



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015

JANUARY

8 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, on the topic of Topic is Rail Disaster Preparedness in Deschutes County. The presenters will be: Nathan Garibay , Deschutes County Emergency Services Manager
Darren Root, Bend Fire Department Engineer
Will Akins, Bend Fire Department Firefighter
Dave Howe, Bend Fire Department Battalion Chief.
See last page for more information

15 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. County building, Lyons room

22 Program Planning Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY

5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Topic is Training for First responders in the area of Mental Health. Presenter will be: Eilene Flory, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator

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



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www.lwvor.org

National

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Nationwide Election Information
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President's Message

.....cont. Co-President's Message

We had a lovely holiday party with lots of good food, fun and friends. The dining room at Awbrey Glen was fully decorated and all 25 of us in attendance enjoyed the atmosphere and the beautiful view. There were many great Silent Auction items that we bid on and bought for ourselves or to give as gifts. Sara Langton, our Treasurer, tells me we made enough money to cover all our expenses for the party and a little more. Thanks to all our buyers and especially thanks to all who brought items to sell. And a big thank you to **Eve McFarland** for arranging this annual event. It is always good to connect with other League members in a relaxed setting and have time to talk and catch up with everyone's news.

Our **First Thursday** in Jan. will actually be on the **second Thursday, Jan. 8**, because we didn't think anyone would want to come on Jan. 1. So, mark your calendar now, because you won't want to miss this one.

Cont. next column.....

We will be hearing about **Rail Disaster Preparedness**. Have you noticed all the oil tank cars sitting on the railroad tracks near downtown Bend? Have you wondered how many there are and what would happen if one caught fire? Chilling thought, I know, but one we should find out about. Come with your questions.

January is when we do our planning for the coming year. On **Jan. 22** we will meet at the Marie and Pat Gibson's home to figure out what we would like to do next year. Because of the interest in the topics of affordable housing and the large amount of System Development Charges here we may have a study to learn more about them. If you would like to learn more but can't make it to the meeting, just let me know and I will pass along your name to the committee when we have one. I anticipate that we will be interviewing many people to get more detailed information so the more members available to help, the easier it will be.

I hope you all had a cozy and comfortable holiday and that next year will be fulfilling and memorable.

Dalyte Hartsough
Co-President

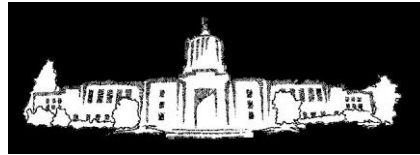
First Thursday Luncheon Topic

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Legislative Process Day

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Oregon State Library, Salem, Rooms 102 and 103

Sponsored by

LWV of Oregon * AAUW of Oregon * Center for Women's Leadership * Oregon NOW

HIGHLIGHTS

State Treasurer Ted Wheeler * Issues Panel Discussion * Journalists Panel Discussion
Action Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Process Day Registration Form

Advance registration needed

Return form by **Monday, January 5, 2015**

Yes, I want to attend Legislative Process Day!

Name: _____

Organization affiliation (member of sponsoring org): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop with lunch: O \$24.00 per person

Box lunch features sandwich, salad, fruit and dessert.

Choose: O Turkey O Roast Beef O Veggie Delight

Workshop only: O \$15.00 per person

Parking Pass: O Send me a Capitol parking pass in advance for \$15.50 (\$15.00 pass plus .50 postage). My check includes this fee. I have included my mailing address. Please note that the cost has gone up for these parking passes. Carpooling can help with this cost.

Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to: 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302

Due January 5, 2015. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email lwvor@lwvor.org.

[Click Here](#) to Register Online. or Download the Registration form on our website! , www.lwvor.org

Registration deadline is January 5, 2015 Room capacity at the State Library is limited..So, Register early to secure a place.

Draft Agenda

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration and networking
- 10:00 - 10:05 Welcome: Robin Wisdom, President, League of Women Voters of OR
- 10:05 - 11:00 **Journalist Panel** (invited)
 - Peter Wong, Pamplin Media Group
 - Hillary Borrud, EO Media Group
 - Chris Lehman, Oregon Public Broadcasting Taylor Anderson, Bend Bulletin
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Ted Wheeler - State Treasurer**
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch with Sponsor presentations and Break**
 - Joyce Zook and Penney Hoodenpyle, American Association of University Women of Oregon
 - Sunny Petit, Center for Women's Leadership Women of Oregon
 - Michelle Ganow-Jones, Oregon Chapter of the National Organization for Women
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Issues Panel** (invited)
 - Kate Titus, Common Cause
 - Christy Splitt, Oregon Conservation Network
 - Rose Englert, Human Services Coalition of Oregon (One more speaker, still being discussed)
- 2:00 - 2:25 LWV Action Overview
- 2:25 Fill out and turn in evaluations
- 2:30 Adjourn

