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## **THE COUPON BOOKS ARE COMING!!!**

The Coupon Book Project has three city coordinators: Charlie Alexander in Port Orford, Elaine Lortscher in Gold Beach and Genevieve Leary in Brookings. They have worked with several League members to sign up more than 30 merchants with more registrations coming in. Our book is going to run to about 35 pages and the discounts are really worthwhile. There are about a dozen restaurants offering everything from 10% or 15% discounts to free desert to \$5 off per entree.

The variety is amazing: furniture stores, dog grooming services, computer repair shops, gift shops, jewelers, auto repair shops and oil change services. The list goes on and on.

**The books will sell for \$25 for the first copy and \$20 for each additional book in the same order.** You will have no trouble saving at least twice that amount on services that you really want to buy.

We expect to print the books shortly after Labor Day and start selling them soon thereafter. Our coordinators will start calling members as soon as the books are ready. **We need each and every member to buy at least one book.** If you have someone who does small jobs for you such as cleaning or yard work, these books will make a wonderful holiday present. If a neighbor has a birthday coming up you can be sure that the coupon book will be the right size and color.

The most rewarding part of the effort so far has been the positive response of the merchants. They see our League in a whole new light. We are now a part of the community that they really care about. This book will help the economies of all three cities in Curry County by bringing more customers through the doors of their shops.

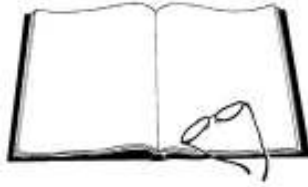
Truly, this project could be a turning point for our League but that is only going to happen if the sales part of this effort is as successful as the merchant recruitment part has been.

**We can restore financial stability to our League by selling these books.** That is only going to happen if each member sees it as part of our shared responsibility to make this effort a success. *Show the book to friends and neighbors. They are a good deal that helps us all!!*

## **LWVCC AT PORT ORFORD JULY 4 PARADE**



In addition to having a grand time at the July 4 parade, the Port Orford Unit has had a table at that town's Saturday Market, last Sundays of June and July with one scheduled for August 31. This gets League before the public with an opportunity to register to vote or change registration (this has happened at both events), discuss the League, and pick up a membership brochure.



Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you and your family have been enjoying the summer sun. Your new Board met on August 13 to make plans for the coming year. Our schedule for the year - subject to change, of course - is on Page 3. If you are looking at this page online, please print Page 3 to be sure that you know when things are happening.

There is one sad note to report. Maggie McHugh found that her schedule is too full for her to be able to fulfill her duties as a Board member or as Chair of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Study Update. She has resigned both positions. The study was approved at our Annual Meeting and cannot continue without a Chair. Anyone interested in taking on this role should contact me either by phone or at [al@ruddandsluff.com](mailto:al@ruddandsluff.com).

Lucie LaBonté is heading up the recreation of our League's Observer Corps. These volunteers observe and report on the meetings of government bodies. The Board decided that we will concentrate on the County Commissioners and the three City Councils. Observers do not participate in the meetings. They observe and write a brief report so that League members can find out what took place. The September Unit Meetings will be devoted to learning what Observers do and organizing our team. Please plan to attend and to participate in this important activity. It makes our League far more visible and effective.

Please note that there are two State studies that are starting this fall. They are described on Pages 4 and 5. These are worthwhile studies and it is important that Curry County has a hand in the work so that our perspective is included. If you are interested in joining the committee, please make the contact that is in the appropriate article.

On a personal note, I want to congratulate our new Board members: Charlie Alexander, Kathi Lindsay and Lucie LaBonté. They are highly energetic and will be valuable leaders. They are going to help make the coming year a productive one.

League does make a difference!!

