



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY 2018

APRIL

5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Our First Thursday program will feature **Matt Cowell** and his legislative team, from "Mothers Demand Action for Gun Sense"
At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend.)** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

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

19 ANNUAL MEETING Save the date. You will receive the Annual Meeting packet by April 9 with details

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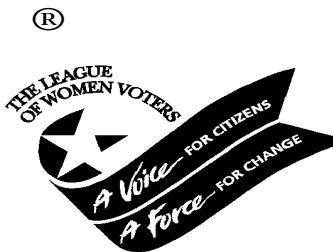
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League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy



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President's Message

'March for Our Lives'; The very title of this march lets you know the desperation of what these kids are feeling. Imagine being made to go someplace, in this case your school, where you know you might violently die and see images and stories almost weekly of that happening. This is not the America I want for our kids. Thank you to the wonderful group of men and women who participated in the 'March for Our Lives' this past weekend. With the kind of energy I saw at the march, I know we can get assault weapons out of our kids everyday lives. Thank you, Geri Hauser, for organizing the LWVDC turnout.

The League of Women Voters of Deschutes County's **Annual Meeting** is coming up on **Thursday, April 19th**. Please mark your calendars. It will be at 3211 NW Starview Dr. Bend 97703. The pre-confab starts at 9:30 am with coffee and crescents. The meeting will start at 10 am. Afterwards we will have a potluck lunch (bring a salad or dessert to share). Drinks will be available. Look for the workbook for the Annual Meeting which should be arriving in your email/mailboxes about 10 days before the meeting.

Thank you to all the members who have given their time to do Voter Registration at our local High Schools. We have been or are going to; Marshall High School, Mt. View High School, Summit High School and the Redmond Proficiency Academy. Though I would have wished for more students to sign up, I think with the motor voter we are covering the ones that would not have voted unless we did this outreach. Luckily by next year, everyone should be covered that wants to be. Thank you to Mimi Alkire for making the arrangements for this outreach and a big Thank you to our Voter Volunteers: Geri Hauser, Anne Goldner, Lynn Norris, Eve McFarland, Carol Cavoretto, Lesley Srikantaiah, Linda Frank, Anita Elliott, Annis Henson, Sue Fountain, Kate Bailey, Dalyte Hartsough, Don Hartsough, Jodi Littlehales, Mimi Alkire and Diane Beathe. It was really fun working with all of you.

Mimi Alkire will also be doing outreach at Bend High School teaching about the league and giving a civics lessons to a number of classes. Thank you Mimi for this great community service.

Keep your fingers crossed! The paperwork for our conversion to a 501c3 entity has finally been finished and sent in to the IRS. We should hear in 1-2 months if our request has been accepted.

We are still looking for a Social/Events Chairperson for the slate. The main responsibilities of this office are bringing coffee and paper products to the forums. This was my first job on the board and is a great way to be more involved. This position takes very little time. Please let me know if you are interested.

Happy Spring!

Kim Smith, President, LWV of Deschutes County

We have received reports that petitioners for [IP 22](#), "**Stop Oregon Sanctuaries**," have distorted the issue when asking for voter's signatures. Please advise your members and communities to "Decline to Sign" if they don't understand or DON'T SUPPORT any petition, or if a petitioner cannot present a full copy of its text. Also use our "[Think Before You Ink](#)" PDF or printed brochure in English and Spanish. IP 22 is stating that our state police can be used to help ICE officers. Where now according to State law, state police can not be used to help ICE.

Norman Turrill
President
LWV of Oregon (lwwor.org)
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Volunteers at Mt View HS on March 15

2018 Voter Registration in the Deschutes County High Schools

After contacting the high schools in the Bend, Redmond, and LaPine, the LWV of Deschutes County received invitations to send volunteers to five of the nine local high schools to register eligible high school students to vote in the upcoming elections. As of this writing, we have gone to Marshall and Mt View High Schools in Bend. The week of April 2, small groups of volunteers will go to Summit and Bend High Schools and the Redmond Proficiency Academy.

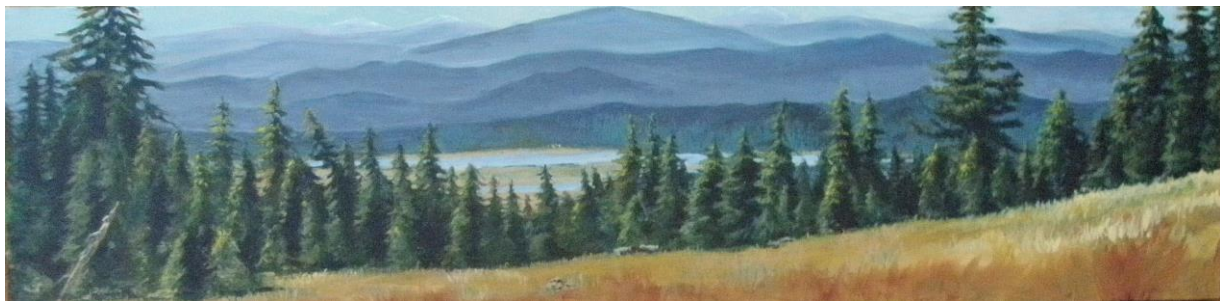
Any student who will be 18 years old by May 15 can vote in that primary and by November 6 can vote in

the 2018 general election. Students over the age of 16 are eligible to register to vote. Since Oregon has a "Motor-Voter" law, any student with a driver's license has been automatically registered to vote by the DMV. However, they are registered without a party affiliation, making voting for party candidates in Oregon's closed primary system impossible. While many of the students we talked to were too young to vote in 2018, there were many that were unaware of the need to re-register for the party of their choice. Because of the automatic voting registration through the DMV, we currently have nearly 1/3 of Oregon voters in the non-affiliated category.

Thank you to Kim Smith, Mimi Alkire, Geri Hauser, Eve McFarland, Lynn Norris, Anne Goldner, Carol Cavoretto, Lesley Skikantaiah, Anita Elliott, Annis Henson, Sue Fountain, Kate Bailey, and Don and Dalyte Harsough. The conversations they were able to have with high school students were positive and helpful for building a foundation of informed future voters.

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a nonpartisan organization that respects the 2nd Amendment and works for common-sense gun laws all over the country. We have more than three million members across all fifty states including hundreds here in Central Oregon.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY
FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

APRIL 5, 2018

Speaker will be Matt Cowell
and his legislative team from

**"Mothers Demand Action
for Gun Sense"**

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.