

**LWV CoastLines**  
 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
 OF CURRY COUNTY  
 President's Message  
 2025 Greetings to all our members!

September  
2025



We are beginning this year with a new and energized Board of Directors. We met in Retreat mid-August, as we usually start our new year. We drew up the skeleton of the 2025-26-year calendar, which you will find at the end of this **CoastLines**. We also spent time dreaming about the best actions for our League to take this next season.

We will be more visible this year, holding Informational Forums; onsite

- Board Meetings, for those who can make it; Candidate Forums in all three Cities where candidates are running; Unit Meetings and Voter registration

tables before elections.

- Another change is our partnership with the Coos County League. Ann Schmierer and I met with Coos County Board Members Jackie Clary (President), Abigail Bok (Newsletter) and Frances Smith (Publicity). We will be sharing Candidate Forums when the same candidates are running in both districts. We will be helping one another in this pilgrimage to save our Democracy.

- Lastly many, many thanks to our Coastlines editor and producer Cindy Machowski, who has been creating this newsletter for us for about eight years and is now editing the Coos County League's newsletter. Cindy donates her time to the Leagues, is from California and is becoming a member of **LWVCC**. **In League, MaryJane LaBelle**



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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®**

**OF CURRY COUNTY in league with the  
 GB Public Library**

**Informational Forum**

**The Structure of the Courts & Due Process**

**By Judge Jesse Margolis**



**Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025**  
**5:30 pm**

**Curry Public Library**  
**Gold Beach**

**Coastlines.**

☛ **Meet your Board Members.**  
☛ **This will be a new article in every**

☛ **We will start with your Board of**  
**Directors and move onto other members. [Mary Jane LaBelle](#)**

☻ My name is Mary Jane LaBelle, and I am the current President of the Curry County League of Women Voters.

☻ I have served on the Board previously as President, VP and Voter Service Chair.

☻ I am a Registered Nurse and former founding owner of four companies in the medical audit and datamining areas.

☻ My last two companies were DataMetrix and Escalate Medical Financial Services, both S Corporations.

☻ I am now 80 and retired (i.e. tired).

☻ I live on a farm on the Sixes River.

☻ I sit on the Coast Community Health Board of Directors and the Women's Guild at my Church.

☻ I belong to the Port Orford Rotary.

☻ I was active in delivering "Food for Neighbors" in the Port Orford area.

☻ I love gardening, watching my chickens run all over the property with my border collies chasing, and swimming in the river

running through the property.

☻ I also love meeting with all my dear friends everywhere.



## Officials

**LWV Curry County** will be revising our Directory this year. We will notify you when it is available in print form at all our Libraries & virtually on our website. This Directory will give you all our elected officials and their contact information.



## SAVE THE DATE



### SEPTEMBER 3: Information Forum

- **LWVCC** (Curry County) along with the Gold Beach Public Library will be hosting At the Gold Beach Public Library, 93431 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 5:30 pm: “The Structure of the Courts and Due Process” by Judge Jesse Margolis. **Please join us.**



### SEPTEMBER 3: League 101

- For those not attending the above, the state League ( **LWVOR**) holds a monthly Zoom meeting where members can learn more about how the League works and the resources it provides. These meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Register for meetings (members only) [here](#).



### SEPTEMBER 17: Working with Local Election Officials to Anchor Change

- As part of its “Democracy in Your Hands” series, **LWVUS** is offering a webinar for members on best practices for Leagues to engage with local election officials. The meeting will be held via Zoom from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. Pacific time (members only). **Learn more and register [here](#).**



### SEPTEMBER 19: Unit Meeting

- At the home of Charlene Enock 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be about **LWVUS** Positions



### Meet The State League Board



Here are the members of the Board of Directors for the Oregon League, with their local League affiliations. To learn more about their backgrounds and interests or to contact them, click [here](#).

