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Annual Meeting May 21

Guest Speaker LWVOR President Norman Turill

May 21st after the business portion of our Annual Meeting, League of Women Voters of Oregon President Norman Turill will be our guest speaker at lunch. With a rich background in LWV Mr. Turill is the first male LWVOR President and has also served on the LWVUS Board. Space is limited so we need **members to make reservations by May 10**. We have to have a quorum count and are inviting Curry County Elected Officials

The Annual Meeting will begin at 10AM with coffee at 9:30AM. Members will vote for elected officers and on the annual budget. No study proposals issues or bylaw changes were submitted this year. Budget information was previously emailed to members and the nominating report was in the April edition of this publication.

Lunch will be a choice of veggie or meat quiche, salad bar and beverages for \$12 including gratuity. Please email your choice to Lucie at: labontelucie2@gmail.com Members will also be calling all members for a count. The meeting will take place in the **Oceanview Room in Docia Sweet Hall at the Fairgrounds**.

Primary Election Candidate Forums

Charlie Alexander
Voter Service Chair

I cannot thank the many League members enough for their help in the three Voter Forums. We work as a team and all three went very smoothly. Gold Beach, Port Orford and Brookings all had standing room only crowds.

Different questions were asked of the candidates at each forum and all three were very informative and interesting. The candidates (8) for the two different positions of County Commissioner got a lot of financial inquiries on how are we going to fix the financial crisis in Curry County. The two candidates for District Attorney were asked many spirited questions. The three candidates for Circuit Court Judge could not answer some of the questions directed at them, as the District Attorney candidates could not, because they cannot tell what they might do with a case until they hear all sides in the courtroom or deciding how to proceed with case. Ms. Jacquot and Mr. Hughes were there all three nights. Mr. Inokuchi was at the Gold Beach Forum but did not attend the Port Orford or Brookings ones. The two candidates for State Senator District 1 got some inquiries at all three forums, but especially the Brookings one.

All in all I am glad I attended all three, as did Phil Dickson who was a tremendous help, but there is one race I still can't figure out who to vote for. More research, but that is one reason we are in League, to be "informed voters". Each night we received so many compliments for putting on the Forums with people thanking us. Then there were those each night, who wanted to know why their question didn't get answered. Two hours just fly's by when you have so many questions in the baskets to ask!! My thanks again to all that helped put on each Forum.



President's Notes by Lucie La Bonté



Dear Members and Friends;

As out going President of the League of Women Voters of Curry County I wish to thank all who helped me during the year and our sponsors. We really have had a good year. Our two fashion shows brought our budget in balance and hopefully members will continue holding fundraisers to keep our wonderful league going. I am very excited about the new board beginning July 1 and our nominee for President Phil Dickson. I know Phil will do a wonderful job and I have full confidence in his success when I pass the gavel to him. (See report on page 3).

Our annual meeting will be very important this year. Not only do we have LWVOR President Norman Turill as our guest speaker but we will be voting on changing our non-profit status. LWVOR did just that this year. Changing status will mean that all contributions will be tax deductible. Please join me in welcoming Norman and voting for this very important change in our league.

Let's have fun voting in our new leader, honoring all who worked so hard this year and saying farewells. It has been an honor to serve as your President for 2 terms this time around, and to work with a wonderful board both years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Lucie La Bonté
President

The LWVCC Board is looking for 3 members to join Connie Hunter and Lisa Harrison on the new Homeless Committee.

Interested in being part of a successful team? We are still looking for a Secretary for our Board. Email me if you are Interested!

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Nominating Committee Report

Here is the list of LWVCC Board and Nominating Committee Candidates for 2016-2017:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



Office	Nominees	Term Expires
President	Philip Dickson	2017
Vice President	Alyssa Babin	2018
Secretary	To be determined	2018
Treasurer	Connie Hunter	2017
Director #1	Anne Morgan	2018

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair	Lucie La Bonté	2018
Member	Charlene Enoch	2018
Member	Renée Kolen	2018

CURRENT DIRECTORS

Director #2	Lisa Harrison	2017
Director #3	Evan Kramer	2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Enoch Chair, Nominating Committee
Linda Elfman, Scribe



Port Orford Candidate Forum

Lisa Harrison

Wednesday, April 20th

The League Candidate forum in Port Orford was well attended. Citizen residents numbered 46, Candidates 17 and League members 6, the room was full! The Forum opened with each candidate stating a brief bio, Incumbents stated what they had accomplished and the opposing candidates introduced themselves and some of their ideas. Questions from the audience were varied from; Oregon Land recapture from the Federal Government, the 2017-18 budget projections, homeless in Curry County, and why did each candidate feel they were the best qualified to be elected. I personally wish we could have asked additional questions, but the two hours flew by and the audience was ready to get up and stretch. All candidates' were polite and stayed to answer questions after the forum concluded.

