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SEPTEMBER IS ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE

The League of Women Voters hosted voter registration events this month across the County to help people register to vote and/or update their voter registration if they have moved or changed names.

The League participated in National Voter Registration Day on September 23rd. Since 2012, the League has been the single-largest on-the-ground partner of National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) and this year, more than 350 Leagues registered voters across the country on September 23rd.

All of us are equal on Election Day, but only if we register and show up to vote—and encourage our friends and family to do the same.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is proud to announce our October Candidate Forums.

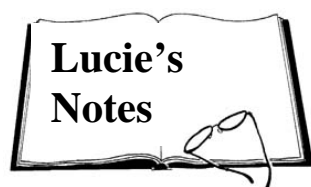
Forums will be held October 6th at the Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings, October 7th at Gold Beach City Hall and October 8th at Port Orford City Hall. All forums will begin at 7 p.m.

Commissioner David Itzen and Tom Huxley running for Commissioner #1 and Representative Wayne Krieger and Jim Klahr running for State Representative Dist. #1 will be at all three forums.

In Gold Beach, City Council Position #3 candidates Evald Nelson, Rebecca Campbell and Kathleen "Kitty" Root-Bunten will participate.

In Port Orford, city council candidates participating are Carolyn Sue LaRoche, Milton Finch, Maryann Holcomb, Brett Webb, Tim Pogwizd and Caroline Clancy.





Dear Members and Friends;

Our unit meetings with local Police Chiefs on Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.) and its relationship to mental health issues were eye openers. Thank you Chief Wallace, Chief Andrews, Lieutenant Dodson, and Officer Kinney for sharing your information with us. The good news is that there may be some issues within the system we can work on to make a difference!

The number one problem I heard at the meetings is that there is no treatment center. It doesn't have to be big but we do need a treatment center.

Another issue is that Oregon is one of the only states that do not allow evaluations of people in crisis if they have been consuming drugs or alcohol. According to our officers, without this information, we do not have the true picture of what is happening in crisis.

Another problem mentioned is that when a person goes to officer training school they are not getting C.I.T. I can remember growing up not liking the police because of their "attitude." One officer said he learned by having the C.I.T. that the "attitude" they are initially taught in officer training is not the correct way to defuse crisis situations.

With elections approaching our focus is shifting to Voters Service. Charlie Alexander has been working away at organizing Voter Registration and Candidate Forums. Be a part of it!

I appreciate all that our members are doing!

Onward and Upward!

Lucie La Bonté

The League of Women Voters of Curry County



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SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETINGS

Gold Beach Unit Meeting

By Lucie La Bonté

A goal of the Gold Beach Police Department is to have all officers go through the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.). Chief Andrew's, coming from a law enforcement background in Clackamas County, saw a transformation after C.I.T. was offered in that county. He saw attitudes change and people in crisis actually being helped. Salem has a treatment center and when Officer Kinney went to C.I.T. he found Curry County is 20 years behind the times. One portion of the training didn't pertain to our County because we have no treatment center. People are on the street or in jail.

People in crisis are brought to Curry General Hospital and some are admitted to "Room 19" which is in the Intensive Care area. Others are held in a back room until evaluations can be done. Officers stay with them if they are on drugs or alcohol. Hospital personnel have no crisis intervention training and there is no security at the hospital. Oregon is one of a few states that has a rule of no evaluations until substances are out of the person's system.

Once a person is in jail they can go to Mental Health Court if their attorney agrees and if they qualify. Others remain in the jail screaming keeping jailers and prisoners on edge.

Some are just let go with no housing or place to go. Many are released, get back on their meds feel great, go off their meds and are picked up again for self-medicating.

Crisis Intervention Training is not taught in Officer's Training School. Instead they are taught in a way that can escalate situations. Chief Andrews and Officer Kinney believe C.I.T. training has helped the Gold Beach police department and there is much more to be done.

Brookings Unit Meeting

By Alyssa Babin

The first Brookings Unit Meeting for 2014 was officially a success. About 15 people gathered in the banquet room of Sebastian's in the Port of Brookings Harbor to participate in an informal chat with Chief Wallace and Lieutenant Dotson of the Brookings Police Department.

