



## **Representative Gene Whisnant**

R-Sunriver

District 53

Phone: 503-986-1453 ■ 900 Court St. NE, H-471, Salem Oregon 97301

Email: [rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us](mailto:rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us) ■ Website: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/whisnant>

### **Whisnant's Update**

**May 3, 2010**

**Dear Friends,**

**I am glad to report to you on my activities as your State Representative since the February 2010 “Not So Urgent” Session report. This is the time when I get to spend more time with you, the citizen, in face-to-face communications; listening to you and your issues with the State of Oregon. I still have House committee and task force meetings, caucus meetings, and other activities. However, I have more time to attend local meetings to meet with groups and individuals. I believe this is important. I have established a good track record listening to citizens about issues with the County and State. I have listened and worked on issues like nitrates in South County, possible health concerns from an abandon mine near Terrebonne, State Lands Department attempts to develop land near Boonesborough, and “unpopular” things ODOT is doing. Thank you for allowing me to represent you.**

**Sincerely, honestly, and with respect –**

**Gene Whisnant**

**To Keep You Updated on What I Have been  
Working On,**

## **Here are some of the activities I've been up to:**

- Spoke about the February 2010 session with the **Sisters Rotary and Redmond Rotary**, April 13 and April 22.
- On Saturday, April 17; I spent the **day with Congressman Walden in La Pine**. We started with a **“town hall”** meeting. Then, we visited the **Little Deschutes Lodge (affordable housing for seniors) Open House**. Finally, we participated in a **Newberry Habitat for Humanity** new home groundbreaking ceremony.
- Josie and I attended the **1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 82<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, of the 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade “Demobilization and Change of Command Ceremonies”** in Bend, April 18. As a military veteran, I was proud of these men and women in uniform but also of our community for the reception and expressions of thanks which was demonstrated during this event and their arrival through Sisters and Bend.
- Spoke at the **Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club** meeting about animal legislation that is of concern to their members, April 19.
- Attended the monthly **Upper Deschutes River Coalition** meeting in Sunriver, April 20.
- Attended a work group meeting with Erik Kancler, Central Oregon Landwatch; Nick Lelack, County Planner; Linda Swearingen, consultant; and Rep. Judy Stiegler(D-Bend) to discuss possible further legislation on **“Guest Ranches,”** April 20.

- Attended the **Redmond Business Expo** at the fairgrounds, April 22.
  
- Attended my first **American Israeli Political Action Committee dinner** in Portland, April 25. The Governor, Sen. Wyden, Congressmen Kurt Schrader and Earl Blumenauer also attended the event.
  
- Interviewed by Robin Doussard, **Oregon Business Magazine** editor, about my role in the recent “destination resort” legislation, April 30.
  
- Participated in an **American Legislative Exchange Council Public Safety & Elections Task Force** teleconference meeting, April 28. We passed several model bills for the executive committee to consider.
  
- At the request of Dr. Samuel Henry, head of the PSU Education Doctoral Program, I had the honor of lecturing the PSU Education Doctoral class on **“Policy and Politics in Oregon Education.”** I enjoyed the experience and with the help of Megan and Monica Brown with Legislative Fiscal Office gave my views on the subject to 16 students including one via Skype in Germany, April 28.
  
- Spoke to the **Oregon Feed and Grain Association** at their annual meeting in Bend about my opinion of “the state of the State,” April 30.
  
- Josie and I attended the Central Oregon Builders Association annual **“Home and Garden Show”** at the Redmond Fair Grounds, April 30. The attendance was up from last year and the vendors expressed some optimism about the economy.
  
- Josie and I attended the **Redmond Humane Society fund raiser**, April 30.

The event was successful but Chair Mike Daley explained that it costs the Humane Society about \$170 for every animal it accepts. In the current economic recession, it is very difficult for all non-profits to raise adequate funds.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Mothers' Day- May 9

Meeting with Oregon Secretary of State & Deschutes County Clerk, in Bend- May 12

Oregon Commission on Children & Families, in Salem- May 13

Armed Forces' Day- May 15

Election Day- May 18

Interim Committee meetings, in Salem,-May 24-26

Redmond Centennial Celebration Kickoff- May 29

Memorial Day- May 31

WWII Veterans' Highway 97 Dedication Celebration, in Sunriver- June 6

## **CONTACT INFO**

**Office phone number: 503-986-1453**

**Megan Schenewerk, Legislative Assistant**

**Email: [rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us](mailto:rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us)**

**Website: [www.leg.state.or.us/whisnant](http://www.leg.state.or.us/whisnant)**

**Mailing address: 900 Court Street NE H-471, Salem, Oregon 97301**

