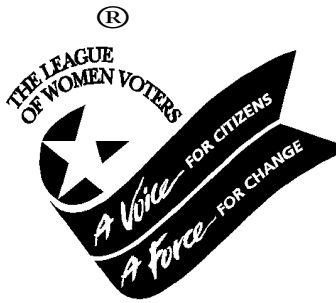




# CASCADE ECHOES



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



## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2011 AND JANUARY 2012

Please note that there is a new venue for the First Thursday Luncheons, BOSTON'S RESTAURANT.

### DECEMBER

**1 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON.** Terry Payne, Deschutes County Community Development Planner, will discuss the recently adopted Deschutes county Comprehensive Plan

**18 Board Meeting 10AM** at the County Building, Barnes Room. All

**11 HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY, 2:00 PM AT SUNRISE VILLAGE**  
Invitations were sent in the mail. If you didn't get one contact Eve McFarland at 541-389-5682

### JANUARY

**5 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON**, Speakers: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm and is held at Boston's Restaurant, 61276 S Hwy 97, Bend (just south of the Factory Stores).

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

### WEB SITES

Local

[www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm](http://www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm)

State

[www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org)

National

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Nationwide Election Information

[www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org)

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# President's Message

Dear League Members,

The weather is crisp, days are short and the bustle of the holiday season has begun. Are you ready? It doesn't make any difference. It's here anyway. The Deschutes County LWV has completed its' part in the LWVUS study, "The Role of Federal Government in Education". The consensus reached by the study committee appears in this edition of the Echoes. The local consensus has been approved by the board and will be forwarded to the LWVUS. Each local League in the United States has gone through the same process. The consensuses (I still think it should be consensi) of each local League will be reviewed by the LWVUS. A national position on the role of the federal government in education will be developed based upon the consensuses of the local Leagues.

This might be a good time to review a little LWV 101. The League of Women Voters is like a three legged stool. The legs are study, action and voters service. An issue is chosen for study by League members. Once members have studied an issue and considered all sides of it they reach a consensus as to what the League position should be on the issue. Using League positions, Leagues take action by advocating for those positions at the local, state or national governmental level. Voter Service, the third leg, of that stool, is those activities the league engages in to promote active and informed citizen participation in the democratic process.

These include, candidates' forums, community meetings presenting all sides on an issue, publication and circulation of the nonpartisan pros and cons of ballot measures at election time and publication of our "They Represent You" booklet which provides contact information for all of our governmental officials. Another time we can discuss how Leagues protect their non-partisanship as an organization. The board has created a committee of board members to review the LWVDC local positions. The purpose of the review is to determine the current relevance of the position considering how long ago the study was done and perhaps examine different formats in which to present the position. If any member has suggestions for this review, please contact any board member with your ideas. The current local positions are found in the blue book you should all have. Some of the newer members have a summary of those positions printed on plain paper rather than the whole book.

Happy Holidays

Dolores Ellis

## Luncheon Speaker

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Terri Hansen Payne, AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners)

### Education

*Undergraduate:* Bachelor of Science  
University of Oregon 1989

*Graduate:* Master of City  
Planning University of California, Berkeley  
1997

### Employment

*Current Position:* Senior Long Range Planner  
Deschutes County, OR 2005-present

*Previous Positions:* Associate Planner  
Walnut Creek, CA 2002-2005  
Long Range Planner West Valley City,  
UT 1998-2002

*Focus Areas:* Comprehensive planning,  
destination resorts, affordable housing

## LUNCHEON TOPIC

*Terri Payne* AICP, Senior Planner, Deschutes County Community Development Department, will be speaking about the recently adopted Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan at a luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF OREGON

## THINK BEFORE YOU INK

*Consider those petitions before you sign*

By Norman Turrill, League of Women Voters of Oregon

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is encouraging its members and the public to be alert during the circulation of initiative petitions.

You will be asked to sign a variety of initiative petitions “just to get it on the ballot so people can vote on it.” **Your signature is valuable**, more valuable than your vote, considering that far fewer signatures are required to qualify a petition for the ballot than votes to pass it on the ballot. Only sign an initiative petition that you believe belongs on the ballot.

