



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018

DECEMBER

7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Caroline Skidmore will speak about “Our Changing Climate: Impacts on the Pacific Northwest, Solutions, and How to be an Agent of Change”. See last page.
At Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend.) 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

3 Holiday Party, a separate invitation sent to members. Please let Carol Cavoretto know if you did not receive one in the mail.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Awbrey Glen

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

JANUARY

4 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, the topic to be announced At Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

4 Possible candidate forum. Stay tuned

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

25 Program Planning meeting Thursday, at 11:30 am at The Black Bear Diner in Bend

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www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm

State

www.lwv.or.gov

National

www.lwv.org

Nationwide Election Information

www.VOTE411.org

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President's Message

Life looks a little different when you have to keep your foot up on pillows. As some of you know, I had surgery on my foot a week or so ago and can only be vertical a few minutes a day. However, I am looking forward to our League's Holiday Party coming up this weekend on Sunday but may have to keep my socializing at a sitting level. I hope you will all come by and say hi. Thank you to Carol Cavoretto and her helper Eve McFarland for putting together the party this year. There will be a few things to bid on at the party. The proceeds of these items go towards paying for the balance of the party cost as we keep the party at a lower cost so that all of our members can hopefully participate. We will also have a door prize. If you can, please bring a book, DVD or an item to auction off to support our league. Thank you Dalte Hartsough for running our auction.

We are planning on having a forum in early January about the upcoming ballot measure we will be voting on in January's special election. Our state league has come out in favor of a yes vote on this measure and we want to educate the public and ourselves about the measure.. Look for an email about the upcoming forum. All members are encouraged to come to the forums to support and help out. Thank you to our Voter Service Chair Susie Penhollow for putting this forum together.

Our Program Planning meeting will be on Thursday, January 25th at 11:30 am at The Black Bear Diner in Bend. Please mark your calendars. All members are invited to come and be a part of planning our Program for the next year.

Our First Thursday Luncheon topic will be about Climate Change and the effects on our local environment. I hope you can make it to this important meeting.

Being this time of the year, I would like to tell you how thankful I am to the members of this league. With the political climate we find ourselves in, it makes it a little bit easier being in a group of people who hold similar progressive viewpoints.

Thank you, Kim Smith, President League of Women Voter of Deschutes County

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Caroline Skidmore's presentation will provide a brief overview of the science behind climate change, impacts globally as well as on the Pacific Northwest, and the specific solutions we have to reduce pollution. Caroline will also provide information on specific legislation at the federal, state, and local level that can protect our environment for future generations.

Caroline moved to Bend from Portland in 2002. She has owned and operated Skidmore Speech and Language Services, a pediatric speech pathology clinic in Bend since December of 2002. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of California and her Masters of Science degree in Communication Disorders from the University of Oregon. Caroline is an active member of the Bend community. She is a member of Citizen's Climate Lobby, Indivisible Bend, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Sierra Club, and The Environmental Center. Caroline serves on the Grant Review Board for Adler's Voice, the Advisory Board for Central Oregon Disability Support Network, and the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. Caroline stays politically active and has volunteered for the Deschutes Democrats and campaigned for local candidates including Lauren Sprang and Gena Goodman-Campbell.

In March of 2017 Caroline, along with her two teenage sons, became a Climate Leader through Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Since becoming a Climate Leader, Caroline has given presentations on climate change and renewable energy to a variety of community organizations including Indivisible Bend, 350Deschutes, The Environmental Center, Roundabout Books, and First Presbyterian Church. She is passionate about working to protect our environment for future generations and strengthening Oregon's economy through the renewable energy industry.

In her spare time, Caroline enjoys playing in the outdoors, yoga, reading, and river rafting with her husband, two teenage sons, and dog Arlo.

LOOKING AHEAD: PROGRAM PLANNING IN JANUARY!

As we head into the busy holiday season, I would like you to keep in mind that an important part of the League's work will be the focus of our program planning meeting on the last Thursday in January.

At that meeting we will be discussing all aspects of our local program: what we've been focusing on, what's pending, and what we may consider next. Most important: what do YOU think should be something that we should be working on?

At the same meeting, we will be looking at our National League program, and whether there is a need to add anything? One provocative suggestion has come in from a League in Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro. They are proposing that the National League consider a new national study at next year's convention. This would focus on Artificial Intelligence. "As with all new technology, some is good and some is amazing, but some has the potential to be threatening." And "Washington has yet to think about the impact of this technology on our society. We need to have a big national discussion: what rules should there be and who gets to set them."

However, the LWVUS Board recommends that Program 2018-2020 continue The Campaign for Making Democracy Work® with Leagues throughout the country working on:

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting

Next month, I'll send a more formal invitation for the meeting.

Thanks, Marie Gibson, Program



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY
FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 7, 2017

The speaker will be **Caroline Skidmore**
Who will speak about “Our Changing Climate:
Impacts on the Pacific Northwest, Solutions, and
How to be an Agent of Change”.

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.