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Spring Candidate Forums

Voters will have a first hand opportunity to learn about candidates during three candidate forums planned for April by the League of Women Voters of Curry County.

The first will be held at the Gold Beach City Hall on Tuesday, April 19th. Moderating will be LWVCC VP Alyssa Babin. On Wednesday, April 20th the North County forum will be at Port Orford City Hall with Lucie La Bonté moderating. The Brookings-Harbor Candidate Forum will be held at the Chetco Library on Thursday, April 21 and moderated by Georgia Nowlin.

Only candidates with opponents in the Primary Election who filed by the deadline are invited to participate. Candidates attending will be: State Senator- Jessica Kensinger -R, Incumbent Jeff Kruse- R, Judge of the Circuit Court – 15th District, Ryan P. Hughes, Rick Inokuchi, Megan L. Jacquot , Curry County District Attorney - Eric Bryant, Incumbent Everett Dial, Curry County Commissioner Position #2 - Sue Gold, Ron Hedenskog, David G. Itzen, Christopher Paasch, Curry County Commissioner Position #3 - Court Boice, Incumbent Susan Brown, Eric Hanson, Carlton A. Strom.

All forums begin promptly at 7PM and end at 9PM. The public will have the opportunity to ask written questions on cards handed out by members and to mingle with candidates when the forum is over.

**April 19 - Gold Beach City Hall -
7 PM - 9 PM**

**April 20 - Port Orford City Hall -
7 PM - 9 PM**

**April 21 - Chetco Public Library
7 PM - 9 PM**

Last day to register - April 26 Ballots mailed - April 27

Annual Meeting May 21

Guest Speaker LWVOR President Norman Turill

May 21st after the business portion of our Annual Meeting, League of Women Voters of Oregon President Norman Turill will be our guest speaker at lunch. With a rich background in LWV Mr. Turill is the first male LWVOR President and has also served on the LWVUS Board. Space is limited so we need **members to make reservations by May 1**. We have to have a quorum count and are inviting Curry County Elected Officials

The Annual Meeting will begin at 10AM with coffee at 9:30AM. Members will vote for elected officers and on the annual budget. No study proposals issues or bylaw changes were submitted this year. Budget information was previously emailed to members and the nominating report is on page 3 of this publication.

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 Members will also be calling all members for a count. The meeting will take place in the **Oceanview Room in Docia Sweet Hall at the Fairgrounds.**



President's Notes by Lucie La Bonté



Dear Members and Friends;

With the LWVCC year coming quickly to an end, we have a busy couple of months ahead. Our three candidate forums will be very exciting with the diversity of the candidates. We do need members to step forward and help with collecting questions and to time candidates in Port Orford and Brookings. Please contact Voters Service Chair, Charlie Alexander, lwvcharlie@yahoo.com, if you can help.

In May we will hold our Annual Meeting with a wonderful guest speaker our LWVOR President Norman Turill. We will be inviting elected officials to be there as we feel he has a lot to say. As outgoing President of the Curry County LWV I hope you will join me to thank all our wonderful volunteers who have worked very hard over the past two years to make our LWVCC enjoy so many successes. We have a wonderful group.

Your league just held three very successful forums on Homeless Resources (see article on page 4). Your Board will be discussing the next steps at the April 1 Board Meeting. Thank you to our new Treasurer Connie Hunter for all her work on gathering together the wonderful people who are working on this issue in our communities.

Lucie La Bonté
President

Interested in being part of a successful team? We are still looking for a Secretary for our Board. Email me if you are Interested!

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Nominating Committee Report

Here is the list of LWVCC Board and Nominating Committee Candidates for 2016-2017:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



Office	Nominees	Term Expires
President	Philip Dickson	2017
Vice President	Alyssa Babin	2018
Secretary	To be determined	2018
Treasurer	Connie Hunter	2017
Director #1	Anne Morgan	2018

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair	Lucie La Bonté	2018
Member	Charlene Enoch	2018
Member	Renée Kolen	2018

CURRENT DIRECTORS

Director #2	Lisa Harrison	2017
Director #3	Evan Kramer	2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Enoch Chair, Nominating Committee
Linda Elfman, Scribe



Philip Dickson Biography

Phil Dickson joined the LWV because of the Home Rule Charter forums the Curry League ran a few years ago. "As a debater in those forums I was impressed at how it was run. I am also impressed with how the LWV impacts issues with professionalism. It is an organization I am proud to be associated with", says Dickson.

