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Jay Bozievich, Commissioner, West Lane to be RWCL June Speaker



June 22, General Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn

The doors open at 11:30 A.M. Call Gerry at 541-484-0732 or gerrybriggs@gmail.com for reservations by Thursday, June 18.

Lunch \$15.00 Lunch Noon, program 12:15

One of our Favorite Commissioners will be our guest this Monday June 22. Recently our commissioners have been in the news because of the Oregon Legislature and SB 941, Below is an excerpt from an editorial by *Dave Blanchard and Casey Minter OPB On-Line, June 9, 2015 about the controversy*

Last week, the Lane County Commission passed a resolution saying the county is *“unable to expend any county resources for the implementation”* of Oregon’s new gun background check law, SB 941 which requires a background check for all gun transfers besides those between close relatives. But Lane County’s Sheriff says his financially-troubled department, as well as the county’s burdened District Attorney’s office, can’t afford to enforce the law. Commissioners voted 4-1 to pass the resolution, calling the law an *“unfunded mandate,”* though it’s unclear if the law technically fits that definition.

“It’s somewhat amazing that it’s based on unfunded mandates,” says state Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Lane and Douglas Counties), who sponsored the bill.

According to Prozanski, several other bills passed this year would require similar enforcement to SB 941, and also don’t include any source of funding. He suggests that SB 941 is being contested for more political reasons than economical.

“We’ll be interested to see if [the county commissioners] are not going to enforce those other laws that have been passed,” Prozanski says.

However, *Jay Bozievich, a Lane County commissioner* who voted for the resolution, says the county District Attorney, the jail and the police are already underfunded and overburdened, and adding this additional

load without also providing funding is too much.

“We currently do not prosecute 1,800 viable felonies in Lane County every year at this time because of lack of funding,” Bozievich says.

“We are a county in financial crisis, our public safety is not up to snuff. Every time we turn around there’s a new bill that comes out of Salem that requires the county to spend additional money,” Bozievich says.

Prozanski insists that this bill is an attempt to close loopholes allowing felons easy access to firearms that have been present for over 25 years. He points at websites such as www.armlist.com – which is a kind of Craigslist for firearms and ammunition – saying that they allow dangerous people access to dangerous weapons.

“The reality is that at each end of this scenario, no matter what the law is, I expect and would hope that the sheriff, the DA, as well as the chiefs of police and Lane County are going to look at these on a case by case basis as to the resources they have,” Prozanski says.

“Clearly if you have someone running guns and selling to felons, I hope they actually take the steps to prohibit that, because we do know that background checks do work.”

The actual amount that SB 941 would cost Lane County is still being researched, but with a 4-1 vote the County

Commissioners have already decided it will be too much.

He likens the fight against this new bill to a similar fight the Lane County Commissioners undertook last year, against the National Defense Authorization Act. The commissioners fought against the act because of concerns that it infringed upon their constituents’ constitutional rights.

Despite this, Bozievich doesn’t completely oppose the idea of expanding background checks, but simply believes that this bill takes a few steps too far.

About Commissioner Bozievich:

Commissioner Bozievich was elected to the Lane County Board of Commissioners in November, 2010, and was sworn into office January 3, 2011. He began his civic and political service when he volunteered to serve on the River Road-Santa Clara Urban Services Committee because he was a concerned resident of the River Road area of Eugene and he felt his background in civil engineering would be helpful to the discussion of infrastructure and urban services.

Jay was elected to the Lane Community College Board of Education in 2003 and served a full four-year term, spending the last year as Chair of the Board. He has also served as an officer, member, volunteer and/or contributor to several civic and charitable organizations.

RWCL RECENT *Activities*

May 18 was our Member Appreciation night dinner. Here are some highlights



We commemorated four members that passed last year: Muriel Adler; Muriel Kurtz; Yvonne Webking and Dee McManus



Rep. Duane Stark filled us in on "A Day in the Life of a Representative."

And **Troy Givens** related his newest Adventure for our "heros" at the Sandpine golf course in Florence.



Picture Left is Edna Gori with her prize from our drawing.



Among the returning members for the evening were Linda Hamilton who ran for 4J school district, above, with Bill Lioio, Doris McKee, Gerry Briggs and her husband David Smith.



At the adjacent table is Past Presidents June Conard and Kaye Ridley. Present Secretary Jessica Simmons, Shaylor Scalf, Gladys and Fred Hasse.

RWCL *Nominating Committee* To Be Elected At June Meeting!

Except from By-Laws ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A nominating committee of five members shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the May regular meeting. (1) One member shall be from the Board and (2) two members and (2) two alternates shall be from the general club membership.

Acting members of the Nominating Committee may not serve more than one term within a two-year period.

A member of the Nominating Committee who decides to run for an executive office (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) must resign and be replaced by alternate member of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall submit nominees for election at the September regular meeting.

A nominee for President must be an active member for at least one year (12 months).

In order to vote a member must be active for no less than 30 days prior to elections.

Nominations from the floor shall be in order and nominees must give consent to be nominated and to serve if elected. When there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote.

Elections shall take place at the regular October meeting.

