



# CASCADE ECHOES

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

### JANUARY

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At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

**9 Board Meeting** 10 a.m. at the County Building.1300 Wall St.,Lyons Room

**16 LWVUS and LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING** we'll begin with an open Board Meeting at 10:00 am, and then move onto **LOCAL and NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING** at 11:00 am. [if you are not interested in the Board meeting, just join us at 11:00.] At the Gibson's home. See article on page

**29 January forum with** Campus Pathways and Connections:OSU-Cascades, Community and Transportation, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Bend Library, Brooks Room

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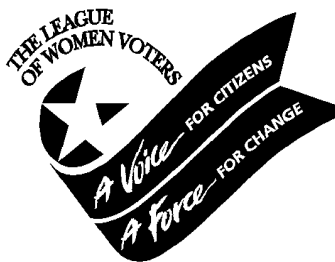
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#### WEB SITES

Local

[www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm](http://www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm)

State

[www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org)

National

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Nationwide Election Information

[www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org)

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# President's Message

Happy Holidays fellow league members! On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, those who could make it, enjoyed a festive Holiday Party at Awbrey Glen Golf Club. The food was delicious, as well as the company. Many interesting items were auctioned off! At times the bidding was serious! Well, sort of. I am now the proud owner of an original painting by a real elephant, donated by the Langtons! Anita took home the lovely blue scarf, hand made by Denise. There were many baskets full of home baked cookies, fudge and coffee too! Thanks to everyone who participated in support of our local league.

I have to admit after feeling a block in thinking of something inspirational to write, I took to the web! Here are few interesting quotes I came upon.

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day. Their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet. The word repeat. Of peace on earth, good-will to men!" -- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Christmas Bells)

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." -- Oren Arnold

"There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child." -- Erma Bombeck

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." -- Calvin Coolidge

"A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together." -- Garrison Keillor

"Call a truce, then, to our labors -- let us feast with friends and neighbors, and be merry as the custom of our caste; for if "faint and forced the laughter," and if sadness follow after, we are richer by one mocking Christmas past." -- Rudyard Kipling

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph." -- Shirley Temple

Please read on, there's more!

Cheers, Geri

## Thank You

A hearty "Thank You" goes out to Eve McFarland for arranging for our beautiful holiday party at Awbrey Glen Country Club Restaurant. Also, we thank all of you who brought the many lovely items for the Silent Auction and the Book Sale and all the people who bid on and purchased the items. It was a great party with delicious food and, of course, animated conversation. Thanks to all who were able to come.

## First Thursday Luncheon

Patrick J. Flaherty D.A. will present an overview of "Specialty Courts" in Deschutes County. These courts include: Family Drug Court, Mental Health Court and the Domestic Violence Program.

Patrick J. Flaherty was born and raised in Oregon. He received his undergraduate degree and later his law degree from the University of Oregon. Before being elected in 2010 as the District Attorney for Deschutes County he practiced in Lincoln County D.A.'s office, Deschutes County D.A.'s office and in private practice in Bend. He has devoted himself to criminal justice and the prosecution function for 22 years.

Patrick J. Flaherty is a highly-respected trial attorney. He has successfully prosecuted two "no body" murder cases, in addition to many other serious matters. Additionally, he is a strong advocate for specialty courts such as Deschutes County's Family Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Domestic Violence Program. He has called for the creation of a Veterans Court program to better serve our nation's veterans who get involved in the criminal justice system.

## First Thursday Free Lunch

### Winners of Free Lunch

The first winner of our free lunch at the November First Thursday was Susan Woodward. And the winner for the December First Thursday free lunch was Sara Langton. Congratulations to both of you!

Members who come to the First Thursday Luncheons can have their names put in for the drawing of a free lunch, so be sure to come.

**IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR PROGRAM PLANNING:  
EACH YEAR WE REVIEW OUR LOCAL PROGRAM, AND IN EVEN YEARS WE REVIEW NATIONAL PROGRAM [AND IN ALTERNATE YEARS, STATE PROGRAM]**

**JOIN US TO HELP SHAPE NEXT YEAR'S FOCUS**

**Our participation in the Program Planning process includes making recommendations concerning program issues – this is one of the ways we remain a grassroots organization.**

What local and/or national issues are on your mind? What do you think the League should be more involved in? Is it something we already have a position on that needs a new look, or is it something new that we should be studying?

**WHAT AND WHEN:** On Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> we'll begin with an open Board Meeting at 10:00 am, and then move onto **LOCAL and NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING** at 11:00 am. [if you are not interested in the Board meeting, just join us at 11:00.]

**WHERE: home of Marie and Pat Gibson**

"Bring your own lunch", 11:30 to 1pm, 19530 Mammoth Drive . We will supply beverages and cookies/fruit.

Directions to Gibson's home: [phone 385-9227]

From the Century Dr.; Reed Market/Mt. Washington roundabout head south out Century Dr. ( to the mountain). You'll pass an entrance to Mt Bachelor Village on your left. The left immediately after that is Mammoth Drive. Follow Mammoth as it winds to the Sunrise Village gate. (The gate will open automatically.) Continue on Mammoth up the hill, and after about 1/2 mi from the gate you will come to our cul-de-sac on the right. You will have passed Sunshine Way and the tennis courts on your right. Our house is in the middle of the next cul-de-sac after the tennis courts.

Please park along Mammoth Drive if the driveway is crowded.

**POSITION [definition]:** A statement of the body of opinion of members expressed during the member agreement process, either consensus or concurrence. It may be incorporated into the program item as a basis for action. Once dropped, it may not again be incorporated into the program without a new study.

\*\*\*PLEASE BRING THIS COPY OF THE ECHOES TO THE MEETING. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO REVIEW THE DETAILS OF LOCAL PROGRAM IN THE BLUE BOOKLET

**CURRENT LOCAL PROGRAM:**

<b>PRESENT POSITIONS</b>	<b>RETAIN</b>	<b>DROP</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>RE STUDY</b>
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING – LOW INCOME FAMILIES:</b>				
<b>CORRECTIONS FACILITIES</b>				
<b>COUNTY CHARTER GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>LOCAL EDUCATION</b>				
<b>HAZARDOUS MAT'LS - TRANSPORTATION</b>				
<b>LAND USE</b>				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				

We will then discuss the National Program Positions. As you know, we are currently updating the Agriculture position.

## CURRENT TOPICS OF NATIONAL PROGRAM

### REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

- Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.
- Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- Secure for citizens of the District of Columbia rights of self-government and full voting representation in Congress.
- Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.
- Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.
- Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.
- Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making. Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.
- Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.
- Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability and effective performance.
- Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.
- Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS **Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations.**

- Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people.
- Support U.S. trade policies that reduce trade barriers, expand international trade and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental and social goals.
- Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.
- Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.
- Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

### NATURAL RESOURCES **Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.**

- Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems.
- Promote resource conservation, stewardship and longrange planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.
- Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.
- Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.
- Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.
- Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.
- Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water.
- Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes.
- Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.
- Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

- Agriculture Policy: Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

**SOCIAL POLICY Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.**

- Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Support equal access to education, employment and housing.
- Support federal policies that provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12.
- Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax.
- Promote responsible deficit policies.
- Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.
- Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.
- Immigration: Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.
- Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families. Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter.
- Provide essential support services.
- Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.
- Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.
- Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.
- Support violence prevention programs in communities.
- Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.
- Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.
- The LWVUS supports abolition of the death penalty.
- The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

**Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement and well defined channels for citizen input and review.**

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**FIRST THURSDAY  
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*January 2, 2014*

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Speaker will be: **Patrick J. Flaherty, D.A.**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm**

at **Black Bear Diner**, on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Olney Streets in Bend.

There is a separate dining room for our use.

There is no cost to hear the speakers;  
however those wanting lunch should arrive about 11:00 a.m.  
and order off the menu.

The speakers will begin at noon and  
allow time for questions from the audience.

**No reservations are needed.** This event is open to the general public.