

## CoastLines

The League of Women Voters ® of Curry County

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## Everett Dial, Curry County District Attorney, to speak at February Unit Meetings.

Over the last few years the League of Women Voters of Curry County has invited many Curry County government officials to our Unit Meetings. These meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for League members and their guests to learn how the various offices in our County government are dealing with current and future challenges, particularly in light of the County's financial situation.

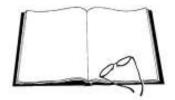
February's Unit meetings will give us an opportunity to hear from our District Attorney, Everett Dial. He will be updating us on the status of the District Attorney's office, the challenges they face and their plans for the future.

In order to fit into Mr. Dial's schedule we have changed the dates of these meetings from the schedule that was published in the July/August *Coast* Lines. The Port Orford Unit Meeting will be held on February 19 in the Port Orford Library from 1 to 3 PM. The Brookings Unit Meeting will be held at the Chetco Community Public Library Annex on February 20 from 2 to 4 PM. The public is being invited to these meetings so please plan to arrive early.

Mr. Dial was born in Michigan and moved to California when he was eight. He has a BA in History from Chico State. He moved to Oregon in 1986, and has lived here ever since. He graduated from University of Oregon School of Law in 1990. He taught English in Taiwan for a year. He has canoed the Yukon River and Kandik Rivers in Alaska. He was a history teacher in Bakersfield for a few years and then travelled through Central America.

While in law school he worked for a summer at the Deschutes County D.A. Office. In 1992 he volunteered to try an attempted murder case assisting the Crook County D.A., Gary Williams, who is now a Circuit Court judge. At that time he acted as the District Attorney for Hood River County, when their D.A. went on vacation. From 1993 to 1996 he was a Deputy District Attorney in Crook County. He then did some defense work in Lane County. He returned to the D.A. Office in Crook County in 2002 and worked there until 2005. In 2005 he was hired as a Deputy District Attorney by District Attorney Alexandria Streich. She resigned in 2007 and Governor Kulongoski appointed Mr. Dial as District Attorney. He was elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2012.

Our D.A. office consists of two Deputy D.A.s; Carly Kruse and Jake Conde; two staff members, office manager Christina Shaeffer and specialist Anna Burdet. We also have a part time victim advocate and child abuse specialist. We prosecute crimes for all law enforcement agencies in the County including the State Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the police departments of Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings. The office also files and tries cases for the county mental health department, for the Oregon Department of Human Services and for various other state and federal agencies.



Dear Members and Friends.

All League members believe strongly in our overriding goal: Making Democracy Work. We all know that one necessary ingredient in an effective democracy is an informed citizenry. We not only need to be informed ourselves, we must work to make unbiased information available for all of our fellow citizens.

We have a significant opportunity to further this goal in our Unit Meetings for February. Curry County's District Attorney, Everett Dial, will be our guest. He will be discussing what is happening now and what he expects in the future in the District Attorney's office.

Given the financial challenges facing Curry County, we should each try to be as informed as possible about the functioning of our County government. Each of us whether League members or not - can learn much by hearing the perspectives of those who are charged with making County government function. For this reason your Board of Directors has chosen to make these and similar Unit Meetings open to the public.

We have one other motivation in opening these meetings: member recruitment. We need to show prospective members how they and their fellow citizens can benefit from their League membership.

For that reason I urge each of you to do two things: attend the February Unit meeting in your area and bring a friend who might be interested in joining the League. Not only will you have an interesting afternoon but you will help our League to grow by exposing your friend to an activity that the League does so well: keeping our citizens informed about our government.

League does make a difference!!

Al Wilson

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Coast Lines is produced 11 times a year by the League of Women Voters of Curry County. We welcome your comments, suggestions, story ideas and Submissions submissions. must be received no later than the day of the board meeting each month. That date is available on our web site.

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January 2013

#### RESULTS OF OUR REVIEW OF LOCAL AND STATE POSITIONS

January Unit Meetings for League of Women Voters of Curry County were devoted to Program Planning; a review of the League's State and Local positions. These positions are important because they form the basis for League statements regarding existing or proposed legislation and regulations.

The report of the Curry County League's recommendation on State positions has been sent to the LWVOR office in Salem, saying that we agreed to retain all State positions. We did have some comments:

- We ask that, in the future, consensus questions do not seem to be slanted toward a preconceived outcome.
- We look forward to the new study on Children at Risk.
- We have concerns about wave energy on our coast.

Both units agreed to retain all local positions with some suggestions for slight changes. The Port Orford Unit wants to add seven words to the 1990/2012 Recycling position to make the meaning of "mandatory" absolutely clear. The unit also suggested a change in the 1989 Planning and Building Department position. After discussion, the Board decided to propose an update to that position and combine it with the 1992 Conditional Use Permit position. The Port Orford unit, with Board agreement, felt that our County Government position of 1999 needs to be restudied, as so much has changed in recent years. These matters will be presented to the Annual Meeting in June where members will vote to either accept or reject the proposals.

#### 2013 LWV Oregon Raffle

You can win one of three techie products for yourself, your digitally competent relatives or a way to recruit younger members to our Curry County League by buying one or more \$10 raffle tickets and selling them to others. Only 2,000 will be sold. This means a ticket buyer has one chance in 667 of winning or one chance in 67 if you buy 10 tickets.

