



# CASCADE ECHOES

League of Women Voters of Deschutes County



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## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2010

### SEPTEMBER

**2 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON** , 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.

**23, at 11 am, Water Consensus Meeting**, at Marie & Pat Gibson's home, 19530 Mammoth Dr., Bend. Bring your own lunch. See article inside for details and directions.

### OCTOBER

**7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON** , speaker TBA, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet.

### Candidate Forums, November 2, 2010 General Election

**Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**: 5:15-7:00p.m. Bend City Hall, city council candidates.

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**: 5:15-7:00 p.m. (Bend Public Library): Chris Telfer (R), Ted Wheeler, (D)

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**: 11:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (County/State Bld) Forum not confirmed

**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**: 5:15-7:00 p.m. (Bend Public Library)

State Rep. District 54: Jason Conger (R), Mike Kozak (NA), Judy Stiegler (D)

State Rep. District 53: John Huddle (D), Gene Whisnant (R)

**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**: 11:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (County/State Building)

Forum not confirmed

members welcome.

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# President's Message

From the Presidents

I hope you all had a wonderful, warm summer with lots of time to relax and rejuvenate because we will be needing your help soon with many League activities. Be sure to check the calendar for all the dates of coming events.

Our First Thursday Luncheons at the King Buffet will begin on **September 2** with the **Secretary of Labor, Brad Avakian**, here to speak to us. Soon after, on **September 23** we will be meeting to discuss and try to come to consensus on some of the **Water Issues** for our state. Be sure to read Water Study, Part 2. We are going to try something new and have some drawings at the First Thursday Luncheons for various League items. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars now.

In October we will have **Candidate Forums** and we really need your help. No experience is necessary. Just help bring food or collect questions from the audience, or greet people as they come or be a timer for the candidates. Not tough jobs, and usually fun to talk to your friends and neighbors while you are there. The forums will be **Oct. 4 (at 5:15 pm), Oct. 5 (at 5:15 pm), Oct. 11 (at 11:40 am), Oct. 12 (at 5:15 pm) and Oct. 19 (at 11:40 am)**. You can sign up at the First Thursday Luncheon or call or email Susie Penhollow.

This is the 90th Anniversary year of the founding of the League of Women Voters and the year in which women finally got the right to vote. If you would like to have a reminder of all the work that went into getting that right, please check out an article in the New York Times about suffragists. Go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/14/opinion/14/collins.html>.

Co-Presidents: Dalyte Hartsough & Anita Elliott

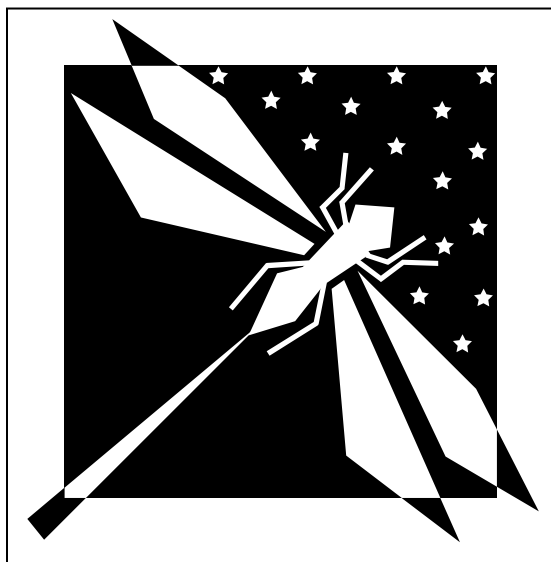
## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

My husband Gary & I moved here in Sept 2007 from Gresham. I was a long time member of the East Multnomah County League & worked on many projects during my time there. I spent time in Salem during legislative sessions, was co chair of hosting & organizing State Council when EMCO was the host, & enjoyed working on the various forums we held.

I am interested in learning more about the issues in Central Oregon & I trust the League for information.

Gary & I like to hike & enjoy the beauty of the area.

Terry Reynolds



## FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

As a young Eagle Scout, Brad Avakian learned that hard work and commitment could lead to positive changes in the lives of others, principles that have guided Brad throughout his life. These principles have led Brad to stand up for worker's rights as a civil rights attorney and to advocate for our children and our environment as a state legislator.

