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LWVAZ LEGISLATIVE DAY

On Wednesday, February 20, League members experienced a typical day at the Legislature — little went as planned. Everyone was flexible, however, and we were able to adjust as the schedules changed. LWVCYC members were unable to meet with Rep. Campbell, but Karin Fann gave us plenty of time — even though she was supposed to be in two places at once.

Yet…Our AZ Legislature Refuses to Support ERA!

President Fann acknowledged that the League wouldn’t be happy, but, none-the-less, she made it clear that work on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was not on her agenda. She plans on using her efforts to support Education policies and other issues that are more likely to get “positive results.” Please, follow LWVAZ Action Alerts and log onto Request to Speak (RTS) to ensure the legislature gets the message of our disappointment and encourage them to support our positions on other current bills. See p. 6.
A Life Celebrated!

Elisabeth Ruffner
1920-2019

A Distinctive Honor During Women’s History Month
A Message from President Bill Haas

Fellow Members,

Our most recent LWVCYC meeting at Yavapai College on March 2nd offered a terrific program on Educational Funding by three excellent presenters. They highlighted how the state has cut funding for years following the Great Recession of 2008 and how we have placed ourselves as one of the lowest funded schools in the U.S., year after year, still far below funding levels from 2007 and earlier. It was excellent information for those wishing to encourage their friends and acquaintances to civically engage in urging the state leadership to do better!

This is just one of several excellent programs LWVCYC has offered over the course of this League year, as those who have attended our meetings can attest. We know members are busy with many things, but would urge you, whenever possible, to attend our meetings. We are highlighting League positions on very important issues to our community, our state and our nation as a whole. The League mission is as important as it has ever been, and you can be a part of something very big in our country’s history. We all need to realize what great things can happen when a well informed and engaged citizenry stands up and demands to be heard.

Too many decisions have been and are being made without much input. A small number of powerful people and groups want to keep it that way. It’s our right, our privilege, our duty to not let this happen.

Stay informed, stay engaged, and be part of something very big for the benefit of our country and future generations. Be the change you want to see!

Dates, Etc. to Remember

- Remember, those of you who have pledged to sign up a new member this year, the League year ends in June. We have already signed sixteen new members this year. We’re a local on the move; keep the ball moving.

- Next Program: April 6 at Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 119. Come, invite friends and neighbors to hear a report on our legislative session.

- The State Convention is in Prescott at the Residence Inn, May 17—19. You can attend the convention without having to book a room. See how our programs fit in with the broader state League mission. Make some great contacts with members from across the state. Contact Communications Director, Judy Kelch at 703-371-1645 or jkelch77@gmail.com, for more details.

- Our Annual Meeting is June 1st. Sign up for the sumptuous breakfast buffet at the Club at Prescott Lakes, followed by our speaker and meeting afterwards. Vote on the slate of candidates for next year’s Board and get to know your fellow League members better. You won’t want to miss this special event.
It is time to mark the score card of the current Arizona Legislature. Have our elected officials been responsive and accountable in addressing the wants and needs of the electorate? Join our experts in assessing their legislation regarding the myriad issues concerning the community such as education funding, suppression of voter rights, citizens’ right to know, money in politics, apportionment, etc.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
Yavapai College
Building 3, Room 119
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Luige del Puerto oversees the editorial and business units of Arizona News Service, which publishes the Arizona Capitol Times

Nicky Indicavitch is the Northern Arizona Region Director at Arizona State PTA

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LVWCYC) in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
Women’s History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a “Women’s History Week” celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women’s Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women’s History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women’s groups and historians—led by the National Women’s History Project (now the National Women’s History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women’s History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women’s History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”

The National Women’s History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The 2019 Women’s History Month theme is “Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence.” The theme honors "women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society."
Equal Rights Amendment
#noERAaz

After New York passed an extreme abortion law last week [January 9, 2019] rolling back abortion restrictions and legalizing abortion up to the point of birth, Arizona must take a stand against such radical laws. The Equal Rights Amendment is being sold as equal pay legislation, but equal pay is already the law. And the 14th Amendment, federal, state, and local laws all prohibit discrimination against women. Moreover, the ERA as written would likely enshrine abortion into the U.S. Constitution and roll back commonsense abortion restrictions – just like the New York law...

