Please feel free to invite a friend or two to come to The Holiday Luncheon! The more the merrier.

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County
Cordially Invites You and a Friend to Our

ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Prescott Golf & Country Club
1030 N. Prescott Country Club Blvd.
Dewey, AZ

Head west at the Maverick across from Fain Rd. all the way to the parking lot.

Menu Choices:
Lasagna with Meat w/Salad & Garlic Bread
Vegetarian Lasagna w/Salad & Garlic Bread
Chicken Caesar Salad

$20.00 per person
Includes lemonade, iced tea or coffee and dessert

Bring an unwrapped gift for a Foster Child or a $10 gift card for teens

Please R.S.V.P. by November 20th to
Cory Shaw @ cmshaw0430@aol.com

Guest Speaker
Missy Sikora
with Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation
Foster Kids Gift Drive!

The Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation is having our annual gift drive for the foster children in Yavapai County! We will be giving out the gifts to children living in out-of-home care at our annual holiday gift distribution!

You can help us by purchasing gifts and donating them to our cause!

Purchase a gift for a child ages birth to 18.

Donate it on December 2, 2018

SMILE!
Your gift will bring a child joy this holiday season!

Here are some great gifts:

Here are some ideas to get you started!

- Babies: toys, soft blankets, stuffed animals, clothing, diapers
- Toddlers: Toys, stuffed animals, little tykes, Fisher Price, jackets
- Children: Trending toys, jackets, bikes, Legos, Barbies, dinosaurs
- Teen: Electronics, DVD, headphones, art sets, skateboards

Monetary donations are also accepted!
Please call (928) 445-0800 to make a difference!

YavapaiCASAforKids.org

League of Women Voters
Message from the Board

As we begin to wind up 2017...we look forward to having a lovely get together for our Holiday luncheon. We’ll have a 50/50 raffle, collect the toys and gift certificates for the children (teens, too!) in Foster Care in our County, and hear from Missy Sikora, a board member with the Yavapai Casa for Kids Foundation. There is a cocktail lounge, so you can also purchase wine, beer or whatever.

And then we’re barreling towards 2018. If you have planned to send in your dues for the ’17-’18 fiscal year...and just haven’t – please bring a check to the luncheon, or mail it in to LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott 86304 by January 6th. Our National roster has to be turned in by 1/31 – and we want to ensure accuracy.

As we get ready to start a new year, let’s look at the programs so far. We started in September with a voter education meeting on Your Vote in Yavapai County. The staff at the Recorders Office and Election Commission are working hard to ensure all votes count and that there is no fraud in our elections. The February Voter Education meeting focused on Mental Illness and Suicide. We had an amazing panel of speakers from the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Foundation, the Yavapai Suicide Prevention Coalition, the Mental Health Coalition of Verde Valley and the Chief of Police from Yavapai College. Yavapai County leads the state in suicide rate. Thanks to our panel and members for being open to discussing this important issue.

Last month we heard statistics on the State of Health Care in Yavapai County. The information was varied and interesting. Prescott has long been acknowledged as a wonderful place to retire; as a result, 29% of our population is over the age of 65. Our county is 15% higher than the state average. This statistic alone represents challenges for our community. In keeping with the heath theme, our member, Valerie Burns, discussed her experience with the health care system in the UK. Thank you Valerie for sharing your knowledge with our members and our community.

LWVCYC Lending Library
Do you have a good book you’d like to share? Have you heard from a fellow league member that they have a book you’d like to borrow? We’ve decided to try to help with a book exchange program for our members. Come to the Holiday Luncheon with the information on the book you’d like to add to our library: Title, Author, a short recap of the book.

On January 6th, we will gather to talk about issues you care about, topics you want us to consider for study in the coming year. We would like a couple volunteers to work with Sandra Goodwin, Cory and I to help present our local positions and learn more about the National ones. We are looking at December 9th in the a.m. to meet. This year we are looking for your ideas at both the local and national levels. You may advocate for an entirely new issue or to restudy and update an existing position. There will be more information in the next Voter to prepare you for this meeting – but put on your thinking hats and plan to attend! We all look forward to your participation in this process.
State News

On February 7th, the State League is planning a “Day at the Legislature” – they would like to invite 10 members from each League to participate – as the Historic Supreme Court building only holds 60. There will be a light breakfast, guidance on the pertinent legislative issues and appointments arranged to meet with our Legislators to talk about the issues – followed by a lunch with a speaker – and then go to either the House or Senate to observe. They’ll be a debriefing at the end. So it’s a full day of advocacy – who wants to go? It starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 pm. Cost is $10 – and share in gas for carpooling. We need DEFINITE PARTICIPANTS BY DECEMBER 15TH.