Raised in Washington County, Brad is a product of Oregon's public schools. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1984 with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and Lewis and Clark Law School in 1990 with a Juris Doctor. Brad worked his way through law school by helping create the YMCA's Juvenile Restitution Program, which mentored troubled youth and put them to work to repay the victims of their crimes.

For the next seventeen years, Brad dedicated his life to representing working families. As a civil rights attorney, Brad fought for fair wages, good working conditions and the right to organize and bargain. He also co-founded the Oregon League of Conservation Voters' Washington County Chapter and was appointed by Governor Barbara Roberts to lead the State Board of Psychologist Examiners. Dedicated to a diverse work force, Brad serves as Honorary Chair of the Oregon Business Leadership Network - a coalition of employers committed to hiring the disabled.

During his time in the Oregon Legislature, Brad continued making working families his top priority. The Oregon AFL-CIO named him a "Working Families Champion" and gave him a Gold Medal for Leadership. SEIU Local 503 honored Brad for his work to ensure families have access to quality health care.

As Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural resources Committee, Brad established himself as one of the state's top environmental advocates. In 2007, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters named Brad the legislature's "Consensus Builder of the Year," in part due to his passage of Oregon's Bottle Bill expansion and the Oregon Renewable Energy Act. In 2008, Brad led a diverse coalition of cities, industry, tribes, environmental groups and farmers to design and pass the Agricultural and Community Water Act . This effort will initiate water supply projects statewide to bring desperately needed water to Oregon's farms and rural communities.

## FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON TOPIC

### Brad Avakian, Labor Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries, will speak

at the luncheon which is open to the public. In addition to his own presentation, he will cover the following issues: How federal immigration laws have impacted the enforcement of Oregon wage and employment laws; whether the state apprenticeship programs have been impacted by the recession; whether housing for the mentally ill is protected from discrimination; whether Oregon's rising minimum wage has affected Oregon's unemployment rate during this recession; and other issues suggested by the audience.

BOLI's mission is to protect employment rights, advance employment opportunities, and protect access to housing and public accommodations free from discrimination.

BOLI's four principal duties are to: 1) protect the rights of workers and citizens to equal, non-discriminatory treatment through the enforcement of anti-discrimination laws that apply to workplaces, housing and public accommodations; 2) encourage and enforce compliance with state laws relating to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment; 3) educate and train employers to understand and comply with both wage and hour and civil rights law; and 4) promote the development of a highly skilled, competitive workforce in Oregon through apprenticeship programs and through partnerships with government, labor, business, and educational institutions.

In March of 2008, when former Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner resigned the post, Governor Kulongoski announced Brad as his choice for the appointment. In his acceptance speech the Commissioner said he is excited about the opportunity to "Take the fight for working families to the next level by focusing on apprenticeship training and workforce development. This will allow the Bureau to support both industry's efforts to create more well paying local jobs and our school system's ability to teach Oregonians the skills needed to fill those jobs."

## **Water in Oregon – Not a Drop to Waste All Members invited to come and participate**

### **Introduction:**

Last year we held our membership meeting to discuss the LWVOR publication: **Part 1: Regulating Water in Oregon**, and came to general agreement [consensus] on the questions asked. Now we will meet to discuss and come to consensus on the questions concerning the second part of the study, which is: **Part 2 Issues and Perspectives**. The latter is the name of the publication that all of you members received early this summer.

**When and where?** We will be meeting for a brown bag lunch at 11:00am on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Marie and Pat Gibson, 19530 Mammoth Drive, Bend. [directions follow below] Since the topic is so large, we will hold a second meeting in November to conclude and wrap up.

**These are the questions that we will be discussing at this September meeting. Considering the materials in Parts 1 and 2 of the LWVOR publications, what are your thoughts on these questions? Please come and discuss them with us.**

### **A. Management Structure**

1. There are 11 state agencies with water management responsibilities (*Water in Oregon—Not a Drop to Waste, Part 2* Table 1, detailed discussion of responsibilities by task in *Water in Oregon—Not a Drop to Waste Part 1*), each with its own mission and expertise, interacting with local and federal government and special districts. What actions would you support to improve decision-making by connecting water quality and water quantity issues with each other and with land use decisions? Check all that apply.

