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CANDIDATE FORUMS SCHEDULED

By Charlie Alexander - Voters' Service Chair

Candidate Forums will be held the second week of October; Brookings - Tuesday, October 11, Gold Beach - Wednesday, October 12 and Port Orford - Thursday, October 13. The following candidates have confirmed (as of 9/22/16) that they will attend all three forums; candidates for State Senator District 1 - Jeff Kruse and Timm Rolek; for State Representative District 1 - Terry Brayer, Tamie Kaufman, David Smith; for County Commissioner Position 3 - Court Boice, Susan Brown, Position 1 - Sue Gold.

In Brookings the following candidates have also confirmed they will attend; for Mayor - Joshua Kuzmica, Jake Pieper; for City Council - Kate Andersen, Crissy Cooper.

In Gold Beach the following candidates have confirmed they will Attend; for Mayor - John Ferguson and Karl Popoff.

In Port Orford the following candidates have confirmed; for Mayor - Milton Finch; for City Council - Jim Auburn, Pat Cox, Jim Kuhn, Francie MacLeod, and Greg Tidey.

All Forums start at 7 pm and last two hours with the questions asked by the audience on 3x5 cards. The cards are given to screeners who group like questions together and give them to the moderator. You can specify a question asked of a candidate or to all candidates who then has 1 ½ minutes to answer and then each of their opponents is given 1 ½ minutes to address the same question. The candidates usually stay around after the Forums and answer more questions that you may have.

Voters Service Chair Charlie Alexander still needs helps at all three forums and would appreciate you volunteering to put on these extremely important community events. Ballots will start being mailed on October 19th.

"An informed Electorate is the Foundation of Democracy"

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

By Charlie Alexander - Voters' Service Chair

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, **September 27th** this year. I have signed up LWV of Curry County to register 25 new voters to the area. We need volunteers on this day in Brookings and Port Orford to achieve this goal. Contact: Alyssa Babin, lyssa.kate@gmail.com in Brookings and Charlie, lwvcharlie@yahoo.com for Port Orford who will be at Rays (thanks Zack Goodpasture). Phil will be setting up a table at McKays (thanks Greg Marstall) in Gold Beach on Saturday **September 24**. He and Charlene Enoch will be registering voters Saturday instead of Tuesday due to conflicts.

I will supply each area with posters and forms. It works really well if you work in 3 hour shifts and ideally have two people at each shift. You can set your own hours. **Volunteer!**

President's Notes by Philip Dickson



Greetings Fellow League Members;

What a wonderful September this has been! This is my favorite time of the year and it is exciting to see the leaves start to change, especially those that change into bright red, yellow and orange colors. The trees are not the only things that have been busy these past few weeks. Our League is involved in many activities, they are keeping us hopping this fall. Our voter registration drive, candidate forums, general election, and fall fashion show will be dazzling and interesting to say the least. Please help us make your favorite fall activity the best it has ever been!

The month of October will be very busy indeed with our famous forums being held in all three cities. We will be starting in Brookings this time, starting on Tuesday, October 11th @ 7PM, in the Brookings Library. Here, you will get to see Georgia Nowlin moderate this popular event. The next night, Wednesday, October 12th, at 7PM, the forum moves to Gold Beach City Hall. Alyssa Babin will act as the moderator in Gold Beach. The final forum will be on Thursday, October 13th @ 7PM, in the Port Orford City Hall where I will be moderating the event. We are expecting standing room only crowds at each of these events and are in great need of your help. Please consider volunteering at one or all three of these events. I want to acknowledge all the work Charlie Alexander has done to put these forums together. This is no easy task, and her efforts are sincerely appreciated.

In November, we as a county and nation will be choosing new leaders; people we hope will help lead our Districts, our Cities, our County, our State and our Great Nation to a brighter future. Measures and Initiatives will also be considered that will affect laws in our communities. Many will cast a ballot that is influenced by the information they receive and opinions they form, from the exposure the League of Women Voters brings to issues and candidates. I encourage you to take some time and remind your friends, neighbors, and folks you meet to make sure they are registered to vote. Soon after, please make sure to remind everyone to mail in those ballots. How fortunate we are to live in an area where voting is as easy as mailing a letter from the comfort of your own car. How blessed we are to live in an area that makes it so painless and easy.

I want to thank Lucie La Bonté for all her continued work at keeping our League going. I will be the first to admit I value her insight and dedication to our local League. She is at it again, spearheading this year's fashion show, taking place on November 13 at the Fairgrounds/Event Center in Gold Beach. Lucie has shared a few of the details and I can promise you this year's show will be an incredible event.

