**The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai**

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**In Yavapai County**

Saturday, September 10, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Las Fuentes Resort Village
1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

**Guest Speakers:**

- **Scott Mabery**, Director, Yavapai County Juvenile Probation
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- **Chad Shilling**, Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office Detective
- **Paul Hines**, Detective, Prescott Valley Gang Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission

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**The Public is Welcome**
Hello everyone!

Well, here we are, in the midst of an election year...and we have lots to do! During this summer, the League was busy with voter registrations at the Farmer’s Market, two candidate forums, our board retreat – and the summer social just last weekend. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with these activities.

The winners of our Early Bird Dues Raffle prizes were Earl Goodwin and Norman Perry! Lucky guys! Thanks to Cory for taking some photos of the social and to Ellie and Jim for sharing their lovely home.

We have many voter registration opportunities in September – and we need your help and involvement! As a partner in the mock elections being held in Prescott high schools the week of September 12 – 15, volunteers are needed! September 12th will be at Northpoint, 13th at BASIS, and 14th, 15th at PUSD. Each day will be from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Please consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to get young people civically engaged.

National Voter Registration Day is September 27th – and we will have a presence from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Yavapai College. The college is going to offer items recognizing Constitution Day, which is September 17th. Again – we need YOU!

Ellie Laumark has worked her magic for our September meeting on Human Trafficking in Yavapai County, inviting an excellent panel to discuss this topic to address questions such as: “What is the incidence of sex trafficking in Yavapai County? Who are the traffickers? Who are the victims? How does the Juvenile Justice System handle victims? – Probation? Rehabilitation? What are AZ laws for vacating convictions? Is there anything we can do to stop trafficking? How can we help the victims? Come learn more at our September 10th meeting! I have added some informative articles, thanks to member Dottie Morris.

Our October meeting in the statewide election years has been the Pros & Cons of the Ballot Initiatives. This year, it is uncertain how many will actually make it to the ballot. Amazing that there were 36 initiatives vying for enough signatures to get on the ballot – with only three actually doing so – and with the legal inquiries – the initiative to cap hospital executive pay has already dropped off. Marijuana Legalization and possibly the Minimum Wage initiative will be on the ballot. Since the presentation on these two initiatives will not take up too much of our meeting – we have invited the Legislative candidates to join us for a “speed dating” type of forum. The State League will be printing 10,000 voter guides – and our League will be receiving 2,500 of them. We will need every member’s help to get them to other organizations, libraries, friends and neighbors. They should be available mid-September.

It’s the League’s time to shine, please get involved and make your membership work for you!

Sincerely,
August 26th is Women’s Equality Day. On this day in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was enacted and American women gained the right to vote in federal elections. Significant progress has been made in the subsequent 96 years. Women are active in all spheres of American life, from education and the arts to business, science and the military. A woman is the presidential nominee of a major political party. Yet issues remain that demand our attention and dedication to making things better.

We must continue to be vigilant, working to protect the right to vote from efforts to restrict it. Equal pay for equal work, parental leave for working mothers and fathers, equal access to health services for women and protection against sexual assault and harassment are all areas where work needs to be done.

As we celebrate the right to vote, the League of Women Voters urges all citizens to study the issues and become involved in the public debate and democratic process that is so important to all our lives. Equal opportunity, equal treatment and equal protection for women in the workplace, at home and in society are essential to ensure a better life for all Americans.

MARGUERITE BADER, SAN LUIS OBISPO

Ballot power: The importance of women
By: Guest Opinion August 15, 2016, 2:44 pm

On August 26, Arizona women will celebrate women’s right to vote. Women will commemorate the sacrifices and perseverance of those who fought 50 years to secure for women the right to vote. Women stood in pouring rain and freezing snow. They were beaten, jailed, went on hunger strikes, were force-fed and called crazy for wanting to vote. The women experienced harsh conditions in prison with poor sanitation, infested food, and dreadful facilities.

Early fighters such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, and Sojourner Truth passed the torch on to other women such as Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns. Anthony never lived to vote legally; she had been arrested for voting before the 19th Amendment passed. Paul never lived to see the ERA passed – indeed it’s not passed yet – but in spite of violence and abuse, betrayals and reversals, the women never wavered in their dedication because the movement was not just for them. It was for the future – for us.

Arizona women will celebrate the right to vote on August 26 because in the 96 years that women have had the vote, the worst fears of the opposition in the 1800s have come true – women vote differently. The gender gap has been
apparent since 1980 and was decisive for the presidential victories of Clinton and Obama. It is expected that this election will produce the largest gap yet.

