Pros & Cons of the Ballot Initiatives

Saturday, September 29, 2018
Yavapai College—Building 3, Room 119
10:00 a.m.—Noon

Join us to learn about the 2018 Ballot Initiatives, so you are ready to vote when the ballots go in the mail on October 10th!

Thorough vetting of each initiative for an easy to understand pro and con discussion.
Today we celebrate the hard won 19th Amendment declaring women’s right to vote. It was earned by the untiring and brave efforts of your ancestors: your great grandmothers, grandmothers and mothers.

We honor their sacrifices by exercising that right. Now there are those who would like to have you believe that your vote, your voice, is not important, is not as well informed as theirs, that it won’t matter anyway. There are even those who work to actively suppress your vote in order to more easily have power over you. There are those who seek to control by simply buying votes with their wealth using a barrage of ads, posters, flyers, and TV commercials who don’t even deal with issues that voters care about.

Sadly, there are others who have become so cynical that they have given up their right to vote and willingly give up their voice. We know differently! Now is the time to take back our voices, to re-dedicate ourselves, to encourage all citizens to vote.

I would ask all of you to promote voting (either face to face or on social media) to young men and especially young women turning eighteen who can vote for the first time. Also, encourage those millennials, x-gens, baby boomers and anyone in between, who may not have been voting or have expressed a reluctance to vote: Tell them they don’t have to vote on every candidate position or on every initiative or every referendum, but get a ballot and vote confidently on the candidates and issues they know about and on which they can make an educated choice.

Tell them that their vote is their civil right, their civic duty, their voice. It is nothing short of scandalous to let down our ancestors and our country by not voting. Give yourself back your voice. You owe it to yourself; you owe it to all of us.

Bill Haas, President, LWVCYC
Arizona Celebrates!

On Sunday, August 26, the Prescott Court House park was alive with signs, suffragettes, and dance moves celebrating the 98th anniversary of women’s right to vote. See the picture and read Bill Haas’ speech on page 2. Thanks to all who supported LWVCYC in preparing for and participating in this uplifting event!

Celebrating the Past — Embracing the Future — League of Women Voters of Arizona

LWV members and representatives of women’s groups from all over the state gathered at the ASU Glendale campus for Arizona’s celebration of women’s suffrage. Speakers related cultural and linguistic practices that keep women from entering into math and the sciences and the need for women to overcome what keynote speaker Gail Dines defines as being “held captive’ by images that lie about them.” Dines emphasized the fact that children grow up in an environment in which “femininity is reduced to the ‘hypersexualized, young, thin, toned, hairless, and, in many cases, surgically enhanced woman with a come-hither look on her face.” That’s a lot to overcome! On the other side of the coin, however, was a parade of over 30 women candidates and incumbents running for office!

LWVAZ Comments at AZ 19th Amendment Celebration

The League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920—just months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment—by American suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt. The League was created to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. League founder Carrie Chapman Catt noted that “Winning the vote is only an opening wedge, but to learn to use it is a bigger task.” The vote was, in her words, “a tool to build a better nation…to provide for the common welfare…to help humanity upward.” Women’s voting power, she said, would benefit “all the weak and the erring…all the homeless and unloved.”

League Admits Human Rights Failure

Now we want to acknowledge that the suffragist era was also an era of rampant racism, and many of the leaders of the movement, and of the new League of Women Voters after 1920, were complicit -- through words, deeds, and general neglect -- in shutting out women of color from participating. Even during the Civil Rights movement the League was not as present as it should have been. And although in 1966 we finalized an anti-discrimination position, our focus on social policy was from afar—instead of on the front lines. Today we, the co-presidents of the League of Women Voters in Arizona, and acting also as representatives of the National League, deeply regret this human-rights failure. And we apologize to ALL those with whom we did not fight together, for their right to vote. As the League of Women Voters approaches its 100th anniversary, we are striving to do better, and will do better...Today we are celebrating the potential of women-power, made possible by the 19th Amendment. More is needed -- the passage of the ERA, for example. But the number of women running for office in Arizona and all around the country this year, is heartening, hopeful...exciting! And inspiring! [See “League of Women Voters, Voting Rights Groups Sue Arizona Secretary of State for Violating Federal Law,” page 4]

CAREGIVING SEMINAR PROVIDES IMPORTANT VOTER RESOURCE!

The second in the three-part Fall Seminar Series sponsored by LWVCYC in partnership with the OLLI and which was presented by AARP of Arizona was held on Thursday, September 13. Speakers reviewed the legal issues and resources available to both personal and professional caregivers.

