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Think Before You Ink - Measure 101 LWVCC Speaker's Bureau's January 10, 11

January 10 at the Chetco Library at noon the LWVCC will be holding a Speaker's Bureau on the upcoming Measure 101. On January 11 a forum will be held at the Port Orford City Hall at noon. Some ballots will be out but the LWVCC is asking to "Think Before You Ink" and come to the forums to learn about the measure before you vote. We are asking Gold Beach members to come to Port Orford or Brookings and participate in the forums.

Members Mary Jane LaBelle, Tucker Nunn, and Alyce Pruitt are studying up on the measure and one will take the pro side and one the con side. LWVCC President Lucie La Bonté will moderate the forums. Cards will be passed out for audience questions after the 10 minute presentations. The forums will last one hour.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has chosen voter education rather than advocacy regarding Measure 101 until after the forums. The League of Women Voters of Oregon has taken a position of support and the local league board will make a decision whether to advocate after the presentations are held.

A "Yes" vote allows House Bill 2391 to go into effect in its entirety as enacted by the 2017 Oregon Legislature. It upholds specified assessments on health insurance companies, managed care organizations, The Public Employees Benefit Board, and some hospitals. (Not Curry General). These assessments will provide Oregon's non-federal portion of funding for the Oregon Health Plan. Insurance companies cannot increase premiums by more than 1.5% as a result of the assessments.

A "No" vote rejects temporary assessments on health insurance companies, managed care organizations, the Public Employees' Benefit Board, and some hospitals. Defeating the ballot measure 101 will remove funding for HB 2391.

A Century of Music & Fashion

Our LWVCC yearly fundraiser is coming up Sunday, February 4th at 1PM-3PM. Please plan to attend and support your league. We need your help selling tickets and with silent auction items. Call Ann Tlaker or email at: crabapple1anne@gmail.com and volunteer! More information inside! This will be a fun event with live music and wonderful fashions mixed with a bit of history. I am hearing there may be a few surprise visits from historical figures.

Members and Friends:

Happy New Year! In the words of John Lennon, "I hope it's a good one without any fear."



We have a lot on our LWVCC Plate in 2018, so please join in and help. Starting out of the gate we are holding 2 Speaker's Bureaus (page 1) on Measure 101 January 10 and 11th. Please attend one or the other. We need folks to help set up, pass out and collect cards.

February 4th at 1PM is our big Fundraiser "A Century of Music and Fashions" at Docia Sweet at the Event Center in Gold Beach. Yes, it is Super Bowl Sunday; the show will be over before kick off, and we have a great line up with wonderful food and drink. Come have lunch with us before the game and be entertained. We have a live band coming from Port Orford, Rockin' Cephalopods and fashions being supplied by the Brookings Theatre Group and Rogue Resale Store in Gold Beach. This is a kick off of our 100th year celebration of women in the United States attaining the right to vote in 1920. We plan to hold events this year and next year, topping off in 2020 with the big event. Tickets are on sale at the Gold Beach Bookstore, Interior Cover-ups and from members. (More information on Page 3).

In April we again roll up our Voter's Service sleeves and will hold 3 candidate forums, one in each city. We will call on members to help.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has chosen Curry County to hold the May LWVOR Council at Docia Sweet Hall in Gold Beach. This is an exciting way to meet members from all over the state and learn what other local leagues are doing. We will need members to help with our welcoming these members to our community.

Wonderful news our league is growing! We welcomed 5 more new members in December and more people are contacting me regarding membership. We are *the* group that can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Lucie La Bonté
President

Needed - LWVCC Observers for City Councils and Port Commissions. If you are attending these meetings and want to volunteer to report to the league contact Lucie.
Take Action, be involved!



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A Century of Music and Fashions

New Member Anne Tlaker has jumped in with both feet to be our Fundraiser/Development Chair. Coming up February 4th at 1PM at the Event Center on the Beach in Gold Beach will be our fun fundraiser fashion show. As we approach the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote from the US Congress the Curry League is celebrating with this unique event. A well known Port Orford group, Rockin' Cephalopods will be providing live music. Models are lining up to show fashions from 1918-2018. Interested? League members and our special volunteer models are modeling these wonderful fashions.

Tickets are on sale for \$25. Traditionally our shows include hot hors d'oeuvres, and ice tea and a no-host wine bar. We will be

having a silent auction and are looking to members to gather items. Look for more information coming up! Tickets are available through members and at the GB Bookstore and Interior Cover-ups!