Voter-suppression efforts, the gutting of the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court in Shelby vs. Holder, redistricting shenanigans and the gridlock in Congress has, as intended, discouraged many from voting. Arizona is in the top third of states with women representatives in the state Legislature, but there has been no improvement since 2004. In spite of that, Arizona ranks 46th for the number of women registered (59.3%) and 43rd for the number who actually vote (46.8%) – a very low turnout indeed.

But women, like African-Americans, bought the vote at a high price. Today Baby Boomers and African-Americans vote at the highest rates because they understand the price paid and the value of constant civil rights agitation.

Women of all ages need to understand the significance of their vote to elect the first woman president, a final vindication for the arrests, beatings, force-feeding, and prison endured by women who fought for the right to vote.

In Phoenix, the celebration takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 26 at Central High School. The event, hosted by a coalition of women’s groups, is expected to draw an audience of at least 600. For information and tickets, see www.facebook.com/votes4womenaz/, Twitter is @votes4womenaz

Dianne Post is a Phoenix attorney and advocate for gender equality.
“Karen” was a runaway who learned to survive on the streets by selling herself as a teenager.

“I would do good, get a normal job, pay rent then get overwhelmed and go back to the life,” says Karen. The life for Karen meant selling herself while being high on drugs to numb the pain she was in. She admits to enjoying the attention she received from men but those feelings didn't last.

Karen's lifestyle put her on a first-name basis with local police officers, often for drug-related charges. A trip to jail felt like a vacation, because she felt safe.

After an arrest for prostitution, she was offered the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Charities Diversion program. Diversion programs offer those arrested for prostitution the opportunity to avoid jail time. The program provides 36-hours of self-exploration and education to develop self-esteem and give hope to sex trafficked survivors.

Survivors also receive rehabilitation services including support, education and treatment to help them escape prostitution. Those who complete the program have their charges dismissed.

“The first time I attended diversion, I was ashamed. I didn't know how to ask for help or use all of the resources,” said Karen.

The second time she came back was different. She came back to diversion in February and is about to graduate from the program. “I've got so many positive things going for me and now I can really take care of myself,” said Karen.

With the help of Catholic Charities partner Breaking Barriers, Karen was able to get a job. Bruce Relf of Breaking Barriers helped Karen put together a resume and encouraged her to apply for jobs. When she got a job, Relf was just as excited as she was.

Another reason Karen will be successful this time is she receiving treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder that stems from her time on the streets. She is looking forward to a peaceful life where she can excel at new job, play with her dog and watch her roses grow. “You can’t put a price tag on peace of mind,” said Karen.

After Karen completes the diversion program her charges will be dropped. She doesn't want her past to get in the way of her future. Collaboration with the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and the Ruth V McGregor Project to Stop Sex Trafficking provides pro bono law services to diversion participants.

“Thanks to the legal team from ASU, I'm going to court to take care of fines from many years ago. This means a lot to me, because I can't afford to pay for an attorney,” says Karen.

She also hopes to mentor other girls that are trying to get their lives back.

If you have a heart to support sex-trafficked survivors, you can do so by becoming a monthly giver to support the Diversion program.
Snapping a picture of your hotel room could help stop human trafficking

POSTED 9:50 PM, JUNE 22, 2016, BY JASMINE HUDA,
ST. LOUIS (KTVI) - Snapping a picture inside your hotel room could help protect children across the globe.

The TraffickCam app enables travelers to submit pictures of hotel rooms around the world. The images are matched against a national database used by police.

“You just enter your hotel name and your room number. You take four pictures, and you submit them to the website,” Washington University Researcher and TraffickCam developer Abby Stylianou said. “And then those become part of the pipeline that law enforcement can use to track down where the victims are being trafficked.”

Stylianou was among the speakers at a Human Trafficking Town Hall at Maritz Tuesday.

“Right now there are pictures posted every day. Hundreds of pictures, in every city around the United States, posted online, that show victims of trafficking, in hotel rooms posed on beds,” she said.

Hotel photos submitted by travelers will allow police to query the database to determine where the pictures of victims were taken.

TraffickCam now has more than 1.5 million images of hotels across the world, thanks to support from the public.

The idea for the app is merging of ideas between researchers at Washington University and the Exchange Initiative, a non-profit formed by Nix Conference and Meeting Management. A few years ago, police sought the help of Nix staff to identify the specific hotel where a victim was trafficked.

“It was a photo that they had from the internet,” Nix Principal Molly Hackett said. “One of the girls in our office knew exactly what it was.”

The Exchange Initiative created the app, which Hackett said is widely used by her staff. But use of the app isn’t limited to her line of work.

“It’s great that everyday citizens can do everyday things by taking a picture help stop sex trafficking,” Hackett added.

The internet has made it easier for criminals to engage in sex trafficking and child exploitation, Sgt. Adam Kavanaugh with St. Louis County Police said. Kavanaugh is the deputy commander of the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

He said detectives are noticing an increase in younger victims.

