



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY 2014

JUNE

5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, George Endicott, Mayor of Redmond will fill us in on the "State of the City of Redmond"

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

12 Board Meeting and Planning Meeting 10 a.m. at the home of Marie and Pat Gibson. Brown bag lunch. See article on page 2

JULY

26 Summer Social Saturday, at Noon, for our very popular **Summer Social**. This will be at Don and Dalyte Hartsough's home. All members and friends are invited, and members are asked to bring a favorite salad to share. More info on page 2



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President's Message

Dear League Members,

The sweet smell of the blossoming trees is always so welcome here in the high desert. And always so fleeting! They seem to be gone before we know it! I have been watching many birds preparing their nests, but I will be really happy when I see the first hummingbird appear at my feeders!

I have been receiving phone calls from citizens inquiring about the League since I have posted my number as a contact on our website. Some local groups have asked us to lend our name to their cause. It shows you that the League is maintaining its' great reputation. It is not always easy to decline a request. The League can advocate when it chooses, and when the issue is something we have a position on and is approved by the Board.

As you know, Program Director, Marie Gibson recently submitted our local agriculture study findings to the National League. Included in this edition of Echoes is the "Statement of Position!" Thank you to all who participated!

Coming up in June: First Thursday on the 5th, Planning and Board Meeting on the 12th.

On July 26th, the Hartsough's will host the Summer Social. Read on for more details!

I am sure our busy board members are ready to take a bit of a breather, as some of our activities slow down for the summer.

Enjoy!

Geri Hauser/co-president

Summer Social Coming Soon

Save the date of **July 26, 2014, Saturday, at Noon**, for our very popular **Summer Social**. This will be at Don and Dalyte Hartsough's home. All members and friends are invited, and members are asked to bring a favorite salad to share. You may also bring wine if you wish. Other drinks, meat and desserts will be provided. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the view of the Deschutes River from the deck and the lively conversation with your League friends.

Who Made the Salad? At our Annual Meeting someone brought some very tasty Curried Chicken Salad. If you did or if you know who did, could you let us know? Several people have asked for the recipe. If you have it, just send it to any Board member. Thanks so much.

OPEN BOARD MEETING and LOOKING FORWARD

Our Board promises to have a short, efficient meeting to get the immediate business done, and then we'll all pull out our snack/ lunch stuff, sit back, brainstorm about the calendar and our events for the next year, and enjoy!

JOIN US!

WHO ?: YOU!! New member? Long time member? Don't be shy! We truly want to hear what you've enjoyed this last year, and what you wish we should do.

WHEN: Thursday, June 12th, beginning at 10 am. We should be ready to adjourn the board meeting by 11am, and move on the calendar planning part – with our munchies.

WHERE: home of Marie and Pat Gibson "Bring your own lunch", 19530 Mammoth Drive, Bend [**see below for directions**].

We will supply beverages and cookies/fruit. We know it will be a busy voters service season this autumn, but we do keep up with other program issues. They can be topics for our First Thursday luncheons, member meetings, or public forums. Pending topics currently include LWV of Oregon studies addressing "Children at Risk" and "Higher Education".

It will be great to have your input, as we work on our tentative calendar!

Directions to Gibson's home:

[phone 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 automatically as you pull close 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.

NEW: our cul-de-sac is obvious as there is a new home construction just before it begins. Although there is some space in our driveway, it will be much easier if you park on Mammoth Drive, or River Bluff across the way, and walk in!

STATEMENT OF POSITION ON FEDERAL AGRICULTURE POLICIES

Many of you worked hard on our local League's participation in the Agriculture update, and many more of you are undoubtedly interested in this - - we all eat!! This is hot off the presses: On May 15, 2014, the LWVUS Board approved the new Position on Federal Agriculture Policies. The position is based on responses from 243 state and local Leagues.

As Announced by the LWV National Board May 2014

The League believes that government should provide financial support for agriculture that includes disaster assistance, crop insurance, need-based loans and incentives to adopt best management practices. Support should be extended to specialty crops, such as fruits, vegetables and nuts, to new production methods, such as organic, hydroponic, and urban practices, and to farms that supply local and regional markets.