Thanks to our current board members for all the work they are doing to keep our League going and growing. Ann Morgan, Even Kramer, Connie Hunter, and Alyssa Babin are doing great things for our community. Next time you see these folks, please let them know much you appreciate the time they spend ensuring excellence in the projects supported by the LWVCC.

A tip of the hat to all of our members.
Let's make it a fantastic fall season!

Philip Dickson, President

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Holiday Fashion Show - November 13th

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is holding its second Holiday Fashion Show Fundraiser and Silent Auction, November 13 at 1PM at the Showcase Building at the Event Center/Fairground in Gold Beach. Two local boutiques, The Chic Boutique and The Pink Flamingo are joining together to present a wonderful selection of holiday fashions.

The MC will be Gary Vila of Gold Beach. Added to this year's event will be some entertainment by local performers (belly dancing and vocal). Tickets can be purchased at The Pink Flamingo or The Chic Boutique in Gold Beach or from LWVCC members. Tickets are \$30 which includes a full assortment of luncheon hors d' oeuvres (provided by Curry Fair Friends), light beverages and 1 glass of wine. Participants found that the hors d' oeuvres were a meal in themselves at the last show. There will also be a no host wine bar for additional glasses of wine with wines provided by Spinners Restaurant.

The League will also have a silent auction to raise funds. Funds raised assist the league in costs for events such as candidate and issue forums we present during the year. Models are lined up and it will be an eventful afternoon. Come and enjoy the fun!

It is important for members to participate in this event. President Phil Dickson will be putting together the Silent Auction, our part of the event. If you want to help contact Lucie at: labontelucie2@gmail.com or Phil at: currylww@yahoo.com Silent Auction items are needed.

OREGON REDWOODS NEED PROTECTION by Alyssa Babin

Surprising to some, the coast redwoods, so famous in California, stretch into Curry County. The northernmost extent of the naturally occurring coast redwood species is found on and near the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

In both Oregon and California, the majority of redwoods were logged long ago. Curry County's remaining redwoods, as grand as California's, are not permanently protected and don't get the same visitation as the California redwoods. Oregon's redwoods, managed under the Northwest Forest Plan, could be subject to logging under future plan revisions.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has the following position on natural resources: "support improved air quality, combating climate change, coastal management, clean energy, proper disposal of hazardous materials and solid waste, informed land use and allocation, parks, a clean water supply, and resource preservation."

The Oregon redwoods today represent between 14,000 and 20,000 acres spread over an area of nearly 50,000 acres. The age of old-growth stands in this area is about 300 years with individual redwoods occurring that are much older, perhaps 800 years or more. The largest known Oregon redwood is more than 17 feet in diameter at breast height. Preserving these trees is part of our community's natural legacy.

Look for more information at November meetings.

Climate models suggest that under the current trajectory of climate change, growing conditions for redwood will become more favorable to the north of the distribution, meaning the Oregon redwoods are effectively the leading edge of the species as it reacts to a changing climate.

Putting the Oregon Redwoods on the map would result in a huge increase in visitation to the area. People who now speed through the area on their way south to California's redwoods would stop to enjoy the redwoods in the "Banana Belt."

The Oregon Redwoods are a vital part of our community, our battle against climate change and our economy and we support permanent protection of these forests.

LWVUS ANALYSIS OF A WOMAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Former LWVOR President Kappy Eaton - LWV Lane County

The League of Women Voters of the United States has issued talking points on the first woman nominee for president of a major political party. While the League never takes position on candidates, questions are being asked of the organization regarding the current female nominee. Following are the recommended responses:

- A) The League must celebrate with our fellow Americans the historic event of a woman receiving the Presidential nomination of a major political party. It has always been a goal of the League to enable women to have an equal role in our nation's political processes. Though it has taken almost 100 years since the first step of women receiving the right to vote, the historic significance and this achievement can't be diminished.
- B) We fundamentally believe that our democracy works best when all Americans, of all backgrounds, have the opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of our national political processes. The League was founded on a belief in the power of women and the equality of their political voice.
- C) In 2012, the U.S. Census showed that women had a higher voting rate (64% of the total eligible population of women) than men (60%) - on trend with other presidential elections. This is across every age group except those over 75. Of those that reported voting, women out voted men in every racial and ethnic group. (figures are from the Center for American Women in Politics)
- D) Women remain sorely underrepresented in terms of running for office and holding leadership positions.
 - (1) In 2016, there are 104 women in the U.S. Congress, 19.4% of the 535 seats. Twenty four are in the Senate (out of 100) and 84 in the house (out of 435);
 - (2) The number of women in statewide executive positions is 76, 24.4% of the 312 seats, with 24.6% the proportion of women in state legislatures. (In Oregon, women serve in three major state government positions - governor, Secretary of State, AND Attorney General;
 - (3) Research shows that women have a disproportionately more difficult time getting into the "pipeline" to run for office, and once in office do face challenges of getting into higher office. Financial difficulties are higher.