**President:** Lisa Bentson, Lincoln

**First Vice-President and Communications Chair:** Barbara Klein, Rogue Valley

**Second Vice-President and Action Chair:** Jean Pierce, Washington

**Secretary:** Mimi Alkire, Portland

**Treasurer:** Kermit Yensen, Deschutes

**Issues and Positions Chair:** Stephanie Haycock, Marion-Polk

**Development Chair:** Jackie Clary, Coos

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Annie Goldner, Deschutes

**VOTER Newsletter Editor:** Jim Buck, Rogue Valley

**Youth Director:** Evan Tucker, member-at-state (no local League affiliation)

**DEIJ Chair:** Rhyen Enger, Portland

**Membership and Youth Outreach Chair:** Diana DeMaria, Clackamas County

**Events Chair:** Eileen Burke-Trent, Marion-Polk

**Voter Service Chair:** Marianne Germond, member-at-state

**Director:** Marty Power, Union

**Director:** Barbara Keirnes-Young, Lincoln



### Curry County League Leadership

#### Board of Directors 2025–2026

**President:** Mary Jane LaBelle (2025–27). Coastlines

**Vice-President:** Lucie La Bonte (2025-27). Action/ Observer Corps/ Fundraising

**Secretary:** Ann Schmierer (2024–26)

**Treasurer:** Alyce Prudden (2024–26) Membership (temporary)

#### Directors at Large

- ◆ Evan Kramer (2025–27) Publicity
- ◆ Georgia Nowlin (2024–26) Voter Service
- ◆ Alex Carr Frederick (2025–27)



**Coastlines Editor** Cindy Machowski

## LWVUS New Organizing Model

LWVUS has created a new Activation & Justice Department to integrate its mobilization, engagement (organizing), advocacy, and legal work into a unified strategy.

As part of this effort, LWVUS is shifting to a new regional organizing model. There are 5 regions: Oregon is in Region 5, which also includes California, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Over the next few months, the League will be hiring regional organizers to help coordinate activities around the country and support activities already under way. The role is envisioned as strategic and tactical support, not as a supervisory position. Learn more [here](#).

### Standing in Voting-Related Cases

A member of Congress for Illinois, Michael Bost, brought a lawsuit trying to prevent his state from counting mail ballots that are voted by Election Day but received up to 14 days later—a policy written into state law. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Congressman Bost lacked standing to sue. He has appealed the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

LWVUS, along with other civil rights groups, has submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in support of Congressman Bost's right to sue. The League does not agree with his goal of invalidating mail ballots that arrive after Election Day but supports his right to bring the suit. LWVUS CEO Celina Stewart wrote, "Standing is not a loophole; it is a pillar of democracy. When individuals who are truly harmed are denied the right to challenge the process or law, the judiciary forfeits its role as a constitutional referee."

### LWVUS on Mid-Cycle Redistricting

On August 6, 2025, LWVUS CEO Celina Stewart issued the following statement in response to states considering redrawing Congressional district boundaries in mid-decade:

"The League of Women Voters does not support a tit-for-tat approach to redistricting." State legislatures redrawing their maps mid-cycle reflects political gamesmanship that erodes public trust in our democracy.

Redistricting must be fair, transparent, and rooted in the voices of voters – not partisan retaliation.

"Manipulating maps for political gain is a disservice to the people. The League stands for maps that reflect communities, not political calculations. Voters deserve stable, fair representation—not to be used as pawns in a power grab.

When politicians rewrite the rules mid-game to protect their control, democracy loses.



**DEMOCRACY**



**“The League of Women Voters is ready to fight to ensure fairness for voters, no matter what politicians do for their own gain. We stand ready to protect the voices of all voters because that is what our democracy is built on.”**

# CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN OREGON



## ✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Postmarked 21 days before Election Day.
- Applications collected as part of a registration drive must be forwarded to a county clerk or the Secretary of State within five days of receiving them.

### GETTING STARTED

**Training Requirement:** Oregon does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** Oregon does not have notification requirements for registration drives. If an organization requests more than 5,000 voter registration applications, it must develop and abide by a distribution plan to be included on the request form as well as provide written assurances that unused cards will be returned to the Secretary of State.