“The average age, when we talk to our girls that we deal with, most of them have started at 13, 14 years old. And most of them have been sexually abused as children,” he said.

He said he is optimistic the new technological tool will make a difference.

“I think it’s going to be crucial to help us identify not only where they’re at now, but where they’ve been at. Which is something we need – that’s helps with prosecution.”

TraffickCam is free and available for iPhone, iPads, and Android devices.

Here is the video of this news release: http://fox2now.com/2016/06/22/snapping-a-picture-of-your-hotel-room-could-help-stop-human-trafficking/#ooid=R2MjNjNDE6xoDGZvDiKNI-nyMwGktj4A
Judge rejects lawsuit: Marijuana measure will be on Arizona ballot

Yvonne Wingett Sanchez, The Republic | azcentral.com | 1:11 a.m. MST August 19, 2016

A Maricopa County judge has ruled Prop. 205, which would legalize marijuana for recreational use, can appear on the November ballot. Wochit

Prop. 205 would legalize marijuana for recreational use

The marijuana legalization effort will appear on the November ballot, after a legal challenge by its opponents was tossed. Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Jo Lynn Gentry dismissed the lawsuit brought by 13 individuals and groups, including Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Republican Rep. Paul Boyer, a Tempe school board member, and others. The group says it will appeal Gentry’s decision.

The measure, known as Proposition 205, asks Arizona voters to legalize cannabis for recreational use and establish licensed outlets where sales of the drug would be taxed, similar to the system established in Colorado. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, but the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act would allow adults 21 and older in Arizona to possess up to 1 ounce of marijuana and grow up to six plants in their homes.

Foes argued in court last week that supporters of legalization are deceiving voters with their pitch of the measure. An attorney argued a 100-word summary of the initiative failed to adequately summarize the measure’s impact on laws affecting motorists, child custody, workplaces and licensing of certain professions.

In her decision, Gentry disagreed, writing: “Plaintiffs demonstrated no ability to prepare a summary that would comply with the 100-word limit and with their objections. Plaintiffs, nonetheless, persist in asserting that omitting these provisions from the summary along with what they consider misstatements about the provisions that were included makes the summary fraudulent. Plaintiffs’ position is in essence that the summary should have more fully described what the initiative will do but do not explain how they could do it better. Instead, Plaintiffs simply argue that such a summary creates a risk of confusion and unfairness and threatens the integrity of the initiative process.”

Gentry wrote that the initiative’s required 100-word summary for voters “substantially complies with the law,” and would even with a stricter application of the compliance requirement. She also rejected their argument because of the Legislature’s recent changes to the election code affecting citizens’ ability to sue to keep such measure off the ballot. “Whether wittingly or not, the legislature eliminated a means by which initiative petitions can be challenged,” the judge wrote.

She also rebuffed foes’ arguments that the initiative failed to provide its own immediate self-funding. Prop. 205 proposes to use money from the state’s 2010 voter-approved medical-marijuana program initially. An attorney for the measure argued the effort was targeted solely because of opponents’ political and ideological
views on marijuana. The attorney also told the judge that opponents' arguments were dismissive of the will of Arizona voters' and of their ability to research and determine the effects of the law based on the summary and the text of the initiative, which is publicly available.

In her decision, Gentry pointed out that during arguments last week, "both sides acknowledged their confidence in the ability of the voters to read and discern the merits of the initiative."

Prop. 205 qualified earlier this month for the general election ballot.

In a statement, J.P. Holyoak, chairman of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, said he was pleased with the judge's decision. He said the lawsuit is a way for marijuana opponents to deplete the campaign resources of the pro-effort.

"This frivolous lawsuit was meant to waste the campaign's resources," Holyoak said. "After the case is concluded we will be asking the court to recover our costs from these litigious people. We've said from the beginning this was a frivolous lawsuit and Judge Gentry dismissed each and every frivolous claim. It is time to let the voters decide."

The chairman of the Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy, which is running the anti-marijuana campaign, said in a statement he disagrees with the ruling. Glenn Hamer, president and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which is helping fund the anti-legalization campaign, said in a statement he hopes that "on appeal, the court will reject this end-run around the law."

Here’s Why the Court Challenge to Minimum-Wage Initiative Was Inevitable
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016 AT 8:56 A.M. BY ELIZABETH STUART

"Hey, can you sign a petition?"

In what appears a noble testament to the cause of the day — raising the minimum wage, legalizing marijuana — they keep at it for hours, wrangling with grouchy people, shaking off rejection after rejection, to gather support to put legislation on the ballot.

But, in reality, the vast majority of the signature gatherers hailing passersby in the parking lot are motivated by something far more concrete than passion for democracy.

They're in it for the cash: $1, $2 — sometimes $5 — per signature.

