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## CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE 2011

### MAY

**5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON** , Todd Dunkelberg, Director of the Deschutes County Library System.11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at *King Buffet*,

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

### JUNE

**2 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**, Joe Stutler and Katie Lighthall, Foresters will speak about the Forest and Fire Issues. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet..

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

**SUMMER SOCIAL, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED—a separate invitation will be sent out to members**

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

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# Presidents' Message

Dear League Members,

This is our farewell message as your co-presidents of the LWV of Deschutes County. We have appreciated all of your help and support during the past year as we did what we could to “make democracy work”. We can’t thank our Board members enough for all the outstanding work they have done. They made our job so much easier. As usual, some of the Board members have swapped jobs, so you will continue to see most of the same names (and faces) but some may be handling different responsibilities. Pat Gibson, our Treasurer, is passing on his job to Sara Langton. Pat is the only one who is leaving the Board. Thank you, Pat, for your service. We will miss your calm and patient presence at our meetings. Of course, Pat or any one else, can still come to our meetings whenever one wishes since they are open to all.

We were indeed honored to have Susan Wilson, the Secretary/Treasurer of LWV-US as our guest speaker at our Annual Meeting. Thank you to Dolores Ellis, who is a friend of Susan’s, for arranging the visit. Her talk made us aware of how well our League is doing in continuing our activities, increasing our membership and looking for new ways of promoting our goals.

For the First Thursday this month, on May 5, we will hear from Todd Dunkelberg, the Director of the Deschutes County Library System. Be sure to come and learn more about the changes and plans for the libraries.

The “Federal Role in Education” is a new national League study. The first article on this topic is on the national website: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). Do try to read it and get some background on this subject. There will be more articles to come. We will be studying our local school system and perhaps we will have a State study on Education also, so here is a good place to start. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact some one on the Board and we will get a copy of the material to you by regular mail.

We welcome Nancy Ruel as the new President of LWV-DC.

Anita Elliott and Dalyte Hartsough

## FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Todd Dunkelberg is the director of the Deschutes Public Library System. He began his library career as a children's librarian after graduating from the University of Texas library school. In 1999 he moved to Central Oregon to manage the Redmond Library. In 2005 he led the new Sisters Library building project. He was promoted to director in 2009.

## First Thursday Luncheon Topic

Todd Dunkelberg will speak on the following:

- ...Opening of the East Branch
- ...Electronic Books
- ...Book a Librarian Program
- ...All 6 libraries and what kind of services they do
- ...Future of the Library System

JUNE WILL BE LAST  
FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER

NO FIRST THURSDAY  
LUNCHEONS IN JULY AND  
AUGUST

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

A National Leader Speaks at the  
LWVDC Annual Meeting

We were privileged to hear extended remarks from Susan Wilson, a longtime member of the Redding, CA, League and now LWVUS Secretary/Treasurer. She spoke at our annual meeting, April 21. She explained how the dues that local Leagues pay for each member or "per member payment" (*PMP* to use League jargon) do not cover all of the expenses that the national organization must meet. While the national leaders value *PMP* as a stable source of income, they are looking for other funding sources, such as grants, to fund special projects. They will consider grants from government agencies, corporations, other philanthropic organizations and individuals.

Wilson also described leadership development efforts being initiated by the national organization to enhance the effectiveness of local Leagues. She praised the League of Deschutes County for its professionalism, the dedication of its members and the range of local activities.

She reinforced the value of nonpartisanship for League leaders at both local and national levels. In answer to audience comments, she acknowledged that communications from local leaders to the national office are sometimes frustrating and invited us to communicate with her so that she can direct inquiries to the most appropriate office staff or council member.

Don Hartsough

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

MAY 5, 2011

**Todd Dunkelberg,**  
**Director of the Deschutes County Library**  
**System**

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)