



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2018

MARCH

1 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend**. "Local Perspectives on the Unfinished National Debate on Immigration". Our presenters will be Callie Killebrew and Micaela Guthrie, immigration attorneys with the Bend Immigration Group (BIG). 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

8 Board Meeting, 10am at the County Building. All members welcome

24 Women's March for Gun Control

17. The next **AAUW meeting** is at the Central Oregon Realtors Association, 2112 NE 4th St. Gather at 9:30 and meeting begins at 10:00. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Carol [Cavoretto--cav4hiking@gmail.com](mailto:Cavoretto-cav4hiking@gmail.com) or 541-385-8144. The topic is Fashion Through the Years and Women's Rights. The speaker will be Elizabeth Gose.

APRIL

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19 ANNUAL MEETING Save the date. You will receive the Annual Meeting packet by April 9 with details

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President's Message

It is with a heavy heart I write this after the 8th school shooting in the US since the first of year filling the news headlines. To let you know where the LWV stands on this; The LWVUS position on Gun Control is as follows:

“The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

The League supports a ban on “Saturday night specials,” enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.”

This position states what I think most of us believe, gun control is needed in our country. Common sense gun control means no one is going to take away your hunting rifle or hand gun if you can show you can use it responsibly and can keep others safe by locking it and your ammunition away. The only way I think we are going to be able to change the ways things are is by voting in candidates that believe in gun control and are not beholden to the NRA.

If you are interested in Marching in the Women March for Gun Control on Wednesday, March 24th at 11 am under the LWV Banner, watch for an email detailing where we will meet to march together for this very important issue.

I want to thank Barbara McCormick for organizing and leading our yearly Planning Meeting this last month. It was a lively discussion and many areas of interest were discussed. We will continue to support the “Making Democracy Work” that the LWVUS has advocated. This means working on and supporting the leagues present positions with education and advocacy where appropriate and supported by our local league. Please see Barbara’s report for more information.

Thank you to all who have supported our request for the Pat Gibson Memorial Fund. We will be deciding where we will be putting this fund in Pat’s name this next month. Our hearts are with Marie Gibson and the rest of the Gibson family at this difficult time.

We are looking for members to fill some roles on our Board. Please consider stepping up when you are called. These positions only take a few hours a month and are very easy to do.

Kim Smith, President LWV of Deschutes County

LWVDC Program Planning

The 2018-20 annual Program Planning Meeting was lively and well attended. Members reviewed action taken under the LWVUS positions as well as our own local study programs. There was strong support to continue the LWVUS Making Democracy Work Campaign and for local action to ensure adequate housing for Deschutes County not just in the city of Bend as the original local housing study reflected. There was also an in-depth discussion with a clear indication and agreement that the housing issue was also much broader in terms of supply and location. While there was not a specific local study recommendation, there were several suggestions and agreement for broadening our local League position to include education and action directed to the issue of housing for our workforce that often lives and works in different cities throughout the county. It has become a workforce issue/factor of an available supply throughout the county as well as affordability and transportation issues. The program planning group as well as the Board agreed that housing needs in the county today are a major issue and goes well beyond poverty-level income and that low-and- moderate income residents in the workforce are increasingly having difficulty finding housing as well. The direction to the LWVDC Board was to develop strategies that the League can take in support of housing to meet the workforce needs for all areas of Deschutes County.

The Board approved the recommendation to update the local Housing Position as recommended by the Program Meeting attendees and to take expanded action under the Low- and Moderate-income Local Position for Housing throughout the County which would include housing for our area's work force. This recommended update of the Housing Position will be presented at the League Annual Meeting in April.

The Program Planning group also identified what actions we had taken under National's Making Democracy Work. Examples of that work were registering college students and new citizens to vote. We also noted our numerous forums for candidate and state level initiatives for the public's education. Television coverage was part of those forums. Marching in parades with our banner was highly visible.

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Several editorials and letters to the editor to our local newspaper were written around the topic of Making Democracy Work. Many were not published. The group identified 24 areas under the LWVUS positions where we had taken local action or education in the last two-year timeframe. There was no support for a national study for the Abolishment of the Electoral College which was a recommendation of a local league to National.

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

"Local Perspectives on the Unfinished National Debate on Immigration". Our presenters will be Callie Killebrew and Micaela Guthrie, immigration attorneys with the Bend Immigration Group (BIG).

Callie holds an undergraduate degree from Lewis & Clark College (1999) in International Affairs and Hispanic Studies and earned her law degree from the University of Oregon (2006). Callie has practiced immigration law since 2006 and has successfully handled hundreds of immigration matters, including complex appeals and waivers. She is fluent in Spanish. Prior to her legal career, Callie was a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay. When not at the office, Callie enjoys working in the garden, beekeeping, and swimming in the Deschutes River.

Micaela earned her undergraduate degree in 1997 from the University of Puget Sound and her law degree in 2002 from Washington University. Micaela has dedicated her legal career to the practice of immigration law and has dealt with nearly all facets of immigration law. She has worked as the Managing Attorney of a non-profit, in private practice and as an Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security. Micaela has handled a wide variety of immigration cases including business and family based petitions, naturalization, removal hearings, asylum, NACARA, and VAWA cases. She speaks Spanish and has worked extensively with Spanish speaking clients. Micaela has made Bend her home for the past four years and enjoys spending time in the outdoors with her husband and three children.

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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.