Experts say it's nearly impossible these days to get an initiative on the ballot without spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to hire circulators. In Arizona, in fact, not a single campaign in at least 15 years has managed to propel an issue to the voting booth on volunteer enthusiasm alone. And the process gets more difficult every year.

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For one thing, as Arizona's population grows, the number of signatures required goes up. To get an initiative on the ballot, campaigners need the backing of at least 10 percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in the previous gubernatorial election — a more ambitious target than nearly any other state. This year, the magic number is 153,642.

Dozens of high-profile initiatives, relying on volunteers to pitch in on weekends, have fallen short of the threshold over the past decade. In the meantime, according to campaign-finance reports, the price of calling in an army of out-of-state petition gatherers has jumped from $100,000 to nearly $1 million.

States have been trying to crack down on paid circulators, in particular, nearly since they started trawling the country, collecting signatures for 3 cents each in the wee years of the 20th century. Several states went so far as to ban the
practice in the 1940s, but were rebuffed by federal courts in the 1980s. Subsequent attempts to control the process have been persistent but more subtle, such as forcing circulators to wear badges identifying themselves as paid employees or requiring campaigns to compensate circulators by hour worked rather than by signature gathered.

Arizona has tweaked or added more than 30 provisions concerning the petition process in the past decade, making the state’s oversight among the strictest in the country, said Andrew Chavez, owner of Petition Partners, a Phoenix-based company that offers circulators for hire.

Paid circulators must undergo a background check and register with the Secretary of State’s Office prior to collecting a single signature. Those with felony records and those who are not registered to vote are weeded out.

There are also precise rules about filling out the forms that, if not followed to the letter, could result in some or all of a circulator's signatures getting disallowed. For example, the date must be written month/day/year. Circulators must gather no more than 15 signatures per page, which must measure 8.5 by 11 inches. The person signing the petition must write name, address, and other identifying information in their own handwriting. Each petition must be stamped by a notary. If even just one corner of the stamp is faded or smudged, the petition is rendered invalid.

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Arizona Healthy Working Families

This year, for the first time, the secretary of state was empowered to disqualify petitions that were filed incorrectly. Also for the first time, opponents of a campaign were allowed to call circulators in for court questioning if they suspected they were not properly registered.

Already, the new changes have caused a serious headache for Arizona Healthy Working Families, a group rallying to raise the minimum wage from $8.05 to $12 per hour.

The group paid a new firm, Sign Here Petitions, nearly $1 million to collect 271,883 signatures. But the Secretary of State threw out about 30,000 for clerical errors. Then the Arizona Restaurant Association sued, alleging some 170 circulators were not properly registered or had otherwise messed up their paperwork. The court nixed 50,000 signatures after dozens of circulators, many of whom live out of state, didn't respond to subpoenas, making the signatures they collected automatically invalid.

“There is no legal room for discretion,” Chavez said. “Everything has to be strictly compliant.”

The scrutiny is largely political, said Daniel Smith, a professor at the University of Florida who studies direct democracy.

Because most issues don’t go to popular vote until after a bill has been shot down at the Capitol, an initiative essentially amounts to a citizen-powered attempt to override the will of the legislature, Smith said. Regulating direct democracy, therefore, is about protecting power.

It’s so common for those who oppose an initiative to challenge the integrity of paid petitioners or the validity of the signatures they gather that Chavez said he just “plans on going to court.”

“You work from litigation backwards,” he said. “You anticipate that every step you make is going to be reviewed.”

Some concern about cheating is legitimate.

Paid petition gatherers in Florida, in the 1990s, for example, copied names from the phone book and death rolls. In Montana in 2006, circulators tricked voters into signing petitions by lying about the content of the initiative. In Arizona in 2008, circulators working on three separate initiatives were caught using ludicrously fraudulent signatures, such as “Jimmy Carter” and “Gerald Ford.”

Perhaps surprisingly, however, according to Smith's research, paid petition gatherers are actually no more likely to commit fraud than their volunteer counterparts. That's probably because, he argues, the process has become so complicated, most campaigns are forced to contract with an outside organization to recruit circulators and collect signatures. If those organizations don't deliver clean, verifiable signatures, they risk going out of business.

"You'd think a volunteer would be more invested in doing a good job than someone who's just looking for a paycheck," Smith said. "But sometimes the passion gets the best of them."
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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and Dick Shugrue in their loss of their dear Kate.

Please check your membership directory for their address if you’d like to send a card.

We have missed you, Nancy!
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www.lwv.org
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www.lwvaz.org
LWVCYC Website
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We recommend that you check these out monthly, or more often. Lots of good information! Bookmark them to save on typing, or go to lwvaz.org, where there are links to click on. Or Google LWVCYC!

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