Al Wilson

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<b>League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar for 2013-2014</b>			
	<b>Board</b>	<b>Unit/General Meetings</b>	<b>Topics</b>
<b>September</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM Port Orford Library	<i>Brookings: 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Observer Corps Introduction and Organization
<b>October</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM Gold Beach	<i>Brookings: 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Discussion of Tax Levy Proposals
<b>November</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Noon Brookings	<i>Brookings: 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Review materials for LWVUS Agriculture Study
<b>December</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Holiday Party:</i>	Location TBA
<b>January</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> 1:00PM Port Orford Library	<i>Brookings: 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Program Planning, National and Local Positions
<b>February</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM Gold Beach	<i>Brookings: 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Voter Service Training and Organization
<b>March</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Noon Brookings	<i>Brookings: 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Agricultural Study Consensus Questions
<b>April</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM Port Orford	<i>Brookings: 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Discussion of Home Rule Charter Proposals
<b>April</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Voter Forums for May Primary if needed	Locations TBA
<b>May</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM Gold Beach	<i>Brookings: 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM</i> <i>Gold Beach: 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM</i> <i>Port Orford: 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM</i>	Update on the Land Use Planning and Zoning Study
<b>June</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30AM	<i>Annual Meeting:</i>	Location TBA

- Brookings Unit Meetings will be held at the Chetco Community Public Library Annex.
- Gold Beach Unit Meetings will be held at the Gold Beach City Hall.
- Port Orford Unit Meetings will be held at the Port Orford Library.
- Board Meetings held in Brookings will be held at the Chetco Community Public Library Annex.
- Board Meetings held in Gold Beach will be held in a meeting room in the rear of Finish Line Office Services, 94120 Moore St. in Gold Beach. The entrance to the meeting room is at the rear of the building.
- Board Meetings held in Port Orford will be held at the Port Orford Library.

## **WHAT IS A STUDY? WHAT IS A POSITION? WHY SHOULD I CARE?**

Anyone who follows legislative activity knows the level of influence that the League of Voters has. People respect our opinions even when they disagree. They understand that we know what we are talking about. It is not because we are smarter than everyone else. It is because we follow a tried and true methodology.

Whenever a League makes a public statement on an issue it must be based on a formal position that has been adopted by a League at the National, State or Local level. Moreover, that position must be based on one or more impartial studies conducted by one or more Leagues. The fact is that we know what we are talking about because we always do our homework.

Following our long tradition of nonpartisanship, all studies are impartial. We do not start with a preconceived agenda. We study all aspects of an issue by involving all interested parties. We then publish a report of our findings. Only after we have studied the issue do we consider taking one or more positions based upon our findings. When we testify before a legislative or administrative body we have the data in our study to back up our position. In truth, much of our League's reputation comes from the quality of our studies.

So when you hear of a study committee, be it local, state or national, that is looking for members you should know that your participation will be highly valued. You will be joining a team of bright and inquisitive individuals who are dedicated to taking an impartial look at one or more issues facing our society. You will learn a lot, you will be doing valuable work and you will have a good time doing it!

Two new studies have been approved by our State League and two more are being done by the Curry County League. The State studies are "Children at Risk" and "Public Postsecondary Education." The Curry County studies are "Home Rule Charter" and "Land Use Planning and Zoning." Information on these studies, including who to contact if you want to get involved, follows on this and Page 5.

### **RE STUDY OF CHILDREN AT RISK**

At the 2011 LWV of Oregon (LWVOR) biennial Convention, members voted to adopt a restudy of our Children at Risk position for 2011-2013. The study was then postponed and readopted at the 2013 LWV of Oregon biennial Convention for 2013-2015.

**Scope:** A two year study to research all governmental agency programs and services for at risk children, ages zero to third grade. The legislature is currently changing the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and establishing a new state prevention services for children agency, under the education umbrella. Services could include child care, preschool education, health care, mental health, child welfare, and family preservation.

**Work Outlook:** A state committee will gather information on those statewide programs and services currently available and send an educational update to local leagues. Local Leagues will interview local providers and/or conduct an educational program, to provide feedback to the state committee. The state committee will draft questions for local leagues and a revised statewide position. To join the study committee contact LWVOR at [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org) or (503)-581-5722.

## **RE STUDY OF PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

At the 2013 LWV of Oregon (LWVOR) biennial Convention, members voted to adopt a restudy of our Public Postsecondary Education position for 2013-2016.

**Scope:** Review our Public Postsecondary Education position with the idea of changing or deleting points that are no longer valid or do not make sense in today's world. Examine the unique roles and interrelationships of community colleges, the four-year regional universities and the three comprehensive universities. Examine the governor's plan for a continuum of pre-K through graduate education and examine how the 2013 Legislature considered the role of post secondary education in the continuum. Examine how all the post-secondary levels are funded. Develop comparison criteria and compare Oregon's higher education outcomes with other successful states.

