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LWV Members meet with Arizona Senator Fann
Gerre Carley, Karen Fann, Terri Farneti, Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer, Mary Meade, Linda Greenberg and Blanche Berkowitz
Fellow Members,

Hats off to all those who attended LWVAZ’s Centennial Celebration/Legislative Day in the Capitol this past week. It was a fun and informative day with several presentations including one by Jeanette Senecal, Senior Director of Mission Impact, representing the national headquarters. This was one of only a small percentage of celebrations receiving such an honor across the country.

We also heard from Alex Gulotta, speaking on Election Protection; Mary O’Grady on People Powered Fair Maps and Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission and David Lujan on Progressive Legislative Priorities for 2020.

At lunch we were treated to a cake and entertainment from the “Suffragette Songbirds,” who sang original songs from the movement one hundred years ago.

You can feel the adrenaline pumping through the League’s veins as we began our coming journey towards a bicentennial.

It’s also great to be looking back to gain inspiration and drive as we march forward. When we rehear the stories of the attacks and endurance, the degradation and fortitude, the humiliation and determination, the suffering and triumph of our forbears in their struggle for women’s suffrage, it gives us the hope that we too can muster the courage and grit for the battles ahead to restore and preserve all the noble ideals this country was founded on.

Every service we provide, every presentation we make, every voter we register, every citizen we inform, every hope we inspire, every legislator’s vote we gain or change all work towards that ultimate goal, “a more perfect union.” Each and every one of us by whatever we do to further the cause of the League can be part of this noble work. Soldier on and never weary or waver, we all matter.

~ Bill Haas
League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai
Serving Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, Mayer

Proclamation

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States

Whereas, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and;

Whereas, the great State of Arizona, although new to statehood in 1920, was among the first 10 states to recognize the women’s vote;

Whereas, Prescott was the home of Frances Willard Munds, member of the Arizona Senate more than five years before ratification of the 19th Amendment and a leader of the suffragettes in Arizona:

Whereas, the League’s goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters, and;

Whereas, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization, and;

Whereas, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health, and education, and;

Whereas, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters, and;

Whereas, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable, and;

Whereas, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy;

Now therefore be it proclaimed February 14, 2020 as League of Women Voters Day.

We honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters on its 100th Anniversary and commend the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work.
February 1, 1978 – First postage stamp to honor a black woman, Harriet Tubman, is issued in Washington, DC

February 4, 1987 – First “National Women in Sports Day” is celebrated by Presidential Proclamation

February 11, 1989 – Rev. Barbara Harris became the first woman bishop in the American Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion worldwide.

February 12, 1869 – The Utah Territorial Legislature passes a bill allowing women to vote

February 15, 1921 – The Suffrage Monument, depicting Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott, sculpted by Adelaide Johnson, is dedicated at the U.S. Capitol

February 15, 1953 – Tenley Albright became the first American woman to win the World Figure Skating championship

February 17, 1870 – Esther Hobart Morris in Wyoming became the first American woman Justice of the Peace

February 24, 1912 – Henrietta Szold founds Hadassah, the largest Jewish organization in American history, focusing on healthcare and education in the Israel and the U.S.

February 24, 1967 – Jocelyn Bell Burnell makes the first discovery of a pulsar, a rapidly rotating neutron star

February 27, 1922 – U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote

https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org
Over 40 people attended the seminar presented by LWVCYC and OLLI. Bey Thayer, Executive Director of the Yavapai Justice & Mental Health Coalition, took the place of Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy David Rhodes who was ill, and was joined by Kay Krizek, a Community Coach for Yavapai Re-Entry Project and project graduate, Scott Marconi, who is now a successful contractor in Sedona.

The Sheriff’s Office only handles adult outreach programs and Bey reported that 74% of homeless people do not know where it is safe and legal to sleep, 26% have a mental illness, and 35% suffer from substance use. Individuals with adverse childhood experiences including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse prior to the age of 18 or growing up with alcohol, drug abuse, and/or mental illness in the household are much more likely to become homeless as adults.

Women are the fastest growing population in the justice system with 77-90% having histories of abuse. Girls and women are more than twice as likely to be abused than boys and men. The fact that the ACE program (Achieving a College Education) which targets high school students from challenged backgrounds to graduate high school and go to college, has been very successful with intervention. Interestingly enough, a lack of public transportation greatly affects the re-entry process leaving recently released individuals difficulty in getting to jobs and organizations providing support.

