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LWVCC SPECIAL DISTRICTS FORUM

Education is the cornerstone for true civic engagement.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County (LWVCC) is holding a Special Districts Forum on Thursday, January 23, 2020, 2pm-4pm at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach to explain about special districts in Curry County. This meeting, planned back in June 2019, is particularly relevant now due to recent events. It is more important than ever that accurate information be available for all.

A panel of speakers will talk about what are and are not special districts in Curry County as well as how they are funded, managed and governed. Our speakers will be the Curry County Assessor, Jim Kolen; Julie Retherford, director of the Chetco Community Public Library, a large special district in Brookings and Hal Fitzgerald, Chair of the Langlois Water District Board, a small special district in Langlois. Information from the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) will also be shared.

Georgia Nowlin, LWVCC board member will be the facilitator.

Come to this forum in Gold Beach on January 23rd from 2pm-4pm and learn why it is important to know and be engaged with your local special districts.

This LWVCC general membership meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to come and participate.

LWVCC 100th Anniversary Celebration

Are you ready? Anne Tlaker Hall presents, "**PATH BREAKERS: Heroines of Oregon's Suffrage**". Her play is written just for us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary for the League of Women Voters and signing of the 19th Amendment granting votes for women! The event is slated for March 1 at 1PM at the Ellensburg Theater. Tickets are \$25. Members look for tickets that are coming to you via the mail, buy or sell. The event is open to the public. More information will be in the *February CoastLines* and in the news.



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President's Letter

Hello Members, Friends and Sponsors,

Happy New Year and I hope your holidays were warm and wonderful! The Curry County League's December was highlighted by our Holiday Gathering and a visit by LWVOR president Rebecca Gladstone. Again, Tucker Nunn organized, and Lorraine Filippone hosted the most wonderful LWVCC party in her beautiful home. Thank you, Lorraine and Tucker! These end of year celebrations are good times to just be together and look back, but mostly forward—to 2020 in this case.



Rebecca addressed the members present with a summary of what we can expect in the Census and Redistricting in 2020. She touched on SJR 18, Campaign Finance Reform, which passed and is now undergoing updating by a coalition including LWVOR. Also new this year is a LWVOR study on Cyber Security that is completed and in review stages now. Rebecca used the phrase "Cyber Hygiene"—a new one in my lexicon. Perhaps next holiday season we will all be buying "Cyber Soap" and "Cyber Detergent" for our friends! This one-year study will be published just after the election. It's going to be a busy year!

As you can see by looking at the calendar, we have our own local issues to address, namely, the Special District debate and we will hold our forum on January 23. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find more information about our educational forum.

This is the 100th Anniversary year of Women's vote in Oregon, and we will be holding a special gathering to celebrate. You will hear more about this soon.

In summary, with your help, in 2020, the LWVCC Board will:

- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and League work in "Making a More Perfect Democracy"
- Inform and Educate about Local Issues:
 - Hold a Forum to discuss and educate about Special Districts
 - Hold a Forum on Redistricting
- Work with our Curry County Libraries to educate our voters about the Census
- Provide voter services for the May primary and November general election
- Participate fully to Get Out the Vote

Sincerely;

Mary Jane LaBelle, President

Unit Meetings

North County: the unit meeting in Port Orford was held at Becky Flake's home at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 20. Seven members were in attendance and the subject was a continued discussion on the Universal Healthcare subject we began in October. Ms Skinner, a member, notified us of the County Survey that many of us took part in.

Future Unit meetings will be held as the Units decide. The normal schedule is:

- Gold Beach: third Tuesday of the month; 12 noon; usually lunch at a restaurant
- Brookings: third Thursday; 1pm; place to be announced
- Port Orford: fourth Thursday; 5pm; home of Becky Flake. Next meeting will be to discuss the updating of the League's recycling study.

However, due to an extremely busy year of General Interest Forums, Candidate Forums, ballot measures and Anniversary celebrations, some Unit meetings may be put on hold. *Check the calendar to be updated!*

Redistricting Update

Redistricting is closely tied to the Census—the number of citizens in a region will help determine district lines. The LWVUS has communicated with us through LWVOR that we may expect pushback from elected or potential officials from all political parties. They do not want to give up the power they have in redistricting. The league believes that the voters choose their representatives; the representatives do not choose their voters, so we hold a strong position in favor of non-partisan redistricting reform requiring a completely neutral redistricting commission.

This means we will be doing our part to gather signatures (approximately 300,000, about 150,000 needed, but we must gather twice that number to make sure we have enough validated signatures). We will go through training and validation before setting ourselves up in public. Please consider being a signature procurer, but only if you are comfortable speaking to people who you do not know. The timeline will be mid-summer, but we aren't sure yet. Keep looking for news!

Census Update

There will be three tiers of local action:

1. Obtain the forms used in the Census
2. Train the Librarians
3. League works together with the Libraries to help answer questions.

The timing for tier #1 is January. Rollout to the League helping will be March-April 2020.

