



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY 2013

JUNE

6 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, How to Fix our Forests: An Intro to the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project

Speakers will be:

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Pete Caligiuri: DCFP Staff and Forest Ecologist with 'The Nature Conservancy'

Kevin Larkin: District Ranger for the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

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

13 NO Board Meeting

JULY

13 SAVE THE DATE Summer Social—see article on page 2
Invitations will be sent separately

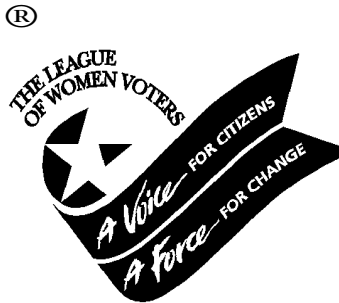
18 Board Meeting and Planning meeting, 10am at Marie and Pat Gibsons home

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President's Message

Hello Deschutes County League of Women Voters members!

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve as co-president with Dalyte Hartsough. I am also looking forward to learning more about the League, how it works, and exploring current issues.

Along with the talented and experienced members of the Board, we can remain a strong team, reach out to the community and encourage more participation.

For a long time I have looked to the League of Women Voters for information I could trust and many times thought to myself that I should get involved.

It is understandable that it can be easier to not get involved in community, yet it only takes one time as a volunteer to feel the reward. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

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I am so impressed with what the League has accomplished this past year. Putting together a comprehensive and updated Local Program Booklet, organizing candidate forums, First Thursday Luncheons, consistent newsletters, holiday party, fundraising, outreach and more. These were accomplished through working together while undergoing several adjustments of positions.

I look forward to seeing you in July at the Summer Social and Board Planning Meeting! Look for times and places in the articles in this month's Echoes.

Best to all,
Geri Hauser

Save the Date Summer Social on July 13

Be sure to mark your calendar now for our **Summer Social** which will be on Saturday, **July 13th**, from **Noon** to 5 PM at Don and Dalyte Hartsough's home at 60663 River Bend Dr., Bend. Members are invited to bring spouses, friends and their **favorite salads** (and wine, if you wish). Meat, desserts and other drinks will be provided.

So, save the date and plan to come and enjoy the view of the Deschutes River from the deck while savoring the good food and lively conversation.

Invitations, with directions, will be sent out to you later.

July Board Meeting and Planning Meeting To Be Combined

All members are urged to come to the **July Board and Planning Meeting**. We will have a short Board meeting at 10 AM on **Thursday, July 18th**, at Marie and Pat Gibson's home, 19530 Mammoth Dr., Bend. Immediately following that (probably around 11 AM) we will have our planning meeting for the coming year. We will discuss topics for First Thursday speakers and program topics we wish to work on. If you have wanted to learn more about some specific issue, this is the time to speak up! If you can't come, you may email or phone suggestions to anyone on the Board. Bring your lunch if you plan to stay past noon.

First Thursday Luncheon Topic

How to Fix our Forests: An Intro to the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project

Luncheon Speakers

Alan Unger: *Chair, DCFP Steering Committee and Deschutes County Board of Commissioners*

As a boy scout growing up in Redmond, Oregon in the 1960s, Alan Unger learned to respect and appreciate the Deschutes National Forest. He carries that respect and appreciation with him today in his current role as Deschutes County Commissioner. As County Commissioner, Alan is eager to maintain and restore the forests that are central to our quality of life and he believes that collaboration is the pathway forward.

The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) is an ideal forum to seek that new pathway forward. Alan has worked for over two years as the DCFP Chair to bring key stakeholders together to share their values, learn the science, seek common ground and find creative agreements to steward our forests.

According to Alan, the DCFP represents a new way of doing business in the forest. Through collaborative baby steps Central Oregonians are building the relationships, the trust, and the transparency necessary to generate solutions that work for the community, for the Forest Service, and for the forest.