**Compensation Restrictions:** Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

### OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

**State Form:** Submitted requests for fewer than 100 voter registration cards to the appropriate county elections office: [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/countyofficials.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/countyofficials.aspx)

Requests for 100 or more voter registration cards must be directed to the Secretary of State: [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/request-voter-registration-cards.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/request-voter-registration-cards.aspx)

**Federal Form:** The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: [eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/](https://eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/)

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of State for permission to print, copy, or otherwise prepare and distribute registration cards.

If a registration drive requests more than 5,000 applications, it must provide a distribution plan and include it on the request form as well as provide written assurances that unused cards will be returned to the Secretary of State.

### HANDLING APPLICATIONS

**Incomplete Applications:** Individuals who are helping others to register through registration drives may not fill in incomplete information or make any changes to an application.

**Photocopying Completed Applications:** You may photocopy completed applications but the signature must be redacted. Check with county election officials regarding guidance for copying. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained and some county officials indicate it is not permitted.

**Submitting Completed Applications:** All registration applications collected as part of a voter registration drive must be forwarded to a county clerk or the Secretary of State **within five days of receiving the card.**

*Fair Elections Center, its Campus Vote Project, and Nonprofit VOTE intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Oregon legal professional.*

Last updated May 2025



FOR MORE NONPARTISAN VOTER ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES, VISIT OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY [nonprofitvote.org/resource-library](https://nonprofitvote.org/resource-library)

For more information [Here](#)

Hello

League Members,



It is inspired by research suggesting that 3.5% of the eligible voting population (which approximates 8.5 million people) can drive significant social and political change. The initiative focuses on civic education, advocacy, public mobilization, and building partnerships to resist authoritarianism and build a more perfect democracy.

They have essentially broken the work down into ‘playbooks’. I joined the July **LWVUS** Community Field Call, during which we dug into Playbook 2 “Holding Power Accountable”, the call to action of which will run through October 2025.

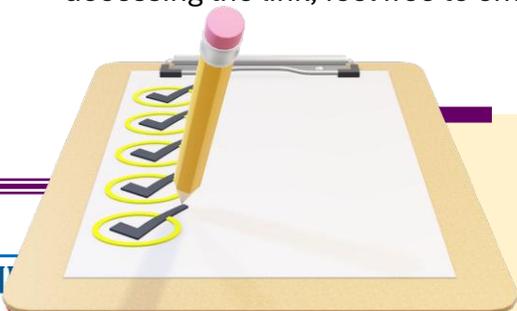
It was very powerful to participate in a nationwide community of League Members who came together, asked questions, and shared ideas to advance the work of defending Democracy and holding power to account. We discussed attending local meetings as Observers (they provide an Observer action pack) and also as individual citizens to request Councilors and Commissioners to speak for their communities in the spirit of serving them, as opposed to appeasing the Federal Government when it comes to basic human and civil rights issues.

We asked each other questions like, “How can we get more citizens engaged in standing up against human and civil rights abuses?” “When do we stop seeing this as a division between political parties and start seeing it as a division between Democratic principles and Authoritarian principles?”

Leagues all across this Nation are doing bold, brave things to encourage citizen nonviolent action. I had a nice interaction with Barbara Klein of LWV Rogue Valley in which we both thought it would be worth pursuing a partnership in regards to the Unite and Rise 8.5 movement. I left the meeting energized and hopeful, two things I have not experienced in great quantities as of late.

The action calendar for September is included in this newsletter. If you would like to listen to the hour long discussion, the recording is available [here!](#) **Passcode: July2025FieldCall!** Please note, this link is for LWV members only, they ask that we do not share it with the public. If you have trouble accessing the link, feel free to email me at [BigAL@chetcobrew.com](mailto:BigAL@chetcobrew.com).