All Oregon Libraries are participating, and we will be working with them. Our participating LWVCC members will be trained before we set up a table at the libraries. We will set day and hours of operation—likely one day and several hours, depending on how many of us can participate. This will be well noticed so voters will know when to get their answers. Of course, the librarians will be also available to answer questions. We want to help take the burden off them.

News From LWVOR

Cybersecurity and Privacy Today

Our study is on track! [Materials have been posted for you](#) to read to prepare for the study, now in final editing review. Please contact study chair Mary Sinclair to schedule or discuss study presentations. We can present a study overview and we have compiled a list of volunteer experts you can contact for in-depth information. We sent a full timeline in our [Winter Voter](#).

Voter Service

Several Leagues are prioritizing Voter Service as their top effort for 2020. Given the low national voter turnout for the last presidential election, we agree! Voters must be informed accurately and not be overwhelmed or dismayed. This is a serious responsibility for the League of Women Voters!

Candidates have already filed for 37 state races and of course we have compelling state initiative petitions filed that we are already working on, carefully and absolutely separating our educational Voter Service coverage. We are actively working on candidate events for the Secretary of State race and beginning outreach for our Congressional races.

Holiday Party Pictures



Upper Left: Charlie, MJ & Pam
Upper Middle: Lucie & Phil
Upper Right: LWVOR President Becky and Hostess Lorraine
Lower Left: Judy, Ann, Georgia, Tucker and Becky
Lower Right: Becky



Plan Now to Attend
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Century Celebration Luncheon
Saturday, March 7, 2020
10AM- 2PM

Guest Panel:
Governor Kate Brown (invited)
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Registration should open soon for our “[Century Celebration](#)”, the 100th Anniversary lunch and full program in Salem on March 7th with a show-stopping speakers’ panel in the works! Our state committee is completing work on a historic video, a PowerPoint presentation, and a slide show. You will not want to miss this one! LWVOR Century Celebration Website:<http://lwvor.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-league/>

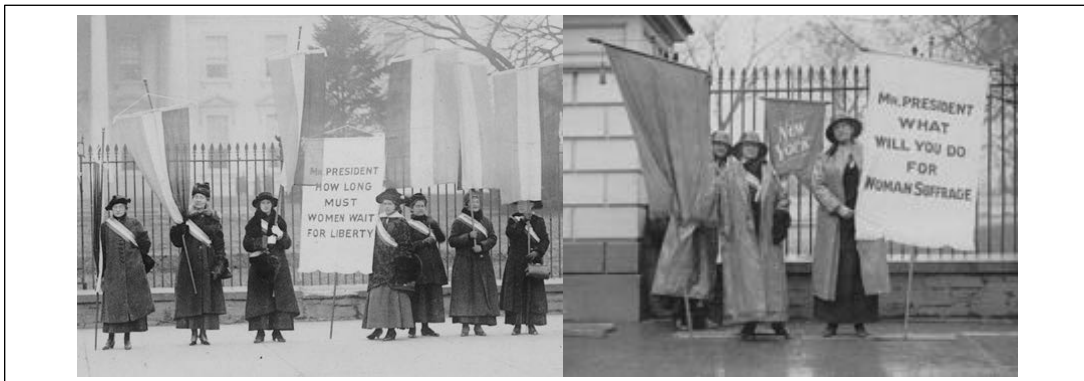


League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar –2020

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
January	13 23	LWVCC Board Meeting Special District Issues Forum	Karol Simas', GB Curry Public Library, GB	9:30 AM 2PM -4PM
February	10	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings	Karol Simas', GB TBA	9:30 AM TBA
March	1 7 9	LWVCC 100 th Anniversary Celebration LWVOR 100 th Anniversary Lunch LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings or Teas	Ellensburg Theater Salem Convention Center Tucker Nunn's, GB TBA	1PM 10AM-2PM 9:30 AM TBA
April	13 TBA TBA 28	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings Candidate Forums Last day to Register to Vote	Brookings Library TBA TBA	9:30 AM TBA TBA
May	11 TBA TBA 19	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVOR Convention Unit Meetings Primary Election	MJ's Home, Sixes TBA TBA VOTE	9:30 AM VOTE
June	6	LWVCC Annual Meeting New/Old Board Meeting	Gold Beach	9:30AM-1PM 1PM

Directory of Public Officials

Reminder that the Directory for Curry County was updated on September 2019. Any person, library, newspaper, city offices or otherwise is welcome to distribute it. To access it, go to our website: lwvcurry.org and you will find the page. The next update will be after the November 2020 general election.





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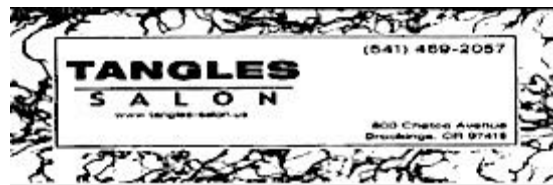
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