



# CASCADE ECHOES

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2014

### SEPTEMBER

**4 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**, The topic is Affordable Housing in Bend. Speakers are: Jim Long, Affordable Housing Manager, City of Bend And Lynne McConnell, Associate Director of HomeSource and Assets, NeighborImpact.

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

**11 Board Meeting** 10 a.m. Lyons Room, County Building. All members welcome.

### OCTOBER

**2 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, TBA**

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

**9 Board Meeting** 10 a.m.

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State

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

Dear League Members, Notes from your Board

It's been a beautiful summer overall, but the recent cold patches remind us that the more formal Fall season of League activities is just about to begin. It will be a busy time in this election season, with several dates set aside for Candidates Forums, thanks to our busy Voters Service Chair, Susie Penhollow. Now, all we need are acceptances by the candidates to make them a reality! When confirmed, we'll be hoping that you will join in, helping out by volunteering with Susie and contributing some refreshments as indicated.

In recent years, a highlight of the summer has been the Summer Social, held on the deck of Dalyte and Don Hartsough's home. Again, the weather cooperated in late July as many of us gathered for yummy potluck and great conversation with the backdrop of the overlook of the Deschutes River. The pastry queen Dalyte provided several delicious choices for our dessert. Speaking personally, it was too difficult to choose just one....

As I write this, the 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote is just two days away [August 26]. The President of the LWV of the United States notes that "It is tempting to look back on those early days of the League for inspiration, especially as we look forward to a federal midterm election where much is at stake but where too often voter enthusiasm is low. While it may be challenging, I am inspired by the fact that so many Leagues and members are already out in their communities registering and educating voters through voters' guides, candidate debates and [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

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I also found that inspiration in the following passage from a convention speech by our first president Maude Wood Park referring to interests hostile to the mission of the League:

"By far the most serious of our opponents is the colossal inertia of large numbers of persons. If this nation ever faces final disaster, it will be because what 'is everybody's business is nobody's business except the self-seekers.'" We need to rewrite that old adage...In this respect ours is a stupendous undertaking, for inertia is a thoroughly uninteresting opponent. Thrills do not come easily in a struggle against sheer dead weight, but that weight must be moved if we are to succeed...If we have the courage to try, we do not need genius or even extraordinary qualities in order to succeed. All that we shall require is steadfast faith in democracy, common sense and persistence...if we have all three - and keep them together - we are invincible."

All these years later, the League has had those qualities and kept them together and we have been and will continue to be invincible. Finally, please join us in sympathy with our co-President Geri Hauser, who is mourning a recent death in her family.

Marie Gibson, for the Board

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

John Clarke

THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS:

Jodie Barrum	Diane Beathe	Andrea Blum	Coral Ann Cary
Carol Cavoretto	Bonnie & Joe Corley	Anita & Carl Elliott	Dolores Ellis
Patrick Flaherty	Marie & Pat Gibson	Anne Goldner	Dalyte & Don Hartsough
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HONORARY MEMBERS:

Cathy Casebolt	Fran Greenlee	Jeanne Moeller	Dorothy Stenkamp
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## First Thursday Luncheon Speakers

Lynne McConnell has a background in non-profit management, education, and the law. She currently serves as NeighborImpact's Associate Director of HomeSource and Assets. Lynne previously served as Executive Director of several non-profits, and has provided consulting services to others. She has an extensive volunteer history including serving on the founding committee of the MLK Day of Service in Alaska and countless committees and organizations during her time in Portland. Previously, she worked in Multnomah County as a Staff Attorney and the Pro Bono Coordinator for Legal Aid Services of Oregon. She holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Oregon and a JD from Lewis and Clark. She is experienced in coordinating workshops, trainings, and special events.

Jim Long was spontaneously created from discarded hazardous building material left in the crawlspace of an abandoned flophouse east of Astoria. He spent his formative years setting choker for a Gypo logging outfit when not hauling gillnets on the Columbia River. Enrolled at the University of Oregon, Jim earned a Bachelor of Arts in management.

