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League of Women Voters of Curry County to host Annual Meeting May 16th, 2015

The League of Women Voters of Curry County will host our annual meeting Saturday, May 16th, 2015. The days events will proceed as follows: 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. meet and greet, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. business meeting, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. lunch and speaker, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. new/old board meeting.

On the agenda for the meeting are: a bylaw change, budget recommendations and the nominating committee report.

Members, please plan to attend as we need your vote for elected officers, the annual budget, study proposals, issues for emphasis and bylaw changes. This information is being emailed to members and mailed to those without email.

Lunch will be a choice of veggie or meat quiche, salad bar and beverages for \$12 including gratuity. Please email your choice to Lucie at: labontelucie2@gmail.com

Unit Chairs will also be calling all members for a count.

The meeting will take place in the Forestry Building at the Fairgrounds. The Wine and Art Festival and Flower Show will also be taking place beginning at 11AM and we encourage members to attend after lunch. Come and enjoy the day!

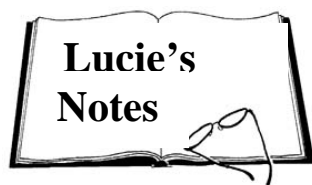
The Annual Meeting speaker will be Bill Bradbury.



Mr. Bradbury is a well known political figure in Oregon.

A native of Illinois, he grew up in Chicago and Pennsylvania before moving to the West Coast where he worked in broadcast journalism before running for public office. A Democrat, he served as Oregon Secretary of State from 1999 to 2009, and ran for Governor of Oregon in 2010. Bradbury previously served in the Oregon Legislature from 1981 to 1995. In 2010 he was appointed to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski. He resides in Bandon, Oregon.

An old friend to the LWVCC, Mr. Bradbury will be speaking about his experiences as Secretary of State.



Dear Members:

We have some exciting meetings coming up that you can be a part of. An old friend of the LWVCC former Senator and former Secretary of State Bill Bradbury will be our speaker at our Annual Meeting May 16th. With the Wine and Art Festival (and flower show) going on at the Event Center space will be limited. We are asking **members** to make their reservations first by **April 19** so we will know how many spaces we will have for guests. Email me at labontelucie2@gmail.com to let me know if you are attending and your choice (meat or veggie quiche) for lunch. (See the attached article for details).

At the present time we have 4 going to LWVOR Convention (April 30-May 2). The deadline is April 6th. We will be lobbying for our study proposal. Our Congressman Defazio is a speaker!

Special District Elections have some interesting races!

Candidate Forums are being held in all three cities and there are a large number of candidates with opposition. (See article) Volunteer to help!

We continue to work on the **Pink Flamingo Fashion Show (June 28th)** and tickets will go on sale soon as we are already getting requests. This is our big fundraising event so we are also looking for Silent Auction items. Would you like to model? Let me know. It will be a fun afternoon.

Meanwhile we are closely watching legislation moving through the process. **Aerial Spraying is our April Unit meeting topic** and we will get an update on legislation the LWVOR is supporting. Another issue of interest is septic system legislation. LWVCC has been involved in this issue and it should be an interest to all those living around Garrison Lake, Cape Ferrelo and other rural areas in our county where homeowners have septic systems. (see below)

"The League has been part of a work group on [SB 246](#), which would develop a low-interest loan program to address failing on-site septic systems. The focus is on achieving a water quality benefit. **On March 11, we provided oral testimony in support of the concept while awaiting further amendments.** The statistics from our Coastal Report and our testimony on [HB 3172 \(2013\)](#) were shared as reasons to address this serious water quality issue." LWVOR

Happy Spring! April showers bring May flowers (and fish)!
Lucie

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OREGON CONVENTION 2015

WHAT: Convention is the biennial State Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oregon which is held on alternate years to the State Council. First Call is issued so that local Leagues can begin to plan and discuss matters that will be presented at convention.

TIME & PLACE: The 2013 State Convention will be held Friday-Sunday, May 1-3, 2015, at Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 97401

HOSTS: League of Women Voters of Lane County

PURPOSE: The convention shall consider and authorize for action a program; shall elect the president, first vice-president, secretary, three directors (two-year terms), and three members of the nominating committee, as well as a chair of the nominating committee; shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year; and shall transact such other business as may be presented. Two directors to complete the second half of the current two-year term shall also be elected.

DELEGATES: The convention shall consist of the Board of Directors of LWVOR, and delegates chosen by members through the local Leagues. Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates for the first 40 members or fewer. If possible, one delegate should be the President. An additional delegate is allowed for every 20 additional members belonging to the local League as of January 31, 2015. Also, one delegate shall be chosen by the Board of each Inter-League Organization and one delegate for every 20 Members-at-Large (MAL). If there are fewer than 10 MALs, the interest of the MALs shall be represented by the LWVOR Membership Chair.

