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The Quads

Mayors of the Quad Cities

Mayor Marlin Kuykendall – Prescott
Mayor Harvey Skoog – Prescott Valley
Mayor Jim Bunker – Chino Valley
Vice-Mayor Nancy Wright – Dewey Humboldt
will discuss issues of interest and concern
in the Quad City area.

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010
Social Time: 9:00 – 9:30 A. M.
Meeting: 9:30 – 11:30 A. M.
Location: Las Fuentes Resort Village, Prescott
1035 Scott Drive, Lower Level

RSVP: LWVCYC@hotmail.com
by Wednesday, February 10, 2009
Our meeting on February 13 promises to be of great interest to both League members and other members of the public from the Quad City area. Top officials from each of the four cities will discuss areas of concern and interest. This is an opportune time to ascertain current governmental outlook on local League positions: Juvenile Justice and Social Issues, Meeting Basic Senior Needs, Water, Workforce Housing, and Public Transportation.

Invite your friends to come with you to this interesting meeting. You may also wish to think out pertinent questions ahead of time. Our lives are impacted every day by our local governments. We are grateful that these Mayors have put us on their schedules!

Kathie and Howard Rieder have put in a lot of time updating information for our Directory of Elected Officials. It will be made available in printed form, and will be placed on our website where it will be updated frequently. In response to request from the public, it is being reformatted so it can be printed out from the website on normal sized paper. You will find coverage of additional offices, websites, and phone numbers. Thanks, Kathie and Howard!

This month marks the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, which took place just a few months before the ratification of the Twentieth Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Sandra Goodwin (dressed as an early 20th century suffragette) and Terri Farneti will represent the League and register voters at a special event at Yavapai College this month. We will be planning other festivities for August, the anniversary of ratification.

These organizations participated in the Meet and Greet last December: Adult Care Services, Adult Center of Prescott, American Cancer Society, AZ Children’s Association, AZ Women’s Educ. & Empl., CAASES, CASA Senior Center, Catholic Charities, Coalition for Com. & Justice, Community Legal Services, Community Pregnancy Center of Prescott, CWAG, First Things First, Foster Grandparents, Four County Conference on Developmental Disabilities, Friends of Yavapai College Art, Grants to You, Greenplace, Head Start, High Country Early Intervention, Highlands Center for Natural History, Horses with HEART, NACOG, Nature Conservancy, Neighbor to Neighbor, New Horizons Independent Living Center, New Life Society, NAIC, Open Inn, Open Space Alliance, PAWS, People Who Care, Planned Parenthood, Prescott Alternative Transportation, Prescott Creeks, Prescott Community Cupboard, Prescott Meals on Wheels, Sierra Club, Stewart Communications, Territorial Transit, Trauma Intervention Program, United Way of Yavapai County, Upper Verde Valley Watershed Protection Coalition, West Yavapai Guidance Clinic, Women’s Empowerment Breakthrough, Yavapai Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Yavapai Symphony Guild.

It was inspirational to talk with these volunteers, who really improve the quality of life for those with special needs. Many thanks to League members who attended and brought wonderful treats for all of us to share!

Nancy Shugrue, President LWVCYC
Mayors of the Quad Cities

Prescott Mayor Marlin Kuykendall

There’s an old proverb about work that goes, "A man grows most tired while standing still." So I guess you could say it’s natural that I don't tire easily; I’ve always been energized by work and service. As a teenager, I worked for Blakeley Oil Company, then enlisted in the Arizona Army National Guard in 1953. I was on active duty with the U.S. Army by 1956, serving 3 years before returning to the National Guard, where I was made the Prescott Unit's Commanding Officer in 1959.

Later I served as Tactical Officer of the Arizona Military Academy, as an aide de camp to the Commanding General of the Arizona Army National Guard. And as Northern Arizona Chair of the Defense Department's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), I escorted civilian VIPs on fact-finding tours across several continents.

I've lived in Prescott for more than 40 years, opening our town's first Toyota dealership - and later I acquired the Buick Pontiac and GMC franchises here. I also built the Antelope Hills Inn, and ran it myself until 2007.

