



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2017

MARCH

2 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, with speaker Superintendent of Bend-LaPine School District, Shay Mikalson on the topic of the School District bond measure

. At Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend). 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
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18 AAUW Meeting at 9:30 AM at Touchmark with Dr. Megan Ellingsen speaking about Mom's Demand Action efforts towards gun control. Details on page 3

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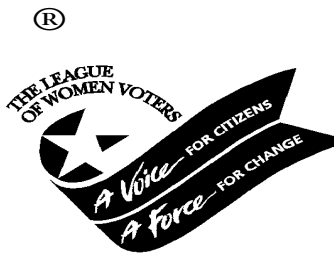
20 Annual meeting—more information to follow

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www.lwv.or.org

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President's Message

February 2017

If there is a silver lining in the last election and the forthcoming attacks on women's rights, the environment and other progressive fundamentals, it is that there is a whole new generation of people waking up to the need to be involved in the political public sphere. The league has seen a surge in membership these last couple of months and we are glad you have joined us. The league's motto "Making Democracy Work" is not just a slogan but is what the league does. We educate by our First Thursday programs, Candidate and Issue Forums and Consensus Meetings and do action to support our positions. I encourage all members to read the OR League's emails detailing what is going on in the state legislature and to call your representatives to let them know what you expect of them when important votes are going to be coming up. This is making a difference.

A big thank you goes out to Marie Gibson for organizing the Consensus Meetings on 'Election Methods' and the update of the 'Post-Secondary Education Study'. The study material available for these consensus meetings as always was packed with interesting information and facts. Thank you also to everyone who took part in these meetings.

It was wonderful to see new and seasoned members at the 'Love the League Party' we had at 'The Loft' the day after Valentine's Day. It was a great way to celebrate a Happy 97th Birthday of the League of Women Voters.

We are beginning to fill our slate for the upcoming Annual Meeting on April 20th. This is our yearly meeting that all members are encouraged to attend.

There are a lot of opportunities to be involved in our local league. Some of these opportunities are; a co-publicity person to help with Social networking, Membership, voter's service (organizing Voter guides) and a local politics liaison. If you would like to be more involved including being on the board please let us know. Diane Beathe our Nomination Chair can give you more information on what these jobs entail. Most take only 1-2 hours a month. Call Diane at 541-317-8925 or me 541-420-0085 to get more information if you are interested.

Stay strong!

Kim Smith
President
League of Women Voters of Deschutes County

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON TOPIC AND SPEAKER

Shay Mikalson, Superintendent of the Bend-LaPine School District will speak about the upcoming bond measure proposed due to increased enrollment. The \$268 million bond measure will go towards new schools, technology, needed maintenance, safety measures, and expansion and upgrades of existing schools. Current property tax estimate for the bond measure is \$.44(cents) per \$1000 of property value or about \$130 for a \$300,000 home.

Mr. Mikalson is superintendent of Oregon's 5th largest school district, serving over 18,000 students. He oversees all educational and administrative issues and develops aspirational procedures for the district as well as many other duties. He served the Redmond School District as its superintendent, Principal of Obsidian Middle School, Principal of the International Baccalaureate School of the Cascades, Assistant Principal at Redmond High School as well as the District's Federal Smaller Learning communities grant director, school improvement coordinator, and as a high school math and science teacher.

He was the Oregon Science Teachers Association New Teacher of the Year and teaches graduate level teacher and administrator courses for Oregon State University, Lewis and Clark College and George Fox University.

In 1998 she graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology, magna cum laude, received a Masters Degree in teaching from Whitworth College and Administrative Licensure from George Fox University.

Mr. Mikalson is married with 5 children.

AAUW of Central Oregon Meeting Announcement

AAUW meeting on March 18 topic is "Moms Demand Action". This is thoughtful gun control. One of the NRA's top priorities is forcing schools—especially colleges and universities to allow guns on campus and in classrooms. So far MDA has been able to defeat the majority of state bills concerning this. The speaker is Dr. Megan Ellingsen, a local physician. AAUW of Central Oregon meets on the 3rd Saturday at at 9:30 AM at Touchmark. The meeting includes a brunch for \$15 or coffee/juice for \$5. Reservations are required and the deadline is noon of the Wednesday before. You may phone me your reservation--Carol @ 541-385-8144

LEONARD COHEN ON DEMOCRACY

It's coming through a hole in the air
From those nights in Tienanmen Square
It's coming from the feel
That this ain't exactly real
Or it's real but it ain't exactly there

From the wars against disorder
From the sirens night and day
From the fires of the homeless
From the ashes of the gay
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.

And it's coming through a crack in the wall
On a visionary flood of alcohol
From the staggering account
Of the Sermon on the Mount
Which I don't pretend to understand at all

It's coming from the silence
On the dock of the bay
From the brave, the bold, the battered
Heart of Chevrolet
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.

It's coming from the sorrow in the street
The holy places where the races meet
From the homicidal bitchin'
That goes down in every kitchen
To determine who will serve and who will eat

From the wells of disappointment
Where the women kneel to pray
For the grace of God in the desert here
And the desert far away
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.

Sail on, sail on
O mighty ship of state
To the shores of need
Past the reefs of greed
Through the squalls of hate
Sail on, sail on, sail on, sail on

It's coming to America first
The cradle of the best and of the worst
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It's here they got the range
And the machinery for change
And it's here they got the spiritual thirst

It's here the family's broken
And it's here the lonely say
That the heart has got to open
In a fundamental way
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.
It's coming from the women and the men
O baby we'll be making love again
We'll be going down so deep
The river's going to weep
And the mountain's going to shout "Amen"

It's coming like the tidal flood
Beneath the lunar sway
Imperial, mysterious
In amorous array
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.

Sail on, sail on
O mighty ship of state
To the shores of need
Past the reefs of greed
Through the squalls of hate
Sail on, sail on, sail on, sail on
I'm sentimental if you know what I mean
I love the country but I can't stand the scene

And I'm neither left or right
I'm just staying home tonight
Getting lost in that hopeless little screen
But I'm stubborn as those garbage bags
That time cannot decay
I'm junk but I'm still holding up
This little wild bouquet
Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.
To the U.S.A.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

MARCH 2, 2017

With speaker

Shay Mikalson

Superintendent

of Bend-LaPine School District,

on the topic of

the School District bond measure

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

at **Black Bear Diner,**

on the corner of 3rd and Olney Streets in Bend.

There is a separate dining room for our use.

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.