

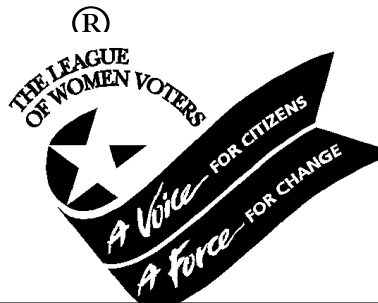


CASCADE ECHOES

League of Women Voters of Deschutes County



League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education



WEB SITES

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011

DECEMBER

2 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Pamela Noor, Chuck Frazier, Laura Lenhardt and Steven Guzauskis from the Council on Aging.on the current issues involving LTC in view of the fact our elder population continues to grow while government budgets decrease. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet. See back page.

9 Board Meeting 10AM at the County Building, Lyons Room. All members welcome.

12 HOLIDAY PARTY, 2pm, Sunrise Village Clubhouse. Details inside and on invitations sent out early this month.

25 CHRISTMAS

JANUARY

6 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON , 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet.

13 Board Meeting 10AM at the County Building, Lyons Room. All members welcome.

20 Membership meeting. Program Planning on Local and State Issues

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS F THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

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Presidents' Message



Dear League Members,

After all of our Voter Service work in October, with five Candidate Forums, it was nice to have a little breathing room in November. Of course, now we all have to plan for our Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. So when you do your planning, please include our **Holiday Party** on **December 12**, Sunday, at 2 pm at the Sunrise Village Clubhouse. Invitations were sent out earlier, but if you didn't get one or misplaced it, just give one of us a call (or email) and we will provide you with all the details.

At the Holiday Party we will again have our "Buck for a Book" table. So bring your books, CD's or DVD's that you are willing to donate. Whatever is left after the party will be donated to the library. We will not have a Silent Auction this year.

We are also planning to have some special musical entertainment during the party. An elegant dinner will again be catered by Tate and Tate. Be sure to send in your checks (\$15 per person) to Eve McFarland by December 3. And, please bring some friends to get acquainted with the League at this very special event.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Anita Elliott and Dalyte Hartsough

Coffee with Becky Nadis (Marie & Bob Nadis' daughter) and friends

Everyone invited
December 23, 2010, 10:00a.m.

Elliotts House, 1853 Arborwood,
541-318-6331

Come and enjoy coffee and
conversation

Dear League of Women Voters,

I recently learned from Jo Caisse at the Bend Library that the League has made a generous donation to the library in my parents' name. I'm writing to thank you for your generosity and for showing how much you cared for my parents. I'd be grateful if you'd pass on my thanks to all the members.

It's been almost a year already. Although we're all getting on with our lives, I have to confess I still miss them very much. They are in my thoughts every day. I will be in Bend from Dec. 22 to 27th in case any of you would like to get together for coffee. It would be a pleasure to see you and thank you in person. All the best,
Becky Naidis



LWV Deschutes County Holiday Party December 12, Sunday

2pm to 5pm
(2-3pm social hour, 3pm dinner)

Sunrise Village Lodge
Food by Tate and Tate, BYOB,
coffee and tea provided

Please send \$15 per person
by December 3

payable to LWVDC

Eve McFarland

Box 1134, Bend, OR 97709

Call Eve at 541-389-5689



Special News

We have just learned that we will have a very special speaker for our Annual Meeting next year on April 21, 2011. We are happy to announce that the **Secretary/Treasurer of LWV-US, Susan Wilson**, will be here to give us her perceptions of what it is like to be on the National Board. Susan is a friend of Dolores Ellis, our Membership Chair. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss this opportunity.

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Pamela Norr, Executive Officer of COCOA (Central Oregon Council on Aging); **Chuck Frazier**, Retired Pharmacist; **Laura Lenhardt**, State Certified Deputy Ombudsman; and **Steven Guzauskis**, Foster Grandparent Program for COCOA

Pamela Norr, comes to COCOA with over 20 years of senior level leadership experience, most of it in a not-for-profit environment. Much of her experience has been in healthcare related fields as a hospital administrator, including organizations in both Oregon and California. Pam did her undergraduate work at University of Oregon. She and her husband, who is a professional artist, have two teen age daughters and one weird dog and reside in Bend.

Chuck Frazier is a retired registered pharmacist and Past-President/CEO of *RxConsult, Inc.*, which provided Pharmaceutical Care consultant services to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. He graduated in 1962 from Purdue University with a BS in Pharmacy. In 1971, Chuck earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma. Additional post graduate work includes a Certificate in Pharmacy Consulting awarded in 1993 from Purdue University.

His professional career started by serving thirteen (13) years in the USAF Medical Service Corps and then worked two (2) years in civilian hospital administration. After that he returned to his first love – retail pharmacy.

After twenty (20) years in retail pharmacy, Chuck changed career paths and started doing consultant pharmacy work.

Currently Chuck is the Vice Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and is a past Chairman of the Deschutes County Addictions and Mental Health Advisory Board and currently serves as a member of the Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board.

He has lived in Oregon for the past 13½ years, is married, and has three grown children and six grandchildren.

Luncheon speakers continued.....

Laura Lenhardt has worked with populations in need throughout her career first in education then in social service related fields. She has taught at-risk children at Portland state and Lehigh University, worked with the homeless both at the MacDonald Center in Portland as an outreach volunteer and as the director of a homeless shelter for families in d youth, tau Salem. She has been working with elders in Oregon for five years.

Laura currently works for the Oregon State Office of Long-Term Care as a State Certified Deputy Ombudsman. She works with volunteer Certified Ombudsmen in Central Oregon, Washington County Portland Metro area and on the North Coast. She remains committed to serving some of the most vulnerable citizens of Oregon, those who reside in nursing and assisted living facilities and in Adult Care Homes.

