



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016

SEPTEMBER

1 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Cheryl Emerson, who serves on Central Oregon Suicide Prevention Alliance. At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend.** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

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

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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



WEB SITES

Local

www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm

State

www.lwvor.org

National

www.lwv.org

Nationwide Election Information

www.VOTE411.org

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President's Message

August 2016

What an interesting election season this is turning out to be. It continues to amaze and give me a sense of awe over what can be said in the name of democracy.

We have a fall filled with activities for our league. The First Thursday Luncheons, Candidate Forums and ballot measure presentations will keep us busy. We will also be participating in Voter registration at the Cultural Festival in September. We need volunteers for all these event and I hope we can count on everyone's participation. If you haven't taken part in any of these events before, please contact me if you would like to know more about what you can do to help.

Geri and I were participants in the City Council meeting on Climate Change in July and presented the league position during the public comment section. In part we encouraged the Council to create a strong resolution and action plan concerning Climate Change.

A special thank you to Susie Penhollow on her impressive abilities to get the Candidate Forums together for this fall. Her ability to 'herd cats' is astounding. We are looking for questions for the forums to ask the candidates. Please send any questions you have for the candidates to Susie Penhollow at mshpenh@bendbroadband.com. Please make sure all questions are for both candidates.

Kim Smith
President LWVDC

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Cheryl Emerson, M.S. is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in private practice in Bend, Oregon. She has a MS in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health) and is a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

She is passionate about suicide prevention and trains community members, educators, medical & mental health professionals, law enforcement and military personnel in suicide prevention & intervention using evidence-based programs & practices. She also offers consultation in postvention. Ms. Emerson serves on the Central Oregon Suicide Prevention Alliance, the associated Primary Care Workgroup, and the Oregon State University-Cascades Health Advisory Council.

Volunteer opportunity

Wildcat Wizards Tutoring Program

Juniper Elementary School

Work with a teacher-referred student one-on-one,

Tuesdays from 4-5 pm, October through May.

Substitute tutors also needed.

Training provided.

Contact: Anita Elliott 541-280-3037

Candidates Forums for November 8 Election

Monday, Sept. 26, 2016:

Candidate Forum for Oregon Secretary of State candidates, 5:15 p.m.
County/State Building, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016:

Candidate Forum for Oregon State Treasurer, 5:15 p.m. County/State
Building, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend

OCTOBER

Monday, October 3, 2016:

Candidate Forum for State Representatives and State Senator, 5:15 p.m.
County/State Building, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend

Thursday, October 6, 2016:

Candidate Forum for City of Bend councilors, 5:15 p.m. County/State
Building, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend

Monday, October 10, 2016:

Candidate Forum for City of Bend councilors, 5:15 p.m. County/State
Building, 1300 NW Wall ST., Bend

Tuesday, October 11, 2016:

Forum co-sponsored by the Deschutes Public Library for Ballot Measure
97: 5:15 p.m. Deschutes Public Library, 606 NW Wall St.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: ADDITIONS ADOPTED BY CONCURRENCE AT THE 2016 LWVUS CONVENTION

Concurrence at Convention is a valid method of developing new League positions and over the years it has been used to adopt new positions ranging from the Violence Prevention position in 1994 to Human Trafficking in 2014. It is particularly useful for issues that are easily understood and where traditional local-League based studies could be expected to reach the same conclusion as the proposed concurrence. The League's Bylaws provide the authority for the adoption of positions by concurrence.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH includes support for:

- Behavioral Health as the nationally accepted term that includes both mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services.
- Behavioral Health care that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth from early childhood through adolescence.
- Early and appropriate diagnosis and treatment for children and adolescents that is family-focused and community-based.
- Access to safe and stable housing for people with behavioral health challenges, including those who are chronically homeless.
- Effective re-entry planning and follow-up for people released from both behavioral health hospitalization and the criminal justice system.
- Problem solving or specialty courts, including mental health and drug courts, in all judicial districts to provide needed treatment and avoid inappropriate entry into the criminal justice system.
 - Health education – from early childhood throughout life – that integrates all aspects of social, emotional and physical health and wellness.
 - Efforts to decrease the stigmatization of, and normalize, behavioral health problems and care.

REDISTRICTING POSITION IN BRIEF:

Support redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation

Redistricting Position:

1. Responsibility for redistricting preferably should be vested in an independent special commission, with membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government, including citizens at large, representatives of public interest groups, and members of minority groups.

2. Every redistricting process should include:

- a. Specific timelines for the steps leading to a redistricting plan;
- b. Full disclosure throughout the process and public hearings on the plan proposed for adoption:
 - i. Redistricting at all levels of government must be accomplished in an open, unbiased manner with citizen participation and access at all levels and steps of the process,
 - ii. Should be subject to open meeting laws;
- c. A provision that any redistricting plan should be adopted by the redistricting authority with more than a simple majority vote;
- d. Remedial provisions established in the event that the redistricting authority fails to enact a plan. Specific provisions should be made for court review of redistricting measures and for courts to require the redistricting authority to act on a specific schedule:
 - i. Time limits should be set for initiating court action for review,
 - ii. The courts should promptly review and rule on any challenge to a redistricting plan and require adjustments if the standards have not been met.

3. The standards on which a redistricting plan is based, and on which any plan should be judged, must:

- a. Be enforceable in court;
- b. Require:
 - i. Substantially equal population,
 - ii. Geographic contiguity, and
 - iii. Effective representation of racial and linguistic minorities.
- c. Provide for (to the extent possible):
 - i. Promotion of partisan fairness,
 - ii. Preservation and protection of "communities of interest," and
 - iii. Respect for boundaries of municipalities and counties.
- d. Compactness and competitiveness may also be considered as criteria so long as they do not conflict with the above criteria
- e. Explicitly reject:
 - i. Protection of incumbents, through such devices as considering an incumbent's address, and
 - ii. Preferential treatment for a political party, through such devices as considering party affiliation, voting history and candidate residence.

NOTE: This position does not supersede any existing state League redistricting positio

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

The Speaker will be

Cheryl Emerson, who serves on Central
Oregon Suicide Prevention Alliance

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.