Pete Caligiuri: *DCFP Staff and Forest Ecologist with The Nature Conservancy*

Born and raised in Bend, Oregon, Pete grew up on the edge of the Deschutes National Forest, which served as both playground and classroom throughout his childhood. After college, serving overseas as a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama, and graduate school in forest ecology and management, he returned home and began work with The Nature Conservancy's Central Oregon Field Office.

As a Forest Ecologist working on dry forest restoration on federal forestlands, Pete provides science support and staffing for two community-based dry forest restoration collaborative groups on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. In that role, he is fortunate to work alongside a diversity of community stakeholders ranging from environmental organizations to recreation groups to forest products companies to state and federal agencies.

In Pete's mind, the DCFP is a call to action for Central Oregon – an opportunity for community engagement, a process to incorporate diverse public values, and a forum to create a shared vision and pathway forward to restore resilient forests for future generations.

Kevin Larkin: *District Ranger for the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest*

Kevin Larkin is a district ranger on the Deschutes National Forest. His duties include oversight of management activities from fire, to recreation, to vegetation management on the 1.1 million acre Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District. He has been in the position since July, 2012, having previously worked on the Kaibab National Forest in Northern Arizona and the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire and Maine.

Prior to working for the Forest Service, Kevin served on the faculty at Virginia Tech. He and his wife, Heidi Hase, live in Bend.

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CHOICES AND DECISIONS

Hopefully you have already received your copy of the new booklet edition of Local Program for the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County. It outlines all the current issues that our league has studied and the statements that support advocacy for those issues/ programs. We will continue to have copies available at upcoming meetings – including this one – and if necessary, they will be mailed to those of you who miss picking up your copy at a meeting.

What: Join us for our combined July Board Meeting and Calendar/Program planning for the upcoming League year.

Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be served.

When: Thursday, July 18th , Board Meeting 10 to 11:15 am

The board meeting portion is open to all, and you are most welcome. But if you wish, you may wait and join us for the second part of the meeting.

Break for lunch, which will continue during the next part:

Planning: 11:30 am to 1 pm

During the calendar/program planning portion we will focus on including those topics of most interest for our upcoming First Thursday Luncheons, and consider scheduling forums and other meetings for members and the public. We will include any new program items proposed by the National and/or State LWVs. Your suggestions are always invited, and may lead to new topics for adoption of a new formal study at the local level.

Where: Marie & Pat Gibson's home, 19530 Mammoth Drive, Bend jpgmig@gmail.com

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From the Century Dr.; Reed Market/Mt.

Washington roundabout head out Century Dr. (to the mountain). You'll pass an entrance to Mt Bachelor Village on your left. The next left turn is Mammoth Drive. Follow Mammoth as it winds through the Sunrise Village gate. (The gate will open as you pull up to it.) 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 the intersection with Sunshine Way and then the tennis courts on your right. Our house is in the middle of the next cul-de-sac after the tennis courts. There is parking on the street, in the cul-de-sac, and in our driveway.

Info for JULY CALENDAR/PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

We've received information from the state LWV that will help us decide some of our schedule for the next local league year. Delegates to the League of Women Voters of Oregon Convention 2013, May 17-19, engaged in a lively discussion of program for the 2013- 2015 biennium. Attendees approved the motion to allow consideration of more than one study. The first topic is something to keep in mind, as the full scope is not yet determined.

First, **Restudy Postsecondary Education**, recommended by the LWVOR board, was adopted as a three-year study with the scope to be determined during the first year. The initial scope follows:

Scope: Review our Public Postsecondary Education position with the idea of changing or deleting points that are no longer valid or do not make sense in today's world. Examine the unique roles and interrelationships of community colleges, the four-year regional universities and the three comprehensive universities. Examine the governor's plan for a continuum of pre-K through graduate education and examine how the 2013 Legislature considered the role of postsecondary education in the continuum. Examine how all the post-secondary levels are funded. Develop comparison criteria and compare Oregon's higher education outcomes with other successful states.

Although a number of delegates expressed willingness to work on this study, additional members and a chair or co-chairs are needed.

