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League to Hold Forum on Civil Discourse

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has invited Marge Easley, LWVOR Civil Discourse Portfolio Chair and Past President, to hold a forum on Civil Discourse on September 13th at 7 PM at the Chetco Library. The LWVCC General Meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

League local government observers and members are concerned about the increase in confrontations taking place during local government meetings.

The LWVOR adopted a position in May 2017 on Civil Discourse. The position is to:

"Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication."

Marge Easley writes: "How can we do a better job of fostering civil discourse in today's polarized world? It may seem like an impossible task when bombarded by examples of angry rhetoric from both sides. Our first reaction is to defend our own positions by insisting that "our side" is right, and the "other side" is wrong. Yet it's important to remember that the art of true civil discourse starts with listening and letting go of the idea of winning and losing."

Civil discourse is a practice. It requires deep commitment (and deep breaths). But it works better than anything else to create the foundation for collaboration toward positive change-making that meets the needs of all stakeholders."



Volunteer for Voter Registration

September 25 is National Voter Registration Day. Tables will be set up at McKay's in Gold Beach, Rays in Port Orford and Grocery Outlet in Brookings to register new voters, for people making changes in the registration or who have moved and not re-registered.

LWV Volunteers are needed. Please contact Judy Kaplan in Brookings - judykaplan101@gmail.com or Mary Jane La Belle - maryjanelabelle@gmail.com for Port Orford or Gold Beach to volunteer for a 2-hour slot. Tucker Nunn is coordinating the Gold beach table.



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President's Letter

Members and Friends;

My challenge has been to reformat CoastLines so that it can be published in Word! Microsoft doesn't make Publisher for Mac Computers and I am going all Mac. There are some challenges, but I worked on this as a summer project and hope you enjoy the formatting changes.



How to be civil to each other when our tempers flare? Those in government have a big challenge in that arena. It becomes concerning when our elected representatives act disrespectfully to each other. On September 13th at 7PM at the Chetco Library in Brookings, Marge Easley, LWVOR Past President, will be making a presentation on Civil Discourse. We encourage elected officials, members of the public and our membership to attend.

Coming up in September is National Voters Registration Day. Voters Service Chair Mary Jane LaBelle needs your help. Volunteer for a two-hour shift. Our aim is to have tables in all three cities.

In October we will be holding candidate forums. August 28th was the deadline for filing. Your help is needed! It is a big job for our Voters Service Committee. In addition, your board is negotiating to have all three forums filmed to be televised on the County Cable station. Look for more information in the October edition of CoastLines.

If you have been following the Floras Lake issue, a lot has been happening. The LWV Curry County weighed in favorably for a land exchange with Oregon State Parks. Commissioners and State Parks are doing appraisals and a possible exchange is at hand.

Hopefully you have had a great summer and are ready for an active autumn season. With fires looming around us again it makes one appreciative of all we have.

Cheers!

Lucie

Candidate Forums for November 6, 2018 Election

Candidate Forums will be held October 1st in Brookings at Chetco Library, October 2nd at Gold Beach City Hall and October 4th at Port Orford City Hall. All forums are from 7 to 9 pm. Mary Jane LaBelle and Charlie Alexander are working on all details and invite your participation. The Certification of candidates by the County Clerk closed on August 28. Currently, we have two candidates each for County Commissioner, State Representative District #1 and State Senate District #1, as well as many City Council candidates in each of our three cities. (See invited candidates below).

In each location we need “greeters”, who welcome the public and hand out 3 x 5 question cards and collect them during the Forum as the public prepares their questions. We need “sorters” who take the cards and put all like questions together to hand to the Moderator. They also tag questions for the Moderator’s review. Thirdly, we need a “timer” who words the time clock and the time cards. Lastly, and importantly, we need people to help set up and tear down the rooms.

Every job is vital to the workings of a smooth Forum and we invite you to participate. Please call Mary Jane (541) 332-1111 or preferably email at maryjanelabelle@gmail.com to sign up for these important tasks.

Candidates Invited to Forums

Our hard-working Voters Service team sent out letters inviting candidates to the forums. More information will be out once they have received confirmations from candidates participating. The candidates (in alphabetical order) below have been invited:

All three cities: State Senate District #1 - Dallas Heard (R), Shannon Souza (D). State Representative District #1 - Eldon W. Rollins (D), David Brock Smith (R). County Commissioner #1 - Chris Paasch, Jeri Lynn Thompson.

Brookings: Mayor - Teresa Lawson, Jake Pieper. City Council Position #3 - Carla Gottlieb, John McKinney, Dane Tippman. City Council Position #4 - Ron Hedenskog, Dennis Triglia.

