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CLIMATE CHANGE - Bill Bradbury - Nov. 3

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is holding a special countywide general meeting on November 3 from noon to 1 PM at the Port Orford Library with guest speaker Bill Bradbury on Climate Change. Fires, changes in winter rains, and ocean levels; which are related to climate change? We are encouraging all members to come to Port Orford to participate in this very informative meeting.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that now is the time to act on global climate change. We can reduce global warming pollution by using technologies to make power plants and factories more efficient, make cars go farther on a gallon of gasoline, and shift to cleaner technologies.

Bill Bradbury is an old friend to the Curry League and has spoken to our league on numerous occasions. A dynamic and engaging public speaker, Bill was first elected as a District 1 (which includes Curry County) State Representative in 1980. For fourteen years he served in the Oregon Legislature, representing the southern Oregon coast. He was elected to the State Senate in 1984, where he was elected Senate Majority Leader in 1986 and Senate President in 1993. From 1999-2009 Bill served as Oregon's Secretary of State.

After leaving politics as Oregon's Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury began focusing on Climate Change. Bradbury was appointed to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council in 2010 as one of two members from Oregon. Since 1980, the Council has been charged by Congress to develop an electric energy supply plan for the four NW states (OR,WA, ID, MT). The Council issues updated 20-year electric power plans every 5 years that guarantee adequate and reliable energy at the lowest economic and environmental cost to the Northwest. How does climate change fit in?

Mr. Bradbury breaks down the complex terms of science and policy into the language of everyday life so his audience can understand how climate change directly affects them and how they can join the millions worldwide working for solutions. Bill was one of fifty members of the first Al Gore "An Inconvenient Truth" training team and has given more than 450 presentations throughout Oregon.

Bill's career has focused on environmental protection and economic development. He worked to pass legislation to establish Small Business Development Centers at community colleges and he developed the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), the Watershed Council system and the Cultural Arts Councils. Bill was also responsible for first implementing Oregon's hugely successful vote by mail system as Secretary of State.

This meeting is open to the public. After Mr. Bradbury gives his presentation there will be time for questions and answers. Help our league welcome Bill Bradbury!

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Thank you!

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Members and Friends;



Fabulous rain came and drenched the Oregon Coast and now this week it is going to be sunny and 81 up at my house in the Siskiyou Forest. Is this due to Climate Change? That is our hot topic this month for a special general meeting in Port Orford. Our friend Bill Bradbury, former legislator and Secretary of State will be presenting information and it will be very interesting. Please mark your calendars!

In October we had well attended meetings on Health Care in Curry County and I know I learned a lot. Coming up in January is a special election regarding Health Care finance. We are in the process of gathering information on this ballot measure and will keep members informed.

As we approach the Holiday Season we will be having a dinner party on Sunday, December 3 at 1PM at the Rogue Landing. Please look for details in this issue as we do ask you to let us know if you plan to attend so we have a count. The Rogue Landing dining room overlooks the fabulous Rogue River. Members are encouraged to bring guests, spouses, friends and of course potential members.

Our local league LWVOR Council Planning Chair Anne Tlaker and I will be meeting with state planning committee members November 2 to go over what is needed for the LWVOR Council to be held at the Event Center on the Beach, May 4,5 and 6. We will need help working preparing for this event and at the Council itself. Stay tuned for details.

Coming up February 4th will be our big fundraiser for the year! We are in the planning stages and will have more information regarding that event soon.

Enjoy this wonderful month!

Lucie La Bonté - President

Needed - LWVCC Observers for City Councils and Port Commissions. If you are attending these meetings and want to volunteer to report to the league contact Lucie.
Take Action, be involved!