In League, Alex Carr Frederick, Board Member



**This playbook and this initiative are only as strong as the people using them—each of us. Thank you for continuing to defend democracy alongside me. Join the movement by signing the commitment letter [here](#):**

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The calendar provides a roadmap for the important touchpoints of this of this micro campaign. For full information and resources [visit](#)

### September 1-30

- Daily Democracy Practice**  
[Take daily nonviolent action](#) to hold power accountable
  - Election Observation**  
[Use the Election Observation Toolkit](#) to plan election observation work
  - Observer Corps**  
[Use the Observer Corps Toolkit](#) to plan government observation activities
  - Budget Education**  
[Refer to the resources on the LMS](#) for education your community about the budget process
  - Take Action**  
[Uplift LWV Action Alerts](#)
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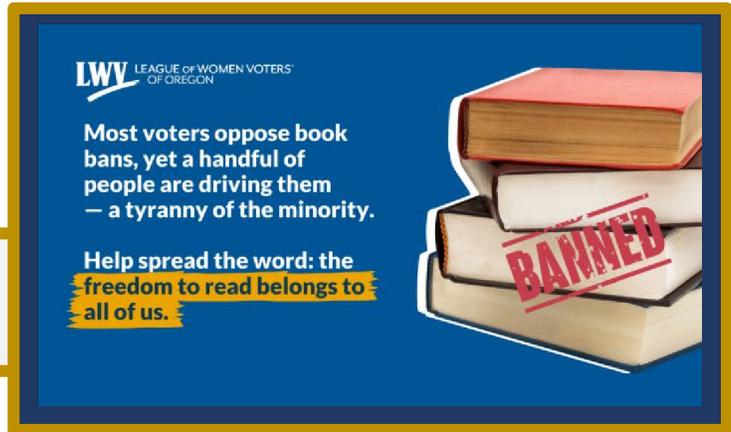
### September 11

- League Webinar on Election Observation**  
[Attend this training](#) to learn more about creating and implementing an election observation program

### September 16

- National Voter Registration Day**  
[Use the NVRD Toolkit](#) and register voters

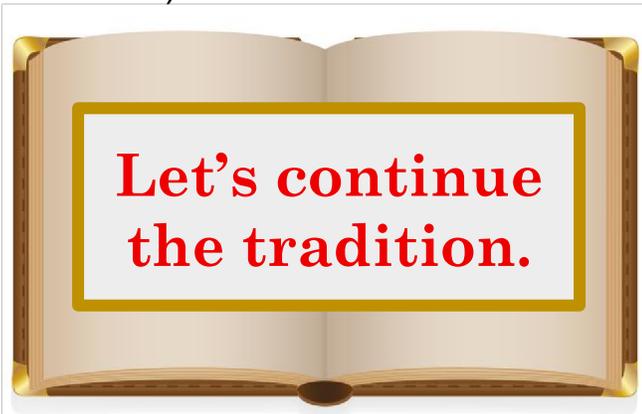




### Plug & Play Talking Points: Book Bans and the Freedom to Read

Dear League Members,

- ☞ The LWVOR Communications Team launched a new project earlier this year **Plug & Play** designed to give you ready-made, locally adaptable content so you can reach your community quickly effectively, without starting from scratch.
- ☞ Our latest **Plug & Play** focuses on **Book Banning** efforts, as well as the **Freedom to Read and Learn**. Use these statements as is or combine and adapt them to fit your community needs. Research shows **people respond best to information from their own community.**
- ☞ We simply hope to make the goal of reaching your community easier while you are juggling demands of your own life and as a volunteer.
- ☞ Past [Plug & Play talking points](#) are also available online. We develop these as 'evergreen' statements to allow you to circle back to them as is convenient more way to help our Oregon local Leagues.
- ☞ This month, take 10 minutes to share **Plug & Play** social post or talking point with your local community. Small actions add up, and your voice matters in protecting Oregon's freedom.
- ☞ Educating the public, and voters, has been a goal since the inception of the LWV (after we won the vote).



On behalf of the LWVOR Communications Team  
**Barbara Klein**  
LWVOR VP/Communications

[View the Plug & Play Talking Points](#)





## Membership

### New League Membership System, demystified

- ▶ Questions about how to renew your **LWVCC** membership?
  - ▶ Here are some answers.
  - ▶ What's the recommended way to join or renew?

#### Online

- ▶ This is what the League recommends. Here's the [link](#):
- ▶ The process is pretty straightforward.
- ▶ You sign in; set up or edit your profile as needed; and make your payment.

#### Sign-in

- ▶ After clicking on the link, you'll be prompted to type in your email address.
- ▶ Do that and then click "continue with email."
- ▶ A verification email will land in your inbox; click on the link in that email and you'll arrive.



