April 2019 is the 49th Anniversary of Earth Month®

EARTH WEEK IN PRESCOTT
see page 10 for all events!

THURSDAY, APRIL 25—Earth Week’s keynote speaker event features Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans, who speaks at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave., Prescott, on the subject of the Flagstaff Climate Change Action Plan. Evans will explain the process of public listening sessions to compile a roadmap that includes specific activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate preparedness. She includes land use, transportation, water, health and recreation. The presentation is free to the public.

President’s Message

Bill Haas

It’s natural this time of our League year to look back and wrap up a bit, and I will do that. But it is also time to look ahead, and I will do that as well. As the League of Women Voters, we sign on to serve our communities and country. Our ideal is to keep our communities well informed and determined to do what is best for our democracy.

This past year we have had presentations dealing with many issues that the League (locally, statewide and nationally) has taken positions on: the ERA amendment (co-sponsored by AAUW), service to the senior community (co-sponsored by AARP), the makeup and role of independent voters, public and private transportation issues, homelessness and affordable workplace housing, educational funding, and finally the legislative update.

To fulfill our mission we need to get this information out to our communities. We need all members to spread the word to friends and acquaintances so that together we can be a driving force for our communities. Let’s set a goal to double our usual attendance at these presentations. Above all, let’s be a living example of civic engagement.

When your grandchildren ask how did you impact the future of our planet and strengthen our democracy, surely you will want to be able to say that you were in the front lines!

This coming year we will be commemorating the League’s centennial. Sure, there will be celebrations and accolades. But most of all, we will be concentrating on voters’ rights, voter protection, voter equality, non-interference, no dark money influence, the end of gerrymandering, etc. Let’s count every vote and make every vote count!

Reminders:

You can attend the state convention (or parts of it) held this year in Prescott, May 18/19. See details on page __.

Get signed up for our annual meeting and delicious breakfast buffet (June 1, 9:00 a.m.) at The Club at Prescott Lakes. Watch for details.

Remember, those of you who committed to bring on one new member before the end of the League year, June 1st looms ahead. Don’t let yourself or the League down.
The Legislative Update

was presented by LWVCYC in partnership with OLLI on April 6, 2019. Speakers were Luige del Puerto who oversees the editorial and business units of AZ News Service, which publishes the AZ Capitol Times and Nicky Indicavitch, Northern AZ Regional Director at Arizona State PTA.

Mr. del Puerto began by noting that typically by the third week of March, the AZ Legislature has developed a budget framework. However, a budget does not appear to be close to being ready at this date, and it looks as if the legislature may remain in session through the second week of May.

There has been no decision on tax conformity; therefore, there will be additional expected income (est. $155-220 Million). Governor Ducey wants to keep this money in a “rainy day fund”, possibly to boost K-12 education funding. Meanwhile, some in the legislature want to capture this money for various causes.

LDI Representative David Stringer resigned under pressure from the leadership and has been replaced this past week by Steve Pierce, who has previously served and has stated that he will only complete the remainder of the term and not seek re-election.

Ms. Indicavitch reminded the audience that the various education advocates have focused on two main issues since the beginning of the session: Providing a dedicated funding source for K-12 education and charter school reform and accountability. Neither of these issues has been resolved at this date. The resulting uncertainty about funding puts teachers in a precarious position; they are required to sign contracts this month, but must do so without having any guarantee of what they will actually be paid next year. The situation could potentially lead to more teachers leaving the state for more secure contracts elsewhere.

Ms. Indicavitch stated that she has been encouraged about the willingness of the AZ Senate (under the leadership of Karen Fann) to listen to all sides of the issues and 2 proceed on bills in a very organized manner. The House appears chaotic and unable to accomplish much. Ten bills have been forwarded since January 10 to promote charter school reform, notably providing for open meetings and assuring that charter boards are made up of members who are unrelated to the school owner. None of these bills has passed as of this date.

Various groups oppose property, sales or income tax increases; therefore, there have been efforts to combine tax sources in order to better fund K-12 education. No solution has been reached, however. The following are some of the pending bills at the time of this program:

-- SB 1188: Voter suppression continues to be alive and well. This bill would remove a voter from the permanent early voting list if that person has not voted in the last four elections (including primaries.) This would apply to independent voters as well, who must request a party ballot for primaries. This bill would potentially keep a number of voters from casting a ballot unless they chose to go to a polling place on the voting date.