Second, The LWVOR recommended that the **Children at Risk** study, approved at the previous convention, be cancelled because of failure to find a chair and committee. However, a possible chair came forward at convention and a number of League members expressed interest in participating in this study. After considerable discussion, the delegates voted to readopt this two-year study. The scope follows:

Scope: A two year study to research all governmental agency programs and services for at risk children, ages zero to third grade. The legislature is currently changing the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and establishing a new state prevention services for children agency, under the education umbrella. Services could include childcare, preschool education, health care, mental health, child welfare, and family preservation.

Note to our members:

Participation on a study committee can be one of the most rewarding of League experiences. One works with members from around the state, learns new material, and meets with experts in the field. Often, studies provide the opportunity for fascinating field trips. Please consider participating on one of our new studies. Current technology such as computer based GoToMeeting and conference calls allows for long distance participation, thus enabling participation from anywhere in the state. Anyone interested in participating in one of these studies please contact Karan Kuntz, kikpiano@me.com or the LWVOR office, lwvor@lwvor.org.

Third: Local Leagues can anticipate online material from the **national League's Agricultural** update in September. LWVUS projects that consensus results will be due in April 2014. The LWV website states "The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on: 1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and 2) current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process." The study is chaired by Norm Turrill, a Portland League member and member of the national board. Committee member Marnie Lonsdale, also a Portland League member, suggests that local Leagues might investigate agricultural issues in Oregon since some practices in our state differ significantly from other areas of the country.

League of Women Voters of Deschutes County Annual Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2013 Bend Parks & Recreation Community Room

Members in attendance: Andrea Blum, Carol Ann Cary, Cathy Casebolt, Carol Cavaretto, Dolores Ellis, Marie Gibson, Pat Gibson, Dalyte Hartsough, Don Hartsough, Geri Hauser, Sara Langton, Denise Mahoney, Susie Penhollow, Jacqui Pennock, Kim Smith, and Laurel Sorlie.

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County was called to order by President Dolores Ellis at 10 a.m. With 16 members in attendance, the president determined there was a quorum and the meeting could proceed. Carol Ann moved and Dalyte seconded approval of the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Annual Reports: Reports from each portfolio chair were included in the Annual Meeting Workbook. The president asked if there were any questions regarding the reports. Carol Ann pointed out that there would be another First Thursday Luncheon speaker in June which had not been included in her report. The speaker had not yet been determined, however Don Hartsough suggested someone from the Nature Conservancy.

Financial Report: Sara passed around a Financial Report as of April 25th. She mentioned that the costs associated with the Holiday Party and the money earned at that event worked out about even. The cost of the sound system that the League had purchased (and was using at this event) was being split between "special events" and Voters Service." Our current bank balance was \$3,866.12. She pointed out that raffle tickets were still available and that raffle winners would actually get gift cards, not the prizes that were advertized. She had sold 21 raffle tickets so far. Dalyte moved and Marie seconded acceptance of the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget: Pat Gibson reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 budget. A membership of 48 was used to determine our income. It was mentioned that our per member payments to the State and National League take up most of the income we get from member dues; therefore, we had to dip into reserves to balance this budget. About \$1000 had been budgeted for the "They Represent You" booklet, however the actual costs can vary depending on if we get sponsors for the booklet. Pat thanked Sara and Dalyte for their help in preparing this budget proposal. Kim moved and Don seconded approval of the proposed budget. Motion carried.

Local Program: Marie said the Local Program distributed in the Annual Meeting Workbook as incorrect, and passed out a newly updated local program booklet to everyone in attendance. The new booklet included the new Local Education Position which had been studied over the last couple of years and recently adopted by the membership and the Board. All local positions had recently been reviewed, updated or deleted, and reformatted to provide uniformity, and hopefully a better understanding of our positions. She also included the LWV mission statement and a little background on the League for new members. She reviewed these changes with the membership. Carol Ann said Marie had done an excellent job with the new local program booklet. Others appreciated the new local LWV logo on the cover that Kim had designed. Don moved adoption of the revised and updated local program booklet and Sara seconded. Motion carried. Carol Ann moved and Denise seconded approved of the local Education Position. Motion carried.

