your suggestions to the September unit meeting, which will be a virtual Member Round Table. If you don't "zoom," there's always an option to phone in. We'll explore member preferences about a number of league topics – including the kind of meetings you want. Please come – we need your input!

Youth Outreach

For some time, LWVCC has been looking to broaden its outreach to include high school students. We started by contacting local high school teachers of civics, history, and government, in order to connect with their students, our future voters. We've invited these teachers and students to our monthly all-unit member meetings. Despite a tepid response, we'll continue extending invitations. And we'll try other avenues as well, perhaps even voter registration on high school campuses in the future. We'd love to find mutually beneficial connections between the League and prospective young voters. Your ideas are welcome!

Youth outreach is also a focus state-wide. Among other things, the League of Women Voters of Oregon is sponsoring the 2022 Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME). It will take place October 18th, with ballot choices from Oregon's November 2022 mid-term elections.

Community Outreach

As circumstances permit, LWVCC is looking forward to greater participation in community events, such as the County Fair and community festivals.

And of course, National Voter Registration Day is just around the corner on September 20th. Please volunteer for this important (and fun) grass-roots civics event.



**Questions?
Comments?
Ideas?
Input?
Feedback?**
Just email me at
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Calendar 2022



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

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
September	12	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00 - 2:00 pm
	15	All-County Unit Meeting Membership Roundtable	Zoom	5:30 - 6:30 pm
	20	National Voter Registration Day	Brookings: TBA Gold Beach: TBA Port Orford: TBA	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
October	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	During the school day
	20	All-County Unit Meeting <i>tentative, pending member input</i>	Zoom	5:30 - 6:30 pm
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	All-County Unit Meeting <i>tentative, pending member input</i>	Zoom	5:30 - 6:30 pm
December	4	Holiday Party	TBA	TBA



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