



# CASCADE ECHOES

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

### JANUARY

**4 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**, with speaker **Bruce Abernathy**. The Bend City Councilor will talk about what is happening on with the Council and how the newly elected Mayor position will affect the Council and Bend. At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

**4 Ballot Measure Forum at 1 pm (set up at 12:30 pm) in the Brooks room at the downtown Bend Library. First Thursday's speaker the same day, will be moved to an earlier time, 11:30 am vs the usual noon time** to accommodate our ability t forum  
**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

### FEBRUARY

**7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**, 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



#### WEB SITES

Local

[www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm](http://www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm)

State

[www.lwv.or.org](http://www.lwv.or.org)

National

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Nationwide Election Information

[www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org)

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# President's Message

December, 2017

What wonderful time to come together with friends, family and our community. I hope you are having a wonderful season and enjoyed your Festivas, Kwanza, Hanukah, Christmas, Solstice Celebrations or whatever your winter celebration.

You can thank me for the lack of winter snow this year...I pre-paid to have my snow removed for the season because of what was my upcoming foot surgery. You are welcome. Now watch...

We are starting out the year with a bang!

Our First Thursday on January 4<sup>th</sup> will be starting 15 minutes early at 11:45 am. The speaker is Bruce Abernathy. The Bend City Councilor will talk about what is happening on with the Council and how the newly elected Mayor position will affect the Council and Bend.

Our Forum on Ballot Measure 101, about funding the Health Care for all Oregonians will be starting at 1 pm at the Bend Downtown Library in the Brooks Room also on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting both sides of the measure. Please send your questions to Susie Penhollow and as always, make sure the questions are to both of our presenters or we can't use them. Please send your questions to Susie at: [msпенh@bendbroadband.com](mailto:mспенh@bendbroadband.com) We also need help with room monitors and members to bring finger foods to the Forum.

We are co-sponsoring the Bend Clean Energy Jobs meeting 'Workshop' on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Universalist Unitarian Church. Thank you to Mimi Alkire and Wanda Sobiegraj for being our point people on this event. See my previous email for more information about this event that is being sponsored by 5 local groups. Tickets are free and available for anyone.

Please click on this link to get tickets to this event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/141037019891959/>

Our yearly Program Planning Meeting is at 11:30 am on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Diner. We will be going over our program and looking at what we will focus on for the next year. The areas we will be looking at will be Civil Discourse and "AI and the Future". Please come with your ideas. This should be an interesting discussion.

We really need members to step up in the coming months. We have a couple of positions on the Board opening up and need you to step up. I will be sending out a future email asking for help with specific positions soon. Most

## FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Bruce Abernathy was elected and seated on the City Council in January 2017. He also served on the City Council from 2000 to 2008, including a stint as Mayor.

Bruce moved to Bend in 1992. He is married to Dr. Mary Meador and has two adult daughters. Bruce's top issues include affordable housing and homelessness. He has been involved in educational initiatives including Children's Forest of Central Oregon, Camp Tamarack (outdoor school), Better Together, Cascades Commitment and TeachOregon.

### EDUCATION:

Graduate: John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Master's in Public Policy

Undergraduate: Swarthmore College, BA in Economics and Political Science

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Bend La Pine School District, *Grant Writer*

### CURRENT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Central Oregon Community College Board Member

Rotary Club of Greater Bend Member

### PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Bend-La Pine School District Board Member

Bend Park and Recreation District Board Member

## **BRIGHTEN THE END OF JANUARY WITH AN EXTRA LUNCHEON!**

BLACK BEAR DINER will again be our lunch spot, this time for a more social twist for our program planning meeting.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 11:30 am, is when we'll be gathering, in our usual backroom spot. As usual, we'll be able to order lunch and enjoy it with our discussions and decision-making

### **QUESTIONS:**

What is program planning? Even prior to that question: what *is* program?

### **What is League Program?**

League program is the education and advocacy platform that we adopt to move our mission forward. League Principles and positions on public policy issues are included in Article XII of the LWVUS Bylaws

Art. XII, Sec. 1 and 2 of the LWVUS Bylaws defines program as follows:

Sec. 1. Principles. The Principles are concepts of government supported by the League and are the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program.

Sec. 2. Program. The program shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen either by the convention [for state or national program] or at the local annual meeting for local program.

When adopted, those issues receive concerted study or concurrence and action.

In alternate years the national or the state LWVs hold their conventions. In 2018, the National League will be convening, so we will be addressing National Program. On our local level, we have our annual meeting every year.

**Therefore, at our January meeting, we will be discussing both National and Local Program.**

### **NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR DISCUSSION:**

During January and February 2018, local and state Leagues throughout the country will conduct program planning and make program recommendations in a general membership meeting. This year, Leagues are also asked to share information on how their work will impact the **Campaign for Making Democracy Work**® as well as identify LWVUS positions that they intend to use in education and lobbying. These may include our positions on voting rights, improving elections, campaign finance/money in politics and redistricting.