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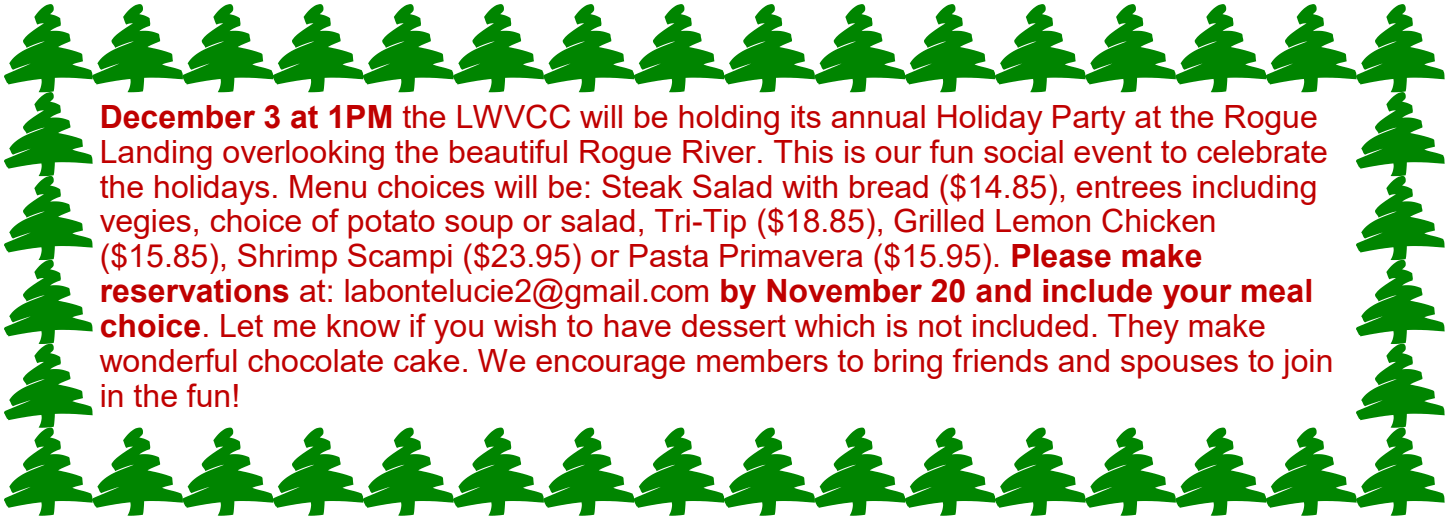
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Holiday Dinner Party Overlooking the Rogue River



December 3 at 1PM the LWVCC will be holding its annual Holiday Party at the Rogue Landing overlooking the beautiful Rogue River. This is our fun social event to celebrate the holidays. Menu choices will be: Steak Salad with bread (\$14.85), entrees including vegies, choice of potato soup or salad, Tri-Tip (\$18.85), Grilled Lemon Chicken (\$15.85), Shrimp Scampi (\$23.95) or Pasta Primavera (\$15.95). **Please make reservations** at: labontelucie2@gmail.com **by November 20 and include your meal choice**. Let me know if you wish to have dessert which is not included. They make wonderful chocolate cake. We encourage members to bring friends and spouses to join in the fun!

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to have the following people join our League in October: Victoria Eells, Susan Golay

Thank you for your support! Interested in joining? See the form on the back.

How to Do a Study

The League of Women Voters arrives at its positions after studying an issue, writing a balanced study and taking consensus or concurrence among its members. If there is an issue you are interested in and the LWV does not have a position on that issue, it is time for a study. When reviewing positions if you feel a local position needs to be updated, a study update can be proposed.

As a grassroots organization study proposals come from members once a year and are adopted at convention (LWVOR) or at local annual meetings. Study proposals should be sent to the LWVCC Board by February 1. We recommend people proposing a study have someone who is willing to take the lead and be the Chair. Proposals are to be written with a Title, Scope, and Outlook For Work. For more information call or email Lucie.

Title: The wording should be neutral. It may be amended at the Annual Meeting or convention provided the intent is not changed nor the scope enlarged.

Scope: The purpose of preparing a scope statement is to state the purpose of the study, focus on the primary areas of the issue, set parameters for the study and to identify the important issues. The scope statement must include the targeted level of government, jurisdictions and geopolitical boundaries, funding concerns, and relationship to current League program if any.

Outlook for Work: A listing of possible activities which may be pursued in order to fulfill the scope, including timing (one or two year study) and whether a publication is expected to result.