-- HB 2616: Those who register voters (including many from non-profit groups including the League) would be required to turn in voter registration forms within ten days of receipt or face criminal charges.

-- SB 1451: This bill would require circulators of petitions to obtain a notary signature and reference number; strict compliance of rules must be followed and one person’s petitions could not be co-mingled with another’s. A judge would have the right to discard any petitions that he believes have not followed every small detail of the law, thus making it much more difficult to obtain the required number of validated signatures.

-- HB 2523: This is an attempt to lower the minimum wage for 18-22-year-olds. (The voters recently chose to increase the minimum wage, so this bill seems to be a way for legislators to dismiss their wishes.)

-- HB 2032: Under this bill, school personnel would be barred from using speech to influence students during school time. Schools already have sufficient polices in place to keep teachers from propagandizing. Opponents believe that this 3 would infringe on free speech rights and go so far as to disallow teachers from wearing “Red for Ed” t-shirts at school.

-- SB 1485: One positive bill for education advocates is this one that lowers the cap on STO’s (Student Tuition Organization tax credits) to 2% per year. Previously, STO’s had been allowed to increase at 20%/year. This mostly affects corporations who use the credits as a way of avoiding taxes.

There has been much talk, many proposals, lots of differing opinions and little action on bills to align the state income tax with the revised federal tax, dedicate funding for K-12 education, reform charter schools and assure that voters are not disenfranchised. Nearing the middle of April, there is still no budget and many bills remain undecided.

What can an interested citizen do? Continue to keep a watchful eye on proceedings and write or call your AZ senators and representatives to let them know where you stand on the issues. And remind them that you VOTE!!!

~ Joyce Haas
Meet Ruthie Rothgery

I grew up in a suburb about thirty miles west of Chicago, Illinois. I went to St. Norbert’s College for two years; while there I remember being part of a group going to Madison to protest the Vietnam War. I left school to become a flight attendant and actually met Dave for the first time while on a layover.

I remember also supporting a teacher’s strike with my kids in tow in the mid-70’s and the pilot and air traffic controller’s union protests during the 80’s. So I guess I’ve always had an interest in supporting progressive causes. In recent years, I’ve campaigned for a candidate for mayor and also for U.S. House of Representatives.

I joined the League after attending a joint meeting of OLLI and LWVCYC on the ERA. Both Dave and I felt the LWV’s general approach of promoting education of voters and empowering voters on civic issues in a positive way was a good one. We also decided to join friends, Joyce and Bill Haas, who were already members.

Meet Dave Rothgery

I grew up in Ohio and attended Ohio State University. After serving in the Navy with a stint in Viet Nam, I moved to Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois with a dual major in marketing and finance. For the next thirty-five years I sold high tech solutions to Fortune 50 companies and firms. I met my wife Ruthie, a UAL flight attendant, on one of her layovers in Cleveland. Our experience as union members eventually led us to getting involved in civic activities in the suburbs of Chicago as well as national issues like the anti-Iraq war actions in 2003.

I have always appreciated the non-partisan educational activities championed by the LWV. I regularly read their material at election time to better understand the positions of candidates and issues.

I joined the League in 2018 and became aware of the local organization through the League’s partnership program with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). I mostly enjoy the spirit, commitment and enthusiasm of the members of the League. The members have a very positive can-do attitude and a shared goal of educating the voting public which I think is critical to increasing voter participation.

Dave and Ruthie are members of the LWV of AZ State Convention Planning Committee!
If you haven’t attended an orientation or would like to get to know our new members, watch for the next New Member Orientation!

**NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION?**

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BARBECUE AND ENTERTAINMENT WHILE MINGLING WITH OTHER ARIZONA LEAGUE MEMBERS

We will be having a buffet barbecue Saturday night with complimentary beer and wine for $45/person!

The entertainment is Gail Steiger

http://www.cowboypoetry.com/gailsteiger.htm

SEE HOW TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT ON PAGES 6 & 7!
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AZ CONVENTION 2019

Residence Inn Prescott, 3599 Lee Cir, Prescott, AZ 86301, (928) 775-2232

Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19
Convention Registration Fee $95
Includes Workbook, 2 Lunches & Speakers, Barbeque Dinner & Show
(full breakfast for hotel guests/breakfast snacks for other attendees)

Saturday Convention Only and Barbeque Dinner & Show is $75
Bring your spouse/friend to the Barbeque & Show for $45 each person!