Steven Guzauskis, Foster Grandparent Program Director in Central Oregon for COCOA and a Military veteran with nearly 25 years service began working with the Central Oregon Council on Aging in 1999. Serving in all levels in the agency from meals on wheels volunteer rising up to his present position as Foster Grandparents Program Director which is part of the National Senior Corps Program, he has been committed to serving Central Oregon for over a decade. He is a Magna Cum Laude Graduate of University of Idaho and Master of Arts Graduate of Boston University in International Relations and Strategy.

He has lived in Oregon since 1986 and currently resides in Terrebonne with his Family.

For all kinds of information for voters, including the League's Nonpartisan Voters Guide, go to www.votesource.org. This web site is for everyone, not just League members."

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON TOPIC

The Central Oregon Council on Aging (COCOA) Sponsored Panel will address the current issues involving LTC in view of the fact our elder population continues to grow while government budgets decrease.

Here are the key points which our panel will discuss:

- *Oregon Long Term Care/ Demographic Trends
- *Global Discussion of Long Term Care (LTC)
- *Some issues concerning LTC
- *Ombudsman program and advocacy roll in monitoring quality of care
- *Assistance programs including OPI (**Oregon Project Independence** a state funded program which seeks to keep seniors in their homes for as long as possible by providing in-home house keeping and non skilled personal care to persons who cannot afford to hire a care provider themselves and do not qualify for MEDICAID).

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES: BOARD GUIDANCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ADOPTED CONCURRENCES

Delegates to the LWVUS 2010 Convention adopted three concurrence statements under Article XII Sec. 2(C) of the LWVUS Bylaws which provides for the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention. These concurrences were: 1) an update of the 1983 national position on Arms Control; 2) an amendment to the national position on Selection of the President to support the National Popular Vote compact as another method of selecting the President until such time as the Electoral College is abolished; and 3) an amendment to the national position on Equality of Opportunity to add a statement in support of marriage equality for same-gender couples. At past conventions, delegates have used this type of concurrence process to adopt national positions that are more likely to be the subject of state, as opposed to national, advocacy. The concurrence which adopted the national position opposing the death penalty is the most recent example.

While the Arms Control position depends entirely on action at the national level, the other two concurrences adopt, as national positions, statements which are most easily applied at the state level. The process for applying LWVUS positions at the state and local level is well established. A national LWVUS position does not obligate any League to act. It does obligate every League to not act contrary to the LWVUS position.

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....Convention Concurrences cont.

A state board (or local board) chooses to take action in support or opposition to legislation based on membership understanding and agreement. A position is a critical element, but not the only element, in determining membership understanding and agreement. For example, the new position on Selection of the President would bar a state League from opposing the NPV compact, since that would be contrary to the LWVUS position, but no state League board is obligated to advocate in support of the NPV compact in its state. The same would be true of the new Equality of Opportunity position.

So, these are like every other case in applying LWVUS positions at the state level. Any state board, in determining whether or not to apply a national position to a piece of state legislation, should consider whether there is member understanding and agreement of the issue add position being applied. Similarly, each state board must determine the advocacy priorities for its state based on available state League resources, member interest, and the viability and impact of the issue in the state. Based on the decision of the state board, the state League president is the spokesperson for the League on ressed by the legis state legislation. No other person, including a League member from another state or another organization, is authorized to speak for the League. Similarly, once the state League has determined its state legislative priorities, no local League may speak for the state and all local Leagues may choose whether to take action lation and of the national consistent with that determination or remain silent.

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Are you interested in:

- Meeting additional like-minded League members?
- Meeting and working with state policy makers?
- Participating in engrossing conversations?
- Promoting better citizen involvement?
- Enhancing Oregon's democracy?
- Learning more about Oregon's governmental policies?
- Improving state laws and policies?
- Protecting Oregonians' rights?
- Informing more Oregonians about state issues that affect them?
- Making the League of Women Voters more effective?
- Learning how the LWV gets its job done?

If you answer, "Yes!" to some or all of these questions, then you may enjoy working with the League of Women Voters of Oregon. To help with League work at the state level, please consider a one or two-year position on the board or on a statewide committee of the LWVOR, starting in June 2011—or even now. Specifically we need women and men to help with Membership, Voter Service, Action, Outreach, Technology, Development, Studies, and the Nominating Committee.

In May 2011 at the LWVOR Convention in Salem, League members will elect a President, a First Vice-President, a Secretary, at least three directors (one of whom will be Education Fund Chair), and a Nominating Committee for the 2011-13 term. Over the next few months, we will be writing and calling local League Presidents, asking for recommendations. Serving on a state committee or the LWVOR Board is a great opportunity to learn more about how democracy works in Oregon; to make democracy work better in our state; and to make the League work better at all levels. Please tell your local president that you would like to be considered for the state board or a state committee. Or email a member of the LWVOR Nominating Committee. Thank you!

LWVOR Nominating Committee: Margaret Noel, Chair, mrgtnoel@comcast.net; Pamela Ashland, misschatr@verizon.net; Judith Benjamin, jeq@mind.net; Janet Calvert, jankcalvert@comcast.net; Jane Gigler, jg@efficientfrontier.com; Rose Lewis, lewisrr@xpressdata.net

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 2, 2010

***Pamela Noor, Chuck Frazier,
Laura Lenhardt and Steven Guzauskis***
from the Council on Aging

on the current issues involving Long Term Care in view of the fact our elder population continues to grow while government budgets decrease.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at King Buffet (formerly J.J.North's)
2050 N.E. Third St., Bend (behind McDonald's)