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Virginia Passes Equal Rights Amendment!

Today [January 15, 2020], Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment – crossing the three-fourths threshold of support required from the states. Now we need Congress to remove the deadline so the ERA can become a permanent part of the U.S. Constitution.

~ Chris Carson, President, LWV

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100th ANNIVERSARY
LWV Day of Action
LWVUS—2/14/2020
LWVAZ—2/13/2020

See page 7 for details!

‘100 for 100’

THERE WILL BE CAKE!
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
A COMBINED CELEBRATION!
CARPOOL TO THE CAPITOL TO CELEBRATE WITH LEAGUE MEMBERS ACROSS ARIZONA & YOUR ARIZONA LEGISLATORS!

Creating A MORE PERFECT Democracy

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1920–2020
President’s Message

Who could imagine a more momentous time in our history or a more opportune time to be part of the League of Women Voters than now, unless it would have been a century ago when the organization was formed to prepare its members to be voters—well informed voters. As we move into 2020, celebrating our hundredth anniversary, our mission has never been any more crucial.

It’s hard to imagine anyone now seriously questioning how important our right to vote is. And with all the interference and disinformation that have essentially threatened our most precious right and duty as citizens of our very Republic, we must now stand strong.

It’s frustrating in this time of tribalism to be working so hard to inform voters, when for so many there is not one set of facts, but “my facts” and “your facts.” But we must persevere.

It’s also frustrating to be working so hard to make sure that every eligible voter gets their chance to have their vote counted, and yet there are so many efforts to make it more difficult for many of them to do so—including disenfranchising, purging of voter rolls, limits on mail-in ballots, limits on counting all votes, unequal availability of convenient voter sites, gerrymandering which allows candidates to pick their voters rather than vice versa. (Fortunately for us in Yavapai County, with the exception of tribal areas, voter registration, voter access and ballot counting seem to be handled competently and conscientiously.)

But persevere we must—our Republic depends on it. Go into this year with all the heart and soul of our forebears. Do it for yourself, for your children and grandchildren. Nothing you could do could be more consequential.

~ Bill Haas

A Few Other Points from the President

• **Statewide 100th Anniversary Celebration of the League—February 13.** Be part of it! Check details on page 7.

• Don’t miss our next meeting and presentation at Yavapai College on January 30th re: **Juvenile Justice—changes coming right here in Prescott to improve outcomes!**

• Check the news on Virginia and the ERA!

• We’re still in **full recruiting mode;** please get out there and suggest that someone you know consider joining LWVCYC!

• Those who have already submitted their names to the Nominating Committee or anyone else who is **interested in serving on next year’s board, please contact Cory Shaw at cmshaw0430@aol.com by Jan. 29th to find out about a “Meet and Greet” with current board members.**
If not already registered with a political party (or registered as an Independent), you’ll need to register or update your registration with a participating political party — Democratic, Green, or Libertarian. There will be NO Republican Presidential Preference Election this year as the Republican party chose to fully support Donald Trump for re-election.

Check your current voter registration status and update if desired at servicearizona.com. Voters who identify as Independents must choose a political party designation by February 18, 2020, in order to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Election. They may change back to Independent for the Primary and General Elections, but they will need to request a ballot from one of the recognized political parties.

Volunteers needed for Voter Registration!

A great way to get moving in 2020!

FLEXIBLE DAYS & TIMES
&
SEVERAL LOCATIONS!

Training provided!
Arizona Voting Rights Advocates Win Settlement Improving Statewide Access to Voter Registration

1/6/2020
PHOENIX, AZ—Today, voting rights advocates celebrated a significant win for Arizonans that will make it easier for residents to exercise their fundamental right to vote. The victory was declared after the settlement of a lawsuit filed by the League of Women Voters of Arizona, Mi Familia Vota Education Fund, and Promise Arizona against the Secretary of State. The lawsuit alleged Arizona violated the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), a federal law designed to aid voter registration. The settlement agreement requires the State of Arizona to provide more effective voter registration services to individuals who update their driver’s license or state ID address in-person at a Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) office or online through the Service Arizona portal.