On the positive side, pre-arrest diversion efforts reduced the arrest rate in Yavapai County by almost 10% during 2018 and Governor Ducey wants to create a mental health facility to aid in re-entry.

One of Kay Krizek’s primary goals is to coordinate services for outreach in Yavapai County. Partnering with the community to connect, coordinate, and facilitate services. Building bridges from one resource to another results in the greatest success. Men and women who complete the re-entry program are 6 times more likely to stay out of prison.

Scott Marconi went through the re-entry project and said it was the best thing he had ever happened to him. He once had a wife, kids and a successful business. He came to Arizona to help his ailing father and got hooked on meth, and thinking he was smarter than the police was arrested. Now, he is amazed at his own success after being in prison for 7 years. He now goes to jails and prisons promoting the program while running a successful contracting business in Sedona.
The Launch Pad Teen Center in Prescott is holding a Women’s Empowerment Breakthrough (WEB) Conference from **April 3-5th** at the 4H Camp on Mingus Mountain. This non-profit organization provides teens in Yavapai County with educational and social opportunities that encourage learning, active community involvement, and the development of skills to become successful, empowered, contributing members of society. The goal of the WEB Conference is to provide young women with the knowledge, community, and support that they need to gain self-confidence, develop their sense of self, build community, and develop leadership skills. The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LWVCYC) will be conducting a “Becoming an Informed Voter” workshop at this conference on **Saturday morning, April 4**. League Member Cindy Bordelon is leading this workshop and requests one or two additional League Members to join her.

This is a great opportunity to interact with these future leaders and sign up new League members!

**LWVCYC has WAIVED DUES for students under 26!**

The LWVCYC will also assist in the Launch Pad Mock the Vote event in mid-September.

Be on the look out for updates on these events!

If you are interested in interacting with local youth in Prescott, please join us!

Contact Cindy Bordelon at **cleebordelon2012@gmail.com** or 312.961.3282

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**DON’T MISS THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO STEP FORWARD!**

Contact Bonnie McMinn

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bmcminn1@hotmail.com

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

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**Earth Week**

LWVCYC will have a table registering voters and passing out educational material on bills affecting the environment at some time during the Prescott Celebration. Watch for the schedule!
Jan Manolis was born in Glendale California, a suburb of Los Angeles. During her childhood, she and her family spent many holidays and summer vacations with her grandmother in Tempe and Flagstaff. Jan fulfilled a childhood dream when she moved to Prescott in 2014 after retiring to be a caregiver for her late husband who had been diagnosed with Dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

Jan began her career in Information Technologies and held technical and leadership positions in the field throughout her working career. She was a Senior Systems Consultant for Computer Associates for 10 years and served 20 years in a leadership role as Technical Services Manager for the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. While continuing to focus on her career, she earned a Bachelor’s degree in business and accounting and Master of Science degrees in Information Technologies and in Business Administration.

As an Adjunct Facility Member for 7 years at the University of La Verne, she led undergraduate and graduate courses in technology to adult learners working towards degrees required for upward mobility/promotion. “I feel real learning is an interactive process and I feel my success in teaching was due to my strength to listen, to lead group discussions, and identify solutions to the situation at hand.”

Jan served for six years in a volunteer position as Vice President, Board of Directors, for Solheim Lutheran Home, a continuing care retirement community in Los Angeles. Upon moving to Prescott, Jan worked with the Alzheimer’s Association serving as Ambassador working to “provide clear messaging guidelines related to public policy outreach efforts.” She is currently involved with several local organizations with special interests in education, renewable energy, water conversation, and social justice which led her to make a bid for public office. As a member of the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LWYCYC), she was recently appointed by the Board as chair of a Fundraising Committee to enhance the League’s voter education efforts. Watch for opportunities to help support Jan.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Mary Meade and Bill Haas welcome Patti Allen-Lafleur, Jan Manolis, Loraine West, Jane Friedman and Jinny Jacobson

Current members are welcome to join the new member orientations! It’s a great opportunity to catch up on activities and issues the League is involved in and suggest actions you are interested in pursuing!
What the Census Can Mean to Prescott

Is Prescott’s population growing or remaining stagnant?

The answer to that crucial question will have long-lasting implications for the community, Census Bureau Partnership Specialist Kimberley Robinson told the audience during a Tuesday, Feb. 11 Prescott City Council meeting. “This is how Prescott is going to be remembered — ‘Are you growing or are you staying the same?’” Robinson said, adding that the results from the 2020 Census would be the community’s “legacy through 2030.”