Gold Beach: City Council Position #1 - Deborah Lewis, Summer Matteson, Bernice Torrez. City Council Position #3 - Becky Campbell, Anthony Pagano. City Council Position #5 - Tamie Kaufman, Amy Gaddis-Parker.

Port Orford: City Council (top 3 with highest votes fill 3 vacant seats). Dorene Ames, Milton Finch, James Garratt, Jim Kuhn, Carolyn Sue LaRoche, Greg Tidey, Travis Williams.

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues were due July 1. If you haven't paid send your check to: LWVCC, PO Box 1859, Gold Beach, OR 97444 by September 30th. If you would like to join, the membership form is on the back. Members who joined after February 1 are prorated. Contact Lucie at: lwwcclu2@gmail.com if you have questions. Your support is appreciated.

Action on Mining

Board Member Karol Simas requested a letter from the Board to our Congressional Delegation regarding the status on suction dredging mining on federal lands on the Chetco River. After several years of hard work, groups in Curry County were able to spearhead protections through our Congressional Delegation. Under the new administration, the Department of Interior the new Secretary Ryan Zinke has lifted protections. Requests from our representatives fell on deaf ears.

The following letter was sent to our representatives thanking them for their continued efforts:

"The League of Women Voters of Curry County appreciates your longstanding efforts to help protect wild rivers in Curry County. As you know, the League of Women Voters of Curry County believes that water is a resource that should be managed for the benefit of the public and as sustainable habitat for all life forms.

We are disappointed that we are now losing protection of the Brookings Harbor water source by the loss of the Chetco mineral withdrawal on suction dredging. Will the mining industry now target Curry County for mineral withdrawal in our watersheds and forests?

We ask that you continue to look for every opportunity to pass legislation for permanent protection of our region's remarkable wild rivers.

Once again, thank you for your efforts."

The new strategic plan for the Department of Interior can be found on line.

Welcome New Board Member Judy Kaplan



Judy at the Board Retreat

Judy Kaplan stepped up to the plate at our Annual Meeting and volunteered to be on our Board. She has lived in Curry County 17 1/2 years. As a retired social worker from Ashland, in the past she volunteered to work at the free clinic at St. Timothy's and the Humane Society in Brookings. She was also involved in partisan political activities and is now enjoying working in the non-partisan atmosphere of the league.

Judy joined the league to help increase education and community awareness of issues facing our County. She enjoys working on candidate forums.

As a great addition to our board, she represents the Brookings Harbor community. Judy has arranged for the room for the September 13 Civil Discourse forum and the table for voter registration on September 22. Thank you for volunteering Judy and welcome to the board!

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

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
September	13 17 25	Civil Discourse Forum LWVCC Board Meeting Voter Registration	Chetco Library, Brookings Tucker Nunn's, GB PO Rays, GB McKay's, Grocery Outlet (Harbor)	7 PM 10AM 10AM-6PM
October	1 2 4 8	Candidate Forum Candidate Forum Candidate Forum LWVCC Board Meeting	Chetco Library, Brookings Gold Beach City Hall Port Orford City Hall Hassie Taylor's, GB	7-9 PM 7-9PM 7-9PM 10 AM
November	6 12 TBA TBA 20	Election Day LWVCC Board Meeting Port Orford Unit Meeting Brookings Unit Meeting Gold Beach Unit Meeting	Vote Karol Simas', GB TBA TBA TBA	10 AM TBA TBA 5:30 P
December	15	Holiday Luncheon Party	TBA	Noon
January	14 TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Hot Topic Forum	Tucker Nunn's, GB TBA	10 AM
February	11 TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Special District's Candidate Forums	Hassie Taylor's, GB TBA	10 AM TBA
March	11 12 TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Special District Elections Fundraiser	Karol Simas', GB Vote!! TBA	10 AM Vote!! TBA
April	8 TBA	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings	Tucker Nunn's, GB TBA	10AM TBA
May	13 17-19	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVOR Convention	Hassie Taylor's, GB Ashland, Oregon	
June	1	LWVCC Annual Meeting	TBA	



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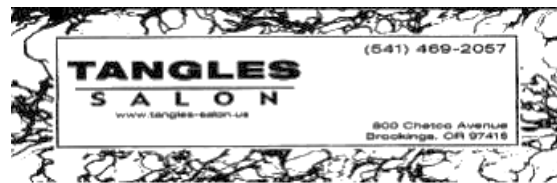
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