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## Candidate Forums

Know Who You Are Voting For - By Evan Kramer

The League of Women Voters of Curry County hosts three candidate forums for the May 16, 2017 Special Districts Election. They will be held at the Chetco Public Library in Brookings on Tuesday, April 11th; at the Port Orford City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 12th; and on Thursday, April 13th, at the Gold Beach City Hall Council Chambers. All forums begin at 7:00 p.m. Members wishing to volunteer to help need to contact Voters Service Chair Georgia Nowlin: [distiller@brandypeak.com](mailto:distiller@brandypeak.com) We do need your help!

The contested races are Southwest Oregon Community College Board, Positions #5, Mark Gagnon and Schira Nelson; and Position #7, Jacqueline Crook and Dave Bassett. Curry Health District candidates for Position #4 are Ryan Ringer, Don Lizardo and PJ Estlund.

In Brookings, the candidates for Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C Position #2 are Alan Nidiffer and Anthony Voudy, Position #4 candidates are Steven Bates, Sean W. Armstrong and Katherine Johnson; Position #5 are Alonzo Nalls and Sky-Marie McDonald. For Brookings-Harbor Port District, Position #1 candidates are Sharon Hartung and Andy Martin. Position #4 candidates are Jan Barbas and Daniel Fraser. Position #5 candidates, Angela (Angi) Christian and Kyle Aubin. The League invites candidates in contested races to the forums.

## April Unit Meetings - Cascadia Subduction Zone - Speaker Emergency Coordinator Don Kendall

Curry County Emergency Coordinator Don Kendall will speak at all three Unit Meetings in April (See Calendar Page 4).

The LWVCC has a long history working on these issues. Completing the study on Marine Mineral Mining in the 1990s members Phyllis Cottingham and Lucie La Bonte were told by Lyle Reed, Department of Interior, that data had been collected linking the Oregon Coast to major earthquakes every 300-700 years. Your league led by Phyllis jumped right in and convinced the LWVOR to do a study on Seismic Risks. The LWVOR adopted positions in March 1995 and set forth helping Oregon in setting up safe guards. As you read the positions and listen to Don Kendall you will be impressed on how much Oregon with LWVOR advocacy has accomplished. Curry County Commissioners, school boards and league members worked together in establishing programs in Curry County.

Greetings!

March is flying by here on the Southern Oregon coast.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County Board of Directors met again this month to discuss current issues relevant to League business.



Thank you to Charlie Alexander for all your hard work in the last months getting our finances in tip-top shape.

We just sent out a proposed budget report in advance of the Annual Meeting on May 20. League members please review this budget as we will discuss it at the meeting.

Upcoming in April: I'm looking forward to our candidate forums. We have many exciting candidates and positions this Spring including School Board and Port Commission positions. I believe advocates on the local level is the most important kind of political action. And we have many local positions open here in Curry County which we will be discussing at our forums in April.

We also have upcoming April unit meetings on earthquakes and community preparedness. My grandpa had a running joke that the only way to avoid a Tsunami is to "run like hell." The importance of community connectivity during natural disasters is paramount to navigating the disaster. I am confident that anyone who attends these meetings will come away with a few new ideas for natural disaster survival that don't involve running.

Look forward to seeing you out and about and have a great rest of the spring. Even I, self-proclaimed hard-core Oregonian, am getting a little sick of the rain and I'm looking forward to some sunshine!

Alyssa Babin, President

### ***Making Democracy Work***

The League of Women Voters®, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Last Day to Register to Vote is  
April 25!**

**Ballots will be mailed out no  
sooner than April 26 and no later  
than May 2**



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## **The Image of Elvis by Evan Kramer**

League of Women Voters of Curry County Board member and secretary Evan Kramer held a fundraiser for the League on Saturday night, March 11 at the historic Sixes Grange. The evening of music featured Walt Livingston from Florence, Oregon as "The Image of Elvis".

The show opened with the Port Orford band "Loco Mismo" featuring the incredible guitarist Bobby D and Joanni McNerlin handling vocals and flute. They played well know and popular songs from the late 50's and early 60's.

Then at 8:00pm Walt Livingston took the stage at the Grange Hall in his Elvis Las Vegas style costume and rocked the joint for nearly an hour and a half.

