The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County in partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute present:

**Health Care in the United Kingdom**
- Why wouldn’t it Work Here?

Friday, March 23, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Yavapai College
1100 E. Sheldon Street
Building 3, Room 119

The British National Health Service has been around since the end of World War II. A Single payer health care system may become part of the 2020 presidential election discussion. We've heard about long waits for elective surgery and other complaints from UK residents but the citizens don't want to abandon their single payer system. Come find out why. Bring your discussion questions.

Valerie Burns

Valerie Burns, a member of The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County, is a retired information technology professional who now teaches Art in one of Prescott's K-12 schools. Valerie and her husband have lived in the UK as well as other countries outside the US.
Message from the Board

New Members!

We will be holding a new member orientation on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to meet our newest members! Please RSVP to LWVCYC@gmail.com

Blanche Berkowitz  Susan Gerber  Judie Beck  Jennifer Griffith  Peggy Simpson

New Member Orientation

Mary Meade-Olberding’s Home
946 Panicum Drive
Prescott

Saturday – April 14, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Current Members Welcome to Attend
Please RSVP to LWVCYC@gmail.com

Light Refreshments Served

ANNUAL MEETING will be held Thursday, May 3rd
Location: To be Determined
Guest Speaker: Jodi Rooney, PV Town Council, Flinn-Brown Fellow
This is also our Annual Business Meeting where we discuss possible bylaw changes, proposed studies/program and the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 board. We will need a quorum of members, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting!
The League’s Position on Health Care

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all U.S. residents. Other U.S. health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services, efficient and economical delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology, and a reasonable total national expenditure level for health care.

**BASIC LEVEL OF QUALITY CARE:** Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes:

- The prevention of disease
- Health promotion and education
- Primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health)
- Acute care
- Long-term care
- Mental health care

Every U.S. resident should have access to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive service that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.

Dental, vision and hearing care also are important but lower in priority. The League believes that under any system of health care reform, consumers/patients should be permitted to purchase services or insurance coverage beyond the basic level.

**FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION:** The League favors a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums. As the United States moves toward a national health insurance plan, an employer-based system of health care reform that provides universal access is acceptable to the League. The League supports administration of the U.S. health care system either by a combination of the private and public sectors or by a combination of federal, state and/or regional government agencies.

The League is opposed to a strictly private market-based model of financing the health care system. The League also is opposed to the administration of the health care system solely by the private sector or the states.

**TAXES:** The League supports increased taxes to finance a basic level of health care for all U.S. residents, provided health care reforms contain effective cost control strategies.

**COST CONTROL:** The League believes that efficient and economical delivery of care can be enhanced by such cost control methods as:

- The reduction of administrative costs,
- Regional planning for the allocation of personnel, facilities and equipment,
- The establishment of maximum levels of public reimbursement to providers,
- Malpractice reform,
- The use of managed care,
- Utilization review of treatment,
- Mandatory second opinions before surgery or extensive treatment,
- Consumer accountability through deductibles and copayments.
EQUITY ISSUES: The League believes that health care services could be more equitably distributed by:

- Allocating medical resources to underserved areas,
- Providing for training health care professionals in needed fields of care,
- Standardizing basic levels of service for publicly funded health care programs,
- Requiring insurance plans to use community rating instead of experience rating,
- Establishing insurance pools for small businesses and organizations.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO INDIVIDUALS: The League believes that the ability of a patient to pay for services should not be a consideration in the allocation of health care resources. Limited resources should be allocated based on the following criteria considered together:

- The urgency of the medical condition
- The life expectancy of the patient
- The expected outcome of the treatment
- The cost of the procedure
- The duration of care
- The wishes of the patient and the family

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: The League of Women Voters supports:

- Behavioral Health as the nationally accepted term that includes both mental illness and substance use disorder
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services
- Behavioral Health care that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth from early childhood through adolescence
- Early and appropriate diagnosis and treatment for children and adolescents that is family-focused and community-based
- Access to safe and stable housing for people with behavioral health challenges, including those who are chronically homeless
- Effective re-entry planning and follow-up for people released from both behavioral health hospitalization and the criminal justice system
- Problem solving or specialty courts, including mental health and drug courts, in all judicial districts to provide needed treatment and avoid inappropriate entry into the criminal justice system
- Health education from early childhood throughout life that integrates all aspects of social, emotional and physical health and wellness
- Efforts to decrease the stigmatization of, and normalize, behavioral health problems and care.

