



2018-2019 Annual Report

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President
Judy Wood

As I read the many reports on the following pages, I am impressed by the large number of committees and work that reflect the thousands of hours given by the membership to support the mission of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson. It has been a pleasure to serve this fine organization.

We continue to grow. This year we welcomed 103 new members for a net gain of 70 additional members. We now have over 350 members. The Orientation format changed to smaller and more frequent opportunities to engage the new members.

New efforts include the Men’s Group; a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; MoM; an OLLI Class; the Radio Show; and the 2020 Committee.

Perhaps the change where we will see the greatest impact on LWVGT in years to come is the selection of a new host for our website. The Technology Team put in many hours studying the possibilities and then guided us to our new host, ClubExpress. Over the summer, you will see the fruits of this selection process and we will have a website that will be more user friendly.

In the busy election year, hundreds of new voters were registered and thousands were encouraged to go vote. The Voter Registration Team applied for and received a grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund (National) to develop and implement a youth voter registration effort. With many new elected officials, our 2019 *Citizen’s Directory of Elected Officials* is in high demand.

Our Saturday Voter Education Programs exceeded attendance records and were live streamed for thousands of others to benefit from the excellent presentations. Units offered presentations on topics of interest and the tour of the Central Arizona Project (CAP).

We have the very good fortune of financial stability. Much of this is due to the generous donations of our members, both individually and at our Holiday Brunch. Issues and Eggs was once again the stalwart of our fundraising efforts.

Our new office location on Swan Road has been very busy with nearly daily meetings. The desk volunteers help to keep us organized and provide the face to the public.

Committees worked tirelessly.

- Advocacy hosted a breakfast with our elected legislators, affording us an opportunity to learn and share our positions on potential legislation.
- Our Bylaws were reviewed with suggestions for amendment.
- Environmental Issues presented a very informative Saturday Voter Education Program on climate change.
- The invigorated Speakers Bureau made many presentations.
- Running and Winning continues to inform young women about the possibility of elected office.
- We were kept informed via the *Voter*, Facebook, the Mid-Month Message, and MoM.

- In addition to all this work, we took time out to get to know each other and socialize.

Membership

Karen Randolph, Chair

Committee members: Susan Black, Sue Cotty, April Lewis, Emily Ricketts, Kate Stewart, and Jonetta Trued

The Committee:

1. Made a commitment at the first meeting to encourage the League to use digital communication as much as possible and to upgrade the web site - Jonetta Trued took the lead on this
2. Designed a trifold membership recruitment brochure - Susan Black took the lead on this project
3. Worked with Ann Davis to design a fee waiver policy and form, which the Board approved
4. Introduced a new dues proration policy, which the Board approved
5. Created a League Participation Policy, which was approved by the Board
6. Revised the New Member Interest Sheet
7. Attended six Voter Education Programs and greeted members and registered guests. The list of guests who attended were sent to Susan who entered them into the "Friends of the League" Mailchimp system
8. Thank you letters were sent to those who attended League events and signed in on the registration sheet
9. Helped Kate with 2020 registration and name tags - April, Karen
10. Helped Floy Parkhill with registration and name tags at Issues and Eggs - Susan, Sue, April, Karen, Sara Shifrin (not a committee member)
11. 103 new members were welcomed during the 2018 membership year, which entailed writing 103 new member letters and printing 103 nametags
12. Coordinated with Floy Parkhill to use Mailchimp to send out renewal letters
13. Completed a Member Handbook which will be sent in the New Member Packet and put on the website for all members
14. The Chair, the incoming Chair, and Jonetta did a preliminary study to tailor the new website to fit the needs of the Membership Committee

Orientation

Pat Wiedhopf, Chair

- April 7, 2018 was the date of the first New Member Orientation for the 2018-19 LWVGT year. It was held at the home of Sue DeArmond. Twenty new members and nine presenters attended.

Based on a meeting to receive input from several new members about orientation, it was decided that a pilot program would be initiated. Orientation was planned for six times a year (every other month) at the LWVGT Office.

