



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY 2016

APRIL

7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, District Attorney, John Hummel, will speak about the backlog of rape kits, the wrongdoings at the crime labs and human trafficking locally and other topics of interest. At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. See last page for details

14 Board Meeting, 10a.m. County building, Lyons Room

21 Annual Meeting- Information and Annual Meeting packets will be mailed to members separately by postal service.

MAY

5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Wayne Metcalf, COCC, would be speaking about Money in Politics. At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

12 Board Meeting, 10a.m. County building, Lyons Room

24 Great Schools, Great Communities forum



League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy



WEB SITES

Local

www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm

State

www.lwvor.org

National

www.lwv.org

Nationwide Election Information

www.VOTE411.org

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

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President's Message

Making Democracy Work". This is the motto for the League of Women Voter US action plan for the upcoming year. I am proud to be a member of a group that engages in keeping our politics above board and in the year ahead locally, we will be putting that motto to work. We are in the planning stages of the up and coming candidate and issue forums that are essential for our work in educating the voting public on what the candidates truly stand for and what the issues really mean.

Our annual meeting for all members is on April 21st at my house and I am happy to announce that we have two speakers from the LWVOR. Norman Turrill, President, LWVOR will be joining us to update us on what is happening at the state level and also clarify the steps needed to change our local league into a tax exempt organization. Our other speaker will be Chris Vogel who will be updating us on the 'Children at Risk' study. Chris has asked us all to watch the 'youtube' video "Are We Crazy About Our Kids" prior to her presentation to bring us up to date on this important topic. If you can watch the video before the meeting wonderful but if you can't, we will be showing the video at 8:45 am before our meeting. Come join us for coffee, danish and this short video if you can. The meeting will start at 10 am.

We will be updating our Affordable Housing position at the annual meeting as presented to the board by the Affordable Housing Committee. I would like to thank again the Affordable Housing Committee: Dolores Ellis, Carol Cavoretto, Dave Stranahan and Dalyte and Don Hartsough for the wonderful job they have done over the last year on this very complicated study.

The new slate of board members is in and with much appreciation I would like to thank Corol Ann Cary; Nominating Chair for all her work and on finalizing the slate. We have three new additions to the board this year. Carol Covoretto, Social Chair and Barbara and Jim McCormick, Co-Treasurers. Our continuing board members are Eve McFarland, who will be taking the office of Dalyte Hartsough, Past President; Dave Stranahan, First Thursdays; Geri Hauser, Publicity/IT; Susie Penhollow, Voter Service; Vice President; Marie Gibson, Program; Denise Mahoney; Publications/Echoes; Corol Ann Cary, Nominating Chair and Kim Smith, President. Out going will be Andrea Blum and Sara Langton. Thank you to all the new and continuing board members. Andrea and Sara, thank you for all your work. You will be missed

I hope you can all make it to the First Thursday on April 7th. John Hummel DA of Deschutes County will be our speaker. He's got some interesting stories to tell, I bet. Do you have any questions about non-tested rape kits or what is going to happen to the cases with the possible untrustworthy lab results, maybe we can get these answered.

Hope I see you all at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 21st at 10 am. All members are encouraged and welcome to come.

Kim Smith, President

CHILDREN AT RISK UPDATE

We are looking forward to the Annual Meeting on April 21st. One highlight of the meeting will be a presentation and update on the LWVOR program item "Children at Risk" which we participated in. Our guest, Chris Vogel, has been active at the state level, advocating on the League's behalf.

As "homework" before the meeting, we suggest that you watch the video on YouTube: "Are We Crazy About Our Kids?"

It can be found on your computer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzZV5CAC4bq> If that doesn't work for you, the Annual Meeting will begin at 9:30 am for those who wish to watch a screening of the video before the meeting begins.

Of course, most of all, we look forward to seeing you then.

First Thursday Luncheon Speaker

John Hummel was elected Deschutes County District Attorney in May of 2014 and took office in January of 2015. Immediately prior to his service as District Attorney he was State and Federal Policy Director for the Oregon Primary Care Association, a non-profit membership organization of 200 health care clinics providing care to Oregonians with low incomes.

John has 20 years of legal, policy and conflict resolution professional experience. Prior to working for OPCA he served as Director of the Oregon Consensus Program which is the State's public policy dispute resolution program housed in the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University.

He previously served as the Liberia, Africa country Representative for the Carter Center-former President Jimmy Carter's peace and health organization. He led the Carter Center's efforts to assist Liberians in improving their justice and mental health systems.

John has 12 years of experience in trial work as a criminal law defense attorney, teaching and serving as a Bend City Councilor.

From the School of Advanced International Studies at John's Hopkins University he received a Masters Degree in international Public Policy, a J.D. degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law and B.A. degree from Roanoke College.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are quickly approaching the annual meeting which will be on Thursday, April 21 at my house.
More about this on a later email.

There is an office that is still in need of filling.

If you have time on the second Thursday of each month, August-May, I am asking that you become the LWVDC Secretary.

The job entails coming to the board meetings, usually for an hour each month on the second Thursday at 10 am and the annual meeting and writing up the minutes of these meetings. It takes less than a couple of hours a month. We are losing our present Secretary Andrea Blum to the Sister's City Board.

If you can do this and help us out, please call Carol Ann Cary at 541-306-4832.

Thank you, Kim Smith President LWVDC

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FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

April 7, 2016

John Hummel,
Deschutes County
District Attorney

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm
at **Black Bear Diner,**
on the corner of 3rd 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.