



CASCADE ECHOES

League of Women Voters of Deschutes County



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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011

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

NOVEMBER

3 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, Speakers: Tammy Baney, Robin Henderson, and Scott Johnson Topic: Health Care Coalition. 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).*

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

17 Local Positions revamp meeting. 10 am, at the home of Dolores Ellis. Rsvp to me by phone call or email me for directions or if you need a ride. Marie Gibson 541-385-9227 email: jpgmjg@gmail.com

DECEMBER

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

11 HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY, 2:00 PM AT SUNRISE VILLAGE

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

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President's Message

Dear League Members,

Thanksgiving to be truly Thanksgiving, is first Thanks, then Giving.

Even though the economy looks bleak this year, I think there's much to be thankful for—as a League we have wonderful members and a great board. They have been especially helpful.

For those who do not know me. I came from a family of five children. I have a twin, who died of lung cancer last year. We were born in Nebraska, but raised in California. I entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange, after high school. I taught mainly in elementary and high school, in Texas, California and the Solomon Islands. After I left the convent, I remained in education for the next 50 years, as a teacher (elementary, high and special ed.) and also, as a superintendent, principal, evaluator, and grant writer.

I retired in 1994, moved to Oregon with my husband and two children and became a teacher and principal at the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

I will again retire in December of this year. I became a member of the League, then vice-president, and now president. So life has been good. I hope I will be a good League representative for all of you and I wish you a happy thanksgiving, a THANKSGIVING which makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Nancy Ruel, President

QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCAL PROGRAM?

WHAT does it include? What does it do for us? What do we do about it?

Hopefully you received a small blue booklet when you joined the League – or if you're a longtime member – within the last several years. If you can find it [!] and look through it, you may notice that some of the positions were arrived at quite a long time ago. An extreme example is the Juvenile Study Position, arrived at in **1971**. It is true that it may be so well done that we would still agree with every part of it....but maybe not.

Within the past 10 years we have revisited and updated positions on Hazardous Materials and on Transportation. We are currently working on restudying and updating our position on Education on the local level, although for this fall, we have been focused on completing the National study position first.

Since the date on the cover of that little blue booklet is 2003-2004, we've decided it is long overdue for a redo. Before doing a spruced up printing, your Board decided that we would form a subcommittee and take a good look at the timeliness and content of all the items, with one or two of us 'tackling' each one.

The plan is to be ready with suggestions by the beginning of January for approval by the Board. Then we will be able to have a really pertinent Program Planning meeting with all of you during January.

Interested?? If you are, you should know that our first meeting will be at 10am on Thursday, November 17th at the home of Dolores Ellis. Rsvp to me by phone call or email me for directions or if you need a ride.

Thanks! Marie Gibson 541-385-9227 email: jpgmig@gmail.com

Luncheon Speakers

1. Scott Johnson, Director of Deschutes County Health Service which is Deschutes County's behavioral health and public health department. He has worked for Deschutes County for the past 17 years and is the former director of the Deschutes County Commission on Children & Families.

2. Robin Henderson, Psy.D., Director, Behavioral Health Services and Interim Director of Health Integration, St Charles Health System, Bend Oregon

Dr. Henderson is the Director of Behavioral Health Services and Interim Director of Health Integration at St Charles Health System in Bend, Oregon since 2001. She manages two psychiatric facilities, an outpatient clinic with services in 13 locations, acute social work services across two hospitals, the hospital's Employee Assistance Program, a psychiatric consult/liason service with five psychiatrists, and Spiritual Care Services across two hospitals.

3. Tammy Baney, Chair, Deschutes County Board of Commissioners: Tammy was born in Salem, Oregon, was raised in Deschutes County, and has attended Central Oregon Community College, Center for Professional Studies (Real Estate), and the University of Phoenix. She has a background in small business management, and real estate sales.

Commissioner Baney's government experience includes serving as County Commissioner since 2007, Board Chair 2009; Elected Chair, Deschutes County Commission on Children & Families; Appointed Member, Oregon Commission on Children & Families Budget Committee; Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Oregon Housing Council - Appointed Member, and the Family Law Advisory Committee.

A dedicated community member, Commissioner Baney has volunteered with many non-profit organizations. Baney has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA); Foster Parent; Habitat for Humanity Board Member; Founding Member, Family Access Network Foundation; Co-Founder of the Deschutes County Meth Action Coalition; and served as Chair of the Deschutes County Commission on Children & Families.

LUNCHEON TOPIC

The **topic for the upcoming First Thursday Luncheon** on Thursday November 3, 2011, will be the Central Oregon Health Council and how it has the "potential to unify the public and private health care sectors and improve population health, satisfaction and shared savings through care coordination, regional health planning and effective resource management."

The purpose of the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) is to promote the health of our region's residents, making Central Oregon the healthiest region in the nation. The COHC, in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), seeks to achieve the Triple Aim: to improve health outcomes, increase satisfaction with our health system and reduce costs. The goal is to manage resources efficiently and effectively, in collaboration with local and State governments, our hospital system, local providers, private insurers, health collaborative(s) and, most importantly, our community and the people we serve. The Health Council was recently established by the Oregon Legislature in 2011. It is taking a leadership role in advancing health reform for the residents of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

**Welcome new member
Cricket Kadosh.
And returning members
Valerie Wright, Patrick Flaherty
and Terry Reynolds.**



PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION OF THE LUNCHEON

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

**FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON
NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

Scott Johnson, Director of Deschutes County Health Service,
Robin Henderson, Psy.D., Director, Behavioral Health Services and Interim
Director of Health Integration, St Charles Health System,

Tammy Baney, Chair, Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
will be speaking about the

Central Oregon Health Council

and how it has the "potential to unify the public and private health care sectors and improve population health, satisfaction and shared savings through care coordination, regional health planning and effective resource management."

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

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