



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY 2015



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



JUNE

4 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. Topic is State of the City of Sisters with mayor, Chris Frye. at Black Bear Diner, on the corner of 3rd and Olney Streets in Bend.

11 Board Meeting 10 a.m. at the County Building.1300 Wall St.,Lyons Room

JULY

2 Thursday, CALENDAR PLANNING FOR 2015 - 2016 from 10:00 am to about 12:30pm. WHERE: home of Marie and Pat Gibson, 19530 Mammoth Drive; email: jpgmjg@gmail.com, 541-385-9227 BRING: your brown bag lunch, and your ideas. We'll supply beverages and dessert snacks. See more info on page 3

25 Summer Social, will again be hosted by **Don and Dalyte Hartsough**,60663 River Bend Drive, phone 541-322-0469, 1-5pm

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President's Message

Dear LWVDC Members,

I first want to thank our two new board members Dave Stranahan and Susan Meyer for joining our board this year and thank the tried and true board members for staying on. It will be a great year. We are still looking to fill the VP slot. If you are interested, please let me know.

The annual meeting was held April 30th. We discussed a change that will be occurring over the next year with the LWVOR. The state league will become a single 501c3 Tax Exempt Organization. This was voted in during the State Convention. Many state and local leagues across the nation have made this change for financial reasons. The caveat that most worry about is that 501c3 organizations can only use 20% or less of organizational money for advocacy. The state organization feels that this will not be an issue. The Portland local league is in the process of doing the same. (For more information on this please see the LWVDC Annual Meeting minutes or check the state LWVOR website.).

At the Annual Meeting we also heard about our new local study on "Affordable Housing". Thank you to Dolores Ellis and her committee. They are meeting up with many of the people who are key in understanding this important and timely issue.

At the beginning of May, Geri Hauser and I were able to attend the LWVOR Convention in Eugene. We had a delightful time and we learned a great deal.

Summer dates to put into your calendars:
July 2nd Yearly Planning meeting, 10 am – 12
July 25th Summer Social, Saturday, 1 -5 pm.

More information about these will be sent later.

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I am sure this next year will be a busy and interesting one for our league. We have a very important challenge ahead of us: Membership. Ours is dropping. We do amazing things; Forums, First Thursdays, Studies and Advocacy but most people don't know about these and most people still think we are a women only organization! Part of the planning meeting will be used for brain storming about how we can outreach to the community and help build our membership. If you have ideas or any opportunities that you know of for putting up our banner and handing out information and sign up forms, please come and share them at the planning meeting or if they are of a more immediate nature, call me or another board member.

I have some sad news to impart, Jackie Pennock died in her sleep May 16. She was a ferocious supporter of the league and many will miss her smile, energy and insights. More will be sent out about her memorial at a later time.

Kim Smith, President

First Thursday Luncheon Speaker

Chris Frye was tapped to take the place of Sisters City Councilor Catherine Childress in February 2014. He became mayor of Sisters by appointment of the Sisters City Council in January of 2015. Owner of the General Store at Black Butte Ranch he had served on the city budget committee and board of directors of the Sisters Christian Academy and on academic boards.

LOOKING AHEAD: JOIN US TO PLAN FOR THE 2015 - 2016 YEAR

During this past "League Season" there have been many highlights including educational member meetings on various topics such as Children at Risk, candidates forums, interesting and sometimes provocative First Thursday Luncheon speakers, and even some social times like the holiday party and the Summer Social.

We hope that you've enjoyed a good sampling of them.

Soon it will be time to do some calendar planning for the new LWV year beginning in September. We've set a date just at the beginning of the summer and hope that as many of you as possible will participate. Our goal is to involve your ideas and suggestions in helping to develop another informative and interesting series of events.

WHEN: July 2, Thursday, from 10:00 am to about 12:30pm.

WHERE: home of Marie and Pat Gibson, 19530 Mammoth Drive; email: jpgmjg@gmail.com, 541-385-9227

BRING: your brown bag lunch, and your ideas. We'll supply beverages and dessert snacks. We'll begin with a one-hour Board meeting [all are invited to sit in]. At about 11 or so, we'll grab our brown bag lunch and gather around to discuss all the possibilities for the next year.

Dear League Members,

It is with a sad heart I let you know that our fellow League member Jacqueline Smith Pennock passed away late last Friday in her sleep.

Linda Gardner, a friend of Jackie's, has graciously offered her home for the memorial service which will be on Saturday, June 13th from 1 - 4 pm. 22055 Rickard Road, Bend 97702

She has asked that the members of the League of Women Voters bring a dessert or appetizer for the service.

Linda has requested that anyone who would like to attend and if possible help, please contact her so she has some idea of numbers. Her email is trixytazzy@live.com home phone is 541-385-0356.

Instructions: Take Knott or 27th to Rickard Road, east 2 miles to driveway, home at end of drive. Please carpool if possible. There will be valet parking for those in need.

Candidate Event

LWVCO held a Candidate's Forum at the Deschutes County Building on Monday April 27, for those running for Bend's Parks and Recreation Board of Directors. The three candidates competing for one Board position were Foster Fell, Dan Fishkin and Brady Fuller.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY**

**FIRST THURSDAY
LUNCHEON**

June 4, 2015

**“The State of
the City of Sisters”**

**With speaker,
Mayor, Chris Frye**

**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.