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Convention Workshops
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion--One League’s Approach ★ Restoration Rights Workshop ★ Creating an effective Legislative Advocacy Team ★ Is this the Time for Single Payer Medicare 4 ALL – Facts vs. Misinformation ★ Facebook – How to use it effectively ★ Issues, Advocacy & Education – League Positions – League Impact★ Dollars and Sense to Grow League Programs

Guest Speakers and Entertainment
Kris Mayes – Professor Mayes served on the Arizona Corporation Commission from 2003 to 2010.
Gail Steiger – Mr. Steiger is a local rancher, musician/singer, and cowboy poet.
Tammy Parise – Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau
Secretary of State Katie Hobbs – Invited.

Extra Convention Activities: Friday Dinner (at own expense) at Local Restaurants, Complimentary BeMoved® Dance Class on Saturday. Seeing Highlights of Prescott and Walking/Hiking Highlights of Prescott early in the mornings before the Plenary Session.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AZ CONVENTION 2019


OR Complete a registration form for each delegate/non-delegate/Guest below and mail with your payment to LWVAZ c/o Patricia Frannea, 8002 N Sendero de Juana, Tucson AZ 85718. For information or questions, please email us at lwvarizona@gmail.com.

Mail-in REGISTRATION FORM

Name ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

Local League ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

Phone________________________ Email ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________ ________________________________

_______ Arriving Friday night, May 17, 2019

Please indicate your registration status:

Local President/Alternate _______   Local League Delegate _______

LWVAZ State Board Delegate _______   Member Non-Delegate _______

Guest _______

_______ $ 95   Convention Registration – Saturday and Sunday

_______ $ 75   Saturday Only: Registration plus Lunch and Barbeque Dinner & Show

_______ $ 45   Saturday Barbeque Dinner & Show (fundraiser for LWV Central Yavapai)

_______ $ 20   Saturday Lunch & Speaker only

_______ $ 20   Sunday Lunch & Speaker only

$_____________TOTAL Amount Enclosed

Special Meal Requests:

_______ Vegetarian

_______ Vegan

Other Dietary requests: ____________________________________________________________
Saturday, June 1, 2019
9:00 -11:00 a.m.
The Club at Prescott Lakes
311 East Smoke Tree Lane, Prescott

Please plan to join us for a delicious buffet breakfast followed by our annual meeting to vote on the: annual budget; members of the Board of Directors; as well as a review of this year’s programs; and discussion of future.

Cost is $20 per person
Make Checks Payable to LWVCYC
Checks must be received by May 15 to confirm your reservation!
Send checks to:
LWVCYC, P.O. Box 11538, Prescott, AZ, 86304.

Buffet Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs with a Sprinkle of Cheddar Cheese, Cinnamon French Toast, Bacon and Sausage, Home Fried Potatoes, Assorted Breakfast Pastries, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.
(Tax & Gratuity included.)

A packet for the Annual Meeting will be emailed to you by May 25; please print a copy to bring to the meeting.
**SB 1188**, which would purge 200,000 voters from the PEVL (Permanent Early Voter List) could be heard on the House floor *any day now*, which is why we need your help. Join us in a day of action against **SB 1188** and call your Representative at 701-484-0521 to ask them to oppose the bill.

Let them know that 81% of voters support preserving Arizona’s PEVL, including 77% of Republican voters. And 63% of voters overall oppose purging voters from the rolls if they have not voted in recent elections, including 59% of Republicans.

Call 701-484-0521 TODAY and ask your Representative to oppose **SB 1188**.

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**Request to Speak (RTS)**

- **What is Request to Speak?**
  The Arizona Legislature Request to Speak System. The Request To Speak program (RTS) is designed to allow the public to register an opinion on bills listed on agendas and to request to speak on a bill in a committee.

- **Sign up at** azleg.gov

- **First Log-in must be from a kiosk at the House of Representatives**
  After signing up, send an email with your user name and password to LWVAZ@gmail.com and a League member will log your account in at a kiosk in the House (or at one of the two kiosks located in Tucson).

