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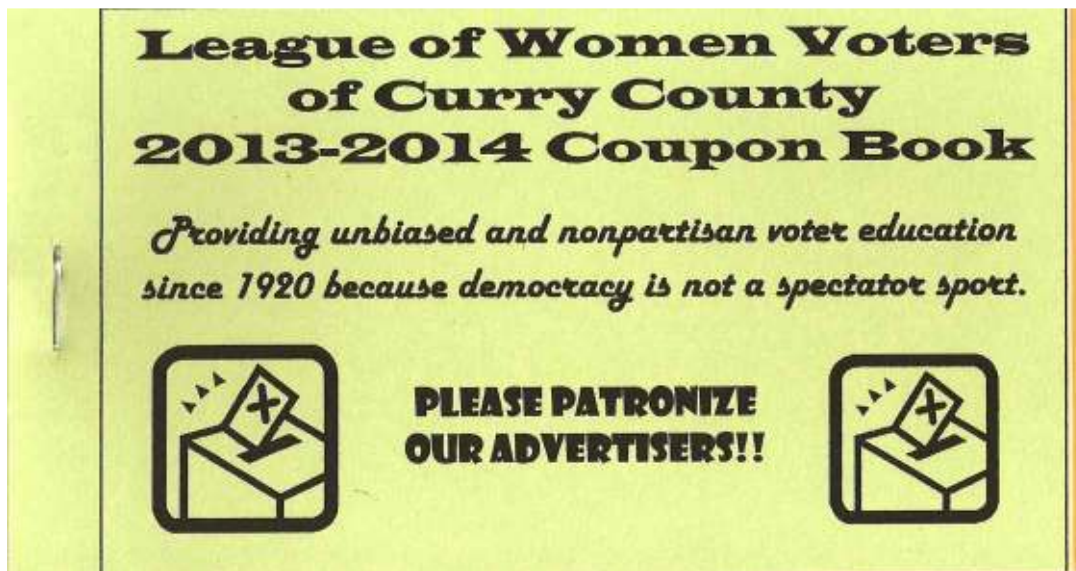
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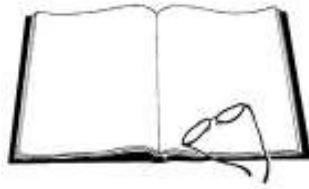
LWVCC COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE!!



A lot of effort from a dedicated group of League members has resulted in a fund raising effort that we can all be proud of. The book has 35 advertisements from businesses all over Curry County. They are valid through 2014 and are on sale now. The first book is \$25. Additional books in the same order are \$20 each. Contact Kathi Lindsay at tofukatie@gmail.com or 541-332-0185, Charlie Alexander at LWVcharlie@yahoo.com or 541-332-0386 or Elaine Lortscher at elainelortscher@gmail.com or 541-247-0390 to order your copies now.

The merchants have been quite generous. There are more than a dozen coupons from restaurants, cafes or coffee and pastry shops. They offer everything from \$5 off your entree to 10% off on your meal to a free beverage (wine or beer included) for everyone in your party. Just these coupons are worth more than twice the price of the book. There are coupons for computer or auto repair, gift shops, jewelry and collectible shops, framing shops, and many others. See Page 3 for a list of our advertisers and their offers.

The books make great gifts. There will be no problems with size or color. Your friends and family that live in Curry County will get a gift that they will enjoy all year. The person who cleans your house, mows your lawn or watches your pets while you are away will be glad to get a coupon book. Order your books today!!



Dear Members and Friends,

Page One tells you what the big news is this month. We have coupon books for sale. **This fund raising effort is vital to our League's future!!**

The cost of everything keeps going up. We cannot afford to keep raising dues or we will lose members. We have tried other fund raisers in the past. Our Secret Garden Tour was co-opted by the Garden Club. Our theater parties are a lot of work and do not bring in enough money. If we all do our part, our coupon book could turn our deficits into surpluses. Better yet, we can all have some fun and save some money doing it.