(LWVOR Handbook for Local Leaders)

More on Floras Lake Coming Up

The County Commissioners unanimously directed staff to explore the conservation option recommended by the Community. County Planning staff work is ongoing to respond to the Board's directive. A tentative date of **December 6, 2017** has been selected for the Board to hear the outcome of staff's research. This will include exploration of a land swap with State Parks, consultation with the local tribes, exploration of a carbon credit program and connection with the Nature Conservancy. There will also be ancillary tasks underway related to these efforts, such as determining the areas' potential land value for a swap, if/how conservation easements could be used, and other factors outlined in the staff report shared with the Board on September 27th.

Health Care in Curry County - What is Available?

Your league held successful unit meetings in October on Health Care in Curry County. Speakers included: Linda Maxon (Coastal Community Health), Ken Dukek (Curry Community Health), Ginny Razo (Curry Health Network), Dave Gilmore (Curry Health Network), Carlos Priestly (Sutter Coast Hospital), and Georgia Nowlin (All-Care).

What was evident from these meetings was that these entities are working together to bring good health care access to residents throughout Curry County. With Coastal Community Health moving into underserved areas (Port Orford and Agness) residents will have more access to needed care. Curry Health Network continues to provide service through Dr. Pitchford in the north county, the Brookings Harbor Urgent Care Clinic in the South and the new Curry General Hospital in central Curry County. Curry Community Health will continue some services in the north, central (in its new location in the Rush Building) and south county. Curry Community Health is working with law enforcement to keep folks with mental illness out of the jail and on their meds. Sutter Coast is opening a new clinic in Brookings and continues to provide service through their hospital in Crescent City. All-Care is funding preventative healthcare through federal and grant funding. We appreciate the participation from these providers in our quest to educate the public on what services are available in Curry County.

Fun Fundraiser - February 4

New Member Anne Tlaker has jumped in with both feet to be our Fundraiser/Development Chair. Coming up February 4th at 1PM at the Event Center on the Beach in Gold Beach will be our fun fundraiser fashion show. As we approach the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote from the US Congress the Curry League is celebrating with this unique event. A well known Port Orford group The Rocking Cephalopods will be providing live music. Models are lining up to show fashions from 1918-2018. Interested? We are hoping for league volunteers to model some of these wonderful fashions. Tickets will be going on sale next month. Traditionally our shows include hot hors d' oeuvres, and ice tea and a no-host wine bar. We will be having a silent auction and are looking to members to gather items. Look for more information coming up!

Special Election in January - Health Care

Official Ballot Title: BALLOT # 101: PROVIDES FUNDS CURRENTLY BUDGETED TO PAY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES FOR STABILIZING HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, USING TEMPORARY ASSESSMENTS ON INSURANCE COMPANIES, SOME HOSPITALS AND OTHER PROVIDERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

This ballot measure would repeal legislation already passed. Sponsors name is "Stop Healthcare Taxes". Legislative Counsel said using the word "tax" related to HB 2391 (#101) is not accurate. Should be called an "assessment".

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2017-18

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
November Climate Change	3 3	Board Meeting - Port Orford Special General Meeting	Port Orford Library Port Orford Library	10AM Noon
December	3	Holiday Party Board Meeting If Needed	Rogue Landing, Jerry's Flat Rd Gold Beach	1 PM
January	9 10 11 16 23	Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Board Meeting - Gold Beach Gold Beach Unit Meeting Special Election	Port Orford Library TBA 94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd Gold Beach City Hall VOTE!!	Noon Noon 11AM 5:30P
February	1 4 14 13 20	Board Meeting - Port Orford Fundraiser Brookings Unit Meeting Port Orford Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting	94408 Sixes River Rd. Event Center TBA Port Orford Library Gold Beach City Hall	11AM 1PM Noon Noon 5:30P
March	1 13 14 20	Board Meeting - Gold Beach Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Meeting	94424 Tom Cat Hill Rd Port Orford Library TBA Gold Beach City Hall	11AM Noon Noon 5:30P
April	5 10 11 17 TBA TBA TBA	Board Meeting - Agness/GB Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting Candidate Forum Candidate Forum Candidate Forum	98645 Agness Rd. Port Orford Library TBA Gold Beach City Hall	11AM Noon Noon 5:30P
May	4,5,6	LWVOR Council	Event Center - Gold Beach	
June	2	Annual Meeting Old Board New Board Meeting	TBA	10 AM - 2PM

Happy Holidays!


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