At Convention 2016, delegates voted to support a program that would fully utilize core League positions in the area of Voting Rights and Election Reform. This decision was preceded by a biennium where state and local Leagues studied and agreed on three Government positions: Campaign Constitutional Amendment Process and Redistricting.

Here are brief summaries of the pertinent current National Program; the dates are when the position was adopted. *[Adapted from the League Of Women n Voters Of Marion & Polk Counties, Salem, Oregon, 2016 – 2017 Position Summaries]*

**Money in Politics:** The League believes the methods of financing political campaigns should Finance, ensure transparency in the sources of campaign contributions, avoid political corruption (defined in the full position statement), en-sure enforcement of campaign finance laws, abolish Super Pacs, restrict donations and bundling by lobbyists, and set spending limits (as described in the full position statement). 2016

**Redistricting:** The League supports redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation. 2016

**Voting Rights:** Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote. (pre-1996)

**Constitutional Amendment Proposals:** Considerations for Evaluating: The League will only support a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution if it advances and conforms to an LWVUS position and is an appropriate and well-crafted constitutional amendment. 2016

**Constitutional Conventions:** The League believes a Constitutional Convention should be limited to a specific topic, proceedings must be transparent, and representation be based on population. Delegates should be elected, not appointed, and vote as individuals. 2016

## LOCAL PROGRAM FOR DISCUSSION

All members of LWVDC should have a booklet that contains all of our current Local Program. Please contact me if you need a copy. We will have some copies available at the January 4<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, or I can send you a link that you can download.

Current program includes positions on the following:

- Affordable housing for low income families
- Corrections facilities
- County charter government
- Local education
- Hazardous materials transportation
- Land use
- Transportation

It is clear that some of these topics are pretty hot-button issues these days. Discussion may include how we can be more active in one or more of these areas, and/or whether you think it is important to address a new issue.

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY AND IDEAS AT THE LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>. AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO REMEMBER IS THAT IF YOU ARE FEELING PASSIONATE ABOUT AN ISSUE, WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND PARTICIPATION.

Wishing you a most happy New Year,

Marie Gibson, Program Chair

[jpgmjg@gmail.com](mailto:jpgmjg@gmail.com)

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The text is surrounded by several colorful, flowing streamers in shades of green, purple, pink, and blue, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

December 27, 2017

## Fundraising in 2018

In this critical time for our democracy, we are encouraged by the number of new members who have come to the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County. Our mission is to strengthen our democracy through a more informed electorate, and our success depends on your support.

While we collect yearly dues from all our members, all, but just a few dollars, goes to membership fees for your state and national memberships. For the important work that we do locally, we rely on donations from all of you. 2018 will be a critical election cycle for which we will need to step up to the challenge of providing educational opportunities for Central Oregon citizens. We need your help more than ever in this coming year to support our educational forums for candidates and state and national bills and measures.

Please take a moment to write a check to our LWVDC to support our efforts to strengthen our democracy. Bring your tax-deductible contributions to a First Thursday or other LWVDC event or send to:

Make checks payable to: LWVDC

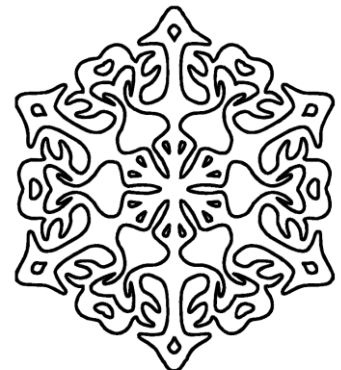
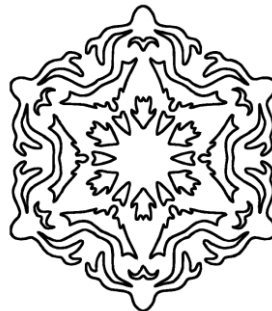
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## Clean Energy Jobs Bill

### Clean Energy Jobs Bill 2018: Let's Get This Done!

On Sunday, January 7, from 6:30-8:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon, you will have an opportunity for you to learn more about the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. You will get an update on the bill, the economic benefits to Oregonians of a cap and invest policy, and more. Learn about opportunities to make our voices heard by our elected representatives in Salem. This event is presented by the UUFCO Climate Justice Committee; the Juniper Group of the Sierra Club; Caroline Skidmore, Climate Leader; and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County. You can get more information on Facebook @BendCleanEnergyJobsBill. The organizers of the event request that you "purchase" a free ticket through their Facebook page, so they will have an idea of how many will be attending.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

**FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**

***JANUARY 4, 2018***

The speaker will be

***Bruce Abernathy.***

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will talk about what is  
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and how the newly elected Mayor position  
will affect the Council and Bend.

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

at **Black Bear Diner,**

on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.