Subsidized crop yield insurance should be linked to implementation of best management practices with the subsidy denied for marginal or environmentally sensitive land. The premium subsidy for crop insurance should be available for a wide range of crops, such as fruits, vegetables and specialty crops. Government should limit the amount of the premium subsidy received by larger farms.

The League supports policies that increase competition in agricultural markets. Antitrust laws should be enforced to ensure competitive agricultural markets. Alternative marketing systems such as regional hub markets, farmers' markets and farmer cooperatives should be promoted.

Clean air and water regulations should apply to all animal and aquaculture production and processing facilities, and not just to the very large confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Such regulations should be designed in a manner that takes into account environmentally sound technologies and the scale of the operation being regulated. Small size operations should not be granted automatic exemption from regulation.

The League believes that government regulatory agencies dealing with animal and aquaculture production should have adequate authority and funding to 1) enforce regulations and 2) gather information that supports monitoring the impacts of all animal feeding and aquaculture operations on human and animal health and the environment.

Government should fund basic research related to agriculture. Government funded research should also address the impact of new technologies on human health and the environment prior to widespread adoption of products developed with such technologies. Assessment of products developed with new technologies should be conducted as transparently as possible, while respecting intellectual property rights. Research should be funded to support the continuation of diversified and sustainable agricultural systems, such as seed banking and promoting and preserving genetic diversity.

To provide adequate safety of our food supply, government should:

- Clarify and enforce pre-market testing requirements for foods and food additives developed using any new chemical technology, such as genetic engineering or nanotechnology;
- Require developers to monitor all such new food products developed after releasing to the market;
- Require developers of such new food products to provide data and other materials to independent third parties for pre- and post-marketing safety assessment;
- Fund independent third party risk assessment examining how long term and multiple exposures to such new foods affect human health and the environment;
- Withdraw marketing approval and require recall if such products are shown to be unsafe;

- Require post-market monitoring of human health and environmental impacts for pharmaceutical applications used in animal and aquaculture production;
- Limit use of antibiotics in animal production to the treatment of disease;
- Promote crop management practices that decrease dependency on added chemicals; and
- Fund, employ and train sufficient personnel for assessment and compliance functions of regulatory agencies.
- The League supports government developing and requiring more informative and standardized definitions on product labeling. Food labeling and advertising should display only approved health and safety claims and an accurate representation of the required ingredient and nutrition lists. The League supports consumer education about labeling of foods developed using any new technology.

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The following quote is from the President of the LWVUS:

Over the past eight years, Leagues, assisted by member experts, have come together to do five national studies. The most recent was updating our agriculture position. In this Update, we publish our Statement of Position on Federal Agriculture Policies which supplements the existing agriculture position adopted in 1988. While we have experienced some bumps along the road to achieving this consensus the member experts on the study committee produced excellent materials and Leagues demonstrated amazing creativity in the process. We had widespread participation and a very clear consensus. Join me in thanking the study committee as well as the board and staff members working with them for their hard work. and I also thank all of our own hard-working members who our own local committee.

Thank you, Marie

First Thursday Luncheon Speaker

George Endicott was elected mayor of Redmond, Oregon in 2009. He is a 1973 graduate of Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He was a computer scientist at SHAPE Technical Centre, then in 1996 to 2003 worked for the US Navy as a Systems Architect. 2003-2005 he was a Systems Integrator at SAIC in the Information, Technology and Service Industry. He will tell us what's happening in Redmond!

Come hear how Redmond is doing and what is in store!



League of Women Voters of Deschutes County
Annual Meeting Minutes **April 17, 2014** Deschutes
Historical Museum

Members in attendance: Andrea Blum, Corol Ann Cary, Dolores Ellis, Marie Gibson, Pat Gibson, Dalyte Hartsough, Don Hartsough, Geri Hauser, Denise Mahoney, Susie Penhollow, Jacqui Pennock, Kim Smith, Laurel Sorlie, Dave Stranahan, Joseph Corley, Anita Elliott, Carl Elliott, Eve McFarland and Bonnie Corley.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County was called to order by Co-president Geri Hauser at 10 a.m. With 19 members in attendance, the president determined there was a quorum and the meeting could proceed. Introductions were made of those attending.

Geri announced that the LWVDC had a new web site (lwvdeschutes.org) and that it should be used on all league publications from now on, e.g. **the Cascade Echoes**.

Minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting: Bonnie moved and Kim seconded approval of the minutes from the 2013 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. There were no questions, however members stated it was a good representation of how much the league had accomplished over the last year.

Financial Report and Proposed Budget: Pat Gibson reviewed the Financial Report with the members. He pointed out that the league had \$3,401 in our account as of the end of March, and that when a league member had an expense for which the member did not accept reimbursement, that amount was considered a "contribution" for purposes of the budget. The number of members considered in the budget was based on our membership as of January 31, 2014, which is the date State and National LWV uses to calculate our PMP (per member payments). Don asked if we had received any funds from the Thomas Paine event at the Tower Theatre in February. Geri said she had contacted the Tower Theatre and the person she needed to speak with was gone; so they said they would get back to her. Dolores moved and Don seconded acceptance of the Financial Report and adoption of the proposed budget. Motion carried.

By Laws Change: Dalyte discussed the proposed change to Article VI, Section 3, Dues, of LWVDC Bylaws as outlined in the Annual Meeting Workbook. She explained that the change was being proposed in order to align our bylaws with the LWVOR and LWVUS PMP schedule. It would also simplify our membership recordkeeping. We would no longer need to keep track of those who had paid one-half of the dues amount for joining between January 1 and March 31. The proposed language stated that "new members who pay dues after January 31 shall be members through June 30 of the following year." Laurel moved and Corol Ann seconded approval of the proposed bylaws change. Motion passed

Local Program: Marie reported that at the January program planning meeting, the membership recommended making no changes to our local program and adoption of our current local positions. She said she had recently sent in our report on the LWVUS Agriculture Study consensus

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questions; however two proposed state studies (children at risk and higher education) have yet to materialize. Don mentioned that he and Dalyte had attended a LWVOR program meeting and there had been considerable interest in the "Children at Risk" study. He expressed surprise they had not moved forward yet. Given the interest in "children at risk" state study, Dave suggested that we have a speaker on "human trafficking." He knew some local people who could speak to that issue. Concerning the "higher education" study, Dolores pointed out that speakers on "education" had the lowest turnout at our luncheons. However, with OSU Cascades being so controversial, that might be different in the future. Corol Ann moved and Kim seconded adoption of the current local program. Motion passed.

Board Recognition: Co-president Dalyte thanked Geri for the good job she has done for the League for this past year. She thanked each board member individually and gave each a gift in appreciation.

Nominating Committee: Dolores reported that all board members had agreed to finish their current terms except for the position on Vice President, which was now vacant. Denise Mahoney and Susie Penhollow, whose terms were expiring, had agreed to an additional two-year term. Jacqui Pennock had agreed to be Nominating Chair for next year. Geri asked if there was anyone in attendance who would be willing to accept the nomination as vice president, or if there was anyone who would be willing to help with the ordering and distribution of the Voter Dolores moved and Corol Ann seconded that the ballot proposed by the Nominating Chair be accepted by acclamation. Motion s' Guides. There were no nominations from the floor. carried.

Direction to the Board: Bonnie wanted to discuss ways that we could get our membership more involved in the League. She felt that the more personal our request for help, the more likely the member would become involved. Dolores expressed continued support for the league's battle against "money in politics." Those board members who have been following the LWVUS reports stressed that the National League was very involved in this issue.

Anita said she wanted the league to be as involved as possible in voter registration, possibly looking into registering high school students. Susie pointed out that although high school students might register to vote, very few actually voted.

Andrea suggested that the league have a policy in place for what kind of activities we would co-sponsor and under what circumstances. We are often asked to co-sponsor events and have a difficult time responding in a timely manner since we don't have a policy to help make this decision (e.g. Thomas Paine event and the OSU Transportation panel with LandWatch).

Kim applauded league members for all they had done this past year, from luncheon speakers to candidates' forums, and said she was proud to be a member. Geri mentioned that our events were being publicized in the Social Justice Center publications, and that we could use their facility for small meetings. She also mentioned that we could discuss or follow the league on *face book* through a "*face book* button" on our website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Blum, Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY
FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

JUNE 8, 2014

Speaker will be:

George Endicott, Mayor of Redmond
will fill us in on the “State of the City”

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.