



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017

JUNE

1 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, the topic will be THE LOFT and J Bar J Youth Services with speaker Amanda Gow.
At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

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



8 Board Meeting, 10am at the County Building. All members welcome

JULY

13 Board Meeting, 10am at the home of Kim Smith, 3211 NW Starview Dr. to be followed immediately by the Planning Meeting

13 Planning Meeting at 11 am, at the home of Kim Smith, 3211 NW Starview Dr. ay's. All members are encouraged to come to both the Board and Planning meeting

30 Summer Social at Dalyte and Don Hartsough's home. This is always a fun get together and I hope everyone can make it.

DateTBA 'League Day at the Lake' up at lake Billy Chinook

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www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm
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National
www.lwv.org
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President's Message

The sun is finally shining consistently and I am grateful. This has been one amazing year looking back at politics and snow amounts. Both had lots of stuff to shovel.

We are down to the last of the 'First Thursday Luncheon' for the year. The Luncheons will start up again next September. Thanks to Dave Stranahan for another year of educational and interesting presentations.

This summer we have a couple of occasions league members will get together. First the Planning Meeting at 11 am, July 13th at my house. We will be having a board meeting immediately prior at 10 am. Please come with ideas about what you would like to see our league involved in over the next year including ideas for First Thursday's. All members are encouraged to come to both the Board and Planning meeting. We will also be having our Summer Social at Dalyte and Don Hartsough's home on July 30th. This is always a fun get together and I hope everyone can make it. I am also hoping to have a 'League Day at the Lake' up at lake Billy Chinook. Details are still being ironed out. I will send more information when it's available. Hope you all have a great summer and see you at our summer activities.

Kim Smith, President, League of Women Voters of Deschutes County

Meet Our New Members

Jodi Littlehales lived in Newport, on the coast, until she went to the University of Oregon. While there she studied political science and worked on some campaign and campus issues while in Eugene.

After college she moved to San Francisco and lived there for 17 years. She moved to Bend in 2015 to be closer to family and has enjoyed the beautiful environment as well as sense of civic engagement in community.

As a conscientious voter, Jodi has always found the LWV recommendations ones she chose to follow. She finds the League honest and especially welcomes the LWV providing accurate, non-partisan information before elections.

Jodi has volunteered in political campaigns and since the 2016 election feels increased concern over the disregard for women's' rights. "The disregard for women is a really important national issue." She looks forward to the 2018 election campaign, and was disappointed that only 22% (I will check that number out, but believe you are correct) of Deschutes County voters participated in what was an election that held truly important candidate choices and issues for our citizens.

With that concern for women's' rights, she has been volunteering with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon www.ppaoregon.org, to help engage supporters for events as well as get out the vote. "I want to support causes I believe in, and work in areas where I can help bring about change."

She remembers her father taking her at a young age with him to vote, and teaching her the importance of voting and responsibility as a citizen to participate.

MEET NEW MEMBERS continued.....

Molly Foerster was born in Oregon, but has spent most of her business career outside the state. She is married and has two daughters. One is a musician living in Nashville and the other has a serious chronic illness. Molly says ironically, it was a great relief that her daughter qualified for SS disability and is now on Medicare, helping her pay for costly medical treatment.

She and her husband lived in San Diego for a number of years, where they were employed by Qualcomm, a high tech telecommunications company in the field of wireless telecommunications. She headed up Investor Relations in the US and then European Government Affairs while living and working in Europe. Her European assignment dealt with legal and standards conflicts between European telecom companies and governments, and Qualcomm.

Now retired and in Bend, Molly has chosen to be active in women's issues, including support of Planned Parenthood and women's equity in running for political office or boards. In canvassing Oregon's second district for candidates she commented on how often contraception and abortion were overriding issues for many in the district's rural areas.

Molly values "a forum in which one can hear a well thought out point of view." She enjoys discussions with others who have different views but have solid factual information supporting their opinions.

Molly points out that the 2018 election year is also the year for the next U.S. Census. The Trump Administration has already removed the existing administrator and is cutting the Census budget. With so many people moving to the Second District, there will likely be a re-districting process and a lot is at stake. How those boundaries are set will be pivotal for many issues.

Linda Frank and her husband moved to Bend last summer, after being life-long residents of Portland Oregon. They have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. Linda is the sister-in-law of Patsy Graves, also a new LWV member. Linda attended the University of Oregon, majoring in Applied Art. She recently attended a class in Abstract Art at COCC, which she enjoyed. "We were taught how to draw an abstract picture of a pencil."

While living in the Portland Alameda neighborhood, Linda kept busy raising her three sons. She also enjoyed volunteering with the Junior League of Portland, the Human Services Coalition of Oregon, the PTA, a Citizens Review Board of Multnomah County (advocating for children in Foster Care), and advocating for K-12 Education funding and drug & alcohol abuse prevention and treatment funding. She learned a great deal while working in a coalition of organizations to write and pass a bill at the Oregon Legislature. It resulted in the signs you see today everywhere liquor is sold that warn of the consequences of drinking alcohol while pregnant. Linda was employed part-time for a number of years in Portland Mayor Vera Katz' Office of Government Relations when the Legislature was in session.

Linda has used LWV publications for years to educate herself on issues and candidates. "The League has always impressed me with its authenticity and how professional and informative the work is that is done on various measures, while remaining neutral on the candidates."

Bev Wilson, Membership Co-chair

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OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

JUNE 1, 2017

THE LOFT and J Bar J Youth Services

With speaker Amanda Gow.

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.