- Saturday, June 16, 2018 breakfast attended by nine new and eight experienced members
- Tuesday, August 7, 2018 dinner attended by six new and six experienced members
- Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 dinner attended by seven new and five experienced members
- Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 dinner attended by nine new and six experienced members
- Thursday, March 21, 2019 cancelled due to lack of RSVPs

Orientation (continued)

Format:

Two tables were set up and each arranged for four to five new and three to four experienced members. The experienced members were divided into two groups and moved just one time from one table to the other in a 20-30 minute interval so the new members had the opportunity to meet with all experienced members in a small group setting to learn about the League, have their questions answered, get to know each other and us, and convey their interests. The *Calendar for 2018-2019*, "Unit" information sheet, *New Member Interests* sheet, the *Organization Chart*, and any other handouts of interest were distributed to facilitate the overview and help answer questions about LWVGT.

General education topics included an overview of the LWVGT, communications, membership, voter service, and member involvement. Orientation was wrapped up with an evaluation discussion that provided important considerations for future orientation programs. *New Member Interests* sheets were distributed to be filled out and turned in by the attendees.

Voter Service

Janet Belkin, Chair

The Voter Service Committee has had a busy, exciting and rewarding year.

First, rather than hold large committee meetings of all members of the five subcommittees (Voter Registration, Get Out the Vote, Education and Materials, Forums, and Non-governmental Elections), our monthly committee meetings have consisted of the coordinators of these sub-committees plus any officers of the LWVGT who wish to come. The coordinators can also invite specific members of their subcommittee if they feel it will be useful to the meeting. Our Voter Service meetings have focused on future planning as well as serving as an opportunity for the coordinators to exchange ideas and issues and ways to work cooperatively. In addition, we have made the meetings more informal so that instead of written reports, we have spent the meeting on informal discussion of problems and issues.

The Voter Service Committee has also been involved with several committee projects. One of these was the participation in the national Voter Registration Day in September. This included activities throughout Tucson, cooperation and involvement from the area high schools, and an article in one of the local newspapers. We have also been looking into issues of voter suppression and in "vetting" local candidates as we do the propositions and initiatives on our yearly ballot. These have been tabled for the present.

In conjunction with this review, you will see the individual presentations of the coordinators of our five subcommittees. Please read them in conjunction with this summary in order to get a clear view of what we do and have done.

Voter Registration

Susan Webb-Lukomski, Chair, January 1, 2018 - November 13, 2018

There were several notable changes for voter registration operations in 2018:

- The Voter Registration Team grew from 47 members at the end of 2017 to 110 members as of November 2018. Most of these were new LWVGT members. While this presented some challenges in terms of providing oversight and enough volunteer opportunities for new members, it led us to develop new partnerships and provide more service.
- We added targeted outreach to register young voters and people with special challenges that can make it more difficult to register and vote. This resulted in a shift in the source of our events/activities from almost exclusively community requests in 2017 to 70% being member-initiated or the result of outreach and new partnerships.
- We expanded services in outlying communities, including Ajo and Green Valley, where our members were trained and provided valuable service.
- Online registration and mobile registration were added as strategies.
- Lead volunteer roles were created to manage training, supplies and scheduling. Members also assisted with outreach.

Service data highlights - January to mid-November 2018:

- 15 training sessions were held: 6 for LWVGT members and 9 for community groups
- 93 voter registration events/activities were held, including:
 - 27 for the general public at public sites
 - 33 targeting young voters at public sites, schools, and other youth sites
 - 10 at religious centers/organizations
 - 3 at worksites
 - 9 at assisted living facilities or retirement communities with assisted living
 - 11 targeting other populations with special challenges
- 1,473 people were served (registered, enabled to register later, assisted with a query, given substantive verbal information, or given written materials)
- 323 people registered or updated their registration at the event
- 310 people were enabled to register later (e.g., given a form to submit with documents later or steered to ServiceArizona to register online)

Voter Registration

Noreen Geyer-Kordosky, Chair, beginning November 15, 2018

On December 3, 2018 and December 8, 2018, a Voter Registration Team meeting was held at Woods Library. There was open discussion about 2018 events, comments and planning for moving forward. Carol Bradbury was introduced in her role as voting protocol advisor for the Voter Registration Team.

