



## CoastLines

**Summer** is typically a quiet time for League. That's good, because it gives our hard-working volunteer board members a much-deserved rest. For me, it's a time to look back on the league year that just ended, and to look ahead to the one that's just started.

### What's Behind

Since the last issue of CoastLines was published in early May, LWVCC has held its regular Board Meeting in May, its Annual Meeting of Members in June, its Old/New Board Meeting, also in June, and its Annual Board Retreat in July. Things have been busy at the state and national leagues as well, with the LWVOR Council in May and the LWVUS Convention in June. All of these events are summarized in this issue.

### What's Ahead

The November 2022 election is just months away, and plans are in the works for an LWVCC candidate forum, and National Voter Registration Day is in September, too. Stay tuned!

### Inspiration

This quote inspires me: "What calls you to engage in public service? Perhaps it's a desire to make a difference in an issue you care about. To meet like-minded people who share your passion. ... At a time when we are bombarded with heartbreaking news every day, even small gestures can make the world a better place." Carol T. Christ, Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley.



We look behind us, satisfied,  
with what we've done, how hard we've tried.  
We look ahead, too, poised once more  
To face the challenges in store.  
But in this very moment, while enjoying summer's rest,  
We hold our democracy near and dear,  
and vow to give her our best.



**Summer Presidents Message,**  
*by Alyce Prudden*

**Here's to making the world a  
better place, one gesture at a time.**  
*Happy Summer!*



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**LWVCC**  
**Annual**  
**Meeting**  
**Report**

- This year's Annual Membership Meeting took place on Saturday, June 4, 2022.
- For the first time since 2019, we met in person.
- Our venue was the lovely Curry Library in Gold Beach.

As the accompanying photos show, the meeting was enjoyable and well-attended. We met the 20% quorum required to take care of all necessary business, with 13 members in attendance for all or part of the meeting (a baker's dozen!).



President Alyce Prudden welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She also recognized our two outgoing board members: Colleen Bunn, who ably served as Treasurer the past two years, and Karol Simas, long-time board member, volunteer, and all-around utility player. Alyce offered the League's heart-felt gratitude to both for their hard work and dedication to LWVCC, along with best wishes for happy lives ahead.



Colleen Bunn appearing virtually, thanks to Karol Simas, with Alyce Prudden looking on.



**LWVCC  
Annual  
Meeting  
Report**  
*continued*



**Recognition also goes out to:**

- Georgia Nowlin – for serving as the meeting's Parliamentarian.
- Colleen Bunn, appearing virtually from Alabama – for her clear presentation of the budget, which was thoroughly discussed before receiving near-unanimous approval.
- Dennis Triglia – for presenting the Nominating Committee report. With no floor nominations for the Board, the excellent slate of new board members and officers was unanimously elected.
- Lucie LaBonté, long-time member and past president – for reminding everyone of the importance of both study proposals and fundraising. Lucie backed up her fundraising commitment with a generous challenge donation *and* an offer to act as event chair for a fashion-show fundraiser.
- Last but not least, everyone in attendance – for their attention and participation, with some even adding on-the-spot donations toward Lucie's challenge.



**It was a lively and productive meeting. With luck, we'll be able to meet in person again for next year's annual meeting.**



*See You  
Next Year!*



**2022 -2023**  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

- ☒ Alyce Prudden, President (continuing her two-year term)
- ☒ Susan Barke, Secretary (newly elected)
- ☒ Louise Abbott, Treasurer (newly elected)
- ☒ Dennis Triglia, Director #1 (continuing his two-year term)
- ☒ Debra Worth, Director #2 (newly elected)
- ☒ Karen Pringle-Cunningham, Director #4 (newly elected).
- ☒ *The remaining positions are vacant.*



Susan Barke, Louise Abbott, Dennis Triglia  
Karen Pringle-Cunningham, Debra Worth, Alyce Prudden



**Board  
Meeting**

**OLD/NEW**

- ☒ LWVCC held its 2022 Old/New Board Meeting on Monday June 6th, at the riverside home of President Alyce Prudden.
- ☒ Alyce welcomed everyone, then the group shared "Getting to Know You" self-introductions.
- ☒ That was followed by an expression of deep gratitude to departing members Colleen Bunn and Karol Simas, including a poem for each, together with good wishes for relaxing days ahead.
- ☒ By way of transition, new board members (and those moving into new positions) were given records, advice, and other information by their predecessors.
- ☒ A short business meeting was held, in part to handle items related to installing a new treasurer.
- ☒ The old board also approved the May 2022 financial report and the May 2022 board meeting minutes.
- ☒ The new board scheduled monthly board meeting dates and times, as well as its annual board retreat.
- ☒ The group also discussed other topics, including civics as an issue for emphasis; a candidate forum in October 6; and student memberships to the LWVCC.