Board Recognition: The President thanked all of the Board Members for their hard work during the last year. It had been difficult without a Vice-President so everyone had stepped in to help out. She thanked each board member individually and gave each a gift in appreciation. Representing the Board, Marie gave the President a gift of wind chimes in recognition of her service to the league, by stepping in as President when our existing president could no longer serve.

Nominating Committee: Dalyte stated that in addition to the Nominations listed in the annual Meeting workbook, the committee had received permission to add Bonnie Corley's name under the "directors to be appointed" category with a 2013-2014 term. There were no nominations from the floor. Marie moved and Sara seconded that the nominations be accepted by acclamation. Motion carried.

Direction to the Board: Dolores expressed her hope that the league would continue to support Campaign Finance Reform with the tools and program provided by the National League. Kim and Anita had presented this program in the past and Kim said she was able to get updates as the campaign continued. Jacqui requested that the Board continue to cultivate contacts with the Bulletin newspaper to improve our coverage. Andrea suggested that a "book club" for league members would be a good way to get to know league members who might not feel comfortable participating in other events.

The next membership event will be our joint Board Meeting/Calendar meeting usually held the second week in July. There being no further business, Sara moved and Cathy seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Blum, Secretary

LWV NATIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Since not all of us are regularly visiting the LWVUS website, we may miss some of the national League efforts. There is a current call for action directed to curbing the production of GREENHOUSE GASES [abbreviated below as GHGs]. The following adds some background information given on the LWVUS website.

CLIMATE CHANGE -- Promoting Solutions

During President Obama's first term, important progress was made towards curbing GHG emissions and improving air quality. In 2009, the EPA determined that CO₂ and other GHGs constitute a threat to the public health and welfare. This "[endangerment finding](#)" paved the way for EPA action to regulate these emissions. Key regulatory initiatives that followed included increasingly stringent emissions and fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles of all types and a number of rules aimed at reducing emissions of GHGs and various toxic air pollutants from large stationary sources (e.g., power plants, refineries, and factories). Much more work remains to be done, however. New climate and air quality regulatory actions now on the drawing board include:

- [Carbon Pollution Standard for New Power Plants](#). The rule proposed by the EPA in March 2012 would cap emissions from new power plants at 1,000 pounds of CO₂ per megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity generated. This would effectively prohibit construction of conventional coal-fired plants, which typically emit more than 1,700 lb CO₂/MWh. It is expected that the proposed standard will be finalized in 2013.
- Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emissions and Fuel Standards. The EPA submitted a proposed Tier 3 rule to the Office of Management and Budget in January 2013. If finalized, the standards would go into effect in 2017. The proposed rule is aimed at reducing non-GHG pollutants, such as ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, and mobile source toxics.
- Strengthened air quality standards for ground-level ozone. The Clean Air Act requires EPA to review and, if necessary, revise air quality standards every five years. The next review is scheduled for 2013.
- Standards for GHG emissions from oil refineries. EPA agreed to set standards for refineries under a 2010 court settlement but has missed several deadlines.

[Do your part—Tell President Obama you want to see him take meaningful action on Climate Change!](#)

The League is thrilled that climate change is finally getting the attention it deserves. In recent weeks, we've heard promising statements from President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry on the urgent need to take action on this life-threatening issue. [These statements are a good first step, but to fix the problems caused by climate change, we need action!](#)

Climate change is a global catastrophe on a historic scale that will change the course of human life. Luckily, there are ways to help prevent climate change and protect our planet. The League calls on the Obama Administration to use its regulatory powers to place controls on new and existing power plants, the single biggest source of carbon pollution in the U.S. The League hopes this message was made loud and clear when we rallied near the White House recently. But you don't have to be in DC to make your voice heard!

[Tell the President that saving the world is a legacy worth fighting for.](#)

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FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

June 6, 2013

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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.