In December 2018, the Voter Registration Coordinator applied for the "Spring Youth Voter" grant from LWVEF and received approval and a \$700.00 budget. Outreach to district, charter and alternative high schools started. Kick-off was part of the Pima Association of Governments hosted "Teen Leadership Summit" at the University of Arizona on February 1, 2019. By mid-March, there were four School and Community Youth Voter Registration events with 124 youth registering to vote. In addition, 10 area schools with 27 school staff have been trained to work with their students in a student-to-student voter registration event to take place in their schools in April-early May 2019 as part of the Spring Youth Voter grant.

On February 25, 2019, five LWVGT Voter Registration Team members were trained by the Pima County Recorder's Office in preparation for conducting voter registration at Pima County Naturalization Ceremonies. The first event was on March 15, 2019. On February 23, 2019, a total of 11 League members attended the LWVGT voter registration training. For the first time, GOTV materials were added to the training agenda. On March 4, 2019, training for Voter Registration Team volunteers interested in helping with the grant was held. Non-youth related registration events included the Festival of Books on March 2-3, 2019 and the El Rio Neighborhood Center Health and Safety Fair on March 16, 2019.

Voter Registration Events

Kathy Dubbs, Chair

Although the League always has a booth at both of these events, we do not usually register a lot of voters. However, the goodwill is palpable, as well as being able to provide valuable information to the public.

- Tucson Meet Yourself has graciously allowed us to waive the \$150 fee for a booth, so the cost to us is zero. One can never count on this, however. Last year the deadline for registering to vote in the midterm election had already passed, so there was not a lot of interest in registering. Also, the booth location was not good, due to the change of location of the festival because of construction on the old courthouse. Plus, one day it rained very hard and cut down on participation. In past years, we have had a booth with a lot of visibility, which makes a difference.
- The Tucson Festival of Books cost us \$760 for a non-profit corner booth, and this will likely increase. The booth-sitters reported a lot of positive comments, and we distributed many of the new trifold brochures about our League. Hopefully, this will pay off in new members.

It is up to the Board to decide if we should continue with these two events, but it does provide us with a great deal of visibility in the community.

Get Out the Vote
Rex Graham, Chair

The League’s 2018 GOTV campaign in Tucson was based on distributing a **business-card-sized pamphlet** (in English and Spanish) to young voters and voters in low-turnout areas. The campaign in September and October involved 30 volunteer “GOTV ambassadors” who contacted hundreds of owners and managers of small businesses and organizations, religious leaders and others. Our face-to-face meetings with these “influencers” involved a brief explanation of the information on the cards, a reminder of the upcoming election, and the importance of voting to the democratic process. The cards offered the three easiest ways to register to vote and the three easiest ways to actually vote. We also noted that “most voters don’t know this stuff,” and explained that voters have several ways to cast ballots without even going to the polls on Election Day. Access to all that information, and more, was provided by the cards.

Virtually all of the influencers the GOTV team talked to face-to-face enthusiastically committed to handing out the cards and more importantly, combined the card with their personalized appeals to vote. More than 48,000 cards were passed out to our target audience this way. Front and back views of the English version of the GOTV card:



Forums

Barbara Becker, Chair

The Forum Committee had a successful candidate forum in Oro Valley. More recently, the Committee assisted Pima County by holding a candidate forum for a judgeship appointment. We are now planning a September candidate forum after the primary election this fall.

Publications

Barbara Becker, Chair

The Publication Committee has completed the 2019 update of *A Citizen’s Directory of Elected Officials*. It is available in the office and has been delivered to libraries, city halls and other interested parties. It can also be found online.

Voter Education Programs

Deborah Green, Chair

2018-19 was an inspiring and successful season that started off at the annual retreat. League members identified the following six topics to present to the public:

- How to be An Informed Voter in the Post-Truth Era
- Taking a Look at the Arizona Ballot Measures
- Severed Ties: The Legal and Humanitarian Impact of U.S. Immigration Policy
- The 2020 U.S. Census: Why Should You Care?
- How Does the Arizona Corporation Commission “Rate”?
- Climate Change in Arizona – What Can and Should We Do?