CONCLUSION
The Arizona Legislature should not ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment already protects against sexual discrimination. The ERA could enshrine the right to abortion in the Constitution and will bring with it a host of dangerous consequences that come with a genderless society.

https://www.azpolicy.org/equal-rights-amendment/

...What the New York Law Says

...Women may choose to have an abortion prior to 24 weeks; pregnancies typically range from 38 to 42 weeks. After 24 weeks, such decisions must be made with a determination that there is an "absence of fetal viability" or that the procedure is "necessary to protect the patient's life or health." That determination must be made by a "health care practitioner licensed, certified, or authorized" under state law, "acting within his or her lawful scope of practice."

Q: Does the new New York law allow full-term abortions?
A: The law permits abortions after 24 weeks if a health care professional determines the health or life of the mother is at risk, or the fetus is not viable.

https://www.factcheck.org/2019/02/addressing-new-yorks-new-abortion-law/

...What's Included in the 14th Ammendment

The 14th Amendment contains three major provisions:

The Citizenship Clause granted citizenship to All persons born or naturalized in the United States.

The Due Process Clause declared that states may not deny any person "life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

The Equal Protection Clause said that a state may not deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

The amendment also included provisions for determining a states representatives to the federal government, and it contained a number of provisions that applied to officials of the former Confederacy.

The 14th Amendment marked a significant shift in the way the Constitution was applied in America. Prior to its enactment, the individual protections offered by the Bill of Rights were enforceable only against the federal government. The 14th Amendment applied these rights to the states. In so doing, it initiated a flood of litigation to determine the amendments meaning and scope of litigation that continues to this day.

https://www.nolo.com/
Request to Speak (RTS)

• What is Request to Speak?
The Arizona Legislature Request to Speak System. The Request To Speak program (RTS) is designed to allow the public to register an opinion on bills listed on agendas and to request to speak on a bill in a committee.

• Sign up at azleg.gov

• First Log-in must be from a kiosk at the House of Representatives
After signing up, send an email with your user name and password to LWVAZ@gmail.com and a League member will log your account in at a kiosk in the House (or at one of the two kiosks located in Tucson).

• Instructions on How to Use Request to Speak at
Since Arizona became a state in 1912, voters from all sides of the political spectrum have exercised their constitutional right to put issues on the ballot. The Arizona Voters’ Bill of Rights is a new, grassroots effort to inform Arizonans of their rights as voters and to ensure that those rights are respected. As citizens, all of us should have the freedom to choose our leaders and be part of the decisions that affect our lives. Three proposals currently under debate in the legislature, HCR2005, SCR1023 and SB1451, would make it nearly impossible for citizens to put initiatives on the ballot. These bills must be stopped.

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The Voters’ Bill of Rights states that as Arizona citizens, we have the right to:

- Register to vote without unnecessary barriers;
- Participate in fair elections in which politicians are not choosing their own voters;
- Vote by mail or in person and know that our votes will count;
- Equal access to the ballot no matter where in Arizona we live, what language we speak or what our physical abilities are;
- Propose and enact laws when politicians fail to act; and
- Know that when we elect someone, they will work for us, not donors or lobbyists.

The League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWVAZ) is working during this legislative session to pass a package of bills to enshrine voters’ rights into law, including automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, expansions to early voting, and accelerated counting of early ballots. Advocates are also defending against attempts to further limit voting rights in Arizona.

- LWVAZ
Next Book Club is Saturday, May 25, 3:00-4:45

We will be meeting again at the Prescott Public Library, main floor, Elsea Room.

Please, read **Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy** by Joseph E. Stiglitz

Inequality is a choice.

The United States bills itself as the land of opportunity, a place where anyone can achieve success and a better life through hard work and determination. But the facts tell a different story—the U.S. today lags behind most other developed nations in measures of inequality and economic mobility. For decades, wages have stagnated for the majority of workers while economic gains have disproportionately gone to the top one percent. Education, housing, and health care—essential ingredients for individual success—are growing ever more expensive. Deeply rooted structural discrimination continues to hold down women and people of color, and more than one-fifth of all American children now live in poverty. These trends are on track to become even worse in the future.

