THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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Empowering voters.
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WHAT WE NEED TO RATIFY THE ERA AMENDMENT NOW!

View a short video
“LEGALIZE EQUALITY”

Followed by Guest Speaker
DR. FRANCES JULIA Riemer

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Yavapai College
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10:00-12:00
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Dr. Frances Julia Riemer is an Associate Faculty in the Women’s and Gender Studies Program and Professor in Educational Foundations at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. She is an educational anthropologist who has conducted ethnographic research in the US, Africa, and Latin America. Her research focuses on change and issues of equity and access, women in development and sustainable communities, and cultural difference and the social organization of community, school, and workplace.

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LWVCYC) in partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI)

What are the consequences of the unequal treatment of women under the law?

• Where are We Now?
• What Happened?
• What Needs to Happen?

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President’s Acknowledgements
LWVCYC Annual Meeting
May 3, 2018

Thank you all for coming, especially the new members attending for the first time: (Please stand as I call your name) Rich & Janet Steven, Susan Gerber, Jennifer Griffith, Peggy Simpson, and Jan Manolis. Please make our new members welcome!

Before my remarks, I want to acknowledge three individuals who have had a tremendous and central role in helping our League move forward in the past year, two of them exiting the Board this year and one continuing on.

First, thanks to Ellie Laumark [right], who has done a terrific job in Programs for years, bringing forth and moderating so many great topics, panels and speakers and, with the rest of the Board, ushering in our new partnership with Osher Life Long Learning Institute [OLLI] at Yavapai College. Thanks, Ellie!

Next, thanks to Cory Shaw [left], who has been a life saver in tailoring her service to meet the needs of the Board this past year, both as Secretary and Director of Membership Services. Cory has also shined as our “behind the scenes go-to person” whenever and wherever needed. Thanks, Cory!

Finally, I want to recognize Terri Farneti [center], who also serves on the State League Board as well as our Director of Voter Registration. How could any of us give her adequate thanks for all she has meant to the local League for all these years—many as President and recently as “Might as well Be President”—working with the Board to do whatever

President’s Remarks

You are all renewing or joining at a very momentous time, not only in the League’s history, but in our country’s history. As Dickens said of a time in France’s history in Tale of Two Cities, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Some pretty bleak things have happened to our civil discourse and political climate in recent years, but I’m pretty sure most of you have also noticed a renewed sense of engagement in our nation’s civic responsibility. We look around us to #Red for Ed, Prescott Good Governance, Prescott Indivisible, Arizona Town Hall, Movement to Amend, Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona, Save Our Schools, The Dirty Money Initiative, Independent Voters for Arizona, and I’m sure I haven’t named them all.

We in the League can serve as an example, an enabler, a cheerleader, a resource and a central force for action for all of this civic engagement. With the League’s honored place in civic activity, in voter accessibility, in voter registration and voter education we can be a lynch pin and non-partisan beacon for many of these new groups. We welcome them all and hope to cooperate whenever we can.

And the League itself is at the threshold of a great renewal as we approach its centennial year, 2020. This renewal has been in the works for some time, and you will gradually all be engaged more and more in the process. Approach any changes with an open mind and an eagerness to help the League become even more effective and impactful.

On our local level, I hope each of you can find ways to be of service to your fellow members in big and small ways; volunteer when you can for everything from a one-time project to an ongoing commitment. Consider, for example, helping at least once this year at a voter registration. Invite your friends and associates to programs. Talk to possible recruits for membership or Friends of the League. Provide refreshments for our business meetings or set up beforehand or break down afterward. Call your representatives when “action alerts” come from the League.

For new-comers, don’t hesitate in any way to get your feet wet and have an impact. We need your fresh perspective and enthusiasm.

As with any organization, that enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to serve emanating from all members will drive the League’s success. Here’s to another great year!

- Bill Haas
2018 FALL SEMINAR SERIES

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

CAREGIVER?
Resources and Advocacy Efforts for You!

Caring for a family member or close friend is one of the most important endeavors you will ever undertake. To better prepare for this role, learn what you need to know about the process and the resources available to both caregivers and their recipients. Additionally, you should be aware of the advocacy efforts of AARP that are underway at the State Legislature to support caregivers and their loved ones.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Yavapai College, Bldg. 3, Rm. 119
OLLI Munch and Learn Session
12:30-2:00
OLLI registration requested at 928-717-7634

Who is Arizona’s Independent Voter?

