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## **LWV Curry County - 30 Years of Curry County History**

How much do you know about the League of Women Voters of Curry County? With so many new members, your Board decided January Unit meetings should have a review of The League of Women Voters of Curry County History. Our League has made an impact on so many issues we want our new members to know exactly who we are.

Unit meetings have been scheduled in all three cities so if for some reason you can't make yours, you can attend one in another part of the County. January 15 - Central County Unit will meet at 5:30PM, Gold Beach City Hall. On January 17th - the North County Unit will meet at 5:00 PM in the small room at the Port Orford Library. On January 24 the South County Unit will meet at the Chetco Library, small room at 1PM.

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots organization so as part of the meeting the units will be deciding on the best day, time and place for future meetings. They will be choosing a unit leader as well. Units can also review local league positions if there is time and discuss hot topics for future meetings. The League does like to hold meetings on the same topic in each area so once the Board has the list we can decide what are the hot topics countywide.

## **March 17 Fundraiser**

Mark your calendar and prepare for a fun fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 1PM - Docia Sweet Hall at the Event Center.

Anne T. Hall is lining up Irish dancers including the fun Rogue River Dancers. Musician Cliff Stansell has agreed to play wonderful Celtic music for our event. Limericks? fairies? or maybe you will find a Pot of Gold at the Silent Auction that Ria Smith is organizing. An Irish meal is being planned by Curry Fair Friends and tickets will go on sale in mid- January, advanced tickets only. Stay tuned for more info.



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## President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends;

Happy New Year! We are starting the New Year with many successes.



First, thank you Lorraine Filippone Rossiter for opening up your lovely home for a wonderful Holiday Party. Thank you, Anne Morgan and Tucker Nunn, for organizing the party too. It was a great afternoon (and evening for some).

Thanks to member Alyce Prudden another big accomplishment happened in December. She completed the application to change our non-profit status from a 501 c (4) to and 501 c (3). It has been mailed in and we anxiously await approval from the IRS. A big thank you also goes to Tom Carson (LWVUS) for helping us by reviewing and re-reviewing the application.

Unit meetings will be starting up in January in all three parts of the county. What is the League of Curry County about? The first part of the meeting will cover our history. We have done so much in 30 years. This is year 99 for the LWVUS and women obtaining the right to vote so what a good time to review all we have accomplished for Curry County and the State of Oregon.

Speaking of accomplishments, kudos to the Hard Rock Mining Committee! The study is finished and being published. Consensus questions have been approved by the LWVOR Board. This spring our units statewide will be taking consensus and then we will have good strong positions on Hard Rock Mining.

Ideas for future studies? Now is the time to turn in your ideas and who would lead the study if adopted. This can be done on either the local or state level. (See page 3).

As we enter 2019 we will be asking our local elected bodies to look at adopting Civility Proclamations. We need elected officials committed to working together no matter what the differences may be. Let's be leaders in making 2019 the best year yet.

Lucie La Bonte, President

## PROGRAM PLANNING 2019-20

Each year, League members plan our work for the following year through “program planning.” In 2019, we are doing program planning for the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) and for the League of Women Voters of Curry County (LWVCC). Members consider what we should do about important issues in our state and county. Our members’ recommendations will guide the board and committee members as we plan our work for 2019-20. This will be discussed at the January Units and members can then go on line to read state positions and decide if changes should be recommended. Members will be sent forms and local league positions in a separate mailing since only members can participate in this process.

Another part of this planning process is study recommendations. The League of Women Voters of Curry County has recommended several studies that the LWVOR has adopted. ("Hard Rock Mining" LWVOR Convention in 2015). It has been a number of years since LWV Curry County did a local study. One of the important things to remember, if you recommend a study on any level you should be willing to work on it and have a Study Chair lined up. Study recommendations have to be well thought out and have a title, scope and outlook for work. (See below for what is needed). If the LWVOR or LWVUS already have positions a study may not be necessary. If positions seem outdated a "restudy" may be recommended. Studies can be for 1 year or 2 years depending upon depth and the size of the committee.

**We ask that the forms be turned into the Board by February 1.** The Board will make recommendations to be voted on at the LWVOR Convention (Ashland in May) or our Annual Meeting June 1. If the Board chooses not to recommend your study or position changes you have a chance to bring it up on the floor or Convention or the Annual Meeting.