The fundraiser made some money for the LWVCC but not as much as the promoter anticipated as the evening featured heavy competition from the nearby and very popular Pacific High School Project Graduation dinner and auction. Nearly 50 people showed up for the League fundraiser and got to enjoy a delicious meal by Grange member Big D before the music started. Several League members and some former ones were in attendance and those who were there had fun. Thanks to those who supported this event as well as to Walt Livingston and Loco Mismo for putting on a great show. These entertainers were paid for their work and deserved every penny.

*Thank you Evan Kramer/Blue Suede Shoes for  
arranging this fundraiser for the LWVCC.*

## **Join Members and Friends Statewide at the LWVOR Day at the Legislature**

As a member you should be receiving the LWVOR Legislative Report. This documents the important work the LWVOR does with the State Legislature and Governor. Volunteers from around the state take up portfolios to do this work and have gained a good standing with Legislators over the years. They always need help. April 21 is the day they invite members statewide to come and learn about the process and help get our voices heard. If you have never done this or if you have gone before it is worth the trip.

**LWVOR Day at the Legislature**  
**April 21, 2017 9:30 - 2pm**  
**Oregon State Capitol, Room 50, 900 Court St., Salem, OR**  
**Register by April 12 at: [lwvor.org](http://lwvor.org)**

## **Nominations are Open!**

The LWVCC Nominating Committee will continue recruiting members for the 2017-19 Board of Directors through early April. Positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting in May will be: President (1 year term, 2017-2018), Vice President (2-year term 2017-19), Secretary (to be filled for 1 year, 2017- 2018), Treasurer (2-year term, 2017-19). The Committee filled Board Positions at their February Meeting and will be reporting to the membership as per bylaws a month before the Annual Meeting. Nominating Committee members: Chair- Lucie La Bonte, Charlene Enoch, Renee Kolen and Evan Kramer. *When you are called just say "yes"!!!*

## Seismic Risks

**Adopted March 1995**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that all levels of government share the responsibility of coordinating, implementing and finding an effective program to mitigate Oregon's earthquake and tsunami hazards.

Priority must be given to mitigation that protects human life and safeguards critical life support systems.

The League supports:

- Educating the public about grave significance of Oregon's earthquake and tsunami threat and encouraging preparedness.
- Improving the safety of transportation systems and establishing alternate routes around bridges and overpasses which are likely to be unsafe after an earthquake or tsunami.
- Establishing tsunami warning signals and evacuations routes.
- Evaluating dams that threaten population centers and taking remedial actions such as reinforcing dams, and developing maps and downstream notification procedures.

LWVOR supports as essential elements of an effective earthquake and tsunami program:

**A. Comprehensive education efforts:**

1. All school children should be taught to understand Oregon's earthquake and tsunami hazards and how to respond to various situations and conditions that may arise.
2. Schools' earthquake and tsunami plans, education and drills should be monitored and analyzed for adequacy.

**B. Improve preparedness:**

1. Federal, state and local chain of command should be established and fully coordinated. The emergency communication system should be enhanced and regularly tested.
2. Emergency Services should be accessible and housed in safe buildings. Citizens should be encouraged to develop emergency plans, including supply kits.
3. When citing critical facilities, tsunami run up and inundation, massive landslide potential, and subsidence should be considered.
4. Geological reports identifying property at risk should be on file and assessable to the public. Property that poses extreme hazards should be designated unbuildable.

## CALENDAR - MEETINGS SCHEDULE

### Units

**April 10 - 11AM - Port Orford - Library** - Cascadia Earthquake and Community Preparedness

**April 18 - 5:30 PM - Gold Beach City Hall**, Cascadia Earthquake and Community Preparedness

**April 19 - 5:30 PM - Brookings - Chetco Senior Center**, Cascadia Earthquake and Community Preparedness

### Candidate Forums

**April 11 - Brookings - Chetco Library** - 7-9PM

**April 12 - Port Orford - City Hall** - 7-9PM

**April 13 - Gold Beach - City Hall** - 7-9PM

**LWVCC Board Meeting - April 15 - Gold Beach Library** - 10AM

**LWVOR - Day at the Legislature - April 21** **Convention** - May 5-7 - Wilsonville

### LWVCC Annual Meeting

**May 20 - Gold Beach - Event Center/Curry County Fairgrounds, Forestry Building** - 10AM - 1PM