If this effort is a success it will be much easier to do next year and the year after that. We can put our financial house in order not just once but on a continuing basis. When we have the money we will be able to sponsor more programs to inform our fellow citizens about the issues facing our County.

We are getting more and more visibility in Curry County through the valuable work that we do. We are doing a lot of good and we can expand on that if we make this coupon book a success.

There is one other way in which this book is important, not just to our League but to our County. As we talked to merchants we saw a lot of energy. They want new customers and we are a pathway to their growing success. If we can help the business community in Curry County be more profitable we will be doing our part to improve the economy of the entire County and that helps all of us.

The merchants have been generous. Now we have to do our part by buying books and selling some books to our friends. Do not wait for someone else to do it! Buy a book or two and then treat yourself to a nice meal - at a discount. If you do that, everybody wins.

It is just one more way that League does make a difference!!

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Summary of Coupons for 2013-2014 Coupon Book

Port Orford	
Computer Bytes	\$10 off any computer service.
Dad's Coins, Collectibles & Antiques	25% off most items.
Finchs Custom Jewelry	\$25 of purchases of \$200 or more made by owner.
Jordan's Shear Perfection	\$2 off a haircut or \$4 off a manicure.
Kar Kare Auto Parts	Oil & filter replacement \$18.99. Also discounts on wiper blades.
One Lump or Two	Free drink with purchase of one at equal or greater price.
Port & Starboard Rest.	10% off one Breakfast, lunch or dinner.
Quilter's Corner	10% off any purchase except consignments.
Redfish Restaurant	10% discount.
Sea Breeze Florist	10% off most plants, flowers and arrangements.
Siren's Cove Cafe	\$1 off the combo of the day.
Tasty Kate's	Free coffee or tea with purchase of pastry.
Uptown Frames	15% discount on a framing job.
The Wooden Nickel	10% off select myrtle wood products.
Gold Beach	
Panthers Den	10% discount on an order of \$10 or more plus a free bread stick or order of mini spuds.
Spinner's	15% discount, alcohol not included.
Mangia Buff Italian Dining	10% off your meal plus a free scoop of ice cream.
The Bridge Restaurant & Bar	10% off or one free Happy Hour appetizer.
Brookings	
It's a Barking Lot	15% discount on dog grooming for one dog.
Wright's Custom Framing and Art Supply	10% off everything in the store.
Salon Dolce	Free botanical therapy treatment (a \$20 value) with your first cut or color service.
Black Trumpet Bistro	Free desert with an entree or 5% off any catered event.
Computer Fusion	\$10 discount on any computer repair.
Dottie's Corner	10% off of total bill.
Art Alley Grille	\$5 off of any entree up to a maximum of four - a \$20 value.
Oil Can Henry's	\$40 off transmission flush or \$25 off cooling system flush.
Harbrook Jewelers	Free Pandora Bracelet with purchase of charms valued at \$100.
Coastal Copiers	1st 50 copies for 3¢ each or \$5 off 500 custom full color business cards.
South Coast Fitness Center	10% off 1 or 6 month or annual membership; new members only.
Barron's Home Furnishings	10% off all accessories (lamps, florals, wall art & trees).
Dee-Ann's Tea Room	Free piece of pie with purchase of \$10 or more.
Sporthaven Marina Bar & Grill	Free beverage (beer & wine included) for up to four customers.
Tangles Salon	\$5 discount on any product or service priced at \$35 or more.

OCTOBER UNIT MEETINGS

November 5 is election day. The ballots will go into the mail approximately three weeks before - on about October 14. The only issues on this year's ballot are tax proposals. Everyone in the County will get to vote on the increase in the County General Fund tax increases that has been submitted by the County Commissioners. Residents of Gold Beach and Port Orford will have other issues to vote upon. It is not appropriate for us to hold a voter forum for these issues because there is no organized opposition to these measures. For this reason your Board decided to use the October Unit Meetings for an open discussion of these issues.

