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## November Consensus - *Constitutional Amendment Study*

Our local League will discuss the *Constitutional Amendment* process at Unit meetings in November. The LWVUS has completed its study and consensus will be taken at LWV meetings across the country. The guide and materials for the *Constitutional Amendment Study* are posted and available for members at: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/constitutional-amendment-study>. We also are passing around hard copies. If you need one contact your unit leader. The *Constitutional Amendment (CA) Study Guide* includes the Consensus Questions as well as Pro and Con Arguments, background materials and Points of View. In addition to the Study Guide, brief synopses of two articles by the committee on viewpoints on amending the Constitution espoused by Professors Kathleen Sullivan and Adrian Vermeule are also online. Additional information can be found on the *CA Study Page*. Only members can participate in the nationwide consensus process. Port Orford Member Lisa Harrison will lead the Port Orford discussion.

## Holiday Party - December 13th - 1PM

Since we all enjoyed last year's Holiday Party luncheon at Mangia Buffs the LWVCC Board decided to hold the party there again. **Our special guest will be LWVOR President Norman Turill.** Lauren Spector has volunteered to take reservations so we have a head count. Working with propitiator Kevin Buffington they have come up with wonderful menu choices: Chicken Marsala, Penne Pomodoro, Shrimp and Penne Alfredo, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, or Lasagna with meat or veggie. As in the past, Buff will work with people on special diets. The cost to members and guests is \$13 including bread, salad and gratuity. Beverages are separate. **RSVP to Lauren at: 541-813-1709 or email her at: [laurendianespector@gmail.com](mailto:laurendianespector@gmail.com) by Dec. 1 with your meal choice.**

## October Unit Meetings Report - Hospital CEO

Curry Health Network CEO Ginny Razo spoke to all three Curry LWV Units in October regarding the new hospital, what changes to services are coming up for Port Orford and the progress on the Emergency room for Brookings. The big news is that Port Orford will now have a doctor who will be taking appointments and there will be a time for "walk-ins". In Gold Beach we can see the steel structure of the new hospital, the tallest building around. The Emergency Room in Brookings is critical to having emergency flights out of the airport. At this time the Brookings facility is operating as an Urgent Care Center and is making a profit. Emergency Rooms do not make a profit generally. Decisions on the future of the Emergency Room will depend on funding once it is in. Razo explained the finances of the hospital in her presentation.



## President's Notes by Lucie La Bonté



Dear Members and Friends;

Good News! Our membership continues to grow. Now we need members to participate in our unit meetings. Last month we had pretty good attendance at all three meetings but the audience was primarily the public. We need your participation.

Our fundraiser was a great success (see article page 3). With membership rising and our funding stabilized we need to begin to work on our greatest community service, candidate forums. These will take place in April. We will also begin work on changing our non-profit status. Our Treasurer Marta West has just attended the LWVOR Workshop in Eugene and has the information of how to proceed.

Coming up in November is the consensus on "Constitutional Amendments". I thought this would be dry and difficult but found the LWVUS information fascinating. We will be participating in the nationwide consensus at our unit meetings. Also included in this issue is the information on the "Money in Politics" LWVUS Study Consensus. (Also known as Campaign Finance Reform. Interested yet?) These exercises are important as it is how our group formulates positions inclusive of your views to lobby Congress. Those who participate have a voice in making important changes in our system.

We will have a special guest at our December 13 Holiday Party, LWVOR President Norman Turill. He will be coming down from Portland. Please attend, bring a guest to have some fun conversation and welcome him to Curry County. See the article about making reservations. It is a fun get together and a way to learn more about your fellow members, friends and spouses.

Sincerely;

Lucie

**The American Heritage Dictionary defines consensus as  
"collective opinion or concord; general agreement or  
accord." Be a part of it!**

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## Holiday Fashion Show Fundraiser Success

As the old adage goes "The show must go on" so when our moderator/entertainer's car broke down in Medford and a model got the flu, volunteers stepped up to the plate to put on the best show ever. Kudos to our fabulous models who modeled fashions provided by the Chic Boutique and Pink Flamingo: Karen Roe, Jamie Lundin, Rebecca Purdy Randall, Beth Lortscher, Debbie Shriver, Michelle DeLorenzo, Leigh Ann Larson, Krisy Playo, Jennifer Price and Alexandra Eyer. Krisy Playo volunteered an hour before the show to replace Lucie as a model who as a last minute change moderated the show.

We enjoyed great food by Curry Fair Friends and wine was provided by Spinners. Mary Stansell volunteered as bar tender and contributed her tips to your LWV. Marta West did a fabulous job putting together the Silent Auction. Lauren Spector, Lisa Harrison and Charlie Alexander worked on gathering items. Thank you to the following businesses for contributing: Pink Flamingo, Barron's Home Furnishing, Brandy Peak Distillery, Chic Boutique, Interior Cover-ups, Bell & Whistle, Downtown Café, Wild River Pilates, Oxenfire, Get Hook'd Café, Slugs N' Stones, Spinners, Black Trumpet Bistro and members Lucie La Bonté, Charlie Alexander and Lisa Harrison. We are now on budget. Thank you to Steve West for taking the fabulous pictures below.

