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## ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 20th

All members received an invitation from President Alyssa Babin to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held May 20th from 10:00AM through 1PM. It will be held at the small *Forestry Building* next to Showcase at the Fairgrounds/Event Center in Gold Beach. It important that all members attend so we can have discussions about the future of the League of Women Voters of Curry County. Although our membership is small, we have dedicated volunteers who have proposed rather than have a speaker to have a round table to discuss our League. That will be followed by our business meeting, elections (see article on Nominations), approval of the budget, affirmation of our local league positions and other business.

The meeting is a lunch meeting including: meat balls in Marinara Sauce, chicken strips on a skewer, salad bar with a selection of vegetables, and an assorted fruit tray for \$12.00 per lunch. This is provided by Curry Fair Friends.

Please RSVP to Alyssa at: [lyssa.kate@gmail.com](mailto:lyssa.kate@gmail.com) by May 10.

LWVOR President Norman Turrill has been invited and will be traveling down from Portland to attend.

The meeting will be followed by a short New Board/Old Board meeting at 1PM. Also being held at the Fairgrounds is the Annual Wine and Art Festival.  
See you there!

## Nominations - 2017-18 Board Changes on Nominating Committee

### Board 2017-2018

President	Lucie La Bonté	2018
Secretary	Mary Jane La Belle	2019
Treasurer	Hassie Taylor	2018
Director #1	Anne Morgan	2018 (elected in 2016)
Director #2	Karol Simas	2019
Director #3	Charlie Alexander	2018

### Nominating Committee

Renée Kolen (Chair)	2018
Charlene Enoch	2018
Evan Kramer	2018

Nominees, thank  
you for stepping  
up! And to the  
Nominating  
Committee, thank  
you for a job well  
done!



Greetings!

It's been a short and eventful term as President. I wish good luck to the upcoming board. I hope to see everyone at the annual meeting May 20th at 10 am please RSVP to me at: [lyssa.kate@gmail.com](mailto:lyssa.kate@gmail.com) or Charlene Enoch at: [charleneandpat@charter.net](mailto:charleneandpat@charter.net) if you plan to attend. My work will continue on the state level with the hard rock mining study and other issues.

Alyssa Babin  
President

## **BALLOTS ARE OUT!**

**The Special Districts Election is  
coming up fast! Be sure to  
VOTE!  
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## **LWVCC SPECIAL DISTRICTS CANDIDATE FORUMS**

### **APRIL 11-13, 2017 - Voters Service Chair Georgia Nowlin**

Feast to famine would nicely sum up the attendance at the League's Special Districts candidate forums April 11th-13th in Brookings, Port Orford and Gold Beach, respectively.

In Brookings, it was standing room only with over 60+ attendees, not including the candidates or League volunteers. Candidates for the Southwestern Oregon Community College (SOCC) Board, Brookings Harbor School District and the Brookings Harbor Port District in Brookings were present. Many in the audience seem to be there because of the Brookings Harbor Port District or Brookings Harbor School District races.

In Port Orford and Gold Beach, it was candidates for the SOCC Board and Position #4 on the Curry Health District Board. Attendance In Port Orford was sparse, and even more so in Gold Beach.

In Gold Beach, there were no written questions, at first, but with moderator Lucie La Bonté quickly coming up with a question for the candidates, two others were soon asked from the small audience.

Thanks so much to the League members who volunteered their time and efforts to bring these candidate forums to the public.

## **LWVOR Day at the Legislature**

### **Lucie La Bonté**

Visiting with old friends from around the State including Curry County's former wonderful Treasurer Marta West now a member of the Lincoln County LWV), was a treat. LWVOR is busy at work at the Legislature. Following bills on various issues including school funding bills and suction dredging mining bills is done by volunteers. I also inquired about aerial spraying bills. Once again it seems notification is the possible reality.

I looked over at former LWVOR President Kappy Eaton as it was being explained that there is a shortfall thinking, "How many times have you heard that before?" Legislators spoke to us regarding bills, we also heard from the Legislative Revenue office. While up there I did drop by Representative Smith's office and by my old friend Representative Boone's office before the meeting. As we gear up towards the LWVOR Convention our Legislative Team continues putting in long hours.

## **LWVOR CONVENTION COMING UP!**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon will hold their Convention in Wilsonville, Oregon May 5, 6, and 7th. Each LL (local league) is allowed two delegates and all members are invited to be Observers. For this Convention the Board appointed President Alyssa Babin and member Lucie La Bonté to be delegates.

LWVOR Norman Turrill has been nominated to be LWVOR President for another term. Also on the agenda will be issues that the LWVOR has been working on over the past two years including the Hard Rock Mining Study.

## **Follow Up - April Unit Meetings - Cascadia Subduction Zone - Speaker Emergency Coordinator Don Kendall By Evan Kramer**

The Port Orford Unit of the League of Women Voters of Curry County hosted Don Kendall at their public meeting on April. 10. Kendall is the Emergency Services Coordinator for Curry County. He told those seven of us who attended the meeting of an emergency preparedness exercise scheduled for the last weekend in June at Cape Blanco State Airport. The drill is known as Operation Pathfinder Triton 2. The Air National Guard and Coast Guard will do practice runs at the Airport in anticipation of that airport becoming a major recovery zone after the Cascadia Subduction Zone gives way and help is much needed.

Kendall said the earthquake will be followed quickly by one tsunami after another and the first one won't necessarily be the biggest one. Kendall was asked about the tsunami sirens scattered around Curry County. He said the newest one in the County was 40 years old. Of course if the Cascadia Subduction gives way to a major earthquake it will be time to move to higher ground immediately if possible. The Tsunami sirens are for a distant earthquake where there would be time to warn people to move to higher ground. For a distant Tsunami you have four hours to get to higher ground once the sirens go off.

Kendall's department is funded half by the County and half by grants from FEMA as the county is required to have an emergency services coordinator.

Kendall spoke about if the "big quake" does happen there will be no north south commerce as the highway bridges will all be down. His advice for dealing with the aftereffect of a big quake is for local people to form a "tribe" to help each other and felt that's what would happen rather than people not cooperating with each other.

The County website has more information about the emergency services department which is located under the Sheriff's Department portion of the website including specifics about tsunami evacuation zones.

*Meetings were also held in Gold Beach and Brookings. In Gold Beach there was a lot of discussion regarding the need for a new Emergency Operations Center since the present one is in the inundation zone. Most of Gold Beach will go up hill. The Brookings Unit had special guests, the 2017 Azalea Princesses along with 5 members of the public. It was an informative talk about the Cascadia Subduction Zone and emergency preparedness. Brookings has an E.O.C. and the run up area goes to the library so Harbor is more of a concern regarding tsunamis. Overall, be prepared and have a kit ready to go !*

## **CALENDAR - MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

### **LWVOR CONVENTION -**

**May 5-7 - Wilsonville - Holiday Inn**

### **LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING -**

**May 20 - Gold Beach - Event Center/Curry County Fairgrounds, Forestry Building - 10AM - 1PM**

### **OLD BOARD/NEW BOARD MEETING -**

**May 20 - Gold Beach - Event Center/Curry County Fairgrounds, Forestry Building - 1PM  
(Old Board bring notebooks if you have them and any other records to pass on) New Board bring  
calendars to schedule retreat).**



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