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LEAGUE TO HOLD 3 FORUMS

The League of Women Voters of Curry County will hold candidate forums for the November 6 election in October. Forums will be held on: **Monday, October 1 - Chetco Library, Brookings, Tuesday, October 2 - City Hall, Gold Beach and Thursday, October 4 - City Hall, Port Orford.** All Forums are held from **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Candidates appearing at all three forums are:

State Representative District #1, Eldon W. Rollins & David Brock Smith,
State Senate District #1, Dallas Heard & Shannon Souza,
County Commissioner Position #1, Chris Paasch & Jeri Lynn Thompson

At the south county forum also appearing will be **City of Brookings** candidates for: **Mayor**, Theresa Lawson & Jake Pieper, **City Council Position #3** - Carla Gottlieb, John McKinney and Dane Tippman, **City Council Position #4** - Ron Hedenskog & Dennis Triglia.

At the central county forum also appearing will be **City of Gold Beach** candidates for: **City Council Position #1**, Summer Matteson & Bernice Torrez, **City Council Position #3** - Becky Campbell & Anthony Pagano, **City Council Position #5** - Amy Gaddis-Parker & Tamie Kaufman.

At the north county forum also appearing will be **City of Port Orford City Council** candidates: (top three candidates with the highest votes will take the three empty seats), Dorene Ames, Milton Finch, James Garratt, Jim Kuhn, Carolyn Sue LaRoche, Greg Tidey & Travis Williams.

Moderators will be: Georgia Nowlin - South County, Phil Dickson - Central County, Lucie La Bonte - North County.

Voters Service Chair Mary Jane La Belle and her committee have been very busy. Members are encouraged to volunteers to help. If you can give some time, please contact Mary Jane at: maryjanelabelle@gmail.com.

These forums are open to the public and the public is encouraged to participate.



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With election season in full swing our league has been busy with Voters Service. Voters Service Chair Mary Jane La Belle and her committee have been preparing for forums. Special thanks to MJ and Charlie Alexander for getting the invites out and following up to be sure all candidates are participating. All candidates with opposition in their race are invited so we have a lot of candidates at these forums.

On September 25, our league registered voters in all 3 areas of the county. Special thanks to Mary Jane La Belle, Judy Kaplan and Tucker Nunn for organizing the tables. Also, a big thanks to Rays in Port Orford, McKay's in Gold Beach, and Grocery Outlet in Harbor for letting us set up tables. Those who volunteered to work at tables, thank you! You do make a difference as every vote counts!

Our September forum on Civil Discourse was well attended. Thank you to Marge Easley for traveling to the south coast to speak at the forum. We gained several new members at the forum and people were impressed. Judy Kaplan is working on a membership meeting in south county to re-organize the Brookings Unit.

We were contacted by the LWVOR to organize a forum on Redistricting for November. It will be held on the previously scheduled Gold Beach Unit date, November 20th but will begin at 1:30PM so members from north and south county can drive to Gold Beach to attend. The location is the new library wing of the Curry Public Library, 94341 3rd St., Gold Beach. The league has a position on redistricting based on a study. (see article page 4).

As you can see your Board and members are busy at work this fall. We hope that you come and participate in our events.

Have a great October!

Lucie

Redistricting Forum - November 20

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) has received a grant from the League of Women Voters U.S. Education Fund to create a program for state-based education and advocacy that aims to promote a reform to our current redistricting process here in Oregon.

The League supports redistricting reform that would promote taking the process of redistricting out of the hands of legislators and putting it back into the hands of voters to create fair and representative districts. We believe that voters should be choosing their representatives, not representatives choosing their voters. This reform would require an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to create an independent redistricting commission with strict criteria for drawing district boundaries. This is what the LWVOR and LWVUS redistricting positions call for.

The LWVOR is currently working with community partners to move forward with reform efforts and is reaching out to local Leagues across the state to hold public forums in the months of November and December about what the current problems are in our redistricting process and what reform could look like here in Oregon.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County will host a countywide meeting in Gold Beach at the Curry Public Library on 3rd Street, on November 20th at 1:30PM (so members from north and south county can attend). Candalynn Johnson, Program Chair will be making the presentation.

As with all LWVCC forums, this meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to come and participate!

General Election Ballot Measures - Statewide

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has been hard at work evaluating statewide measures, producing a voters' guide and speakers' kit for neutral education and arriving at advocacy positions as well. research. More information is coming your way - and you can find background online via the LWVOR website.