Candidates attending LWVCC forums were:

State Senator-

Jessica Kensinger -R,
Incumbent Jeff Kruse- R,
Judge of the Circuit Court – 15th District, Ryan P. Hughes,
Rick Inokuchi - GB only,
Megan L. Jacquot ,
Curry County District Attorney -
Eric Bryant, Incumbent Everett Dial, Curry County Commissioner
Position #2 - Sue Gold, Ron Hedenskog, David G. Itzen,
Christopher Paasch,
Curry County Commissioner
Position #3 - Court Boice,
Incumbent Susan Brown, Eric Hanson, Carlton A. Strom.

LWVCC and LWVOR Take Action on Smith River

Responding to an alert from Peggy Lynch, LWVOR Natural Resource Action Chair, the LWVCC and LWVOR both submitted letters supporting protection of watersheds. The action moves the North Fork of the Smith River and its tributaries in Curry County towards an Outstanding Resource Waters Designation. LWVCC Vice-President, Alyssa Babin was asked to draft letters for the LWVOR and LWVCC. Both were approved by their boards and signed by their presidents.

The designation would protect the watershed from the possibilities of mining and other harmful activities taking place. Action was taken based on water quality positions.

Department of Environmental Quality
811 SW 6th Ave
Portland, OR 97204

RE: Support for Petition to Designate the North Fork Smith River and all its tributaries and wetlands as Outstanding Resource Waters

Dear Oregon Environmental Quality Commission:

The League of Women Voters of Curry County would like to publicly express our support of the Department of Environmental Quality initiating a rulemaking process to designate the North Fork Smith River and all of its tributaries and wetlands in Curry County as Outstanding Resource Waters.

The North Fork Smith River has unique scenic, historic and recreational values. The League of Women Voters supports identification and regulation of areas of critical concern, fragile or historic lands, where development could result in irreversible damage.

The members of the Curry County League of Women Voters supports maintaining a healthy balance between the water requirements for population growth and the water requirements of anadromous fish runs and other life forms; consideration of water availability should be a prime factor when making land use decisions; research of ecologically safe water storage and of sound water conservation methods in the county; identification and regulation of areas of critical concern such as watersheds, aquifers and aquifer recharge areas.

We support the Department of Environmental Quality in designating the North Fork Smith as an outstanding resource water as defined in OAR 340-041-0002(45). We believe this designation is necessary in order to protect the river from the threat of pollution from potential mining operations and to maintain its extraordinary water quality and ecological values.

The designation will also enhance our local economy by adding tourist opportunities while protecting the unique values and significant wildlife habitats of the North Fork Smith River.

Again, we urge you to initiate a rulemaking process to designate the North Fork Smith River and all of its tributaries and wetlands as Outstanding Resource Waters.

Sincerely,
Lucie La Bonté, President

At the present time the LWVOR continues research on the Hardrock Mining Study proposed by the Curry County LWV at the LWVOR Convention last year. 3 LWVCC members have been active on the study; Chair Alyssa Babin and members Maggie McHugh and Karol Simas. They join LWVOR members from around the state. The study is to be completed next spring. LWVOR studies show all sides of an issue. Once completed members will be asked to read and take consensus on the issue to formulate LWVOR positions.

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2016

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
May	21 21	LWVCC Annual Meeting LWVCC Old Board/New Board	Event Center on the Beach / Fairgrounds -Oceanview Room	10AM- 12PM 1:00 PM
June	3-5 16-19	LWVOR Council LWVUS Convention	Vancouver Hilton Hotel, WA Washington, D.C.	

The League of Women Voters of Curry County - - How to Join

Yes, I want to make a difference by joining the League of Women Voters of Curry County.

☐ Individual Membership \$65 ☐ Household Membership (2 adults in household) \$97.50

☐ I am unable to join but enclose a contribution of _____.

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