Along with helping to determine how much state and federal money the community will receive over the next decade, the state census numbers also will be used to determine Arizona’s U.S. Congressional representation. Prescott Mayor Pro Tem Billie Orr, who serves on the Arizona Complete Count Committee, said the number of the state’s Congressional districts will likely grow from nine to 10 after the 2020 Census, and could possibly increase to 11. Through an accurate count in 2020, Orr said, “We stand the chance of getting another Congressional district.”

The preliminary work for the 2020 Census count has been underway for months, and in March, the effort will officially go to the public. “On about March 12, you will get a postcard in your mailbox,” Robinson said, adding that the postcard would include an identification number. Starting March 12, residents will be able to use that number to respond to the Census — either by telephone or online, Robinson said. Robinson said people are being encouraged to respond to the census during the week-and-a-half from March 12 through March 20. People who have not responded by March 20 will then get another postcard in the mail. If they still have not responded by the end of March, Robinson said, “We’re going to mail a form to you.” By May 15, census workers will begin knocking on the doors of people who have yet to respond. For the first time in its history, the Census Bureau will allow people to fill out their form online — either from their computers or their smart phones. For late responders, Robinson said Census Bureau workers will knock on doors regardless of whether there are ‘no-trespassing’ signs on the property.

If people fail to respond after the postcards and the census-worker visits, Robinson said, “Worst-case scenario, after three tries, we’re going to reach out to your neighbors.” Residents should include everyone in their household at the time of the census count, Robinson said, noting that children and relatives staying in the home should be counted on the census. College students typically should be counted at their campuses, “because that’s where they live and sleep,” Robinson added. Because of its rural nature, northern Arizona tends to be undercounted, Robinson said. She fielded a number of questions from the audience, including how the census would count people who are experiencing homelessness. “We’re going to reach out to shelters and go out personally to identify where we can find these people,” she said.

Robinson emphasized that the Census Bureau is looking for employees interested in helping with the census in Prescott, at an hourly rate of about $16.50. Information is available on the census website at: https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.

The public likely will begin seeing the results of the 2020 Census by about April or May 2021, Robinson said.

Cindy Barks, Daily Courier (Updated as of Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:53 PM)
The problem is more than the proliferation of public charger schools. For decades, the legislature has ignored the needs of education in our state. In order to know what truly contributes to our teacher crisis, our low student graduation rate, and our abysmal counselor to student ratio, there is a crucial understanding one must have.
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<td><strong>Movie Night</strong>&lt;br&gt;Movie TBD  Call Toni with questions or help with directions at 928.848.2753!</td>
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<td>February 27</td>
<td>Yavapai College Prescott is 1100 E. Sheldon St. Bldg. 19, Rm. 147  (See map on page 10)</td>
<td><strong>Becoming an Informed Voter</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students will learn about democracy and other forms of government, how to become an empowered voter, sources of reliable voter information, how state and local governments impact our lives, how to become more engaged in our community, and effective and respectful civil discourse. Open to the public.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Yavapai College 1100 E. Sheldon St. Bldg. 3, Rm. 119</td>
<td><strong>Corporation Commission Reform</strong>&lt;br&gt;Speakers who have currently accepted are candidates Bill Mundell and Shea Stanfield. The LWVAZ has sponsored a proposal for new rules.</td>
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<td>Prescott Public Library 215 E Goodwin St. Room TBD</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
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<td><strong>VOTING DAY FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION</strong>&lt;br&gt;Candidate Forum&lt;br&gt;The LWVCYC will present a Legislative Candidate Forum on Public Education in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW-Prescott), the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), and the Prescott Education Advocacy Council (PEAC).</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Heard Museum 2301 N. Central Ave. Phoenix</td>
<td><strong>LWVAZ Council</strong>&lt;br&gt;Plans in progress. Suggestions for speakers or workshops at this bi-annual event are welcome. Contact local state board representatives at <a href="mailto:LWVCYC@gmail.com">LWVCYC@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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- Go STRAIGHT to the END of the Classrooms down Open Walkway
- The ELEVATOR 3 is on the LEFT
- Go to LEVEL 1
Room 119 is through the CAFETERIA, down the HALL on the RIGHT
**LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2020-2021**

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2020-2021 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

_____ $40/yr for members under 40

_____ Free 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