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## *Happy New Year*



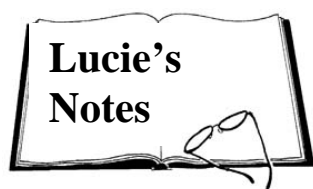
**A GREAT TIME WAS  
HAD BY ALL AT THE  
HOLIDAY PARTY!**

This year at Mangia Buff's we had a fantastic holiday lunch with members and friends.

Commissioner Brown gave attendees an update on the status of the community services survey. There is still time to complete the survey at

[www.currycountysurvey.com](http://www.currycountysurvey.com)





Happy New Year!

Since July 2014 we have had many accomplishments to be proud of.

The LWVCC officially testified on the Scenic Designation on the Chetco River, Red Flat Mining proposals were discussed and local Police Chiefs gave us their concerns regarding Mental Health in our Jail at unit meetings. Hit with the fact that LWVOR no longer covered us with insurance, your Board with your help raised funds to cover the extra expense. We are on budget and produced the 2015 Coupon Books to bring in more funds. We participated in local holiday bazaars. The Whitehouse Print Raffle was kicked off at our 3 successful Voters Forums and continues through February. We also registered new voters.

We begin 2015 by reviewing LWVOR and LWVCC positions. Members should have received forms with instructions by email to review LWVOR positions. Fill out and return by email or learn why the positions were originated at the General Meeting at Gold Beach City Hall January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM. Local positions will be reviewed at the General Meeting.

In February we will be inviting our Judges to speak on Mental Health in our Jail at the regular Unit meeting times. Full speed ahead for another great year!

Lucie La Bonté  
President

P.S. Contact a Board member or pick up a coupon book at a meeting to support your league and get some great deals! Let us know if you want to sell some too.

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## The Problem with Online Voter Registration

By: Lloyd Leonard 12/02/2014

[Online voter registration is taking hold across the country.](#) Election officials recognize that online registration cuts costs, increases the accuracy of voter rolls and eases their administrative burdens. Voters like the ease and convenience of registering or updating their information online, while advocates appreciate the boost in voter registration numbers.

But there is a fundamental problem. Virtually every system adopted by states across the country leaves out a significant and important part of the population – citizens who don't have a driver's license or non-driver's ID with a signature on file. In other words, the states are imposing a restrictive ID requirement on voter registration online.

As a result of this limitation, [millions of eligible voters who lack the proper ID](#) can't participate. For example, many young people are left out since they are much less likely than the general population to have a driver's license. And, ironically, young people are also much less likely to be registered to vote! Moreover, the Brennan Center for Justice and others have shown that [seniors, people of color, and people with disabilities are especially impacted](#). These circumstances raise concerns about voter discrimination, plain and simple.

Voting rights advocates across the country have been fighting against restrictive voter ID laws for years now, and great progress against such voter suppression tactics has been made. Why then do many groups support online voter registration systems at the state level that are restricted to people with a driver's license or a state-issued ID card? One argument is that some online registration is better than none at all. Fair enough. But with [nearly a majority of states](#) moving toward online systems, *isn't it time for online voter registration for all?* Now that the benefits of online voter registration have been firmly established, we must ensure that every eligible citizen can participate.

Solutions are available that will open online voter registration to all. The key is to ensure that the voter registration applicant can "sign" the online form.

States should enable eligible voters to legally attest that the information they enter online is accurate by using a computerized mark, similar to the way in which Internet users can "sign" contracts, credit card invoices, banking and other transactions online. These voters could then be required to provide a "wet" signature when they visit a polling place for the first time. This method is similar to the [Help America Vote Act's](#) (HAVA) provisions for first-time voters who register by mail.

Another way to increase the accessibility of online voter registration is to utilize existing technology to capture and accept an electronic version of the registrant's signature. This option would enable voters both to register online *and* provide a signature instantaneously. In addition, the use of mobile devices like tablets and smartphones would not only increase access directly, it could significantly assist organizations like the League that conduct [voter registration drives](#) and help mitigate the problem of uneven access to computers and the Internet.

An efficient online registration must allow individuals to update their voter registration record to reflect changes.

At a time when Americans can conduct almost any transaction accurately and quickly online – from signing contracts to paying bills and banking – our election systems should join the 21st Century through online voter registration for all.



**League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2014-2015**

<b>January</b>	8	Board Meeting	Brookings: <i>Babin Home</i>	10 a.m.
	15	Unit Meeting: Program Planning, State and Local Positions	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
<b>February</b>	10	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	12	Board Meeting	<i>Port Orford: Alexander Home</i>	10 a.m.
	17	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Brookings Brian Scott Art Gallery	5:30 p.m.
	26	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	28	Gala Event	TBA	
<b>March</b>	10	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	12	Board Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	10 a.m.
	17	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Brookings Brian Scott Art Gallery	5:30 p.m.
	19	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
<b>April</b>	9	Board Meeting	Brookings: <i>Babin Home</i>	10 a.m.
	14	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	16	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	21	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Brookings Brian Scott Art Gallery	5:30 p.m.
<b>May</b>	1-3	LWVOR Convention	Eugene Valley River Inn	
	16	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	2 p.m.

## URGENT! We Need Help with Gala

During a strike of genius at the Holiday Party, LWVCC members decided that the gala would be amazing if it was a theater party. We have had great success with these in the past and look forward to carrying on the tradition. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact Alyssa at (415) 786-3304 or [lyssa.kate@gmail.com](mailto:lyssa.kate@gmail.com) to volunteer. The event cannot happen without volunteer support!

# Legislative Process Day



State Library Rooms 102 & 103  
250 Winter Street  
Salem, OR 97301  
9:30am-2:30pm

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REGISTRATION IS NOW FULL & CLOSED

Look for a report of the highlights of this event in next month's newsletter.



## Member Biography



Jessica Kensinger

I wanted to join the LWV after attending and enjoying the 2014 Primary Election Forum which made me interested in politics for the first time in high school. However, it was Lucie LaBonte that didn't give up on making sure I joined officially.

I grew up in Grass Valley, CA. I graduated from the University of Southern California and also later attended University of Nevada, Las Vegas for a MSW. I have worked as a sexual assault and domestic violence victim's advocate for the city of Oceanside, CA and have founded three nonprofits. In Las Vegas I owned an exotic car rental and concierge services company, a marketing company, and a business networking company. Additionally I have worked in television production, live internet broadcasting, social media management and website design.

For fun I enjoy speaking and writing about economic development/tourism promotion, elections and campaigns, leadership and volunteerism, event planning, fundraising, and particularly how the internet can be used to facilitate all of these while improving community cohesiveness and effectiveness in leadership (including but not limited to government). I enjoy sushi, wine, fun dinners and mixers, social media, dancing, blogging, broadcasting, meeting new people and volunteering for people that I respect and admire.














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