**It was a full, fun, and  
fruitful afternoon.**



## National Convention & State Council

### LWVUS Convention 2022

The national league's 55th National Convention took place from June 23rd-26th, both online and in person in Denver, Colorado. More than one thousand League delegates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia attended. The event included a keynote address from MSNBC's Joy Reid. Pictures from the The Oregon delegation to the LWVUS Convention can be viewed at:

<https://www.lwvor.org/post/president-s-newsletter-july-2022#viewer-14mvyk>



### LWVOR Council 2022

The state league's biennial council took place virtually, in mid-May, over the weekend of Friday May 13th to Sunday May 15th. This year's workshop led off, called *The Future of the League in Oregon*. The workshop was followed by the business meeting on Saturday, and then the board meeting on Sunday.



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### Board Meeting Summary

LWVCC's May board meeting was held via Zoom on May 9th, starting at noon.  
All board members were present.

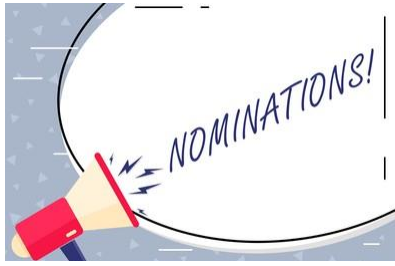
#### The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

- Motion to approve the financial statements for April 2022, as submitted by the treasurer;
- Motion to approve the board meeting minutes for April 2022, as submitted by the secretary.

#### Other business included the following:




- Annual Meeting – final planning
- Voter Service – analysis of April's Candidate Forum
- Membership – LWVCC's roster stands at 40 members.

**The next board meeting  
will be held via zoom  
Monday, September 12th,  
from noon to 2 pm.**



## Current LWVCC Nominating Committee

### Member-elected, off-board committee members for 2022-2024:

-  Mary Jane LaBelle, Chair
-  Georgia Nowlin
-  Lucie LaBonté





### Board-appointed, on-board committee members for 2022-2023:

-  Debra Worth
-  Dennis Triolia













## Board Retreat

**The LWVCC Board held its Annual Retreat for 2022 on Monday July 11th, at President Alyce Prudden's home.**

-  After a warm welcome and brief self-introductions, a short business meeting was held. The board unanimously approved (1) the financial report for 6/30/22 as submitted, and (2) the minutes of the old/new board meeting held 6/6/22, as submitted.
-  New board members received Board Books – binders containing useful League information. Continuing board members received updates for their binders. The Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form were discussed.
-  We took a break for lunch and for a photo shoot by our multi-talented new secretary Susan Barke. Then it was time for an in-depth round-table discussion on big-picture priorities for the upcoming league year. Among the ideas: community outreach, including participation in local events; emphasis on youth, including early voter registration, civics education, and possible student memberships; fundraising; voter services, including one or more candidate forums in October; and Unit Meetings.
-  With so many great ideas to explore, we're excited to get to work again in September.

### It's Renewal Time – A Reminder in Rhyme

-  *We depend on our members to see us through,*
-  *And now's the time – Rejoin! Renew!*
-  *There's so much to do, from programs to outreach,*
-  *And voters to register, educate, and teach.*
-  *The pandemic lingers, and roadblocks remain,*
-  *But with help from our members, our efforts won't wane.*
-  *We won't give in to pandemic gloom;*
-  *If we can't meet in person, we'll gather on zoom.*
-  *So please keep it going, we're counting on you;*
-  *Stand with the League – Rejoin! Renew!*







## Healthcare in Curry County: Article III

Coast Community Health Center, By MJ LaBelle, BA, RN, CMAS, CCFA

**Editor's note:** Over a year ago, at LWVCC's Annual Meeting in June 2021, members approved adopting as an "issue of emphasis" Curry County's health systems. The board ultimately decided to emphasize this issue through a series of CoastLines articles describing and discussing the various local health systems. Mary Jane LaBelle graciously agreed to write this series.