After a brief stint in the Navy working in Public Affairs, Jim began working for various quasi-governmental organizations and municipalities in the field of Affordable Housing, first in the Astoria area for a non-profit housing provider followed by a stretch with Community Action Agency Program, then several years with the City of Springfield, a dozen years with the City of Salem and then landing finally in Bend in 2005, in a position similar to that of G. Gordon Liddy in the Nixon White House (he has been described alternately as a "thug" and a "brutal fixer" for the City).

Besides being a Licensed Mortgage Broker and an AHERA Certified Asbestos Building Inspector, Jim is an EPA Certified Lead-Based Paint Inspector, EPA Certified Lead-Based Paint Abatement Supervisor, EPA Certified Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessor and an EPA Certified Lead Project Designer.

## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE LWVUS 2014 CONVENTION

The June National Convention yielded some new items for our current national program: those areas of public policy that we may be more involved with for the next two years. The changes include a new position [Human Trafficking], and a comprehensive study involving updating previous positions, and a possible new position. Please read below to see what we may be focusing on soon. If you think you may wish to be involved with any of this, contact Marie Gibson [Program Chair] at [jpgmig@gmail.com](mailto:jpgmig@gmail.com)

### LWVUS Position on Human Trafficking

*The following position was adopted by the delegates at the 2014 National Convention*

The League of Women Voters opposes all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. We consider human trafficking to be a form of modern day slavery and believe that every measure should be taken and every effort should be made through legislation and changes in public policy to prevent human trafficking. Prosecution and penalization of traffickers and abusers should be established, and existing laws should be strictly enforced. Extensive essential services for victims should be applied where needed. Education and awareness programs on human trafficking should be established in our communities and in our schools.

### New and Updates of Studies

In addition, the LWVUS Board recommends a comprehensive three-part program combining study and review of key, specific structures of American democracy, consisting of:

- 1.) A study of the process of amending the U.S. Constitution, including constitutional conventions;
- 2.) A review and update of the League position on campaign finance in light of forty years of change since the Watergate reforms, in order to enhance member understanding of the new schemes and structures used to influence elections and erode protections against corruption in our political process, and to review possible responses to counter them in the current environment of changes, and
- 3.) A review of the redistricting process for the U.S. Congress, through the existing redistricting task force, for the purpose of developing action steps.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Announces**  
**2014 General Election**  
**Ballot Measure Positions**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) supports the following measures:

**Measure 86 - Student Opportunity Fund**

Amends Constitution: Requires creation of a fund for Oregonians pursuing postsecondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund.

This is a constitutional amendment, because debt incurred by the State to create this dedicated permanent fund must be added to the list of approved bonding in order to allow the Legislature to issue bonds for these student grants. Implementation of the measure will be in statute. *"The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes the primary goal of Oregon's public postsecondary education should be to provide a broad spectrum of higher education for professional, vocational, and personal enrichment to all qualified and motivated individuals."*

**Measure 88 - Driver's Cards**

Provides Oregon resident a "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.

The LWVOR Farmworker Issues position says, *"...the state has a role in supporting the sound and fair relationship between farmers and the agricultural workforce, with the goal of economic and social justice for both parties"*. In addition, there is also support in the League of Women Voters of the United States positions in regard to Equality of Opportunity, Immigration, and Meeting Basic Human Needs.

**Measure 89 - State Equal Rights Amendment**

Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex.

LWVOR supports *"equal rights for all regardless of sex."* Although LWVOR worked for many years to pass a national amendment, the League believes that governments at all levels share the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing for all persons regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon does not take a position on any of the other ballot measures.

Visit the website for more detailed information at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org)

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY**

**FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**

***SEPTEMBER 4, 2014***

The topic is

**Affordable Housing in Bend. Where are we now?**

Speakers are: **Jim Long**, Affordable Housing Manager, City of Bend  
And **Lynne McConnell**, Associate Director of HomeSource and Assets,  
NeighborImpact.

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**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.