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Early voting began on Wednesday October 10

Last day to request a ballot by mail is Friday October 26

Mail in your early ballot by Wednesday October 31

Last day to vote early in person is Friday November 2

Election Day is Tuesday November 6

Questions or Suggestions? Just contact your Board!
It’s more than an understatement to say that we have been experiencing a difficult time in our political and social history.

A foreign power employed massive measures to interfere in our elections. There have been accusations about our FBI and Justice Department not being fair and impartial. Besides these long revered government agencies, the fourth pillar of our democracy, the free press, called more important than any of the three branches of government by Thomas Jefferson in preserving our democracy, also has come under attack as the “enemy of the people” by our nation’s president.

But there are hopeful signs of recommitment to civic engagement. Many new groups like the Me Too Movement, Black Lives Matter, The Parkland student protest about school safety have come forward along with a reinvigoration of long existing movements for women’s rights, for racial and sexual equality and for broad voters’ rights. Locally we’ve seen these, but also Save the Dells, Red for Ed, Arizona Town Hall, etc.

As Americans, as Arizonans, as Prescottonians, we must assert our ideas in the political arena and must strive for civility and dialogue. If we are to move our country back to dialogue, courtesy, respect for what is best for country above the partisan divide, we are in for a long and arduous struggle. And we can’t wear down, give up or cynically give in. We need to look to our ancestors who fought for civil rights, voters’ rights and women’s rights. Shockingly, it wasn’t until the year 1920 that women gained the right to vote (Shameless plug here: this movement is what led to the League of Women Voters—right in the center of civic engagement). And still we don’t have an Equal Rights Amendment, nearly a 100 years later.

Any political organization that provides a clear, positive and uplifting message and that has the patience and understanding to articulate a vision, rather than get down in the mud and sling it out with people who like to operate that way, can win the day.

The long sweep of the American story is one of more inclusion, openness, generosity of spirit, and belief in the progress of the American dream. Join the struggle, keeping in mind what John F. Kennedy said:

“Democracy is never a final achievement. It is a call to an untiring effort.”

— Bill Haas
The LWVCYC and OLLI sponsored the last in a three-part Fall Seminar Series with keynote speaker Dr. David Daugherty, Senior Research Fellow at the Morrison Institute for Public Policy. David’s delightful and disturbing presentation highlighted a recently completed study identifying a voter crisis in Arizona. Citizens are not being adequately represented in government due to low voter turnout.

"VOTERS DON’T DETERMINE ELECTIONS, NON-VOTERS DO"

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What determines Voter Turnout? (Non-voters represent 45% of eligible voters in Arizona)

- Education (more educated, more likely to vote — 28% have BA)
- Age (millennials 32.3% of adult population — 49% not registered to vote)
- Ethnicity (Caucasians most likely to vote—population declining)


- Liberal independents act like Democrats
- Conservative independents act like Republicans
- Moderate independents are independent — they are the voters politicians seek to sway
- Independents vote less frequently

WHAT CAN YOU DO? — GET THE YOUNG TO VOTE!

WHAT ABOUT YAVAPAI COUNTY?

Also presenting was Laurin Custis, Registrar of Voters for Yavapai County. Laurin provided detailed information on how the registration and voting process works.

Independent, Other, or No Designation voters make up 32% of registered voters in Yavapai County

Although Prescott has a higher average voter turnout than the rest of Arizona, Yavapai County as a whole still has 32% of registered voters that are not affiliated with the Republican or Democratic parties. These voters are less likely to turn up at the polls; so, please remind everyone you see to do so!

If you forget to vote or are somewhere else in the county and left your ballot at home on November 6, you can turn up at any one of the 25 Voter Centers in Yavapai County to receive a ballot. To find all locations (the sites in central Yavapai County are listed on the cover), check the website at Yavapai.us/GoVote or call 928-771-3248!

What are the midterms? The midterms are national elections for U.S. Congress that come midway through a president’s four-year term. All 435 members of the House of Representatives are up for election, as are a third of the 100 Senate seats. There are also elections for governor in 36 states.

Why do they matter? Congress has unique powers to either advance or stonewall President Trump’s agenda.

Where do things stand now? Republicans hold 235 seats in the House, the Democrats have 193. There are seven vacant seats, five previously held by Republicans and two by Democrats. Republicans hold a slim two-seat majority in the Senate.

What will happen – blue wave or a red tide? Democrats have the upper hand in this year’s House elections. But with a few weeks to go there are a number of races that remain fiercely competitive. Democrats need to gain at least 23 additional seats to retake control of the House. Analysts point to the 25 Republican-held districts that supported Hillary Clinton for president in 2016 as being the most vulnerable this year.

What’s different this time?

- **Money:** This is shaping up to be a record year for spending during a midterm election, with candidates raising more than US $1.1 billion, a majority of it by Democrats. While there are limits on campaign contributions to candidates, political action committees (PACs) can raise and spend an unlimited amount on outside political activities, such as advertising. That matters, because analysts have found that dark money groups tend to be more ideologically motivated and back more extreme candidates than traditional donors, helping to polarize Congress even further.

- **Advertising:** As political donations have poured in, spending on advertising has soared this year.

- **Voter enthusiasm:** Voters appear to be unusually fired up. More than half of voters told the Pew Research Center that they are more enthusiastic about casting ballots this year than in the past, the largest share in more than 20 years.

- **Women:** This election has inspired a record number of women to enter the race: 257 female candidates for the House and Senate – a dramatic increase from two years ago. The vast majority are running as Democrats.

- **Presidential approval rating vs. economy:** Normally the party whose president is in the White House gets a boost from good economic conditions – and right now the U.S. economy is booming. But President Trump’s personal unpopularity might outweigh voters’ concerns about jobs and economic growth this year.