Most informative was a discussion about the importance of understanding exactly what is included in bills presented to congress and being sure that the candidates you vote for represent your needs. Check out the AARP Policy Book at https://policybook.aarp.org/ to familiarize yourself with issues you are concerned about and then find out which candidate supports your interests before you vote! It’s tricky!!!
1. Our country’s first constitution was called:
   a. the Articles of Confederation
   b. the Declaration of Independence
   c. the “Federalist Papers”
   d. the Emancipation Proclamation

2. Laws for the United States are made by:
   a. the President
   b. the Senate
   c. Congress
   d. the Supreme Court

3. The longest possible time a person could now serve as President is:
   a. 4 years
   b. 8 years
   c. 10 years
   d. 12 years

4. A man accused of a crime in court has a right to:
   a. hear the witnesses against him
   b. be tried wherever he wants
   c. have any judge he wants
   d. change courts

5. Invoking the Fifth Amendment means an accused man:
   a. refuses to testify against himself
   b. refuses to be tried again
   c. demands a grand jury
   d. wants to appeal his case

6. Our first Vice-President was:
   a. Alexander Hamilton
   b. Thomas Jefferson
   c. Benjamin Franklin
   d. John Adams

7. The Bill of Rights is:
   a. the first ten amendments
   b. the Fifteenth Amendment
   c. the entire Constitution
   d. all of the amendments

8. If neither the President nor Vice-President can serve, the position would be filled by:
   a. the Speaker of the House
   b. the Chief Justice
   c. the elected President of the Senate
   d. the Secretary of State

9. The major department head who is appointed by the President to deal with foreign countries is the:
   a. Secretary of Defense
   b. Secretary of State
   c. Attorney General
   d. Secretary of Commerce

10. The President is elected if he:
    a. wins a majority of the electoral votes
    b. wins most of the country’s vote
    c. wins all of the States’ votes
    d. wins most of the States’ votes

Answer: 1. (a) The Articles of Confederation, 2. (c) Congress, 3. (c) 10 years, 4. (a) hear the witnesses against him, 5. (a) refuses to testify against himself, 6. (d) John Adams, 7. (a) the first ten amendments, 8. (a) the Speaker of the House, 9. (b) Secretary of State, 10. (a) wins a majority of the electoral votes.
What It’s About
Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don’t update their registration, or aren’t sure how to register. National Voter Registration Day wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. On Tuesday September 25, 2018 volunteers and organizations from all over the country will “hit the streets” in a single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts. National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise.

What It Involves
- Volunteers in their community or workplace, at schools or public events, or any where can register people to vote.
- Technology to help voters find registration drives nearby and register to vote online.
- Local organizations, businesses and election offices engaged in their own communities.
- Tens of thousands of voters registering to vote online and offline in a single day.

What It Will Accomplish
- Registering Voters: In 2016 over 750,000 voters used National Voter Registration Day to register to vote across all 50 states.
- Mobilizing Volunteers: Each year the holiday’s growing number of local partners engage upwards to 10,000 local volunteers.
- Educating Voters: Millions of voters need to register and re-register every year. By utilizing new technology and leveraging partners, we’ll educate Americans in all 50 states about how to register, sign up for election reminders, check their registration online, get mail ballots, learn about early voting and more.
- Uniting for a Common Purpose: National Voter Registration Day is a day of civic unity. It’s an opportunity to set aside differences and celebrate democracy and the rights and opportunities we all share as Americans.

What Can I Do?
Remind Everyone I see and contact on social media. Everyone agrees on the need to vote!

https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org
KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

Citizens Clean Elections Commission Dashboard


Check out How to Judge a Candidate — then https://www.lww.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/

Dr. David Daugherty is a Senior Research Fellow overseeing polling and helping to manage on-going and single-project research studies and projects conducted by the Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

“**We are not a party. We are a mindset.**”

*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)

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

Dr. Daugherty will present a clear picture of the makeup, mindset, and the possible impact of this group of independent voters on the political structure of Arizona.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**Yavapai College**

**Building 3, Room 119**

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
See page 4 for background on National Voter Registration Day!

USE YOUR SPECIAL EXPERTISE AT THE STATE LEVEL

The State Board for the League of Women Voters has asked for volunteers for the following service positions. Some are of a short duration; most can be done through conference calls, Skype or Facetime—no travel to Phoenix should be necessary. This is a way for long time members to be of service as well as for newer members who want to dip into a more active role in the organization. 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!

ENJOY LEARNING AND ACTIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS?

We are looking for volunteers to help form civic-related groups for our members and friends, such as a book, film club, etc. The League of Greater Verde Valley has a popular Political Book Club and a regular informal gathering to discuss the hot topics of the day called “Let’s Talk Politics!” We can tap into their expertise to get these groups started!

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<td>and AAUW will be presenting the pros and cons, fiscal impact, supporters and</td>
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<td>opponents of each initiative in forums around the state. The online resource</td>
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<td>will be available in September, posted on LWVCYC and other websites.</td>
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<td><strong>Independent Voters in Arizona</strong></td>
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<td>voice in Arizona’s political landscape...While many potential voters care deeply</td>
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<td>about local and state issues, 45 percent of Arizona citizens of voting-age population</td>
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<td>Morrison Institute for Public Policy is a statewide leader in examining critical</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Las Fuentes</td>
<td><strong>Members Meeting: Running for Office—What Does it Take!</strong></td>
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<td>November 17</td>
<td>1035 Scott Dr. Community Room</td>
<td>Campaign Reflections by the Candidates</td>
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<td>December 8</td>
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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 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