



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR AND FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018

FEBRUARY

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At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend.)** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
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8 Board Meeting 10am in the DeArmond room

MARCH

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

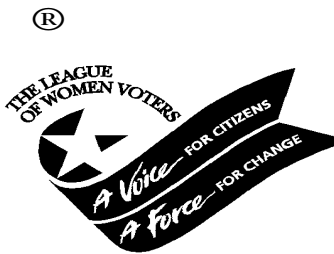
8 Board Meeting, 10 am in the DeArmond Room

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President's Message

It was wonderful to see the large groups of women and men that came together for the second Woman's March to show their support for women's issues and progressive ideals across the country. Thank you to Geri Hauser for organizing our members and Thank you to the rest of the members who supported this important show of progressive solidarity at our local Woman's March in Bend.

I had an interesting wake-up call while I was in Honolulu. When my phone and the others I was with phones did a loud alert tone along with the warning, "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL." One of my first thoughts was 'What did that idiot do now?'. This makes me feel like our work supporting issues that are progressive is even more important than ever before and voting for candidates that support those issues and are willing to use diplomacy over hyperbole is imperative.

Thank you to Susie Penhollow for putting together a great forum for Ballot Measure 101. It was an interesting discussion which for me boils down to are you willing to vote for covering health care costs for our most vulnerable populations which is a yes vote, or not. I hope you joined me in voting yes for this important measure.

Our yearly Planning Meeting is this Thursday at the Black Bear Diner at 11:30 am. We will be going over the different areas we can focus on over the next year. Some contenders will be: Abolishing the Electoral College, AI and It's Threats, Local Water Issues and others. Please come and discuss what you think this year's priorities should be. Lunch is on your own but it is not necessary to order to come to the meeting.

We are in need of members to step up and help in various position on the LWV of Deschutes County Board. We need people in Membership, VP, and others. If you have some time and are interested in getting more involved please let me know. These positions do not take much time but really help our organization.

Yours in League,

Kim Smith, President LWVDC

Feb. 17th AAUW meeting.

The subject for the Feb. AAUW meeting is Cannabis and the speaker will be Tristan Reisfar who began his cannabis reform advocacy in the early 1980's with efforts to legalize marijuana in Oregon. Tristan has helped hundreds of patients navigate the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program as the manager of Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse (MAMA), He has also served on the Advisory Committee for Medical Marijuana and has been a member of the Bend Chief's Citizen Advisory Committee for the Police Dept. since 2000.

The meeting is at the Central Oregon Realtors Association, 2112 NE 4th St. Gather at 9:30 and meeting begins at 10:00. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Carol Cavoretto--cav4hiking@gmail.com or 541-385-8144.

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER AND TOPIC

The League of Women Voters of Deschutes County on Feb 1, 2018, presents an overview of Medicaid health care programs for low-income seniors. Three speakers will outline their Medicaid programs that are offered in the County that will include long-term care which is increasingly becoming a financial burden for many seniors.

Medicaid is a federal health insurance program that covers seniors (as well as other citizens) who live at or below the poverty income level in states who participate in the federal Medicaid program.

Medicaid is a high priority in the Oregon health care debate today. Proposition 101 (Temporary Assessments to Fund Health Care for Low-Income) had a strong yes vote for funding of the required Oregon Medicare match for Federal Medicaid dollars at the time of this publication.

The poverty measure of seniors in Oregon according to the Henry Kaiser Family Foundation "Poverty of Seniors by State for Oregon 2013" was 8% by income but 13% using costs that seniors would occur on a regular basis. Central Oregon attracts retiring seniors who were 19.3% of the population in 2016.

Three speakers at the League Program will address Medicaid programs for seniors in Deschutes County.

Peter Polanco of the Department of Human Services Oregon Health Authority will introduce Angela Joyner who will speak to the Department's eligibility programs and Keya Rohovit-Wrolson from the Authority will address Long Term Care services and options.

Tricia Gardner is employed for PacificSource Community Solutions, a coordinated care organization as well as The Gorge, as a health services manager for Medicaid Case Management Program. She is a registered nurse and licensed clinical social worker.

The League program will be at the Black Bear Diner Meeting Room in Bend. Lunch may be ordered after 10:30 AM and the program will start at 11:45 AM and finish at 1 PM.

Meet Our New Member

Our newest member may be the first to march with the League in the Women's' March before she even had a chance to attend one of our luncheons! Lauren Backes said, "It was so incredible. The energy was so powerful and positive and inspiring. I was almost in tears."

Lauren has lived in Bend for five years. She grew up in Redmond, WA., lived in Cannon Beach for one year: too grey. Psychology was her major at Santa Clara University. She works for the Bend Downtown Association and says we may see her hanging banners around town at times.

Her new interest is doing Untitled Improv. She completed Improv 1, is now taking 2 and 3 together. "It opened a different part of my brain." It requires her to commit to a scene partner. "Like continuous trust as you improvise off each other's words and actions." First performance will be in February. Good luck with this, Lauren.=

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Overview of Medicaid health care
programs for low-income seniors

The speakers will be

Peter Polanco of the Department
of Human Services Oregon Health Authority
Keya Rohovit-Wrolson, District 10 Lead Case Manager

Angela Joyner who will speak
to the Department's eligibility programs

Tricia Gardner works
for PacificSource Community Solutions,

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.