- **Turnout:** With the U.S. public so deeply divided on President Trump, the parties will have to rely even more on mobilizing their loyal voters than in previous elections.
PLEASE! HELP SUPPORT LWVCYC INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS AND FORUMS!

LWV is noted for the excellent non-partisan education provided all over the country. The events presented by the LWVCYC are paid for through our Education Fund. Previous generous donations have kept us solvent, though lately we have had Board Members and other dedicated members provide supplies and services at their own expense.

Please consider helping us maintain our ability to present these quality seminars and forums! You can donate to our Education Fund, whether a member or friend of LWVCYC. Please see page 12.
Know Your Candidates

Citizens Clean Elections Commission Dashboard


Check out How to Judge a Candidate — then
https://www.lwv.org/educating-voters/how-judge-candidate

Vote411.org
Election Information You Need

AARP members have many of the same concerns as younger members of our society.
Check out the Policy Book on issues that concern you and then find out the candidate’s stand.
https://policybook.aarp.org/

OurDemocracy2018
Find Out Where Your Candidate Stands On
Protecting & Strengthening Our Democracy
at democracy2018.org

A project of Common Cause

MEMBER MEETING:

Campaign Reflections by LOCAL WOMEN CANDIDATES

Alexa Scholl, Jody Rooney, Deb Dillon, Jan Manolis

So, you want to run for public office? What does it take?

Closeup "skinny" on Campaign Reflections from Local Notable Women Candidates

LAS FUENTES SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17 10:00

Be there!

GUESTS WELCOME!
New LWVCYC Political Book Club

Do you enjoy reading thought-provoking books about today’s political issues?

Join Us!

Here's your opportunity to meet with fellow League members to discuss the issues of the day. All LWVCYC members and friends are welcome!

Saturday, November 24
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
4666 Hornet Drive in Yavapai Hills, Prescott

Please read the New York Times Bestseller, Fascism: A Warning by Madeleine Albright!

“A personal and urgent examination of Fascism in the twentieth century and how its legacy shapes today’s world, written by one of America’s most admired public servants, the first woman to serve as U.S. secretary of state” (book jacket).

Multiple copies of the book are available at the Prescott Public Library. The book may also be purchased on Amazon, at Costco and retail book stores.

Please, Be Prepared to:

- Share ideas about the book and its relevance for today (no pressure)
- Recommend possible books for future meetings and bring a copy or description
- Suggest future dates for next few monthly meetings (bring your calendar)

Your RSVP by email would be appreciated (jbsail@gmail.com) to ensure enough seating. If you have questions, please call either Bill or Joyce Haas at 928-775-5100.
SILENT AUCTION — DONATIONS NEEDED OF CLEAN, GENTLY USED, QUALITY SCARVES
(silk, winter, faux fur, infinity, etc.)
Please bring scarves to the November 17th meeting at Las Fuentes or drop off at Joyce Haas’ house at 4666 Hornet Drive, Prescott by November 28.
Bids start at $5 or $10 with incremental increases of $2.

LWVCYC Holiday Luncheon Pre-Paid Reservation

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: _________________________

Choose one Entrée and One Side (drink and tip included—LWVCYC provides dessert)

Entrees:

___ Cobb Salad (includes avocado, cherry tomatoes, bacon, boiled egg, cheddar cheese, carrots, cucumbers on bed of mixed greens) *Salad does not come with a side.

___ Reuben Sandwich (sliced corned beef, tangy sauerkraut, swiss cheese, 1000 isle dressing on marbled rye)

___ Preskit Prime Rib Dip Sandwich (thinly sliced beef, sautéed onions and swiss cheese on a hoagie roll served with au jus)

___ Margherita Chicken Sandwich (with fresh mozzarella and basil pesto)

Sides—(choose one) *Not included with Cobb Salad:

___ American Fries ___ House Salad

Please include your check for $20 payable to LWVCYC (All reservations must be pre-paid)

Bring your payment and form to the November 17th meeting at Las Fuentes or send to LWVCYC, P.O. Box 11538, Prescott, AZ, 86304 or drop off at Joyce’s house with scarves by November 28!

Questions? Please call Joyce Haas at 928-775-5100 or email jbsail@gmail.com
LWVCYC Volunteers Needed

1. A Local Rep on Legislative Day Committee (Feb. 20, 2019)

2. A member to monitor our state representatives and senators, promote our agenda, follow bills, issue action alerts and report on advocacy activities

Contact Bill Haas at 928-775-5100, jbsail@gmail.com, or any Board Member, if interested

LWVAZ Service Positions Needed

Some are of a short duration; most can be done through conference calls, Skype or Facetime—no travel to Phoenix should be necessary. Many hands make light work.

- Local Rep on Voter Education Committee
- Speakers for Regional and State-wide Pro/Con Presentations
- Writer of copy to promote Centennial Anniversary (2020)
- Local Rep on Centennial Celebration Committee/Possible Big Fund Raiser

Contact Bill Haas at 928-775-5100, jbsail@gmail.com, or any Board Member, if interested!

Thanks to the Volunteers for 2018 Voter Registration efforts!

- Cory Shaw
- Sandra & Earl Goodwin
- Susan Gerber
- Margaret Allen
- June Ruth
- Bobbie Bollinger
- Rebecca Serratos
- Cappi Comba
- Bill & Joyce Haas
- Kate Robbins
- Dianne Haselfeld
- Eunice Rickfels
- Marilyn Saxerud
- Kathy Wingert
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<td>Frontier Village</td>
<td><strong>Status of Public Transportation in Prescott</strong></td>
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<td>George Worley, and Bryn Stotler, Community Development Director, address the impact</td>
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Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 30
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     _____ 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

JOIN!                  RENEW!                  DONATE!  PayPal