Phil grew up in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and at 18 moved to NYC where he worked for 3 years for the Woolworths Co. doing computer work while attending classes. He then transferred to N. Texas to work in the Footlocker program. He was offered a job in London and also worked in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia), Europe and N. America as a computer technician at International Airports. He became the Dean of CCI Computer College in N. Texas for 2 years and started his own business which he ran for 14 years as a federally licensed International Cargo Broker. Phil is married to Pamela and has two boys 13 years and 9 years. In 2009 one of his sons was diagnosed with an illness and they needed to move. They chose Gold Beach which is home. He is now a computer technician for Curry County.

Phil has been active in Gold Beach in local theatre, has been Vice-President of Gold Beach Little League and President of the Mat Club. He also served as a Board Member for the Curry Anadromous Fish Club. He is a wonderful addition to the LWVCC and is training to be a moderator for the fall candidate forums as well as agreeing to serve as our President for 2016-17.

3 Homeless Resources Forums

Port Orford - Lisa Harrison

Wow- the room was full of concerned citizens. !!!

Port Orford residents (37) attended the Homeless Resource Forum at the Port Orford Library March 8th. Resource Speaker/Advocates (11) introduced themselves and relayed to the group how their agency/organization provides guidance and help for the homeless citizens in the Port Orford area. A consistent comment from Advocates was that the Federal Government is NOT going to help and NOT to wait for the State to help. We need to collate as a community, secondly as a county, then we can apply for Federal help. These speakers also taught us how homeless are counted and the different categories.

One of the homeless in Port Orford told us her story and asked us to provide/help the homeless with the following needs: Water, toilet paper, trash cans and somewhere covered to cook. She touched many of us with her humility and asked us to not ignore homeless, they already feel invisible. Another homeless person talked about tent/cabins for the homeless in other states.

We had neighbors/residents tell us their stories of family homelessness and the effect, others asked how to drop off old cell phones for homeless use. We could feel the compassion in the room. At conclusion of the forum, the League leader members asked the attending citizens to make contact with the Speakers/Advocates and ask how they can help.

Brookings/Harbor - Connie Hunter

I think the League of Women Voters event tonight at Southwestern Oregon Community College went very well. Some of our panelists canceled because of illness but others came forward and stepped up to the plate. We had a total of nine panelists. Audience attendance was right around 30 to 35.

I don't see how it could've gone any better! I'm sure you will get feedback from others, but my personal opinion of the event is other than having a few more people attending, the quality and the nature of the conversation around homelessness was profound and impactful.

Gold Beach - Lucie La Bonté

I was impressed with the conversation at the Gold Beach Forum. Phil counted 51 attendees.



The most obvious obstacle to housing is the HUD cap on rent allocations, which is less than what low rents are in Curry County. The Vietnam Veterans Chapter wanted to add to the HUD Funding but that is a federal offense! Instead the VVA is collecting donations to put people up in housing or motels and working outside the government.

Mary Rowe who was homeless for 10 years has worked tirelessly with groups and state agencies on issues and on the Annual Homeless Count. She said there are no public showers in Gold Beach.

Chief Dickson, (above with Connie Hunter and Jay Trost) said homeless people are clean and want to be clean. They are seen using the fountain in the pocket park. He said the worst situation is that there is no place for people to go when they are released from the jail, usually for a small crime involving medication or alcohol abuse. Releases take place in the middle of the night when there is a violent criminal jailed. Folks are also released at times from the hospital. With taxi service to the nearest shelter being \$75 the City of Gold Beach does their best to work with folks and hands out bus passes but there is no service at night. Lt. Espinoza from the Sheriff's Department says they are working to address the underlying behavior of offenders with programs to reduce recidivism. There is a percentage that do not want resources.

Gold Beach has its angels, Lila Thorp who works at the Food Bank feeds folks and is finding housing for people. Nancy at the Fairgrounds collects and hands out goods. Juvenile Director, Jay Trost, who has been homeless, is concerned about the high rate of homeless youth and would like to see a "Tiny Home Community" built. The Agness Store donates day old bread and vegetables to the food bank. One thing was obvious, this community is working together and I hope solutions are in view!

A helpful source: Moving from Poverty to Prosperity in Oregon,

www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pdfs/2015-report-onpoverty.pdf



League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2016

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
April	1	Board Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	10:00 AM
	19	Candidate Forum	Gold Beach City Hall	7:00 - 9PM
	20	Candidate Forum	Port Orford City Hall	7:00 - 9PM
	21	Candidate Forum	Brookings - Chetco Library	7:00 - 9PM
May	21	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Event Center on the Beach /	10AM-
	21	LWVCC Old Board/New Board	Fairgrounds -Oceanview Room	12PM 1:00 PM
June	3-5	LWVOR Council	Vancouver Hilton Hotel, WA	
	16-19	LWVUS Convention	Washington, D.C.	

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