Here are six questions to help you make up your mind about an initiative petition:

- **Is it complex?** Some issues can be decided by a simple yes or no vote. Complex issues may need to be thoroughly examined in a legislative arena.

- **Is it confusing?** Some initiatives are not well written or contain conflicts that may require court resolution or interpretation.

- **Does it belong in the Constitution?** If an initiative amends the Constitution, consider whether it really belongs there. Is it a fundamental law that should be protected from change? Correcting a constitutional amendment later would also require amending the Constitution, is cumbersome and costly, and requires another vote of the people.

- **How will it be funded?** Is it an “unfunded mandate” that would require the Legislature to take funds from other essential programs? Consider the effect on the overall flexibility of a government budget with already limited revenue. An initiative should generally create its own revenue source, and not earmark, restrict, or obligate a specific percentage of the General Fund revenues.

- **Who is behind it?** You can find out who are the real sponsors and opponents of a petition. Contribution and expenditure reports are available through the Election Division at 503-986-1518 and are also online in ORESTAR at <http://www.coc.state.or.us/elections/>.

- Before you sign, ask to see identification of a signature gatherer. Paid signature gatherers are now required to carry a picture ID issued by the Secretary of State. Although a new law does not require a paid petitioner to wear or show the ID when a voter asks, if they do not, than a voter can reasonable refuse to sign a petition. Numerous instances of fraud have occurred that could have been avoided by insisting on seeing ID. And if a case of fraud is found, you will have information that could assist authorities.



Interview with Mona Kirk, June, 2011, for the League of Women Voters  
Bend, Oregon

Mona went to her first League meeting during the 1950's. She is now a life long member at 95 years of age. She moved to Bend at the age of 29 and has lived here for 66 years.

She joined the League to "learn how to vote right". She also learned about the issues. She was active in supporting an indoor pool in Bend, the bottle bill for Oregon, the 18 year old vote and vote by mail. She was also very active with water issues and Washington, D.C. having voting rights.

In 1930, Mona voted for the first time in an election. She registered as an independent. The only time she missed voting in an election was 2011.

The League made her feel very smart and well informed.

Hiking has been part of Mona's life for 45 years. She is also a weaver and basket maker.

Mona went back to college when she was in her 50's. She was born in Alabama on April 14, 1916, at a time when there was no vote for women and no telephones.

Many of Mona's friends have died but she says, "I don't have to be unhappy to do my grieving."

# Preamble, Vision and Use of this Plan

## Preamble

The Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan is a statement of issues, goals and policies meant to guide the future of land use in this County. This Comprehensive Plan is intended to recognize the expectations and rights of property owners and the community as a whole.

## Community Vision

As a result of community outreach, a vision emerged that defines what people care about in Deschutes County.

*The high quality of life in Deschutes County stems from:*

- The beauty, bounty and richness of a healthy natural environment
  - A community of caring people
  - A strong and diverse economy
  - Access to a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities
- The rural character of the region
  - Maintaining a balance between property rights and community interests

## Use of this Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is a tool for addressing changing conditions, markets and technologies. It can be used in multiple ways, including:

- To strengthen communication with the public.
- To guide public decisions on land use policy when developing land use codes, such as zoning or land divisions.
- As a basis for the development of public programs and budgets.
- As a basis for the measurement and evaluation of changes in the physical, social, environmental or economic makeup of the County. Modifications of the Plan itself may result from this process.
- To promote inter-government coordination, collaboration and partnerships.

This Plan does not prioritize one goal or policy over another. Implementation of this plan requires flexibility because the weight given to the goals and policies will vary based on the issue being addressed.

The Plan is not intended to be used to evaluate specific development projects. Instead, the Plan is a 20-year blueprint to guide growth and development

**PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION OF THE LUNCHEON**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

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DECEMBER 1, 2011**

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Deschutes County Community Development Planner,  
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Comprehensive Plan

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

at **Boston 's Restaurant, 61276 S Hwy 97,**  
**Bend (just south of the Factory Stores).**

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.