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WATCH FOR A REPORT ON NEW POSITIONS ADOPTED BY STATE AT THE 2019 CONVENTION AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE LWVAZ AND LWVEF!

ANNUAL MEETING

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.

PAY AT DOOR!

CALL LINDA GREENBERG AT 928.710.5561
BY THURSDAY, MAY 23
Cost is $20 per person
Make Checks Payable to LWVCYC

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 was emailed to you on April 25; please print a copy to bring to the meeting.
President’s Message  
From Bill Haas

Dear Fellow “Leaguers”,

It’s continuing to be a momentous period in the life of LWV. Our local League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County just completed hosting the 2019 biannual State Convention.

State members have expressed gratitude and appreciation for how well things were handled and what a fun experience it has been for them. We would like to thank Gail Steiger, not only for his entertainment, but for his gracious participation in our evening-long activities and playing well-past his contracted hours in the cold evening to appreciative fans! Thanks to all the people who formed our ad hoc convention committee and helped me so much behind the scenes: Blanche Berkowitz, Ellie Laumark, Leigh McKinsey, Joyce Haas, Judy Kelch, Dave and Ruthie Rothgery and, our new State President of record, Terri Farneti. Please express your thanks to these members at your next opportunity, namely the concluding Annual Meeting on June 1st. Judy Kelch was the lynchpin in the entire operation and our on-scene manager of operations. She’s now a state “rock star” from Prescott. She coordinated and publicized everything so well, she made it look easy.

As reported at the convention, state membership has nearly doubled. Locally, we grew by sixteen new members (unfortunately, losing an equal number, many moving to other areas or for health reasons, etc.). We can’t let up our efforts at recruitment. Let’s far exceed our loss of members with new members this coming year. Think what an impact we can have in our CYC communities with an infusion of like-minded individuals working toward “Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy.” And what a way to celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary of the League in 2020.

We have been handed the mantel of one of the greatest movements in our country’s history, the suffragette movement that spawned the League of Women Voters, and we have seldom in its history been given a challenge greater than the one we now face. Let’s be worthy of our ancestors’ struggles.
A LOOK AT THE 2019 AZ STATE CONVENTION IN PRESCOTT

THERE WERE CHEERS AND TEARS
As Out-Going AZ State Board Members are Honored!

A Welcome by Bill & Billie
On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the 14th amendment, and two weeks later, the Senate followed. While decades of struggle to include African Americans and other minority women in the promise of voting rights remained, the face of the American electorate had changed forever.  

The League of Women Voters of the City of New York was formed in 1919 prior to the formation of the national League founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in February of 1920.
The latest on…REDISTRICTING

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will select finalists for the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) in 2021:

10 Republicans, 10 Democrats and 5 independent

From there, House and Senate leaders alternate turns, each picking two IRC members, and then those four members collectively pick the fifth member from the pool of five independents.

…ELECTIONS

**HB2724 --DEAD!!** Shy of only ONE vote, that of **Rep. John Fillmore**. Please thank him!

This was the bill that would have allowed a person to petition the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for review of how Citizens Clean Election Commission (CCEC) was interpreting its rules -- potentially interfering with its outstanding voter education and outreach programs that especially rural and tribal communities rely on so heavily.

**Thank you League members and supporters, whose calls, emails and use of RTS worked!!!!**

Next time you feel discouraged about the impact of your voice, remember this!

…EDUCATION

**SB1485: 3rd read in House on 5.13!**

**Caps the automatic growth of School Tuition Organization tax credits at 2% or inflation, whichever is lower.**

League Position. Because STO credits reduce the funds available for public education and other state programs and distribute the funds as scholarships to help cover the cost of private school tuition, we support this cap.

If you haven’t, tell your representatives to vote YES on 1485.

**SB1349: No Senate vote yet; could be any day**

**Allows Arizona families to withdraw College Savings 529 plan monies for K-12 education, tax-free -- thus, the general fund suffers once more.**

Contact your Senator to oppose this bill.
Request to Speak (RTS)

The Arizona Legislature 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.

• **What is Request to Speak?**

  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).

  **Sign up at** [azleg.gov](http://azleg.gov)

  Instructions on How to Use Request to Speak at

• **First Log-in** must be from a kiosk at the House of Representatives

In 2018 you helped us:

- **REGISTER** more than 250,000 new voters
- **PROTECT** nearly 2 million voters through advocacy, litigation & outreach efforts
- **CONTACT** more than 500,000 to Get Out the Vote
- **EDUCATE** more than 10 million people through our Vote411.org website
Prescott Education Advocacy Council Presents:

Follow the Money: Charter Schools - Public/Private Funding

Jim Hall of Arizonans for Charter School Accountability

What are the distinctions between

- public school funding,
- public charter money,
- private contractor non-profit,
- funding for profit issues
  - ETC

Jim will join us and help us understand these funding issues.

Please mark your calendars for
May 30th
6:15-7:30 pm
Las Fuentes in Prescott.

1035 Scott Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301

(RSVP: agneessensr@cableone.net)

Parking:
Las Fuentes frequently has large events and there is quite a bit of parking around the building. Also, there is a small parking lot on the west side of the building and generally plenty of parking behind the Lutheran Church, west side.

Come into the main lobby of the independent living building. Take the elevator to the first floor and you are in the Social Room where we are having the meeting.
Looking forward to seeing you May 30th. Please invite those you think would be interested. All I need is an RSVP – thanks.
Outlaw Dirty Money is starting up again in 2019 and we need your help! We are working on the largest grassroots movement in Arizona history and we need you to volunteer. Watch our mission statement below and then join us to be a part of this movement!

45th Annual Western Art

Prescott Courthouse Plaza
120 S Cortez St, Prescott, AZ 86303

Event Canvassing-May 25, 2019 10:00 AM - May 27,
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!
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| **Saturday May 25** 3:00-4:45 | Prescott Public Library Elsea Room | **Political Book Club**  
Please read *The Red and The Blue* by Steve Kornacki and RSVP to jbsail@gmail.com at least 5 days prior to the meeting. |
| **Saturday June 1** 9:00-11:00 | The Club at Prescott Lakes 311 East Smoke Tree Ln. Prescott | **Annual Meeting—Breakfast and Speaker**  
A packet for the Annual Meeting will be emailed to you by April 25; please copy the packet and bring to the meeting. (It is cost-prohibitive for the League to print copies for everyone.) The packet will include an Agenda, Minutes from the last annual meeting, Budget, Local Positions, Results of Program Planning from February (see below) and Report of the Nominating Committee. |

### 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
HAVE YOU TOLD A FRIEND ABOUT LWV?

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
- $90/yr Household Membership
- NEW! $40/yr for members under 40
- NEW! $10/yr for students under 26

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