• At the State board meeting on Saturday, we adopted priorities for the coming year, which are Education (vouchers, funding, teacher pay), Election Issues (automatic voter registration, monitoring voter registration at DES, MVD); and the ERA. (let’s get it passed!)
• On Tuesday, November 14th, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General will receive a letter of noncompliance regarding voter registration opportunities at DES and the Motor Vehicle Division of ADOT. The LWVAZ has joined with the ACLU, Mi Familia Vota and Promise America to challenge the State of Arizona under sections 5 and 7 of the National Voting Rights Act. The next step would be to go to court. League members in the Phoenix area have joined people from other organizations to verify and track noncompliance in DES and MVD offices and found voter registrations have been considerably lower from each of these mandated agencies. This problem could be caused by poor training and protocols for staff.
• Michelle Dorsey, President of the Metro Phoenix League is one of two LWVUS delegates to the International Climate Change Conference in Bonn Germany this week!
• In the coming week, all League members in AZ will be receiving an appeal for contributions to support the League of Women Voters of Arizona. It will come to most of us by email. 20% of all donations to the LWVAZ will go to support our Local League. So if you give $100 to the State League, $20 will be credited to LWVCYC. (that’s us).
• League members are tracking activities of groups sponsoring possible ballot issues on the November 2018 ballot. There is one by former Governor, Terry Goddard, that addresses ‘dirty money’ and campaign contributions. Another is Automatic Voter Registration sponsored by AZAn. Both of these are in early planning and testing phases.
• We are evaluating participation with other coalitions such as Stand Together Arizona Training (YWCA) and One Arizona (Hispanic voting turnout).

Many thanks to Freda Johnson, President of Greater Tucson for this synopsis!!
Photos from our November 4th Meeting “The State of Health Care in Yavapai County”

Photos by Cory Shaw

Ellie Laumark introduces the topic

Adrienne Udarbe presented an overview of the county’s health.

It was a great meeting – very informative. Wonderful to have so many members there – and we had 3 new members join!

For the full report on the Yavapai County Community Health Assessment, go to www.YavapaiHealth.com

Val Burns presents on the National Health System in the UK.
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**Mountain Artists Guild Needs our Help!**

Due to their 2nd flooding...they need funds.

[https://www.gofundme.com/helpsavemountainartistsguild](https://www.gofundme.com/helpsavemountainartistsguild)
Have you renewed your membership?  
If not, please drop your check in the mail along with the form above.

LWVUS Website  
www.lwv.org

LWVAZ Website  
www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC Website  
www.lwvcyc.org

We recommend you check these out—lots of great information to help you with learning about the League of Women Voters. Our website includes current and past Voters, an Elected Official Guide and more!

We are also on Facebook and Twitter—if you’d like to follow us!

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held monthly usually the Tuesday before LWVCYC meetings.

Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. We’d love your input. To request placement of an item on the Board agenda contact a Board Member a week in advance.

Please refer to the Calendar of Events for Board Meeting Dates, Times and Location

LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2017-2018 cover payment for local ($15.00), state ($13), and national ($32.00) memberships.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City/Zip: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Email: ________________________________

Note type of membership, and make check to *LWVCYC*:

_____ $60/yr Individual Membership

_____ $90/yr Household Membership  ____ NEW! $40/yr for members under 40

Plus, suggested donation:

$ _____ Contribution to our local League (not tax deductible)

$ _____ *Contribution to LWAZ Education Fund (tax deductible)

* Donations to the LWAZ Education Fund must be made by separate check, to preserve tax deductibility. These donations support our webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Please include this form with your check   New member _____ or Renewal _____

Please mail this form and all checks to: LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304