Funds raised support State League expenses and costs of Convention, coming this year to Coos Bay. Winners will be announced at that event May 17-19. First prize is an iPad3 with WiFi & Cellular connection, valued at \$729, second prize an iPad mini with WiFi & cellular valued at \$559, and third prize is a Nook HD with the highest rating for its type of e-reader, valued at \$299.

When we sell/purchase as many tickets as our 35 members our League makes money. To buy tickets or get tickets to sell, contact Milt Nelson, 541-332-9002, mas 770@charter.net

#### Join the Curry County League Board

We have two openings on the Curry County League's Board. The time commitment will be minimal; just one two hour meeting per month and a willingness to help with organizing League activities. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Nelson (541-332-9002) or Al Wilson (541-661-1192).

#### FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION 2013

"Looking at the World through League Colored Glasses"

The League of Women Voters of Oregon holds a Convention every two years. This year's convention is being held nearby – in Coos Bay. There is no better way to learn what our State League does than by attending a convention. We will have two delegates and we may also have an unlimited number of observers. If you would like to attend, either as a delegate or as an observer, please contact either Al Wilson (541–661–1192) or Shirley Nelson (541–332–9002). It will amaze you to learn what the State League accomplishes. Come see for yourself!!

**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 convention.

TIME & PLACE

The 2013 State Convention will be held Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, 2013, at The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Avenue, North Bend, Oregon 97459.

**HOSTS** 

League of Women Voters of Coos 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, 2013. 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.

**BASIC COSTS** 

Rooms at The Mill Casino: (+8% tax); Deluxe Room \$95. Phone: 1-800-953-4800 or (541) 756-8800. IMPORTANT: Ask for the League of Women Voters block to get the block rate. **Please make your room reservations as soon as possible to insure availability.** 

**MEALS:** 

\$40 (approx.) covers Saturday lunch & Saturday banquet. There is no charge for the local League Presidents' Breakfast Sunday morning

Registration

Delegate (includes workbook)	\$65
Full time observer (includes workbook)	\$25
Part time observer (no workbook)	\$10
Workbook mailed in advance	\$10
Workbook	\$5

#### PUBLIC OFFICIALS BROCHURE READY

The 2013 edition of our free Directory of Public Officials has been printed and by the end of January it will be distributed to several locations in all three cities of Curry County. We give it to schools, libraries, government offices, senior centers and other public places. Each League member is entitled to a copy which you can receive at the next unit meeting in Brookings or Port Orford. You can also download it or read it online at <a href="www.lwvcurry.org">www.lwvcurry.org</a>. Just click on the "Public Officials Directory" link. Then click on the "Public Officials" link.

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#### MARCH UNIT MEETING WITH SHERIFF JOHN BISHOP

The final details are still being worked out but we are hoping to have Sheriff John Bishop at our March Unit Meetings in Port Orford and Brookings on March 12 and 13, respectively. Many of you recall the very informative presentation he gave us about two years ago about the status of Public Safety in Curry County. Please come to hear the latest Sheriff Bishop can tell us on the subject that concerns us all.

## League of Women Voters of the United States is Seeking Board members

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) very much wants their Board to be representative of the country. There is already one Oregon member on the LWVUS Board, Norman Turrill from Portland. Curry County is rural and our concerns are often different from the more populated areas of our country. Without someone speaking for us on the LWVUS Board, those concerns can be overlooked.

Are you ready for stimulating new growth experiences? Or do you know other Leaguers with exceptional leadership skills?

Your LWVUS nominating committee is beginning its outreach to local and state Leagues for the two-year 2014 slate of nominees for the national board as well as the nominating committee. This is the time to consider all that you and your colleagues have to offer our organization and our country and respond positively to our call! We live in interesting times and you can help shape the future.

We understand that some local and state Leagues are loathe to share the talented and capable Leaguers in their midst. But we want to assure you that when your members complete their work with LWVUS, they will return reinvigorated and with renewed dedication to our cause.

Now is the time for reflection on your future League plans and/or those of the other talented Leaguers you know. We would be delighted to hear from you with any questions that you might have regarding the process.

We will send out the official call for nominations in a few months, at which time you can nominate yourself or others you see as potential national leaders.

Contact us at: NominatingCommittee@lwv.org



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Port Orford Unit Meeting	Feb 19; 1- 3 PM	Port Orford Library	
Brookings Unit Meeting	Feb 20; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex	
LWVCC Board Meeting	Feb 20; 12 - 2 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex	
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Mar 12; 1- 3 PM	Milt & Shirley Nelson's House	
Brookings Unit Meeting	Mar 13; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex	
LWVCC Board Meeting	Mar 20; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Public Library Annex	

## Membership Invitation

**WE NEED YOU WITH US!** 

JOIN NOW!

Name/Names	\$55 ONE-YEAR individual membership due on Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year.	
Address	\$82.50 HOUSEHOLD (for one-year membership for the current year) for two members who share an addressYES, I would like to receive <i>CoastLines</i> by email, saving LWVCC over \$10 a year in postage and printing.	
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