Former Presidents Shirley and Milt Nelson and members celebrating Oregon's 100th Anniversary in 2012

Effie Simmons- From Suffrage Alliance to the Oregon Legislaure

Mrs. Clayton B. Simmons (Effie) was born in Santa Cruz, CA in 1875. A past president of the Portland Oregon Woman's Club, in 1919 she was President of the Oregon Equal Suffrage Alliance, a coalition of organizations that had worked for voting rights for women. She and other Alliance members were instrumental in persuading a reluctant Governor Ben Olcott to call a special session of the Oregon Legislature to ratify the 19th Amendment. At the "victory convention" of 1919, when the National American Women Suffrage Association turned itself into the National League of Women Voters, she was elected to the League's first national board as director for the region that included: Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

In 1922, Mrs. Simmons was the first woman from Multnomah County to be elected to the Oregon Legislature. In the House she worked for child welfare and protection for property rights of women and introduced legislation to require premarital physical and mental examinations and to sterilize people considered unfit to be parents. At the next election she was defeated for the Oregon Senate.

During the early years of the League of Women Voters of Oregon she was its honorary president and served as action president in the fall and spring of 1927-28. She also served on the boards of Goodwill Industries, Rose Festival Association and Waverly Baby Home. She died on December 11, 1961.



More on Floras Lake Coming Up

The County Commissioners unanimously directed staff to explore the conservation option recommended by the Community. County Planning staff work is ongoing to respond to the Board's directive. A tentative date of **January 17th at 10AM at the Commissioners Hearing Room** has been selected for the Board to hear the outcome of staff's research. This will include exploration of a land swap with State Parks, consultation with the local tribes, exploration of a carbon credit program and connection with the Nature Conservancy. There will also be ancillary tasks underway related to these efforts, such as determining the areas' potential land value for a swap, if/how conservation easements could be used, and other factors outlined in the staff report

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to have the following people join our League in December:

**Lorraine Filippone
Tucker Nunn
Ria Smith
Ann Schmierer
Jim Sweeney**

New Member Ann Tlaker Hall Jumping in With Events

Anne Tlaker Hall moved to Gold Beach in 2001 and fell in love with our coastal community. Originally from Vermont, Anne traveled across the US and ended up in Arcata, CA in 1988. The Pacific Ocean, small communities, natural splendor and no snow has kept her on the west coast ever since. She had a brief attempt at city-living in Portland but soon this small town gal headed back to the hills.

Anne started her mental health career in 1982 and worked in the field for over 35 years. She acted as Access Coordinator and MH Clinician for over 9 years with Curry County Human Services. Recently she ended her private practice "South Coast Counseling" based in Brookings.

Anne is a first generation American. Her mother is from Scotland and her father was from Austria. She grew up with a strong belief in America, the responsibility of voting and the power of community. Volunteering has been part of her life for as long as she can remember. She is a member and past president of Soroptimist international of Gold Beach and has been active in community projects finding her favorite niche in local theater. She has directed over a dozen shows and acted in more. She wrote two Christmas plays and a Valentine gala skit called "The Art of Kissing". She was nominated Volunteer of the Year in 2008 and has won the prestigious Hathaway Jones Tall Tale Festival first place award.

Anne enjoys travel, kayaking, gardening, gold panning, ceramics, playing with her grandchildren and spending time with the Best Husband on the Planet, Michael Hall... and her temperamental cats, Ion and Neutron. She is looking forward to working with the League of Women Voters to help keep herself and neighbors informed of issues we face as voters and Oregonians.



League of Women Voters of Curry County

Calendar - 2018

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
January	10 11 11 23	Brookings 101 Forum Port Orford 101 Forum LWVCC Board Meeting Special Election	Chetco Library Port Orford City Hall VOTE!!	Noon Noon 1:15
February	1 4 14 13 20	Board Meeting Fundraiser Brookings Unit Meeting Port Orford Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting	TBA Event Center TBA Port Orford Library Gold Beach City Hall	11AM 1PM Noon Noon 5:30P
March	1 13 14 20	Board Meeting - Gold Beach Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Meeting	94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd Port Orford Library TBA Gold Beach City Hall	11AM Noon Noon 5:30P
April	5 10 11 17 TBA TBA TBA	Board Meeting - Agness/GB Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting Candidate Forum Candidate Forum Candidate Forum	98645 Agness Rd. Port Orford Library TBA Gold Beach City Hall	11AM Noon Noon 5:30P
May	4,5,6	LWVOR Council	Event Center - Gold Beach	
June	2	Annual Meeting Old Board New Board Meeting	TBA	10 AM - 2PM

Hot Topic!!

Aerial Spraying is an on-going LWV concern. The LWVOR worked with Beyond Toxins on this issue at the State Legislature and was able to get some notification in place so people can sign up to be notified when aerial spraying will take place after logging operations. However there are some concerns about the process. New member Jim Sweeney is working with others to increase awareness. More information will be in future issues of *Coastlines*. If you are interested in working on this issue let us know as we will be forming a committee.



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