**Outlook for Work:** A committee will review our current position with an eye for what is relevant today, and research issues that are being discussed or might be in the future. Background materials will be prepared discussing the roles of each institution, the new education plan and how postsecondary education is integrated financially and programmatically in the education continuum. To join the study committee contact LWVOR at [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org) or (503)-581-5722.

## **CURRY COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER STUDY**

The LWVCC Home Rule Study Committee studied the proposed Home Rule Charter for Curry County developed by the Fiscal Independence Committee (FIC), a group of concerned citizens. FIC worked on the charter for several months and obtained an attorney to draft it. FIC Committee members wanted to get signatures in support of placing the measure on the ballot in the November election.

The Study Committee discussed the information provided by FIC and concluded that there appears to be some problems with the charter as drafted. Former County Commissioner Georgia was especially helpful. She had material from the Association of Oregon Counties which encourages charters and has a document giving history, status of Oregon Charter counties (through 2005), and a step-by-step guide to developing a charter.

The Study Committee reached the point of preparing to create two pieces for public information: (1) a chart showing how Curry County government would work under the charter versus the current organization and (2) a brief article including a brief history of Home Rule in Oregon along with a comparison of how a charter county operates versus a General Law county (Curry County's current organization).

With the news that not enough signatures were secured to place FIC's proposed charter on the November ballot, the Study Committee agreed to wait until early 2014 to see what FIC will do. The current Board of Commissioners is also in the process of selecting a committee to work on a charter. Stay tuned. Shirley Nelson chairs this Study Committee. To join it, please contact her at [mas770@charter.net](mailto:mas770@charter.net) or (541) 332-9002.

## **LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING STUDY UPDATE**

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has a history of interest, study and involvement in local planning and zoning issues. Between 1989 and 1993 local League members adopted several positions regarding planning and zoning issues. Our League wants to reexamine these issues. Unfortunately, the study chair had to resign. If you would be interested in heading this study or working on it please contact Al Wilson at [al@ruffandsluff.com](mailto:al@ruffandsluff.com) or at (541) 661-1192. If a new chair is not found the study will have to be discontinued.

## **OBSERVER CORPS SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETINGS**

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has made a difference in government through the past decades. Observers have been successful in monitoring government bodies, suggesting changes and finding out how government works. Some Curry League members have gone on to become elected officials or served on appointed boards as a result of this experience. Your 2013 Board of Directors believes that it is time to reactivate the Observers Corp. The goal is to place observers at County Commissioner and City Council meetings.

Observers are the eyes and the ears of the LWV at all levels of government. They learn how government works, share their knowledge with the membership and at times action is taken by the LWV or a study is proposed based on what they have learned. Good government is important to our communities. Come to the September Unit meetings and learn about this important function of the LWV. We make a difference!

For more information on Observers Corps the LWV has authored 2 publications: "Observing Your Government in Action: Protecting Your Right to Know" and "Looking for Sunshine: Protecting Your Right to Know" both available at: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

## **SUCTION DREDGE MINING IN OREGON**

The State Legislature passed and the Governor has signed a bill to limit suction dredge mining in salmon streams in Oregon. The final bill was a compromise with three sections to be implemented over the next three years. Starting in 2014 the number of permits available will be cut to 1/3 of 2012 levels. Miners will be limited to one dredge every 500 feet and operators will no longer be able to leave their equipment unattended. The second portion of the bill directs the Governor's office to lead a new science based suction dredging framework for the legislature's approval in 2015. The goal is to provide better protection for salmon and trout while simplifying the permitting process. The final part of the bill - a five year moratorium on suction dredging in salmon habitat - will go into effect only if the legislature fails to act in 2015 by adopting the Governor's new regulations. The League of Women Voters of Oregon testified in favor of the provisions found in this bill.

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September and October 2013		
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Sep 10; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford Library
Brookings Unit Meeting	Sep 11; 2 to 4 PM	Chetco Library Annex
LWVCC Board Meeting	Sep 17; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford Library
Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Sep 19; 5:30 PM	Gold Beach City Hall
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Oct 8; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford Library
Brookings Unit Meeting	Oct 9; 2 to 4 PM	Chetco Library Annex
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 15; 1 to 3 PM	Finish Line Office Services 94120 Moore St., Gold Beach
Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Oct 17; 5:30 PM	Gold Beach City Hall

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