If you have time, you might also read **Good and Mad** by Rebecca Traister

“In a year when issues of gender and sexuality dominated the national conversation, no one shaped that exchange more than Rebecca Traister. Her wise and provocative columns helped make sense of a cultural transformation.” —National Magazine Award Citation, 2018

Guidelines for LWVCYC Book Group

(Ground rules were agreed to by all at our meeting on 3/9/19)

- Read the book.
- Central to the League’s philosophy is a policy of non-partisanship. Try to balance the choice of books and discussion.
- Allow everyone to speak. No one person should dominate the discussion.
- Take turns moderating the discussion each session.
- It is fine to disagree with each other respectfully.

Please, encourage your fellow League members and others interested in politics, to read the book and join us!
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN ARIZONA

Prescott Community Outreach Program

Presentation and action-focused discussion on the recommendations from the 111th Town Hall on Criminal Justice in Arizona.

The program will begin at noon. Lunch is served at a cost of $15 per person (complimentary to students).

HOST: Dr. Frank Ayers, Chancellor, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

PRESENTERS: Stacey Crabtree, Administrator, Offender Services Bureau, Arizona Department of Corrections; Michael Davis, Professor, Program Director of Administration of Justice and Paralegal Studies, Yavapai College; Eric Marcus, Chief Administrative Officer, The NARBHA Institute; Ray Newton, Professor Emeritus, Northern Arizona University; Pat Norris, Ret. Judge, Lawyer Development, ASU Law Group; Billie Orr, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Prescott

Location: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Jack R. Hunt Student Union Hangar, 3700 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301

Register at http://aztownhall.org/event-3256066

WHY WE DISAGREE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Act on Climate Change NOW

NORTH ARIZONA CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE

Prescott United Methodist Church (PUMC) and Northern AZ Climate Change Alliance (NAZCCA) present Brian Petersen. Presentation: Why We Disagree on Climate Change

Brian Petersen serves as the Chair of the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission and served on the city’s Climate Action and Adaptation Planning Steering Committee. He is also an assistant professor in Geography and Planning and Recreation at Northern Arizona University.

Join us on Sunday, March 31st from 2pm-4pm
PUMC sanctuary at 505 West Gurley Street, Prescott

Refreshments provided by PUMC

NAZCCA is a non-partisan, non-electoral 501c3 organization. Contact Kari Hull @ Kari.NAZCCA@gmail.com

NAZCCA.ORG
# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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| 10:00-12:00         | 1100 E. Sheldon St. Bldg. 3, Rm. 119 Prescott   |---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

| Saturday May 25     | Prescott Public Library                         | **Political Book Club**  
Please read Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy by Joseph E. Stiglitz and, if you have time, you might also read Good and Mad by Rebecca Traister. See guidelines on page 8.  
RSVP to jbsail@gmail.com at least 5 days prior to the meeting. |
| 3:00-4:45           | Elsea Room                                      |---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

| Saturday June 1     | The Club at Prescott Lakes                      | **Annual Meeting—Breakfast and Speaker**  
A packet for the Annual Meeting will be emailed to you by April 25; please print a copy to bring to the meeting. |
| 9:00-11:00          | 311 East Smoke Tree Ln. Prescott               |---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

| Friday-Sunday May 17-19 | Residence Inn Prescott | **2019 LWV Arizona State Convention**  
Details to follow. | |

## Member-Proposed Topics for 2019-20 LWV Seminars (in random order)

- Community Development – Economic Viability of QC area
- Transportation-mass transit options, government Funding (SIMPCO)
- Comprehensive Sex Education in Schools
- Sex Trafficking
- Child Protection/Family Mediation-CASA
- Juvenile Justice System- Restorative Practices in QC area
- Senior Housing
- Open Space usage and preservation - environmental issues
- Environmentally friendly housing
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Education – student debt, technical schools, public universities, public funding of universities, governmental control of tuition costs
- Monitoring of Arizona Corporation Commission
- Partnering with existing water usage and preservation advocacy groups
- Funding of government projects – sales tax? property taxes? other options, need for transparency
- Regulations regarding voter initiatives

![Image of travel size products]
HAVE YOU TOLD A FRIEND ABOUT LWV?

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

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 LWAY 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!