- **Instructions on How to Use Request to Speak at**
JOIN THE CLIMATE ACTION MOVEMENT & CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK IN PRESCOTT

Earth Week Events | April 20th - 28th

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
On Cortez Street between Gurley & Union
Organized by Greater Prescott Outdoor Fund
Saturday, April 20, 2019 | 9am - 3:00pm

Yavapai Climate Change Coalition

FILM: THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
Monday, April 22, 2019 | 6:30 – 8:30pm
Harkins Theatres Prescott Valley 14
7202 Pav Way, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS REQUIRED: $12 p/p
https://www.tugg.com/events/this-changes-everything-vkdl

DIET FOR A WARMING PLANET
Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 10 AM - 1 PM
Prescott Farmers Market
1050 Ruth Street Prescott, AZ 86301

FILM: BEFORE THE FLOOD
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 | 7 – 9 PM
Raven Cafe,
142 N Cortez St,
Prescott, AZ 86301

ALBERT LOVEJOY JUSTICE AWARD DINNER
Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 5 PM
Prescott College, Crossroads Center
220 Grove Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301
Tickets: $30 per person, available until 4/21
GPUUC (928-541-0000)
https://gpuuc.ticketbud.com/lovejoy-dinner

YOUTH CLIMATE FORUM
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | 5:30 – 7 PM
Northpoint Academy
551 1st Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

CREATING WITH THE EARTH: A PLANTING,
MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL
Sunday, April 28, 2019 | 2 – 6 PM
EXPERIENCING THE REAL MAGIC OF NATURE
STORYTELLING EVENT
2:30-3:30PM
Prescott College | Student Activity Center
220 Grove Ave. Prescott, AZ 86301

MAYOR CORAL EVANS PRESENTS:
FLAGSTAFF CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTION PLAN
Thursday, April 25, 2019 | 5:30 – 7PM
Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
882 Sunset Ave, Prescott, AZ 86305

PETE SEEGER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Friday, May 3, 2019 | 7-9 PM
Center for Spiritual Living,
3755 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301
Purchase tickets online: http://www.focksessions.com/

PRESENTATION: TRASH TALK
Friday, April 26, 2019 | 4:30 – 6 PM
Prescott College (Crossroads Center)
220 Grove Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

FREE to the Public! *Unless otherwise noted
Next Book Club is Saturday, May 25, 3:00-4:45

We will be meeting at the Prescott Public Library, main floor, Elsea Room.

Please, read **Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy** by Joseph E. Stiglitz

Inequality is a choice.

The United States bills itself as the land of opportunity, a place where anyone can achieve success and a better life through hard work and determination. But the facts tell a different story—the U.S. today lags behind most other developed nations in measures of inequality and economic mobility. For decades, wages have stagnated for the majority of workers while economic gains have disproportionately gone to the top one percent. Education, housing, and health care—essential ingredients for individual success—are growing ever more expensive. Deeply rooted structural discrimination continues to hold down women and people of color, and more than one-fifth of all American children now live in poverty. These trends are on track to become even worse in the future.

If you have time, you might also read **Good and Mad** by Rebecca Traister

“In a year when issues of gender and sexuality dominated the national conversation, no one shaped that exchange more than Rebecca Traister. Her wise and provocative columns helped make sense of a cultural transformation.”—National Magazine Award Citation, 2018

**Guidelines for LWVCYC Book Group**

(Ground rules were agreed to by all at our meeting on 3/9/19)

- Read the book.
- Central to the League’s philosophy is a policy of non-partisanship. Try to balance the choice of books and discussion.
- Allow everyone to speak. No one person should dominate the discussion.
- Take turns moderating the discussion each session.
- It is fine to disagree with each other respectfully.

Don’t forget to encourage your fellow League members and others interested in politics to read the book and join us!
## 2019 Calendar of Events

We host meetings and events for the public and League members. Everyone is welcome!

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### Member-Proposed Topics for 2019-20 LWV Seminars (in random order)

- Community Development – Economic Viability of QC area
- Transportation-mass transit options, government Funding (SIMPCO)
- Comprehensive Sex Education in Schools
- Sex Trafficking
- Child Protection/Family Mediation-CASA
- Juvenile Justice System- Restorative Practices in QC area
- Senior Housing
- Open Space usage and preservation - environmental issues
- Environmentally friendly housing
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Education – student debt, technical schools, public universities, public funding of universities, governmental control of tuition costs
- Monitoring of Arizona Corporation Commission
- Partnering with existing water usage and preservation advocacy groups
- Funding of government projects – sales tax? property taxes? other options, need for transparency
- Regulations regarding voter initiatives
Help us Get out the Vote for 2019!

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS  www.lwv.org
LWVAZ  www.lwvaaz.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!

LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2019-2020

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2019-2020 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