## What is "Title", "Scope" and "Outlook for Work"

**TITLE:** A statement of the content of a program item. It may include a League position. All program items imply League action when a position is reached whether or not the wording so specifies. Once adopted, the title cannot be changed by the Board or Council.

**SCOPE:** A statement defining the limits and direction of a study item. It may include a timetable and may be modified by the Board or Council. It is binding on the committee, which must try to meet its directives as far as possible.

**OUTLOOK FOR WORK:** A statement prepared by the committee which describes the activities to be carried out in the course of the study. While the Outlook for Work may be approved by the Convention delegates or members at an annual meeting, the committee may modify it if, during the course of study, more or less work or time becomes necessary.

## Farmer's Daughter, World Traveler, Special Ed Teacher - Berma Matteson

I was born in North Dakota to a reluctant farmer/electrician and an adventurous, capable and deeply Christian mother who settled.

The most important thing about growing up had to do with having a Native American best friend who lived on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. I had to get out of my little Christian box and look through a different lens. That, and working with Autistic children required me to experience the world differently in order to understand and create meaningful relationships.

My family sold the farm and moved to a community with a university. It began to appear that maybe there was more to life than being a farmer's wife. I married at 17 anyway, to a man in the Air Force, and moved to Puerto Rico. I had my first baby at 19 at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico.

I've lived in Alaska, Puerto Rico, New Mexico, Taiwan, Washington state and finally Oregon. I traveled when I could and managed to get to 4 continents if you count the Americas as 1, mostly Mexico, Asia, Central and South America.

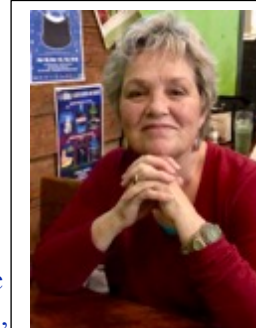
Like many women, college was a start and stop experience, depending upon transportation, child care and \$\$\$\$. I worked my way through, sometimes 2 jobs, as a single parent for most of it, and finally got a BS after 10 years. I got a rural education full scholarship to get a master's degree in special education with a focus on children and families with emotional and behavioral disabilities. I once was introduced to the PTA as the "emotionally disturbed teacher".

I sold my little natural foods/antique store that I had in North Dakota and moved to Southern New Mexico in the 90s. I lived there for over 20 years and still have a small home in Las Cruces. New Mexico is the only state in the US in which Anglos are the minority.

Following my youngest as far as Brookings, I stayed when she moved to Bend. My other daughter settled in Eugene.

I am one of the founding mothers of INDIVISIBLE 97415 and recently became a member of the LWV. I think they balance one another.

Berma is also a writer. She published a short novel, MAURI'S BIRDS. It's the life story of an autistic woman. It's on Amazon...



## Holiday Party Fun



Shown on the left in Lorraine's kitchen: (Left to right) Ria Shannon Smith, guest Dave, Tucker Nunn, Lorraine, Jim Sweeney and Billy Smith. Photo taken by Anne Morgan. Thank you to all the members who came and brought tasty holiday treats. A big thank you to Membership Chair Anne Morgan and Secretary Tucker Nunn for organizing the party. A special thank you to Lorraine Filippone Rossiter for having us to her fabulous ocean view home.

## League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar - 2019

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>January</b>	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's, GB	10 AM
	15	Central County Unit	GB City Hall	5:30PM
	17	North County Unit	PO Library - small room	5 PM
	24	South County Unit	Chetco Library - small room	1 PM
<b>February</b>	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	Hassie Taylor's, GB	10 AM
	19	Central County Unit	GB City Hall	5:30PM
	TBA	North County Unit	TBA	TBA
	TBA	South County Unit	TBA	TBA
<b>March</b>	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas', GB	10 AM
	12	Special District Elections	Vote!!	Vote!!
	19	Central County Unit	GB City Hall	5:30PM
	TBA	North County Unit	TBA	TBA
	TBA	South County Unit	TBA	TBA
	17	Fundraiser	Event Center	1 PM
<b>April</b>	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's, GB	10AM
	16	Central County Unit	GB City Hall	5:30PM
	TBA	North County Unit	TBA	TBA
	TBA	South County Unit	TBA	TBA
<b>May</b>	13 17-19	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVOR Convention	Hassie Taylor's, GB Ashland, Oregon	
<b>June</b>	1	Annual Meeting Old Board/New Board Meeting	TBA TBA	10AM- 1PM 1PM



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