Speaker: Dr. David Daugherty
Senior Research Fellow

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
Yavapai College
Building 3, Room 119
10:00-12:00

Expertise in Public Polling of Independent Voters

Why be Independent?
Why voter turnout is low?
How similar to established parties are Independents?
What are important issues in AZ?

Watch in The Voter and online for the 2019 SPRING SEMINAR SERIES!
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THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT
a long time coming...

After a quick start, the pace of ratification slowed, then stopped!

On March 22, 1972, the Senate voted by 84 to 8 to send the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the states for ratification. 38 out of 50 states are required for ERA to become part of the Constitution.

- Hawaii was the first state to ratify
- By March 22, 1973, 30 states had ratified
- By 1975, only 34 states had ratified
- Indiana was 35th state to ratify in 1977
- Although 5 states rescinded ratification (Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, South Dakota, Tennessee), the legitimacy of these acts is questioned
- Nevada (2017) and Illinois (2018) have brought the total up to 37 ratified states!
- Which states did not ratify? Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia

Sources: Jane Jochan Lewis (ThinkGeCo); Matthew Hoag (New York Times)

Why We Still Need ERA!

Many Americans think men and women are already equal under the law. But these 24 simple words have been kicking around for 119 years without being ratified as an amendment to the Constitution:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Nearly all other Constitutions have incorporated words like this. Only the United States is lacking an Equal Rights Amendment. “Women were left out of the Constitution more than 200 years ago. Almost 100 years ago, just after women finally got the right to vote, the ERA was introduced by Alice Paul to give women all other equal rights. We are way behind the rest of the world, where most countries have constitutional guarantees of sex equality,” says Jessica Neuwirth, president of the ERA Coalition. “It’s time to put women in the Constitution once and for all.” As we watch women’s rights being rolled back again and again we realize that without a place in the Constitution we will never be able to safeguard the gains we make.

Erica Jong

News from Local Leagues around the State

Greater Tucson: http://lwgt.org/Newsletters.html
Metro Phoenix: http://lwvmetrophoenix.org/newsletter/
Greater Verde Valley: http://lwverdevalley.com/calendar.html
Northwest Maricopa County: http://nwmc.az.lwvnet.org/Newsletter.html
Central Yavapai County: http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org/Newsletters.html
FOCUS ON MEMBERS

The LWVAZ Annual Meeting was attended by President Bill Haas and Board Members Terri Farneti, Judy Kelch, and Mary Meade.

It was a privilege to attend the LWVAZ Council 2018 Meeting in Tucson this April. We were introduced to the upcoming Transformation Roadmap and Action Steps being implemented at the national level, and how our state and local League will benefit.

We reviewed the LWVUS mission and vision statements and discussed what they mean to us in AZ. We discussed what a healthy, vibrant, and strong state organization would look like, and where we most need to focus our resources. And we concluded with a great session on learning to use technology tools to aid in stronger communication and social media. It was great to meet so many empowered and intelligent women who are determined to carry on the goals of the League’s founders!

- Mary Meade

Lots of good information and great ideas about growth and enhancing our effectiveness. Terrific sharing from other locals (e.g. Book Club/Film Club). Lots of enthusiasm and inspiration.

- Bill Haas

The LWVCYC Board Retreat concentrated on membership.

We want to hear more from our members, but no pressure – become involved to the level of your interest and time.

In an effort to be as effective as possible, we are reaching out to groups and associations to form partnerships in support of issue-related programs, like what we have with OLLI.

Tapping into the younger population of our community is also a focus. Dues have been adjusted to make membership more affordable: $40 for under 40 and $10 for students under 26!

Spread the word and bring guests to our meetings. Let us hear from you!

Watch for the LWVCYC forum on the Pros & Cons of upcoming Ballot Initiatives in Partnership with AAUW (Association of American University Women) October 6 – time, and place TBD

The last New Member Orientation was attended by President Bill Haas, Board Members Terri Farneti and Mary Meade, new members Blanche Berkowitz, Susan Gerber, Jennifer Griffith, Peggy Simpson, Ritch and Janet Steven, and guest Bobby Ma.

Welcome to more new members Bobbie Bollinger, Constance (Connie) Donovan, and Jan Manolis, and welcome back Susan Fleming!

Since we are shaped by our personal experiences, our local and State needs may differ from some national League policies. I joined LWVCYC because of its nonpartisan and openminded stance on all issues. Not all members have the same interests and needs – yet we have one characteristic in common, we want to be informed. Once informed, however, we must speak with one voice to be effective. Let’s engage, focus, and identify what means the most to each of us (and have some fun on the way)!