Do you have accurate information regarding the local tax initiatives in Gold Beach and Port Orford? The League of Women Voters of Curry County has had a lot of discussion over the past year regarding the County's fiscal state and tax proposals. October units will focus on proposals from other public entities within Curry County. What is going on with the hospital district? What are the facts about the Curry General Bond proposal? Why does the City of Gold Beach need a new fire truck? What is the cost of law enforcement in Port Orford? What is the cost to you if these measures pass or do not pass?

The Port Orford Unit will meet on October 8 at 1:00PM at Port Orford City Hall - please note that this is a change from the location that was indicated in the August *CoastLines*. The Brookings Unit will meet in the Chetco Library Annex at 2:00PM on October 9. The Gold Beach Unit meets on October 17 at 5:30PM at Gold Beach City Hall. Join us and learn about these important issues. These meetings are open to the public.

HELP NEEDED IN BROOKINGS FOR OCTOBER 9 UNIT MEETING

Generally Al Wilson chairs the Brookings Unit Meetings. Al is going to be out of town as will our other Brookings Board Member, Genevieve Leary. We cannot run a Unit meeting without a chairperson. We need someone to volunteer. This is not a huge responsibility. All that is required is to get the key to open the room and to lock up afterwards. Then write a very brief summary of what took place. If you are willing to do this, please contact Al or Lucie. If no one steps forward the meeting will be cancelled.

OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

The LWVCC has a new Observer, Chris Rees from Port Orford. She will be observing the Port Orford Planning Commission. Thank you Chris! This is a result of the September unit meetings held in all three cities. Another result of the unit meetings was that the LWVCC Observer Chair will now be receiving the agendas from the Gold Beach City Council.

Some members have expressed that being an Observer would be too difficult for them because Observers observe and do not speak. Observers do have a voice through their notes that they pass on to the Observer Chair and President. At times observations from these members are published in our newsletter or discussed with the elected officials and managers they are observing. Their role becomes important to all involved. Learning when to speak and when not to speak is essential when working on issues and attending meetings. Observing is a good way to learn this skill.

Electing people to office is only a step in the democratic process. Observing what they are doing and public participation is crucial to democracy as well. Become involved! If you are interested in observing any of the government bodies in Curry County contact Lucie La Bonté, Observer Chair.

Editor's Note: The following press release contains welcome news for Curry County. The Action Team of the League of Women Voters of Oregon worked diligently testifying and lobbying in favor of this agreement. This is another example of how your dues, which support the State League, can have important results for Curry County.

Governor Kitzhaber, Coastal Caucus, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Announce Small-port Dredging to Begin on Oregon Coast

Dredging slated to begin as early as this weekend at Port of Siuslaw

Governor Kitzhaber, the Oregon Legislature's Coastal Caucus, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today [Sept. 12] announced an historic partnership to fund critical dredging projects for Oregon's small coastal ports. Under the new agreement, dredging is scheduled to begin as early as this weekend at the ocean entrance to the Siuslaw River near Florence, followed by the entrance to the Umpqua River and the port of Port Orford this fall and winter. Dredging will continue at other small Oregon coastal ports in 2014.

When nearly all dredging funds for Oregon's coastal ports were cut in the 2013 federal budget, the Coastal Caucus, the Governor, and the Regional Solutions Team worked together to secure state funding for these vital infrastructure projects. Oregon state lawmakers and the Corps then entered into an agreement that allows the federal agency to accept state funding for the express purpose of dredging the federal navigation channels into Oregon's small coastal ports.

"Faced with a major budget shortfall, a lot of individuals and organizations stepped up to move this exceptional effort forward quickly, with the Corps, Regional Solutions, the Coastal Caucus, and Congressman DeFazio all providing critical leadership," said Governor Kitzhaber. "This kind of diverse collaboration is the most effective way to build a stronger economy for the entire state and a great example of how we get things done in Oregon."