“With this agreement, all qualified voters in Arizona can be certain that their address for voter registration has been updated when they change their address through the Motor Vehicle Department.” said Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer, former co-president of the League of Women Voters of Arizona. “We applaud the Secretary of State and ADOT for helping Arizona close a gap in compliance of the National Voter Registration Act.” …

Refer to full article at https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/arizona-voting-rights-advocates-win-settlement-improving-statewide-access

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS IN US WOMEN’S HISTORY

JANUARY 15, 2020 — Virginia becomes the 38th state needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA was originally written by Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman, and was first introduced in Congress in December 1923.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equal_Rights_Amendment

Other Happenings:

♦ January 3, 1949 — Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) starts her tenure in the Senate, where she stays in office until 1973, became the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as she previously served in the House (1940-49)

♦ January 5, 1925 — Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (Governor of Wyoming)

♦ January 7, 1896 — Fanny Farmer’s first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements

♦ January 7, 1955 — Marian Anderson is the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera

♦ January 8, 1977 — Anna Pauline “Pauli” Murray is the first African American woman ordained to the Episcopal priesthood, by Bishop William F. Creighton at Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

♦ January 11, 1935 — Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America

♦ January 12, 1932 — Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Arkansas) is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, becomes the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first to serve as the Senate’s presiding officer

♦ January 25, 1890 — Nellie Bly, journalist, completed her around the world trip in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds after setting sail east to prove she could circle the globe in less than 80 days

♦ January 25, 1980 — Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4 1/2 minutes, running it at 4:17.55

♦ January 29, 1926 — Violette Neatly Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court

https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/events/january/
HIGHLIGHTING ACTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Bonnie McMinn

Bonnie McMinn was born and raised in SE Michigan and after college spent several years as a public accountant. She then moved into a 30-year career serving Fortune 500 technology companies in the areas of sales and marketing as an account management executive. In 2009, she and husband Greg Stein moved to Prescott where she began her own private Pilates studio after taking extensive training in yoga, Pilates, neurokinetic therapy, etc. Prescott is where she has used her extensive background in the corporate world, serving on boards of the Yavapai College Foundation and Sharlot Hall Museum and is an active member of CWAG and former Chair of Save the Dells. Bonnie is a recent appointee to the Mayor’s Commission on Wellbeing. She was also involved in Cathey Rusing’s successful campaign for the non-partisan position of city council member. Having respected the League for years, she has stepped forward not only as a member, but also as a member of the board, selected by the board to be Director of Voter Services.

Greg Stein

Greg was born and raised in Detroit and after high school was drafted into service in the Vietnam War. After being “blown up”, as he says, and earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, he returned to Michigan to earn BS and MBA degrees and entered the corporate world in marketing and sales, where he built his career calling on big name corporations such as Ford, GM and Chrysler, while working for different advertising agencies before moving on to work for Volkswagen directly. After ten years, another transition to franchise consulting, helping people find the right new career. Now he is part of Business Alliance Group.

Since moving here with Bonnie, he has turned attention to civic engagement including 5 ½ years in the County Attorney’s Office in Victims Services as an advocate. He’s also a Prescott City Hall Ambassador, a Policy Committee member of CWAG and now very involved in voter registration with LWVYC. He’s passionate about voter involvement. See him at Prescott Public Library frequently on Tuesdays registering voters. I’ll let him tell you his story about how he and Bonnie met. It’s a good one.

Cindy Bordelon

Cynthia (Cindy) Bordelon joined the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County in 2019 with the hope of acting as an advocate for enhanced civic education and engagement with the ultimate goal of strengthening our democracy. With a law degree and graduate education in business and healthcare management, Cindy has extensive and diverse leadership experience in the insurance, healthcare, legal, banking, compliance and state and federal regulatory arenas. She is a strategist and advisor with a history of helping organizations improve compliance and identify, assess, manage, and mitigate their risks in order to optimize resources and processes, enhance revenue, reduce costs, and generally run more efficiently. Cindy has extensive volunteer experience that includes involvement in nonprofit governance and compliance, health, literacy, economic empowerment, social services, education and politics, including: Advisory Board Member for Cool Classics, Inc. (nonprofit literacy organization), AARP Foundation Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council Member (engaging persons 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical social service community needs), Top Box Foods (nonprofit organization focused on increasing access to healthy and affordable food in Chicago food deserts), Chicago Scholars Foundation (mentorship academically ambitious students from under-resourced communities to complete college), and Advance Directives Specialist at Northwestern Medicine. Cindy has lived and worked in Chicago, St. Louis, and New York. She currently resides in Prescott Valley, Arizona, where she enjoys the beautiful scenery, frequent sunshine and sense of community in the area.

NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION — THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 6 — 4:30-6:00 PM

All Members Welcome

New members—watch for an invitation! Other members wanting to attend should contact Mary Meade at 928.273.9246
Juvenile Justice and Re-entry

How do formerly incarcerated youth weave themselves back into society?
How do they start their lives over again?
How do we, as a community, assist them in finding hope for their future, thus creating a safer community for all?

Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy David Rhodes will discuss challenges the participants face. Additional speakers include Community Coach Kay Krizek and Former Participant Scott Marconi. Scott was incarcerated and went through Yavapai Reentry Project (YRP).

Education Crisis in Yavapai County

Join us to discuss why public district schools are struggling!

Saturday – April 4 – 10:00-12:00
1100 East Sheldon Street – Building 3 – Room 119

The problem is more than the proliferation of public charter 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.

Join Julia Watson, lifelong Arizona educator and trainer, for a lively presentation to acquire a snapshot of our challenges and how you can contribute to mitigating them. Bring your activism and enthusiasm to make a difference in Arizona’s educational system.
DON’T MISS THIS HISTORIC EVENT!

Only $15 – Register by Thursday, February 6
Pay by check made out to LWVCYC
Mail to LWVCYC at PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304 or
Bring to JANUARY 30 SEMINAR
Pay by PAYPAL at https://my.lwv.org/arizona/legislative-day-2020

Want to Carpool?
Contact Joyce Haas to RIDE or DRIVE at jbsail@gmail.com or 928.775.5100
SIGN UP FOR CARPOOLING BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10!

You’re Welcome to
Serve at Our LWV Tent
at the Capitol in Phoenix!

- $15 per person includes
  - Lunch
  - Speakers
  - Entertainment
  - Cake & conversation!

- Centennial proclamations by
  - Governor
  - Legislature

- Updates on
  - LWVUS People Powered Fair Maps™
  - Redistricting Program
  - AZ Clean Elections Commission
  - Voting Rights

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 (lwvazadvocacy@gmail.com)
GUEST SPEAKER PAULA BURR is the vice-chair of Save the Dells. She and her husband moved to the Prescott area largely because of the wonderful hiking available in the Dells, so when she learned that much of the area was not protected from development, she knew she needed to get involved! Paula's professional background is in education, Restorative Justice and community mediation - all skills that have come in handy in Save the Dells' quest to save 500 acres in the heart of the Granite Dells. Paula will be sharing an overview of Save the Dells' short- and long-term goals, providing an update on the status of the negotiations with AED (Arizona Eco Development), as well as answering any questions you may have.

To register, contact CORY SHAW — cmshaw0430@aol.com or 928.772.0941

Mail check for $20 (includes tax, tip and beverage) per person made out to LWVCYC with menu selection(s) to:

Cory Shaw
1187 N. Rigo Ranch Road
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Deadline for registration is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19!

(email notice ingredients before selecting!)
# 2020 Calendar of Events

We host meetings and events for the public and League members. Everyone is welcome!

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<td>An insightful, urgent, and perennially relevant handbook that lays out in common sense language how the United States Constitution works, and how its protections are eroding before our eyes—essential reading for anyone who wants to understand and parse the constantly breaking news about the backbone of American government. <a href="https://www.harpercollins.com/">https://www.harpercollins.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>May 16-17</strong></td>
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<td>Plans are currently 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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The LWVCYC is involved in working with the LWVAZ on projects, a gun safety study, and tracking bills that relate to our positions. Contact any board member to take part!
HANDICAP PARKING/ENTRANCE TO BUILDING 3 ELEVATOR

- Go STRAIGHT to the END of the Classrooms down Open Walkway
- The ELEVATOR is on the LEFT
- Go to LEVEL 1
Room 119 is through the CAFETERIA, down the HALL on the RIGHT
HELP TO GET OUT THE VOTE FOR 2020!

- 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!

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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 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