Top Row: Leigh Ann, Karen, Kelsey, Alexandra, Beth, Michelle. Center: Lucie, Jennifer, Rebecca  
Bottom Row : Debbie, Lauren in hat, Mandi (Chic Boutique) & Karen (Pink Flamingo), Jamie, Alexandra



## MONEY IN POLITICS STUDY

**LWV Money in Politics study** The 2014-2016 League Program on Key Structures of Democracy includes a review and update of the LWVUS campaign finance position.

A reading list for this study has been posted on the LWV.org website: <<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/suggested-readings-money-politics>>.

**Sept. 2015: Consensus questions have been posted.** [Click here to read the questions:](#) These questions will be discussed at local League consensus meetings this fall and early winter. Results must be submitted by Feb. 1. Please check our Calendar page for dates and places of local League consensus meetings.

**The study's goals:** The League will conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing the lack of member understanding and agreement as to whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. The campaign finance position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position. [Click on this link to the LWV.org site further information on this study\)](#)

**NH angle** Check out the [NH Rebellion](#) and [Open Democracy](#) websites and Facebook pages for events and information about NH residents attempts to make money in politics a key issue in NH's presidential primary races.

### More about Consensus

"Consensus/group discussion is the technique most often used in the League for reaching member agreement. It is a process whereby members participate in a group discussion of an issue. The "consensus" reached by members through group discussion is not a simple majority nor is it unanimity; rather it is overall "sense of a group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions, whether in a membership meeting or a series of membership or unit meetings." In League LWVUS

## Great Schools Project

LWVOR is in a partnership to spearhead the **Great Schools, Great Communities Project** to work on the funding crisis in education in Oregon. A forum has been developed to present to small groups around the state. Member Georgia Nowlin is working with LWVOR Past President Robyn Wisdom, Umpqua LWV to bring a forum this spring to Brookings.

## Welcome New Member

Welcome back Moira Fossum! Moira works hard for Curry Health Network. When we ran into her at the Brookings Unit Meeting Lauren Spector volunteered to stop by her office and get her membership forum and dues! Ask a friend to join! With the Holiday Party coming up it is a great opportunity to invite friends and meet our new members!

## Spring Candidate Forums

by Charlie Alexander

We are in the process of scheduling Forums for the week of April 17th. Several have volunteered, and we are always looking for more, to help set up and run the forums and I will be contacting you after the first of the year to get ourselves organized.

# League of Women Voters of Curry County

## Calendar 2015-2016

<b>November</b>	3 6 9 17 19	Election Day - Ballot Measures Board Meeting Unit Meeting -LWVUS Consensus Unit Meeting- LWVUS Consensus Unit Meeting -LWVUS Consensus	<b>VOTE!!! Polls Close 8PM</b> Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford Library Pilot News Conference Room Gold Beach City Hall	VOTE!!! 10 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM
<b>December</b>	13	No Unit Meetings <b>Holiday Party</b> - Special Guest LWVOR President Norman Turrill	Mangia Buff's Gold Beach Reservations Needed	1:00 PM
<b>January</b>	8 12 19 28	Board Meeting Unit Meeting -LWVUS Consensus Unit Meeting -LWVUS Consensus Unit Meeting- LWVUS Consensus <i>Money in Politics</i>	Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford Library Pilot News Conference Room Gold Beach City Hall	10 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30PM
<b>February</b>	5 9 16 22 25	Board Meeting Unit Meeting Economic Campaign Unit Meeting Economic Campaign Day at the Legislature Unit Meeting Economic Campaign	Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford Library Pilot News Conference Room Salem Gold Beach City Hall	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM
<b>March</b>	4 8 15 24	Board Meeting Unit Meeting- TBA Unit Meeting- TBA Unit Meeting- TBA	Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford Library Pilot News Conference Room Gold Beach City Hall	10 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM
<b>April</b>	1 12 19 28	Board Meeting Unit Meeting-LWVOR Consensus Unit Meeting-LWVOR Consensus Unit Meeting-LWVOR Consensus Candidate Forum Candidate Forum Candidate Forum	Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford Library Pilot News Conference Room Gold Beach City Hall TBA TBA TBA	10 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM
<b>May</b>	21 21	LWVCC Annual Meeting LWVCC Old Board/New Board	TBA	10AM-12PM 1:00 PM
<b>June</b>	3-5 16-19	LWVOR Council LWVUS Convention	Vancouver Hilton Hotel, WA	







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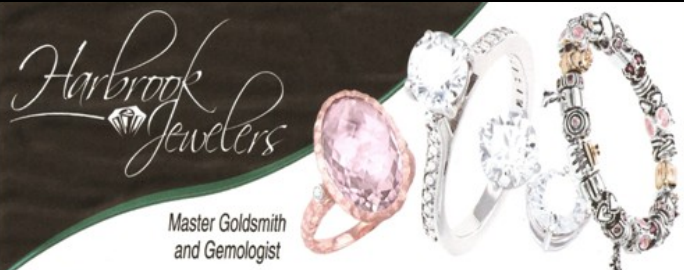
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