Coastal Caucus Chair Jeff Kruse also praised the effort. "This historic agreement – only the second of its type in the nation – demonstrates the positive results that come from working together," said Senator Kruse. "We reached across the aisle, across branches of government, and across state and federal jurisdictions to make this happen. As a result, Oregon's small ports will be dredged, jobs will be saved and created, and our coastal communities will continue to serve as economic drivers for all of Oregon."

The Corps' hopper dredge Yaquina will travel to the southern coast within the next few days to begin work in the Siuslaw River. Dredging operations at the ports of Port Orford and Umpqua will follow. These dredging operations would not have been possible without the funds made available by the agreement. Of these ports, the port of Port Orford was last dredged in 2010.

Ports and small coastal waterways are among Oregon's most valuable assets, providing a crucial employment base in Oregon's rural counties while helping to maintain and create jobs across the state. A 2013 economic impact study analyzing the Port of Bandon illustrates the positive economic effects small ports have on their communities. The study concluded that maintaining adequate depths at Bandon was vital to the viability and growth of 54 local businesses directly employing 441 people, with an additional 177 jobs also dependent on the same economic activity. In only one year, this modest-sized coastal port directly and indirectly added more than \$27.4 million in value to the regional economy in 2012, while returning nearly \$8 million in state, local and federal taxes.

Col. John Eisenhauer, Portland District Commander for the Corps, said, "These are challenging fiscal times for the nation. Coming together, communicating openly and directly to find a collaborative solution to dredge Oregon's coastal harbors is, for me, an example of a true partnership. These ports are the backbone of their communities, and the Corps is committed to continue working within our authorities to support them."

NATIONAL POSITION ON AGRICULTURE

from Shirley Nelson

An update on our National (LWVUS) position on Agriculture is scheduled for 2014. We are letting everyone know how to get the materials and start reading. Though we are not asked to do consensus until March 2014 we might have one round of unit meetings devoted to the study before then as there is much material so study. We will cover such subjects as subsidies, Genetically Modified food and others.

For those with computers and knowhow:

1. Go to www.lwv.org
2. Home Page comes up. At the bottom are three boxes. Go to the right hand box, "News and Media" and click on "Publications."
3. When that page comes up use "Advanced Search" and type in "About the Agricultural Update."
4. There will be two headings. The first gives the Committee Members and timeline for the study with a brief overview.
5. Second heading lists 3 documents and 3 websites that provide core information.

First document is a federal one with many sections, appendixes, etc. Eight chapters are listed and No. 8 is highlighted. Print that; only 28 pages. Good news: the papers get smaller. Second one is 8 pages and the last is 2.

I printed the above but have not investigated the websites yet.

We could have a few copies of the materials printed for each unit for those who do not use the Internet. They could be read and passed around.

It would be good to have a chair to coordinate this study. If interested, call Shirley Nelson at 541-332-9002 and I will train you.

	
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October and November 2013		
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Oct 8; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford City Hall
Brookings Unit Meeting	Oct 9; 2 to 4 PM	Chetco Library Annex
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 15; 1 to 3 PM	Finish Line Office Services 94120 Moore St., Gold Beach
Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Oct 17; 5:30 PM	Gold Beach City Hall
Election Day	Nov 5 until 8 PM	At a white ballot box near you!
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Nov 12; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford Library
Brookings Unit Meeting	Nov 13; 2 to 4 PM	Chetco Library Annex
LWVCC Board Meeting	Nov 19; 1 to 3 PM	Port Orford Library
Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Nov 21; 5:30 PM	Gold Beach City Hall

Membership Invitation

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_____ \$90 HOUSEHOLD (for one-year membership for the current year) for two members who share an address

_____ YES, I would like to receive *CoastLines* by email, saving LWVCC over \$10 a year in postage and printing.

Please make your dues checks payable LWVCC, listing the year (2013-2014) on your check, and return with this application form to: LWVCC Treasurer; 36858 Highway 101; Port Orford, OR 97465

Additional contributions - checks made out to League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund (LWVOREF) and mailed to the LWVCC Treasurer are tax deductible.