Community service has always been an important part of my life. I've been President of the Mile-Hi Kiwanis Club and Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis International Southwest District. I’ve served on the City of Prescott's Planning and Zoning Commission and the Airport Advisory Committee. I’ve been a Prescott City Councilman twice: I was elected in 1971; later I was appointed due to a Councilman's death in 1991. I raised my sons right here in Prescott, and I'm proud that all three are graduates of our hometown Prescott High School. My wonderful wife Tana and I will celebrate our 8th wedding anniversary in August.

Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog

Harvey grew up in Minnesota and began his education in a one-room schoolhouse. He completed a series of business courses from the University of Minnesota, and Minnesota School of Business He then worked in traffic and retail management, customer services as a field representative of a hardware wholesale company, and assistant to the controller of a wholesale grocery company in Arizona. In 1977, Harvey entered the world of self employment as a tax accountant and business consultant. During the years since, he started, developed and sold three accounting practices.

Harvey has served in many professional, service, and leadership capacities in such organizations as: Arizona Society of Practicing Accountants; Arizona Association of Enrolled Agents; Good Samaritan Nursing Home; Chamber of Commerce; League of Cities and Towns; Northern Arizona Council of Governments; Central Arizona Senior Association; Prescott Valley Councilmember, and Prescott Valley Vice-mayor. Harvey is excited to be a part of the dynamic future of Prescott Valley and expects an even brighter future ahead for the Town.
**Chino Valley Mayor Jim Bunker**

Jim Bunker has been a Council Member since 2001. He is a native of Chino Valley and has lived here virtually all his life. He graduated from Prescott High School in 1970, Yavapai College in 1972, and from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He has been employed with his brother, Keith Bunker, Jr., at Bunker Sawmill in Prescott, Arizona. He has been married to his wife, Ronnie, for 25 years and has six children. He has been active in local wards of his church, and has held several leadership positions in the local congregations.

**Dewey Humboldt Vice-Mayor Nancy Wright**

I was born in Oklahoma but spent most of my school years in California. I have a degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. I have been married for 50 years, have one daughter and two sons, 2 granddaughters and 6 grandsons. Floyd and I moved to Humboldt in 1999. I was elected to the first town council and re-elected to my second 4-year term in 2009. I am the town's representative to NACOG.

**A Jury Of Peers – Well, It Took 74 Years!**

It was thirty years after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment that Massachusetts women won the right to serve on juries. It was only a partial victory. The belief that women ought to be confined to the roles of homemaker, wife, and mother continued to block full implementation of women's claim to legal equality. Long after women demanded freedom from the constraints of Victorian morality, protectionism, and conservative jurisprudence, the courts permitted discriminatory treatment of prospective women jurors, giving free rein to the full panoply of negative stereotypes of women. Finally, in 1979 the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court vindicated itself by declaring unconstitutional peremptory challenges aimed at eliminating women from a jury simply because of their gender. Fifteen years later the Supreme Court mandated an end to gender bias in the selection of jurors throughout the United States.

After seventy-four years, women finally won their fight to serve on juries on the same basis as men.
Citizens United Decision Sets Off Revolution In Campaign Finance
Supreme Court Erred,
Decision Undermines Basic Pillar of American Democracy

Washington, DC – The following is a statement by Mary G. Wilson, national president of the League of Women Voters on the Supreme Court’s decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*. The League filed an *amicus brief* in this case:

“The Supreme Court has made a tragic mistake. Their decision announced today in *Citizens United v. FEC* is constitutionally irresponsible and will surely bring about an anti-democratic revolution in how we finance elections in this country. Today, basic pillars of American democracy have been undermined – that elections should not be corrupted by vast corporate wealth and that the voters should be at the center of our democratic system.

"Justice Stevens had it right when he said, in his dissent, ‘The Court’s ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions across the Nation. The path it has taken to reach its outcome will, I fear, do damage to this institution.’