Wallace and Dotson spoke briefly about the training that Brookings Police receive to handle situations which might involve those with mental health issues. The police representatives emphasized that the most important technique in handling these situations was listening with compassion.

The police representatives answered everyone's questions and a pleasantly amicable discussion took place. We also recruited two potential new members at the event.

League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar 2014-2015

October	6	Candidate Forum	Chetco Community Public Library	7 p.m.
	7	Candidate Forum	Gold Beach City Hall	7 p.m.
	8	Candidate Forum	Port Orford City Hall	7 p.m.
	9	Board Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	10 a.m.
	10-11	League of Women Voters of Oregon Fall Workshop		
		Fundraising Goals:	Create coupon books, collection jars and raffle tickets at forums	
November	11	Unit Meeting: Nickel Mining in Curry County	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	13	Board Meeting	Brookings Babin House	10 a.m.
	18	Unit Meeting: Nickel Mining in Curry County	Brookings Location TBA	5:30 p.m.
	20	Unit Meeting: Nickel Mining in Curry County	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
			Fundraising Goals:	Sell coupon books and raffle tickets
December	6	Fundraiser	Port Orford	
	7	Holiday Party	Gold Beach	
January	8	Board Meeting	Port Orford Alexander Home	10 a.m.
	15	Unit Meeting: Program Planning, State and Local Positions	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	20	Unit Meeting: Program Planning, State and Local Positions	Brookings Location TBA	5:30 p.m.
	20	Unit Meeting: Program Planning, State and Local Positions	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
February	10	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	12	Board Meeting	Brookings Babin House	10 a.m.
	17	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Brookings Location TBA	5:30 p.m.
	20	Unit Meeting: Mental Health in Justice System	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	28	Gala Event	Gold Beach Event Center	
March	10	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	12	Board Meeting	Gold Beach City Hall	10 a.m.
	17	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Brookings Location TBA	5:30 p.m.
	19	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
April	9	Board Meeting	Port Orford Alexander Home	10 a.m.
	14	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Port Orford Library	1 p.m.
	16	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Gold Beach City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	21	Unit Meeting: LWVOR Children at Risk	Brookings Location TBA	5:30 p.m.
May	1-3	LWVOR Convention	Eugene Valley River Inn	
	16	LWVCC Annual Meeting	Gold Beach Event Center	2 p.m.



Member Biography

Penny Suess

I have been a voter since the presidential election of 1968, and was also a poll worker in California for years. After receiving an invitation by Shirley Nelson to join the League and participate in the agriculture update this past spring, I became a member of the Port Orford Unit.

I have worked in libraries and in publishing -- two fields that mesh very nicely -- almost since I could read and write. When other kids were playing that they were doctors or movie stars, I was date-stamping piles of books or hand writing a "newspaper" filled with neighborhood doings. My first job was with the Minneapolis Public Library. Later, I worked as a writer, but when writing for a living proved problematic, I discovered a talent for proofreading, which led me into editing. I worked for many years for a publisher of visitor guides, where I could indulge a passion for travel and scenic photography. My favorite places to visit: the English countryside and the Big Island of Hawaii. Now that I'm retired, I plan to do some personal writing.

Although I have no remodeling skills, I am enjoying renovating my home! Luckily there are good craftspeople around to work with and learn from. I also have a project in the works with my brother, who is a photographer. We are going to make a printed book out of old family photographs and reminiscences for all of my siblings to share.



“Cocktails at the White House” Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

Copies of this print, “Cocktails at the White House”, have hung in the White House and were a



favorite gift from the Clintons to various dignitaries. The original painting painted by artist Dick La Bonté was created during the Reagan Administration. Prints were sent to all First Ladies who were still alive at that time. As new Presidents were elected they joined the party on the Whitehouse lawn along with their wives. The Obamas were added before the artist's death. Historically correct collectors can enjoy Dick's sense of humor. President Carter, a Baptist, is drinking from a Cola bottle. 3 reclusive wives are viewing the party from inside windows. Presidents are sharing stories. The Murphy Kid, Dick's signature character, is someone to look for.

The LWVCC is raffling a framed print as a fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$10 a piece with a limit of 200 tickets. They can be purchased at candidate forums, unit meetings and other events throughout the season or by emailing labontelucie2@gmail.com

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