- Better communication and cooperation between agencies?
- Conformity in definitions among agencies, such as definition of “beneficial uses”?
- Coordination in the prioritization of water uses/regulations among agencies?
- Consolidation of governmental structures for policy making and/or enforcement?
- Clarification and strengthening of the role of local or regional land use planning in the water management process?
- Other actions? Please describe:

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2. When comparing our current statewide model with possible alternatives for managing water protection which of the following do you prefer? (If applicable, how should these alternative models relate to the multiple political structures within their boundaries?)

- Our current statewide approach
- Basin management
- Watershed management
- Management based on water or soil types
- Management directed by specific tion, which of the following pollutants
- Local government management
- Other? Please describe.

### **B. Tracking Information and Regulating Use**

3. Oregon has limited scientific data on water resources, uses and purity, which impacts the ability of agencies to make informed decisions about water quantity and quality.

Is a comprehensive inventory of all water resources necessary to understand availability of water quantity and quality to meet future needs/demands, or is a more limited approach based upon specific criteria adequate? If the latter, what criteria should be used?

Should currently exempt domestic wells be required to obtain a permit? Why or why not? Should water monitoring/measurement be required by all permit holders and users, or should it be limited according to some criteria? If the latter, what criteria should be considered?

What types of data should water monitoring/measurement collect? Check all that apply.

- How much is used
- Who is using it
- The purpose of the use
- Water purity as compared to standards The time period/date
- Other? (Please describe.)

After installation, when/how often should septic\_\_ systems be required to be inspected?

4. While the current LWVOR Water Quality Position supports the need for water quality standards in Oregon, it does not prescribe how state standards should be determined. What should be the basis for such standards? Check all that apply.

- Promote/foster public health and safety
- Cost
- Other (Please describe.)?
- Address each situation individually
- Changes in land use regulation

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5. Climate change could lead to less snowfall and more erratic rainfall. Population growth will increase demands for water supply. What options should the state use/encourage to address future water needs/demands? Check all that apply.

- Green construction/landscaping
- Rationing
- Increased conservation
- Use of greywater
- Increased water storage
- Other (Please describe.)

6. If water conservation is to become a significant part of water quality and quantity management, do you have a preference in favor of an approach based upon:

- Incentives (such as selling saved water to other users or reduced rates for lower consumption), **or**
- Regulations (such as limiting water use for lawns, requiring water saving toilets, shower heads, etc.)?

What other approaches should be considered in promoting water conservation (specific incentives/regulations targeting categories of users (agriculture, industry, municipal use, domestic )? Please describe:

**Please join us! Thanks, Marie Gibson**

*To the Gibsons: [phone 541- 385-9227]*

*From the Century Dr.; Reed Market/Mt. Washington roundabout head out Century Dr. ( to the mountain). You'll pass Elder Ridge Dr. and Campbell on your right, and an entrance to Mt Bachelor Village on your left. The left immediately after Campbell is Mammoth Drive.*

*Follow Mammoth as it winds to the Sunrise Village gate. (The gate will open automatically.)*

*Continue on Mammoth up the hill, and straight across Sunshine Way. On the right side, you'll pass a cul de sac and then 2 tennis courts, and 2 homes, and then turn right into our cul de sac.(opposite the beginning of River Bluff Trail on the left)*

*We're the middle house and our address is on the garage.(total distance from Century turnoff is under a mile). Parking: In our driveway if you're early and don't have to leave early; in the cul de sac, or in the street.*

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY**

**FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

**Brad Avakian, Labor Commissioner,**

**Bureau of Labor and Industries, will speak** about:

How federal immigration laws have impacted the enforcement of Oregon wage and employment laws; whether the state apprenticeship programs have been impacted by the recession; whether housing for the mentally ill is protected from discrimination; whether Oregon's rising minimum wage has affected Oregon's unemployment rate during this recession; and other issues suggested by the audience.

**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)**