#### Navigation

- ▶ At the top left is a rectangular box called "My **LWV** Membership."
- ▶ It displays your name, local and state league affiliation, status (as active or not), and renewal date. (We were all assigned renewal dates of September 30<sup>th</sup>.)
- ▶ The "My **LWV** Membership" box features a "Renew" button.
- ▶ If you click on it, you'll be asked to complete four steps: login or sign up; join or renew your membership; make an additional membership contribution to your local league if desired; and checkout.
- ▶ To the right of "My **LWV** Membership" box is a feature that allows you to copy the portal link to invite new members.
- ▶ Below those two boxes are half a dozen small square buttons arrayed in two rows.
- ▶ "Profile" allows you to set up or edit your contact information.
- ▶ "Payments" is where you can enter your preferred payment method (bank account or credit card) and keep track of payments.

#### Can I just write a check instead?

- ▶ Yes.
- ▶ If you prefer to write a check, we'll take care of getting you enrolled.
- ▶ The internal process is a little different depending on whether the check is made out to **LWVCC** or to **LWVUS**.
- ▶ If you write a check to **LWVCC**, you can specify part as dues and part as a separate contribution to **LWVCC**, as long as your intention is clear.
- ▶ Checks are deposited locally.
- ▶ Dues are passed along to national; contributions stay with our local league.
- ▶ If you write a check to **LWVUS**, the full amount is treated as dues.
- ▶ We do the paperwork and mail the physical check to national.

#### How much should I pay?

- ▶ At least \$20.
- ▶ The minimum dues amount is \$20.
- ▶ If you wish to pay more, it's up to you.
- ▶ Dues are divided this way:
  - ▶ The national league gets 33%
  - ▶ The state league gets 47%
  - ▶ The local league gets 20% (less a processing fee)





**LWVOR LWVCC is launching a study of three aspects of K--12 education in Oregon**

**School safety**  
**Exceptional learners**  
**Career/technical education**

- ▶ This two-year study still has room for committee members.
- ▶ If you're interested in participating and want to learn how you can help out with the study, contact

Jean Pierce at [advocacy@lwor.org](mailto:advocacy@lwor.org) and let our president, Jackie Clary, know about your interest.

Port Orford Library

October 15, 2025 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Governor Kotek

Signs SB 243

Vetoes SB 1047



- SB 243:** One of the bills most closely watched by **LWVOR** during the recent legislative session was SB 243, the measure to create new statutes in support of the gun safety initiative, Measure 114, that Oregonians passed in 2022. The measure (1) allows local jurisdictions to create gun -free zones; (2) prohibits the transport, manufacture, or sale of rapid -fire activators (often called “bump stocks,” “hellfire triggers,” etc.), and (3) declares that the act shall become operative on the 91st day after the 2025 legislative session officially adjourned.
- SB 1047:** Of local interest, SB 1047—requiring Curry County and the Oregon Water Resources Department to expedite review of applications for water use on specified lands —was vetoed by the Governor. The bill was proposed with the goal of facilitating a plan by the owners of the Bandon Dunes golf resort to build a new golf course in Curry County. Kotek commented, “Preferencing any one potential project in statute without substantial public debate does not serve the public interest, nor allow for thoughtful and deliberate consideration of the impacts of a proposed development opportunity on a constrained resource, especially one as important to our survival as water.”

**September 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Labor Day</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Information Forum Curry Public Library 5:30 pm  League 101 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> National Voter  Registration Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Board Meeting MJ LaBelle's Home 11:30 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

**October 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> League 101 6:30 pm Via Zoom	<b>4</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Board Meeting 1 pm via ZOOM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	 <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Informational Forum Port Orford Library 4-5:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Diwali 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Board Meeting Alex Carr Frederick's Home - 11:00 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> United Nations  Day	<b>25</b>

26	27	28	20	30	31 Halloween 	

November 2025						
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**Join us! Make your voice heard Stay informed**

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

*Dues are Pay-what-you-can, with a minimum of \$20.  
You can pay by check (see below) or go to our website [her](#)*

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