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### FEBRUARY UNIT MEETINGS Mental Health in Jails

#### **Gold Beach Unit Meeting**

#### By: Lucie La Bonté

The attendance for the February Gold Beach Unit Meeting was light but the discussion led by Judge Jesse Margolis may have an impact.

Judge Margolis explained; how the court system works, the number of cases (4,139 Jan – Nov 20, 2014), how some are settled out of court, how guidelines work, alternatives and sentencing. During the discussion of alternatives it was revealed that Curry County has few due to lack of resources.Mental Health Court is moving forward but limited. When other treatment courts such as Veteran's Court was mentioned (not available in Curry County yet) LWVCC Member Connie Hunter (Brookings) did volunteer to work with Judge Margolis on this and other Veteran's court issues. Judge Margolis thanked the LWVCC for hosting the meetings. He spoke of sharing the LWV goal of having an informed public. Note: Curry Hospital District Board Member Rebecca Moore attended the Brookings Unit and was able to talk with Judge Margolis about Mental Health Issues.

#### **Brookings Unit Meeting**

#### **By: Alyssa Babin**

Judge Margolis presented at the Brookings Unit Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with 17 people in attendance. Jane Stebbins from the Curry Coastal Pilot brought Anastasia, an intern from Brookings Harbor High School. Also in attendance were League of Women Voters of Curry County members Yvonne Maitland, Marta West and Jessica Kensinger.

Some highlights from the presentation: There were 16 civil commitment cases in Curry County in 2014. Judge Margolis explained that for civil commitment in Oregon, the person has to not be able to meet their own basic needs or they are in danger to themselves or others.

Mental Health Court was also discussed at the meeting. Judge Margolis said that this court only meets needs of small number of people going through mental illness. Mental Health Court is also only open to people who are voluntarily cooperating.



Dear Members:

The year is moving fast! We have great meetings and events scheduled for spring and early summer. We hope to see you there!

March - we will be taking consensus on the LWVOR Update Study: "Children at Risk" at the March Unit Meetings. It is important for all members to participate. Material will be emailed and mailed to members the first week in March.

April - Unit Meetings will center around action in the legislature on the Aerial Spraying issue that citizens in Curry County have worked on. The LWVOR wrote a letter in support of further legislation on this issue.

May - The planning for the LWVOR Convention is moving forward. LWVCC submitted a study proposal: "Reformation: Hard Rock Mining" that we will lobby for. Any member of the LWVCC can attend. We need Observers to accompany our voting Delegates. Already, 4 members plan to attend and have made reservations at the Valley River Inn, Eugene under the LWVOR block of rooms. If you are interested in attending contact me at: <u>labontelucie2@gmail.com</u>. Look to articles for costs.

Our Annual Meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> the same day as the Gold Beach Wine Festival, all at the Event Center. Come to the meeting and enjoy wine tasting art and music after our meeting and lunch.

June –A Pink Flamingo Fashion Show is planned as a LWVCC fundraiser, Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1PM at the Showcase – Event Center in Gold Beach. Karen Roe of the Pink Flamingo has generously offered to bring fashions in. So far we have 7 models. Interested? Let me know! (Alyssa will be contacting people regarding Silent Auction Items).

Showers=Flowers! Lucie

#### The League of Women Voters of Curry County

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#### Marjorie Bromser, League Member Wins Drawing!

Congratulations to Marjorie Bromser of Port Orford for winning "Cocktails at the Whitehouse" a print by artist Dick LaBonté. Judge Jesse Margolis drew the winning ticket at the last meeting in February held in Gold Beach. Thank you to all members who participated in the raffle buying and selling tickets. The project raised \$360.

#### INTRODUCING

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OREGON: HARD ROCK MINING

STUDY PROPOSAL

Submitted by Alyssa Babin, Vice President, League of Women Voters of Curry County

TITLE: Reformation: Hard Rock Mining

SCOPE: The purpose is to study land based hard rock mineral mining in Oregon including: history, laws affecting operations, agency over sight, environmental effects of past and existing operations, and economic benefits and impacts on local communities.

#### OUTLOOK FOR WORK:

Analyze the costs and benefits of industrial hard rock mining in Oregon. Specific focus items for study could include: environmental impacts, investigating which state and federal agencies are charged with oversight of mining activities, which state and federal laws apply, the 1872 Mining Act, ideas to reform 1872 Mining Act, what materials are produced from mining used in Oregon, alternatives to mining and community costs and benefits.

The study will not include lacer, hydraulic, and recreational mining.

Currently, the League of Women Voters of Curry County has three members willing to be on a LWVOR study committee. We encourage and are actively seeking other broader league member participation. We have \$250 of contributions to the study through the education fund. We are currently researching more funding opportunities.

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	League of	i Women Voters of Curry County	Calendar 2014-2015	
March	10	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
Maren	12	Board Meeting	Curry Public Library, Gold Beach	10 a.m.
	17	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Chetco Public Library Annex, Brookings	5:30 p.m.
	19	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
April				
	14	Aerial Spraying Update	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	21	Aerial Spraying Update	Chetco Public Library Annex, Brookings	5:30 p.m.
	23	Aerial Spraying Update	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	23	Board Meeting	Brookings: Babin Home	10 a.m.
	1-3	LWVOR Convention	Eugene Valley River Inn	
Мау	16	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	9 am- Noon
	16	LWVCC Annual Meeting Lunch: Speaker TBA	Gold Beach Event Center	Noon-1pm.
	16	Old Board/New Board Brief Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	1 p.m.
June	28	Flamingo Fashion Show Fundraiser Event	Event Center Showcase Building	

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# Member Biography \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### MARTA WEST

I grew up in a small town in Iowa at a time when law was a career for men. Law school was an afterthought for me in a year when no teaching jobs existed – teaching was the career of choice for women at that time. I began practicing law in 1976, at age 24, after graduating with honors from Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis.

I began my legal career as an intern with the Legal Services Organization of Indiana, then as an attorney with Volunteers In Service to America, after which I

served as the Director of the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Indiana until 1982. In this work, I handled divorces, child custody matters, child abuse and neglect cases, social security appeals and landlord tenant cases.

With a move to Nevada I eventually limited my practice to family law until my retirement in December, 2013.

I first joined the League of Women Voters in Reno in 2012, but hope to become more active and involved in the organization now that I've retired. After 20 years of visiting the Oregon Coast for weekends and vacations, my husband and I are delighted to finally be here full time!



When not volunteering, I am reading, in Pilates classes, walking the beaches or seeing the coast from the back of my husband's Harley.

I will be traveling to Salem to participate in the upcoming Rally for Health Care for All Oregon (another recent interest) on February 11. I have also volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for the past year.

We need volunteers for upcoming events.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Kathi Lindsay <u>lwvkathi@gmail.com</u> or Charlie Alexander <u>lwvcharlie@yahoo.com</u>, if you would like to help with the Fashion Show on June 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Lucie La Bonté labontelucie2@gmail.com or Alyssa Babin lyssa.kate@gmail.com.

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Address	\$90 HOUSEHOLD (for one-year membership for the current year) for two members who share an address YES, I would like to receive <i>CoastLines</i> by email, saving LWVCC over \$10 a year in postage and printing.	
City State Zip	Please make your dues checks payable LWVCC, listing the year (2013-2014) on your check, and return with this application form to: LWVCC Treasurer; 36858 Highway 101; Port Orford, OR 97465 Additional contributions - checks made out to League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund (LWVOREF) and mailed to the LWVCC Treasurer are tax deductible.	
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