“In creating a new constitutional right for corporations to spend unlimited amounts of their shareholder’s money to determine the outcome in candidate elections, the Court has unleashed into our elections tremendous sums of money from for-profit corporations that cannot possibly be matched in quantity by contributions from ordinary citizens. The only possible outcome of this is that big money and special interests will have an even tighter grip on our democracy.

“Congress and the President enacted campaign finance laws over a series of decades for a reason – to protect our democracy from the perverse influence of big money in our elections. In making this decision, the Court has ignored the best interests of the American public and our representative form of government.”

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

“*There is probably no other national volunteer organization in America that inspires such a great degree of commitment from its members as the League of Women Voters. As a direct result of that commitment, the League has evolved from what it was in 1920, a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million enfranchised women carry out their new responsibilities, to what it is today: a unique, nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy and promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.*”  Kay Maxwell, LWVUS President 1972.
Do You Ever Question Why The League Opposes Requiring Photo Identification To Vote?

Do you ever find yourself questioning a League position? How about why the League opposes requiring photo identification to vote? Sounds like a simple requirement that surely most people who are “legal” certainly must have. Right? Well, that is what I thought occasionally but while preparing for the national program planning meeting I came up with some old information that was news to me. Did you know studies show that the following individuals do not have photo identification:

11% or as many as 21 million Americans
36% of voters in Georgia over the age of 75
18% of Americans over 65 (6 million)
25% of African Americans
10% of people with disabilities (4 million)
15% of low income voters.

So does that mean the disenfranchised would include large numbers of the elderly? The poor? The disabled? And the minorities in our country? They are legal, aren’t they? They probably want to continue to vote, don’t they? But when photo ID is required they can’t. Studies also show most who are turned away from the polls, do not return. Things are not always as clear as they seem. My respect for League/member studies and positions continues.

Sandra Goodwin, Director, Voter Services

League Members Turned Out to Support Public Transportation

1/22/2010
Dear Friends of Public Transit,

At the CYMPO meeting last Wednesday night, the Executive Board unanimously approved a proposal to hire a Transit Administrator as we had requested in our Petition last November. Under this plan, Yavapai County will pay the local match portion for the salary and benefits needed to attract a professional, experienced Transit Administrator for a period up to two years. The Transit Administrator will be charged with planning the expansion of the transportation voucher system to qualify for Federal funding, assist local government leaders in devising a governance structure for the intended Regional Transit Authority, and other preparatory measures that will put us in a position of readiness to implement services.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support, and especially to those of you who came out on a nasty night to attend the CYMPO meeting and show your resolve. The turnout was impressive and the Board took notice.

Stay engaged!
David Quinn, NAIC

“Over the years, the League has also been a training ground for women who want to serve in public office. In fact, the League’s ability to prepare women for public life may be its finest legacy to the nation.” Nancy Neuman, LWVUS President, 1986
Global climate change is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation and our world. The passage of America's Clean Energy and Security Act in the House means the fight for strong climate change legislation moves onto the Senate.

As the world's largest per capita source of greenhouse gas emissions, the United States must set a firm limit, or cap, on greenhouse gas emissions. The cap must decline over time to meet pollution-reduction goals based on the best scientific information. Enforceable interim and long-term goals are needed to compel early and effective action and guard against irreversible damage.

The scientific evidence is clear that climate change, caused largely by human emissions of greenhouse gases, is here now, already causing increasingly severe droughts and heat waves in some areas, intensifying floods and hurricanes in others, and triggering more wildfires. Climate change can devastate crops, create drinking water shortages, displace millions of people because of floods and increase the spread of diseases like malaria.

Establishing the declining cap, based on science and without loopholes, is the single most important issue in climate change and energy legislation. It is our nation's responsibility to take immediate action to curb the environmental and public health damages we are already experiencing from greenhouse gas emissions, as well as those that threaten the future vitality of the Earth.

Take action today to encourage your Senators to support strong global climate change legislation!

TAKE ACTION

1. Contact your Senators now, by phone or by email, and tell them to support strong climate change legislation. Tell them that global climate change is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation and our world.