Installation of officers shall be at a regular meeting and duties of the new board are effective January 1st of the upcoming year.

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If you wish to volunteer, or if you want something posted in our newsletter, contact Gerry, 541-484-0732 or e-mail:

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UPCOMING Events

Our RWCL general meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at **Hilton Garden Inn**, Gateway, Springfield. Below is a list of scheduled meetings which are by reservations only as accurate head count is needed. For all regular meetings call Nina at 541-485-4100 (alnine17@comcast.net) for reservations EXCEPT this June 22, call Gerry 541-484-07323

We have listed Oregon Federation Republican Women (OFRW) State Convention in Pendleton, OR. This event is open to Republican women members.

June 22 — RWCL General Meeting. Speaker Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich.

June 20 — Rally Around the Flag event. See May issue for details.

July 4th — Yes we will be participating in the Creswell Fourth of July Parade with Lane County Republicans. **Cindy Land, Lane County Chair**, will be at our June 22 meeting to update us on where to meet and other particulars. See details on this back page.

September 10-13, 2015—38th Biennial NFRW Convention

at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort, Phoenix, AZ

September 28 — RWCL General Lunch Meeting

October 16 to 18 — OFRW State Convention, at the Wild Horse Resort & Casino, Pendleton, OR. See OFRW website for more information.

October 26 — RWCL General Meeting

November 13—Possible Special Event. Stay Tuned.

December Christmas Party



Commentary from *Citizen's Council For Health Freedom* published on-line, June 10, 2015: Submitted by Lela Trope

Digital Health Poses National Security Risk

As electronic health records (EHRs) and Radio Frequency ID (RFID) medical device tracking expand under federal law, America has become vulnerable as a nation. Yet Congress continues to push interoperable Health IT at a serious risk to national security.

For example, the U.S. Senate today held a hearing on "Health Information Exchange: A Path Towards Improving the Quality and Value for Patients" -- and will hold another pro-EHR hearing next week. Yet these terms -- "quality" and "value" -- are illusory. As **Dr. Charles Krauthammer** has written, the EHR system is causing doctors to quit. It has led to medical errors, dissatisfied patients and demoralized doctors -- and now cyber espionage.

Highly accessible data was always the plan, a way for government and health plans to contain costs by tying the doctor's hands. But now the Chinese and likely militant Islam are coming for our medical data too. And that poses another danger.

In February, Anthem Inc., which owns

Blue Cross Blue Shield plans in 14 states, announced that the records of 78.8 million people were compromised, including 1.3 million federal employees. Government hackers in China, the same group that targeted a small U.S. defense contractor, have been blamed

China also appears to be the culprit for the most recent cyber attack against the federal Office of Personal Management (OPM), which compromised the data of four million federal employees.

China's accumulation of employment, health, personal and other private data on federal employees is alarming. Officials think this may be a highly orchestrated espionage campaign with serious implications for citizens in sensitive areas of the world as well as federal workers who may be vulnerable to various espionage efforts. As the media reports:

"Because the OPM handles most background checks for federal-government employees, the attack raises concerns over potential compromise of intelligence

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Be Part Of The Fourth of July! Creswell-Style

Lane County Republican Party will have a float this year in the Creswell 4th of July Parade in 2015 and always enjoy having *Republican Women of*

Central Lane as our partners. Come and join the fun!

- Your ideas....combine Republican positions on Smaller, More Efficient Government, etc. with bubbles and our mascot "Freedom", the baby elephant. (She's a life-size reproduction of an elephant.) Ha-ha! Get those creative ideas flowing!!

- Please e-mail your design or decoration suggestions to info@LaneGOP.org

Meet at the Creswell High School Staging Area, July 4th

- Decorating 8:30am to 10:45am Coffee, donuts and water will be on-hand.
- Floaters 10:45am. (anyone who would like to ride on the float IN the parade)
- Parade starts at 11am

For questions or other info, please call Cindy Land, 541-953-2107. See you for lunch on Monday, June 22nd!

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agents." (DCJ) "By revealing who has security clearances and at what level, the Chinese may now be able to identify, expose and blackmail U.S. government officials around the world" (CNN)

"There is a systemic effort underway by China and other adversaries to crib sensitive data on powerful people and covert operators in Washington, intelligence analysts say." (Nextgov) . . .

. . . Obama's EHR mandate makes America vulnerable. In 2009, the HITECH Act required clinics and hospitals use electronic health records or face financial penalties starting this year. Amazingly, Republicans are now on board. H.R. 2, the "Doc Fix" bill, signed in April, relies on EHRs for payment reform and H.R. 6, the pending 21st Century Cures Act would decertify any doctor's EHR that wasn't interoperable and able to hook up to a nationwide

EHR system.

But according to Reuters, "Billy Rios, founder of security company Laconicly, said he had found infected systems while working with several healthcare organisations. [sic] 'Clinical software is riddled with security vulnerabilities,' he said."

As bad as it can be, criminals who simply want to grab your dollars and go do not endanger America. Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea want more. These enemies of the West want to use the data to disarm, disable and attack the United States.

Why is Congress pushing for and funding linked and online-accessible data systems that put citizens, indeed America itself, at risk?

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