- Judy Kelch
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| July 21      | Yavapai College Farmers’ Market | **Voter Registration**  
Volunteers needed. Contact Terri Farneti (928-533-5297) |
| 7:00-12:00   | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Wednesday**                   |                                                                      |
| July 25      | Prescott High School            | **LD1 Candidate Forum**  
Sponsored by Yavapai County Education Service Agency, Prescott Education Advocacy Council and AIN--AZ Interfaith Network. Invite friends and neighbors to attend with you. |
| 6:00         | 1050 Ruth St.                  |                                                                      |
|              | Ruth Street Theater           |                                                                      |
|              | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Saturday**                   |                                                                      |
| July 28      | Yavapai College Farmers’ Market | **Voter Registration**  
Volunteers needed. Contact Terri Farneti (928-533-5297) |
| 7:00-12:00   | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Thursday**                   |                                                                      |
| August 8     | Cherry Creek Ranch              | **Learn How to Run a Candidate Forum**  
The League will be moderating a candidate forum for the Dewey-Humboldt mayoral election. Volunteers needed to greet, collect questions, and show a League presence. Contact Terri Farneti (928-533-5297) |
| 5:30-8:30    | Event Center                    |                                                                      |
|              | 938 S Foothill Dr.             |                                                                      |
|              | Dewey                           |                                                                      |
|              | **Saturday**                   |                                                                      |
| August 18    | Yavapai College                 | **Why We Need Ratification of the ERA Amendment NOW**  
We plan to present a short video, “Legalize Equality”, pointing out the consequences of the unequal treatment of women under the law together with a speaker, Dr. Frances Julia Reimer, Assoc. Faculty in Women’s and Gender Studies, NAU, Flagstaff. (See front page.) |
| 10:00-12:00  | 1100 E. Sheldon St.            |                                                                      |
|              | Bldg. 3, Rm. 119                |                                                                      |
|              | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Sunday**                      |                                                                      |
| August 26    | ASU West Campus                 | **AZ Celebrates the 19th Amendment**  
Celebrate the 98th anniversary of the 9th Amendment. Speakers: Dr. Gail Dines/Dr. Melissa Wilson Syres. Contact Terri Farneti to carpool (928-533-5297).  
$20 early-$25 at the door |
| 2:00-5:00    | 4701 Thunderbird Rd.           |                                                                      |
|              | Glendale                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Thursday**                   |                                                                      |
| September 13 | Yavapai College                 | **Caregiving Seminar**  
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters and OLLI. The presenters will be from AARP- Shawn Trobia, Associate State Director, Community Outreach, and Ritch Steven, Lead Advocacy Volunteer, both from AARP. |
| 12:30-2:00   | 1100 E. Sheldon St.            |                                                                      |
|              | Bldg. 3, Rm. 119                |                                                                      |
|              | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Saturday**                   |                                                                      |
| October 13   | Yavapai College                 | **Independent Voters in Arizona**  
"Who is Arizona’s Independent Voter?" They are the largest “party” in Arizona. If Arizona’s independent voters become frequent voters, they could be a more moderate voice on Arizona’s political landscape. (MorrisonInstitute.asu.edu) |
| 10:00-12:00  | 1100 E. Sheldon St.            |                                                                      |
|              | Bldg. 3, Rm. 119                |                                                                      |
|              | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Saturday**                   |                                                                      |
| November 17  | Las Fuentes                     | **Election Recap, etc.**  
Members and guests only. |
| 10:00-12:00  | 1035 Scott Dr.                 |                                                                      |
|              | Community Room                  |                                                                      |
|              | Prescott                        |                                                                      |
|              | **Saturday**                   |                                                                      |
| December 1   | Location TBD                    | **Holiday Lunch & Dessert Auction**                               |
| Time TBD     |                                |                                                                      |

Watch for announcement of **Pro & Con Session on Initiatives** to be scheduled before the election!

Board Meetings: Wednesdays, July 18, August 15, September 5, October 3, December 12  
Tuesday, November 13
Water is a chief concern relating to the decisions made regarding the development of The Dells.

To Volunteer go to www.savethedells.org – click on “Take Action” on the top menu and then for more ways to help save the Dells, download “Take Action to Save the Dells” by clicking on the link.
IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org
LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org
LWVCYC 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!

Help us Get out the Vote for 2018!

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 NEW! $40/yr for members under 40

$90/yr Household Membership NEW! $10/yr for students under 26

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.