2. Send this alert to other concerned citizens - your grassroots network, your friends and coworkers. Encourage them to contact their Senators today!

BACKGROUND

Learn more about what the League is doing to protect against global climate change.

Sign up to receive Action Alerts directly by email. Don't miss an opportunity to take action!

It's easy to sign up and the League will never share your email with others: http://takeaction.lwv.org/lwv/mlm/signup/.

For additional information, please contact LWVUS Grassroots Lobbyist Christina Vamvas at lobbying@lwv.org.
YES, Independents CAN Vote In Primaries

Some information below was gleaned from an article by Linda Valdez of The Arizona Republic. It throws out a challenge to raise public awareness before the August state primary. Who better to do this than the League of Women Voters?

Are we up to the challenge? How can we do it? What are your ideas?

Ms. Valdez begins “Independents make up nearly a third of all registered voters in Arizona. Too bad they do not know their own strength”.

In Arizona, Independents, No Party Preference and Non-Recognized Party Members are eligible to vote in every election except for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE) but most do not know it! (The PPE election has been reserved by state law to be an election just for the qualifying recognized parties that chose to participate. This election is usually held in February of a Presidential Election year.)

And Valdez points out that since July, both the Republican and Democratic parties lost voters, according to October figures from Secretary of State Ken Bennett’s office. Independents rose by 17,992 and now make up 915,981 of the state’s 3.1 million registered voters. Statewide Republicans are at 1.13 million and Democrats number 1.04 million. (As of January 19, 2010 Yavapai County’s registered voters break down as Democrats 29,698, Republicans 53,168, Green 244, and Libertarians 841. All other designations fall under Independents and number 35,976.)

Arizona Independent Redistricting commission chairman, Steve Lynn points out that some Independents opt out of the Republican or Democratic parties because they feel neither goes far enough right or left. But he ventures that in many districts registration is so lopsided that the race is decided in the primary and suggests it is not effective or wise to wait until the general election to vote.

Mr. Lynn goes on to say in the Valdez article that the League of Women Voters has indicated an interest in helping educate independent voters about their rights and suggests even some untrained poll workers have turned away Independents. (Our Yavapai County Registrar of Voters’ poll workers receive training to avoid this error.)

Raising awareness before the August state primary is a huge undertaking but we cannot ignore this challenge to protect all voting rights – one of the founding principles of the LWV.

Money is scarce at ALL levels of government and some federal money might be available to our state League. But what can we, the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County, do to educate our local citizens about their voting rights? Courthouse presence? Education information sent to all our Meet and Greet participants? To all service clubs or ….?????

Lets remember our founding principles and lead the voter education effort in our area. As Valdez pointed out “…engaging voters isn’t about parties. It’s about people. As in: We, the people”.

Send any and all ideas to Sandra Goodwin, Director/Voter Service esgodwin@commspeed.net.
Reminder – Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. Regular meeting times will be on the calendar.

To request placement of an item on the Board agenda and/or to receive the Board agenda packet, contact President Nancy Shugrue a week in advance.

LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
2009-2010

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City/Zip: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________ Fax:_______________________
Email: ____________________________________________

Please check type of membership:

$________ $55/Yr Individual Membership

$________ $82.50/Yr Household Membership

$________ Contribution to League (not tax deductible)

$________ Contribution to Education Fund (tax deductible)

Please make donations to LWVAZ Education Fund by separate check, to preserve tax deductibility. This supports our Webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Dues cover membership through June 30, 2010.

Both new and renewal members, please include this form with your check. Thank you!

New: ________ Renewal: ________

Membership in the LWV is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. These dues cover payment for local ($16.80), state ($9), and national ($29.20) memberships.

OR

Be a “Friend” of LWVCYC:

$________ $50/Yr Individual or $________ $75/Yr Household

Please mail this form and all checks to:

LWVCYC
PO Box 25854    Prescott Valley, AZ 86312-5854

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

League of Women Voters
WEBSITES

LWVUS Website
www.lwv.org

LWVAZ Website
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