OBSERVERS: Any member of a local League in Oregon may attend as an observer. Observers may not vote but may, upon recognition of the Chair, have the privilege of the floor. League members are urged to exercise this privilege and local Leagues are encouraged to bring many observers to the convention.

LOCAL LEAGUE UPDATE: The Curry County League has 4 local members attending Convention. We have a fantastic study proposal on hard rock mining that will be considered at the convention. Members are responsible for costs, rooms, meals and transportation.

President Lucie LaBonte and Vice President Alyssa Babin will be Delegates, all else will be Observers.

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2014-2015

April	14	Aerial Spraying Update	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	21	Aerial Spraying Update	Brookings City Hall Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
	23	Aerial Spraying Update	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	23	Board Meeting	Brookings: <i>Babin Home</i>	10 a.m.
May	1-3	LWVOR Convention	Eugene Valley River Inn	
	16	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	9 am- Noon
		LWVCC Annual Meeting Lunch Speaker Bill Bradbury	Gold Beach Event Center	Noon-1 pm.
		Old Board/New Board Brief Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	1 p.m.
June	28	Flamingo Fashion Show Fundraiser Event	Event Center Showcase Building	1 p.m.



Member Biography



Lauren Spector

I was born and raised in the Manhattan Borough of New York City, and have also lived in Massachusetts, Europe, California and Utah. In 1995, I moved to the Rogue Valley. Following surgery for scoliosis in 2010, my health took a downturn and for awhile I lived in assisted facilities; first in Ashland and later in Gold Beach. In 2013, I was once again able to live on my own and moved to Brookings.

I have worked as a salesperson in department stores and as an assistant bookkeeper. For awhile I worked part time for the Social Security Administration. In 2008, I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Southern Oregon University in Ashland.

I stay busy with volunteer activities at Seaview Senior Living Community, where I enjoy playing games and eating meals with the residents. I have been politically active since 1968 and am involved with the Curry Democrats. I also love to read, play Scrabble, knitting and crochet, and attend Red Hat functions. Another passion I have is playing Mahjong and I hope to meet other folks who enjoy this. I enjoy listening to music and love to go on walks with my best friend, Meka, a Chihuahua/Territor mix.

I joined the League because I like the impartial way they focus on issues, rather than the personalities of the candidates. I am excited about attending the LWVOR Convention in Eugene in May, and look forward to participating in the Brookings Unit Meetings.

Aerial Spraying in Curry County

By Evan Kramer, Publicity LWVCC

The League of Women Voters of Curry County holds their April meeting in Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings on the topic of aerial spraying.

Kathryn Rickard and John Burns will speak at the meeting. They have been lobbying for legislation regarding aerial spraying. Kathryn Rickard has lived in Curry County since 2003. She is a logger's daughter and frequently worked with her father in the woods setting chokers, digging fire trail, and other duties. She is the mother of two children and three stepchildren. She has lived in Cedar Valley where the aerial spraying occurred and been in the healthcare industry for 16 years.

John Burns and his wife retired to Gold Beach in 2002 after careers in industrial construction and nursing. He was working outside on his property in Cedar Valley when a helicopter flew over the top of him dropping herbicides on him and his neighbors on October 16, 2013. They have had continual illnesses since they were sprayed.

The League of Women Voter of Oregon has written a letter of support for increasing regulations on aerial spraying during private forestry operations. This issue began when residents in Curry County in the Cedar Valley area were sprayed during logging operations with some having severe reactions and health issues as a result.

This meeting is open to the public and they are encouraged to come and participate. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1:00pm, at the Port Orford Public Library, Tuesday April 21st at the Brookings City Hall Council Chambers and Thursday, April 23rd at Gold Beach City Hall.

Special District Election Candidate Forums

The Curry County League of Women Voters is holding three candidate forums at the end of April for the May 19 Special District election.

The candidate forum for Brookings will be held at the Chetco Community Library on Monday, April 27. The forum for Port Orford will be held on Tuesday, April 28 in the city hall council chambers and the Gold Beach candidate forum takes place on Wednesday, April 29 in the city hall council chambers. All forums begin at 7:00pm.

The League only invites candidates in contested races to speak. There are contested races in all three parts of the county including the Curry Health District, Central Curry School District, Port Orford Port District, Curry Public Library, Brookings Harbor School District, Brookings-Harbor Port District, Cape Ferrelo Rural Fire Protection District and Chetco Community Library. The League will release more information on which candidates have accepted invitations to the forums and the office they are running for in the coming weeks. The League welcomes the public's attendance at these meetings with time given over for opening remarks by the candidates and then questions from the audience.















We need LWVCC members to help with candidate forums

43 candidates have contested races in Special District Races. We need help with question collecting, timers and set up. If you are interested in helping with forums, please contact Lucie La Bonté labontelucie2@gmail.com or Charlie Alexander lwwcharlie@yahoo.com.

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