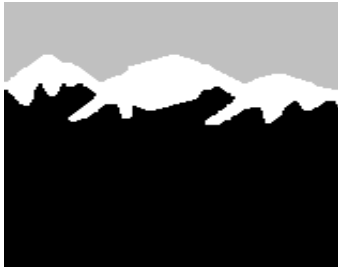




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CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2011

MARCH

3 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON , Dan Despotopulos, the director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center .11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at *King Buffet.*, See article inside and back page

10 Board Meeting 10AM at the home of Marie and Pat Gibson,19530 Mammoth Dr., Sunrise Village, 541-385-9227. All members welcome.

17 Membership Meeting at 10 am to noon. On the study of **local education**. **Nancy Ruel and Carl Elliott** will be sharing what they have gathered. We will meet in **the Hutchinson Room of the Deschutes Public Library**.

APRIL

7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Charles Hemingway from Central Oregon Veteran Outreach, will speak about the current status of services for veterans. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet..

14 Board Meeting 10AM at the County Building. All members welcome.

21 ANNUAL MEETING April 21st at 9:30 am at Sunrise Village Clubhouse. It will be a potluck lunch. The Annual Meeting Workbook will be sent out to members in early April with more details.

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<i>Special Events.....</i>	<i>Kim Smith,382-2660 & Eve McFarland,</i>	<i>389-5682</i>

Presidents' Message

Dear League Members,

We are certainly having unusually warm weather for this time of year. Some of our flowers seem to think it is spring and are starting to peek out of the ground. They will soon discover that we still have mostly freezing nights, and many more months of winter. Even though we had snow in October, at least we didn't have the big storms that so much of the rest of the country had. Or, at least, not yet.

The First Thursday Luncheon on March 3 will feature the Director of the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, Dan Despotopulos. Do you know anything about how the Fair is run? Did you ever wonder if the Expo Center makes any money? Bring your questions and prepare to learn more about this county facility.

To continue our study of **local education** we are planning a meeting to discuss what has been learned so far. **Nancy Ruel and Carl Elliott** will be sharing what they have gathered and look forward to any additional questions members may suggest. All members are encouraged to come on Thursday, March 17, at 10 am. We will meet in the Hutchinson Room of the Deschutes Public Library. Hope we will see you there.

The Annual Raffle sponsored by the State League begins this month. Be sure to get your tickets from **Eve McFarland**, either at the First Thursday Luncheon or at any other meeting, or call her to make other arrangements. The winner gets **\$3,000 towards a trip** of her/his choice. Tickets are \$10 a piece, so get several. The drawing will be May 14

Anita Elliott and Dalyte Hartsough

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

1. General history of the fair grounds?
2. How money is brought to Deschutes County...the fair itself, the Rv park, events (how you get them) and other money makers
3. Why we are not the state fair.
4. The future and long term planning.

Dan Despotopulos has been the Director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center for a little more than ten years. Dan worked for the Ice Capades as a regional manager, VP of operations for Dorothy Hamil International and has over 35 years of experience in the area of facility management, while managing, owning and consulting for facilities throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Dan is one of eight children(4 boys – 4 girls), born and raised in Massachusetts, is married to his wife Sue for 25 years and their son Dustin, a recent graduate of the University of Oregon, now attending UNLV working on his PHD in chemistry.

LEAGUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 12, Central Oregon League members celebrated a holiday dinner together from 2 to 5pm at the Sunrise Village Lodge. A total of 28 people were in attendance. The delicious meal was catered by Tate and Tate. Decorations and set up were done by Kim Smith with her usual lovely flair. The festivity was a warm and enjoyable entry into the Christmas season.

Announcing the LWVOR Raffle 2011 Win \$3000 For the Vacation Of Your Choice!

The LWVOR Raffle 2011 winner will arrange a dream vacation with a certificate of \$3000 to be applied to travel anywhere in the world through travel agent, Doug Walker, Walker Travel, www.walkertravel.com.

Soon Raffle 2011 tickets will be available through your local League's Raffle Representative. Please buy tickets to introduce the League to non-League members, as a fundraiser for your local League, as gifts and towards an excellent vacation for two. The only restrictions are LWVOR board members and staff are not eligible to win, however their relatives are!

Each raffle ticket costs \$10.00 and only 2,000 tickets are printed for this statewide raffle. The drawing will be held at the annual convention on **May 14, 2011**, Saturday night at 8 PM. The winner does not have to be present.

The Raffle will raise about \$15,000 after expenses for the prize, fees, postage, and printing, and has turned out to be an important revenue component to our budget. It raises funds to support Action activities and keeps convention costs and other expenses, such as PMP, down. It identifies non-members who are willing to support our programs.

Not only does this benefit LWVOR, but it also raises funds for local Leagues. If we sell the exact number of tickets as our total number of members, our League will receive \$1 back for each ticket sold. Tickets sold over the membership number will earn us a \$2 benefit per ticket sold. For example, if our total membership is 100 and we sell 120 tickets, our earnings will total \$140. That is, \$100 for the first 100 tickets sold plus 20 times \$2 = \$40, therefore the \$140 total. Raffle tickets will be available for sale in February. Please help LWVOR and our League by buying some for yourself and selling some to friends and family.

For more information contact **Eve McFarland at 541-389-5682**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

MARCH 3, 2011

Dan Despotopulos,

the director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

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)