**TO ALL OF YOU, WHETHER BRAND NEW OR LONG-TIME MEMBER:
 JOIN US ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 AS WE ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER PROGRAM* PLANNING.
 EACH YEAR WE REVIEW OUR LOCAL PROGRAM, AND IN ALTERNATE YEARS WE REVIEW 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 state 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 22nd we'll begin at **10:00 am**, to begin our discussion of
LOCAL and STATE PROGRAM PLANNING

WHERE: home of Marie and Pat Gibson
 19530 Mammoth Drive . We will supply some refreshments.

Directions to Gibson's home:
 [phone 541-385-9227]

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 as you drive up to it, but it is often
 open in the winter.) 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 YOUR BLUE BOOKLET**

CURRENT LOCAL PROGRAM:

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

Note that there is a separate article in this Echoes that proposes a new topic. We will be discussing that and
 considering whether /how it may intersect with our current position on Affordable Housing. There is also
 information for State program planning.

2015-2017 LWVOR Program Planning

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Note: The LWVOR 2013 convention adopted two state studies. The Children-at-Risk study will be completed with consensus discussions this spring. The Postsecondary Education study will be completed next year.

LWVOR Positions	Retain	Drop	Update	Restudy*
GOVERNANCE				
Citizen Participation and Access				
Constitutional Provisions				
Economic Development Revenue Bonds				
Election Laws				
Election Methods				
Emergency Board				
Fiscal Policy				
Initiative, Referendum, and Recall				
Oregon State Courts				
Redistricting				
NATURAL RESOURCES				
Air Quality				
Coastal and Offshore Management				
ENERGY:				
Conservation				-
Nuclear				
Land Use				
Parks				
Seismic Risks				
WATER:				
Policy – Quality and Quantity				
Resources—Columbia Basin				
SOCIAL POLICY				
Adult Corrections				
Child Care				

Children at Risk				
Education—Postsecondary				
Farmworker Issues				
HEALTH POLICY:				
Adult Mental Health				
Mental Health Services for Children and Youth				
Homeless Youth				
Juvenile Justice				

*Please explain any positions that you want to restudy. Why do you feel it's necessary? What do you hope to gain?

KEEP IN MIND

This is not a major election year, so we will have little voters service work to do. But we need to consider how many of us will be pitching in to work on a proposed study. We need to also remember that there are studies that were proposed – and adopted – at the National LWV convention in June. So also coming up as possible study groups for us are the following:

The LWV Constitutional Amendment Committee will study the process of amending the U.S. Constitution.

The Money in Politics Committee will conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing the lack of member understanding and agreement as to whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. The campaign finance position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.

That's why it is really important that as many of you members participate in this process and help us decide how we wish to use our energy and resources in the coming year.

If you are unable to attend on January 22nd, but have thoughts that you wish to share with the group, please email them to me before the meeting, and I will present them.

TOPIC FOR PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

Submitted by Dolores Ellis

Those of you who didn't attend the December "First Thursday" missed an excellent, thought provoking and revelatory presentation. Jon Skidmore, Bend Assistant City Manager; Greg Chenoweth, Bend Development Coordinator; and Russ Grayson, Bend City Engineer presented a program on System Development Charges (SDCs). SDCs are charges levied when building permits are issued. They are used to finance capital improvements on Bend infrastructure (sewer, water and roads) and Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District. These charges are used to offset the impact of the increased population on these services. One thing that was of particular interest was the disparity in the charges among the four services (sewer, water, roads and the Park District)

Those who attended the event were interested in learning more about these issues. Attendees left with a lot more questions about the issue of SDCs.

Since the LWVDC will be holding our Program Planning meeting at the home of Pat and Marie Gibson on January 22, [see Program Planning article on another page], I would like to suggest that our discussion include the possibility of perusing further study on SDCs. Possible investigation could include: How are SDCs computed? Do they in fact cover the cost of the needed capital improvements? Are they fair? How do they affect availability of low cost housing? Do they have any effect on the UGB process? There may be other issues regarding SDCs we would like to know more about.

Please plan to attend this important meeting and have a voice in our League's activities for the next year.

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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.