Measure 102 - Amends Constitution: Allows local bonds for financing affordable housing with nongovernmental entities. Re- quires voter approval, annual audits - LWVOR: Vote yes.

Measure 103 - Amends Constitution: Prohibits taxes/ fees based on transactions for "groceries" (defined) enacted or amended after September 2017 - LWVOR: Vote no.

Measure 104 - Amends Constitution: Expands (beyond taxes) application of requirement that three-fifths legislative majority approve bills raising revenue - LWVOR: Vote no.

Measure 105 - Repeals law limiting use of state/local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws - LWVOR: Vote no.

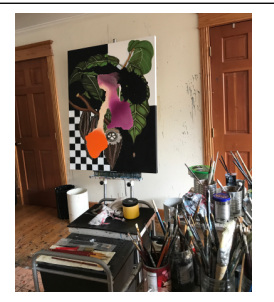
Measure 106 - Amends Constitution: Prohibits spending "public funds" (defined) directly/ indirectly for "abortion" (defined); exceptions; reduces abortion access - LWVOR: Vote no.

LORRAINE FILIPPONE ROSSITER - ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

A Jersey Girl, Lorraine was raised 8 miles from the George Washington Bridge. She attended New York University where she received her Master's in Fine Arts. It was back in the day of mass migration from New Jersey and Lorraine moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where she met her first husband and worked at the Stanford Bookstore. They had one daughter and 6 months later Lorraine found herself divorced. Then she met Ed Rossiter at a bar. They fell in love. Ed and Lorraine were married 40 years. Ed had 3 children, so they were busy. From Menlo Park, CA they moved to Reno, NV.



All the while, Lorraine continued painting and showing her art. Ed and Lorraine loved to travel but grew tired of the weather in Reno. 20 years ago, they traveled up the Oregon coast and decided on Gold Beach wanting weather just the opposite of Reno.



Sadly, Ed passed away a few years ago. Recently, Lorraine has become active again, has picked up her brush and joined several groups; LWV Curry County, Rotary (and is on the Board), and the Senior Center (and is on the Board). Why did she join the LWVCC? "Because I was asked, and it is something I believe in."

Lorraine loves living in Gold Beach, "It's the climate and the people." Every other month Lorraine travels to the SF Bay area to visit the children, and grands. She is an avid knitter and loves to cook "sumptuous dinners". Her desserts have been sold at the Curry Public Library dessert auction.

Welcome New Members!

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is growing!
We are excited to welcome the following new members:

Bill Farrell - Cape Ferrello
Carl Gottlieb - Brookings
Anne Guerin - Langlois
Berma Matteson - Brookings
Joyce C. Mueller - Port Orford
Nancy O'Donnell - Port Orford
Dave Paoli - Brookings
Ed Patterson - Brookings
Jo Rieber - Port Orford
Marsha Thibodeaux - Brookings
Rosaria Williams - Port Orford
Debra Worth - Brookings

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar - 2018 - 19

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
October	1	Candidate Forum	Chetco Library, Brookings	7-9 PM
	2	Candidate Forum	Gold Beach City Hall	7-9PM
	4	Candidate Forum	Port Orford City Hall	7-9PM
	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	Hassie Taylor's, GB	10 AM
November	6	Election Day	Vote	
	12	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas', GB	10 AM
	20	General Meeting	Curry Public Library <i>Redistricting</i>	1:30 PM
December	15	Holiday Luncheon Party	TBA	1PM
January	14	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's, GB	10 AM
	TBA	Hot Topic Forum	TBA	
February	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	Hassie Taylor's, GB	10 AM
	TBA	Special District's Candidate Forums	TBA	TBA
March	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	Karol Simas', GB	10 AM
	12	Special District Elections	Vote!!	Vote!!
	TBA	Fundraiser	TBA	TBA
April	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	Tucker Nunn's, GB	10AM
	TBA	Unit Meetings	TBA	TBA
May	13	LWVCC Board Meeting	Hassie Taylor's, GB	
	17-19	LWVOR Convention	Ashland, Oregon	
June	1	Annual Meeting Old Board/New Board Meeting	TBA TBA	10AM- 1PM 1PM



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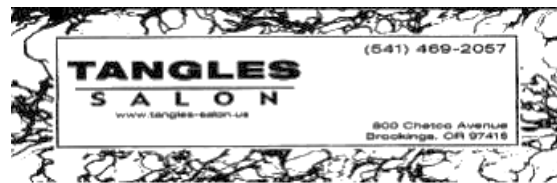
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