Statement of Position on Health Care, as Announced by National Board, April 1993 and supplemented by concurrence, June 2016.
We are excited to introduce our Legislative Report Card Panel for the Saturday, April 7th Meeting!

Luige del Puerto, Associate Publisher & Arizona News Service Editor
An award-winning journalist, Luige covers state politics and oversees the newsroom of the Arizona Capitol Times. He also manages the business units of Arizona News Service. In addition, Luige edits the Yellow Sheet Report and the Legislative Report, Arizona’s premier political tipsheets. He is a native of the Philippines and previously worked in Manila for the nation’s largest daily newspaper, The Philippine Daily Inquirer. At the Inquirer, he covered crime, labor, elections and national security. He was also part of the paper’s special projects team and covered several coup d’état attempts in his home country before moving to the United States in 2006. Luige graduated with honors from the school of journalism at the University of Philippines. He joined the Arizona Capitol Times shortly after moving to Arizona. He has won numerous local and national awards in the U.S. for his reporting about politics, including earning first place for politics and government reporting in the Arizona Press Club’s annual contest.

Sandy Bahr
Sandy Bahr is the Chapter Director for the Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter of Sierra Club, where her responsibilities include advocating for environmental protection with various state and federal agencies, conducting research, developing and evaluating policies, conducting grassroots outreach and organizing, developing and implementing priority projects, fundraising and budget development, and supervising staff, among others. She has worked actively on environmental protection issues in Arizona for the past twenty-eight years, both as a volunteer and as staff for various organizations. Sandy monitors and advocates on environmental matters at the Arizona legislature and state and federal agencies. She has received a number of awards for her work, including the 2016 Scrapping Bear Award from the Arizona Chapter of the Wildlife Society for her advocacy work relative to wildlife and the Arizona Interfaith Power and Light 2017 SAGE award. Sandy has an associates in applied science in civil engineering, a bachelors in environmental studies, and a masters in legal studies.

Nicky Indicavitch, AZ Schools Now
Nicky is the proud mother of five. She, her husband and children live in Prescott Valley and the children attend school in the Humboldt Unified School District. Nicky is a strong advocate for Arizona public schools and has a passion for teaching parents how to advocate effectively for their student and all Arizona kids. She believes every child has a right to an equitable, great public education and that our country’s public schools are the cornerstone of our communities. She has worked to assure that these great institutions continue to serve the needs of every child for years to come. Nicky has served as the Northern Arizona Region Director for AZ Schools Now since November of 2015, working to engage communities in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Cottonwood, Sedona, Williams, Dewey and the Grand Canyon. I have also been a parent organizer for AZ Schools Now since September 2017.

Nicky’s true passion lies in empowering parents to engage with decision makers on their child’s behalf. It is her belief that strong parents can build and uphold our public schools. She enjoys teaching parents ways to engage, and has found parent groups to represent some of the best members of our communities.
LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD PANEL

- Saturday, April 7, 2017
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
- Yavapai College
  Building 3, Room 119
- 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott

Open to the Public!

If you care about the issues important to Arizonans: Education, New Taxes and Fees, Water, Redistricting and Referendums – you will want to join us for a special panel of speakers from organizations that track bills in our Legislature on these important issues.

Find out about what’s happening in the current Legislative session.

This event is free, open to the public, and is a partnership of the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County and Osher Life Long Learning.

Please submit questions to ellielaumark@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

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!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Meetings
5:15 p.m., At Ellie Laumark’s Home
March 27 and April 24th @ 5:15 p.m.

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LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2018-2019

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2018-2019 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” - or pay online with Pay Pal at LWVCYC.org

_____ $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 LWVAZ Education Fund (tax deductible)

* Donations to the LWVAZ 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

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please drop your check in the mail along with the form above.