DUES ARE DUE!!

Members should have received a letter in July letting them know dues are due! The drop dead date is **September 30th**. If you haven't sent your check please remit to: **LWVCC, PO Box 630, Gold Beach, OR 97444**. We need your membership and support to continue all of the wonderful service that we do. If you are not a member and wish to join, the membership form is on the back of this publication. Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR BOARD Nominating Chair Lucie La Bonté

Soon we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of women attaining the right to vote. It was a long struggle. The League of Women Voters is the group that was formed by these great women at that time. We will be celebrating our 100th year. It is an exciting time to be a member of the LWV and we need leaders and board members to continue. Curry County has a proud tradition and is a well respected league, now men and women. Here is where you can be a part of it and help maintain an active group.

Our League needs volunteers to step up and serve on the Board of Directors. Are you a good decision maker who can give a few hours a month to act in a leadership capacity?

If you are interested please contact me at: labontelucie2@gmail.com It is your league!

The LWVOR Board Takes Positions on Ballot Measures

Ballot Measure 94: Support - The Oregon Elimination of Mandatory Judicial Retirement Age Amendment, would eliminate the requirement that judges retire at the age of 70. It would also authorize or require the retirement of judges with a physical or mental disability or any other cause rendering judges incapable of performing their judicial duties. Action felt that the forced retirement age was age discrimination, against League positions.

Ballot Measure 95: Support - The Oregon Public University Diversification of Investments Amendment would amend Section 6 of Article XI of the Oregon Constitution to allow public state universities to invest in equities. This would allow universities to allow growth through investments other than patents. University Boards will have public meetings, so they meet our positions on being transparent, accountable.

Ballot Measure 96: Neutral - Amends Constitution, dedicates lottery funding for veterans' support services. Because this is another carve-out of the lottery funds, and because it amends the constitution, the League has concerns. But, these monies are likely needed for veteran's services.

Ballot Measure 97: Support - increases certain corporate taxes by establishing a 2.5 percent tax on corporate gross sales that exceed \$25 million. Specifically, it would establish a minimum tax of \$30,000 plus 2.5 percent of gross sales that exceed \$25 million. LWVOR's position that says, "A tax system that recognizes the individual's responsibility for government services by providing for broad sharing of the tax burden." Oregon has faced a consistent revenue shortage for the past 25 years. While Oregon's economy has grown, voters have placed limits on the state's ability to impose new taxes, which has caused inadequate funding of schools and public services. In addition, Oregon faces a budget shortfall of \$1.35 billion in the upcoming budget period. That is a substantial gap, amounting to about 6 percent of the state budget. According to Oregon's Legislative Revenue Office, the measure would raise more than \$6 billion each budget biennium. This measure effectively replaces losses from Measure 5. Although this measure is somewhat regressive, since it is a statute, the legislature can always correct it later without the 3/5ths vote required from both houses for a tax increase. We cannot ignore the needs for K-12 schools, human services, the elderly and public safety. Without this additional revenue, we will again see cuts to the services the public needs and wants.

Ballot Measure 98: Neutral – requires that the Oregon State Legislature fund dropout-prevention, career and college readiness programs in Oregon high schools. It would require that the legislature provide at least \$800 per student initially and adjusted annually for inflation and population growth. LWVOR supports comprehensive K-12 funding, which is why we support M97, but if M97 does not pass, this measure will likely reduce funding for early childhood education, an area where LWVOR has increased our voice in support.

Ballot Measure 99: Neutral - creates an "Outdoor School Education Fund," sourced from state lottery proceeds, to support outdoor school programs. The outdoor school initiative seeks to designate about \$22 million in state lottery funds for outdoor education for all fifth and sixth graders in Oregon. This outdoor education involves a stay at a camp for a few nights while learning about science. This is a worthy program but we cannot afford more carve-outs of Lottery Funds. We fully expect that the Legislature would provide this funding if M97 passes.

Ballot Measure 100: Neutral -. This measure supports prohibiting the sale of products and parts of 12 types of endangered animals in Oregon: rhino, cheetah, tiger, sea turtle, lion, elephant, whale, shark, pangolin, jaguar, ray, and leopard. We have an LWVUS position on ecosystem protections and this measure would probably not cost Oregon (except ODFW is responsible for enforcing). However, we have no strong positions on this issue.

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