U.S. House Passes the Voting Rights Advancement Act!

LWVCYC’S REQUEST FOR THE LWVAZ TO SPONSOR REVISIONS OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION RULES IS APPROVED! Don’t miss the March 7 Seminar below!

**LWVCYC 2019-2020 CALENDAR**
*(End of Fiscal Year)*

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President’s Message

At a time of celebration, let’s not forget to celebrate what has always been great in our country: when our fellow citizens have been beaten down by nature or unfairness or greed or political manipulation, we as a people come to their aid. When corruption and avarice have threatened the foundations of our Republic, we as a people have exposed it for what it is and confronted it. When apathy or shallowness have threatened our political institutions, we as a people have stood up and said, “Enough!” When fear of any kind has threatened our ability to act, we as a people have had faith in our constitution and called forth the courage to move forward.

When cynicism gripped us, we as a people summoned the idealism that drove our forefathers. When pettiness and short-sighted self interest gripped our politics, we as a people called on “the better angels of our nature” to guide us out of the morass. When enemies have attacked us at home or abroad whether through war, terrorism or as now by cyber means, we as a people have never failed to defend this great experiment in self-government.

There is little that we as a people are not capable of when we put our minds, our hearts and our souls into it. This is what is truly great about America and we should never cease to celebrate it. This coming year let’s all celebrate one hundred years of the League of Women Voters being in the center of this great experiment.

~ Bill Haas

The League of Women Voters president, Chris Carson, issued the following statement regarding the League’s efforts ahead:

“Today we are faced with many challenges that threaten to compromise our democracy. Our efforts to support voting rights and to fight against voter suppression and discrimination at the local, state and national levels have been very successful, and this has been achieved primarily by educating and empowering voters, circulating special petitions, and intervening in several critical court cases.”

Bring It On In 2020!
HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Over 30 members and guests came together to socialize, enjoy lunch, and listen to Prescott’s Councilwomen Elect Cathey Rusing. Cathey shared her Arizona background and that she decided to run for City Council because she felt the public’s concerns for Prescott were not being fully respected by members of City government.

Cathey’s primary interests center around maintaining the quality of life enjoyed and expected by residents of Prescott and surrounding communities by reinstating the Call-to-the-Public open forum at council meetings (allowing citizens to bring up issues not on the agenda), requiring one city council member to add an item to the agenda instead of two, and working more closely with the County and State governments. Cathey supports meaningful open space (25% of every new development), the CWAG citizen initiative promoting the need for a super-majority (more than half of all votes) to approve annexation, the outlawing of dirty money — and of course, Save the Dells.

Happy Holidays to You and Yours from the LWVCYC!

Thanks go out to Bonnie McMinn (Stein), Greg Stein and Cindy Bordelon for firing up our Voter Registration efforts. Greg volunteers as a Prescott Ambassador at City Hall and has offered voter registration to new residents there and along with Cindy at the Prescott Library on many Tuesdays. Cindy hopes to add the PV Library. Their efforts are underway to partner with all the colleges in town as well as PUSD. Bonnie plans to be at the Women’s March January 18th and to start up at the Farmers’ Market again in 2020.

HELP WITH VOTER REGISTRATION!
Contact Bonnie McMinn at 778-2443 or 248-798-7887
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ARIZONA

LEGISLATIVE DAY
Thursday, February 13, 2020
10 am – 4 pm
‘100 for 100’

Join more than 100 members of your League of Women Voters as we celebrate the League’s 100th Anniversary at our annual Legislative Day at the Arizona Capitol.

- Proclamations by the Governor and the Legislature
- Hear updates on the LWV People Powered Fair Maps™ redistricting program, the Arizona Clean Elections Commission and voting rights
- Enjoy cake and conversation with your legislators

Legislative Day is a unique opportunity to build your League community, learn about the League’s positions, and gain valuable experience talking with your representative.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Then watch for details about registration, lunch and refreshments, transportation, scheduling appointments with your legislators, and policy talking points.

Sponsored by the Arizona League of Women Voters Arizona Advocacy Committee (lwwazadvocacy@gmail.com)
December Highlights in US Women’s History

- December 1, 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US
- December 5, 1935 – Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women
- December 7, 1941 – Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor
- December 9, 2002 – Award-winning ABC News journalist, Michele Norris, becomes the first African American female regular co-host of National Public Radio’s news magazine, All Things Considered, she stepped down in 2012
- December 10, 1869 – Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote
- December 10, 1938 – Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for The Good Earth
- December 13, 1993 – Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135 year history
- December 14, 1961 – President’s Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it
- December 14, 1985 – Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma – the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe
- December 17, 1993 – Judith Rodin is named president of Univ. of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution
- December 28, 1967 – Muriel Siebert becomes the first woman to own a seat on the N.Y. Stock Exchange

https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/events/december/
League of Women Voters Praises U.S. House Passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act

12/6/2019
THE SENATE MUST PASS THE VRAA TO RESTORE FULL VOTING RIGHTS ACT BEFORE 2020

WASHINGTON – Today the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, by a bipartisan vote. The VRAA restores protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were stripped by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013.

“Today's vote is exactly what the American voters need to see right now: representatives working for the people to make our elections more accessible and strengthen voter protections for people of color,” said Chris Carson, president of the board of the League of Women Voters of the United States. “In recent years, we have seen voter suppression increase across the country, but passing the VRAA is a major step towards correcting these injustices.”

This legislation restores the protections against racial discrimination in voting that the Supreme Court rolled back in the Shelby County v. Holder decision of 2013. The elimination of these protections has made it easier for states and localities to practice discriminatory actions that restrict the voting rights of millions of minorities across the country.

"While we celebrate this moment, it is important to remember that for a full victory the Senate must pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore our ability to mitigate racial discrimination in our elections,” said Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States. “Now is the time to get this done ahead of next year’s critical elections so that we can have free and fair elections that build the representative democracy America deserves.”

The League provided testimony and evidence at hearings around the country held by U.S. House Committees collecting evidence of the continued discrimination that voters face to vote and will be meeting with Senators to discuss how to move this measure forward. The League was also active on Capitol Hill, meeting with Representatives to encourage their support, while also engaging our members and supporters to send thousands of letters in support of passage of the final bill.

As the VRAA advances to the Senate, the League of Women Voters looks forward to working with Senators to ensure full passage of this vital legislation.

Contact: Sarah Courtney | 202-263-1332 | scourtney@lwv.org
HELP TO GET OUT THE VOTE FOR 2020!

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!

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 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