The first article appeared in the November 2021 issue of Coastlines; it gave an overview of our county's various health care systems, outlining all the players in the medical provider network except for independent practicing physicians and nurses. The second article was published in the February 2022 CoastLines; its focus was on Curry Health Network. In this third installment, Ms. LaBelle sheds light on Coast Community Health Centers.

**This article derives from an interview on May 5, 2022 with Linda Maxon, CEO of Coast Community Health Center (CCHC).**

Over twelve years ago, on 1/4/2010, Coast Community Health Center opened its doors in Bandon. It moved into the facility that previously housed the Veterans Administration clinic. Dr. Gail McClave was instrumental in starting CCHC, and Linda Maxon was hired as the CEO. An eleven member Board of Directors oversees the clinics today.

CCHC is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHCC), which originally was set up to provide primary care services to residents of the zip codes of Bandon, Langlois, Sixes, Port Orford and Agness. Due to its success, the practice has been expanded to include the zip codes of Gold Beach and Brookings. These zip codes are called CCHC's "catchment areas".

A FQHCC has many facets, a few of which I'll note here.

First, these are all rural clinics, and as such, they are reimbursed for services by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at a rate higher than urban medical reimbursement rates.

Second, no patient that presents to the clinics will be turned away. For uninsured patients, the CCHC staff Social Worker will look into getting them signed up on an appropriate insurance plan: Medicaid, Medicare, etc. These patients are considered "assigned" to CCHC, and they will always be able to get services there. Also, CCHC will be able to bill for their services.

Third, as a primary care provider, CCHC handles their patients' clinical needs and then works with other local or regional specialty providers to see that each patient's total well being is addressed. The diagram below gives an idea of how CCHC works with others to provide their patients with total care.

### CCHC is continually looking for ways to expand services in this rural community.

Beyond primary care, CCHC currently offers these services:

- 🪄 Pharmacy, including “340B” and retail. If you are a patient at their clinic, you qualify for the 340B pharmacy, which provides medication at a reduced cost. Retail pharmacy is also offered
- 🪄 Psychology, through licensed clinical social workers, licensed psychology clinicians, and psychiatric nurse practitioners
- 🪄 Addiction counseling, with a certified drug addiction counselor
- 🪄 Partnerships such as dental
- 🪄 Outreach to the homeless population through their “Population Health Team” offers food, shelter, travel, showers and laundry

Specialty services are being added, and CCHC is putting a call out to any specialty medical provider to provide part time services at its clinics. For instance, dental services have been added through Dr. Holt in Coos Bay. CCHC is looking to expand to vision and dermatology. If you know any medical professional interested in part time service, please have them contact Linda Maxon ([lindam@coastcommunityhealth.org](mailto:lindam@coastcommunityhealth.org)).

As noted above, CCHC is now expanding south to Gold Beach and Brookings. Ms. Maxon acknowledges the great help Dr. Rush has been to CCHC in renting out the Rush Health Center in Brookings. In partnership with St. Timothy’s, CCHC has permission from the Oregon Health Authority to provide Behavioral, Mental and Public Health services at this center. Ms. Maxon reported that CCHC has been awarded \$850,000 from the Congressional Discretionary Fund, (under the Health & Human Services Department’s Building and Capital extension), with the help of Senators Wyden and Merkley.

So where does CCHC get its financing? There have been and still are private and local community funding sources, but most of its financing happens through billing for services and applying for grants. Of importance to this community: **Your taxes do not pay for these services.** Federal funding through grants is as close to your tax dollars come to financing this incredible local medical and social provider network.

Today you are able to see your CCHC primary care provider for a cold, discover you have a tooth that needs attention, a gall bladder that needs removal, and get an x-ray to determine if you have a broken leg. Their services are expanding to EVERYONE, and they even provide clothing and showers! To my mind, this is as close to universal health care as I’ve seen, and it resides in our small rural community. I am grateful for the dedication, contributions, and skills of Linda Maxon, the CCHC Board of Directors, Dr. McClave, Dr. Rush and all who are focused on taking care of each of our citizens. Thank you.





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this past fiscal year!



*Dennis Triglia, Susan Barke, Alyce Prudden (President), Colleen Bunn (Treasurer),  
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