Each group that volunteered to present one of the Voter Education Programs worked hard to:

- Determine the focus and scope of the meeting.
- Decide on the purpose(s) or goal(s) of the program: nonpartisan education, pro-con discussion of an issue, preparation and motivation for action.
- Invite and get commitments from presenter(s).
- Prepare handouts.

Each of the six programs had a panel of knowledgeable speakers that presented informative and balanced information that increased our understanding of the topic. The League moderators made certain that the discussion was lively and helpful and that the audience was able to get all their questions answered.

This season, the Voter Education Program teams were committed to reaching out to the greater Tucson community. The League partnered with the YWCA whose focus is eliminating racism; empowering women; and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. In addition, two of the programs were held at venues that were more easily accessible to wider audiences. Total attendance for the year was over 420 members and non-members. For the first time, all programs were live streamed on Facebook and reached an average of 1,200 viewers.

The success of the Voter Education Programs is a group effort. We want to thank the Communications Team for getting the word out, Sue Girardeau for providing coffee and treats, and Chris Babbee of Psydious Sound for providing the great sound system. Also, a big thank you to Linda Arzoumanian, Rex Graham, and Adrian Barton for doing the Facebook streaming and filming.

Eastside Unit
Phylis Carnahan, Chair

Highlight of the Eastside Unit meetings are:

- Executive Director of STEM, Sara Torres, had us laughing as we worked on a hands-on science project. We learned about methods used to teach science, technology, engineering and math.
- The group had a Civics Class on how Tucson City government functions, how a bill becomes a law in state government and the Judicial Merit Selection system.
- Joan Kaltsas presented a program on Human Trafficking.
- On May 5, a total of 22 League members and guests toured the Twin Peaks Central Arizona Project (CAP) headquarters and pumping plant.
- Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo Frank will report on the world conference in Italy regarding world immigration.

Green Valley Unit
Sue Girardeau, Chair

Summary of Meetings in Green Valley

- September: Arizona Water Issues, Sharon Megdal, Director, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona
- October: Pros and Cons of November Election Ballot Measures, Betsy Bolding, LWVGT Speakers Bureau chair
- November: Present and Future Plans in Sahuarita School District, Dr. Manny Valenzuela, Superintendent
- December: Prison Reform: Incarceration. Immigration Reform, Rebecca Fealk, AFSC Representative
- January: LWVGT Program Planning: State and Local Priorities, Freda Johnson, LWVGT Board Member
- February: Redistricting and Gerrymandering, Cindy Soffrin, LWVGT member (Speakers Bureau)
- March: CAP and Arizona : Will There Be Enough Water for All?, Amy McCoy, private contractor on water issues
- April: Current Issues at Tucson Electric Power, Adriana Martinez, TEP Outreach coordinator
- May: Discussion by members of priorities for 2019-20 programs

The Green Valley Unit has approximately ten people at a meeting. The first meeting was expanded to include interested La Posada residents. About 20 or 25 were there. People bring a sack lunch at noon to eat during the first half hour. Meetings are often informal, with everyone sitting at a round table, chatting with the speaker. The official meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. The Madera Room at La Posada is equipped for a computerized presentation. Barbara Rezebek greets everyone.

League member Ermaline Hannum (now at Silver Springs Assisted Living) was honored as she turned 100 years of age.

Midtown Evening Unit

Ronnie Mullins, Chair

The LWVGT Monday Unit meeting met eight times in the last year, each time on the fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7:00 PM. Meetings ranged in attendance from 10 to 15 attendees, including both League members and non-members.

Since January 2017, this unit has been reading the book *What You Should Know About Politics...But Don't*, Third Edition by Jessamyn Conrad (ISBN: 978-1-62872-672-5). Each month we read one chapter and focused the meeting discussion around the chapter topic.

We have had several guest speakers including:

- Patrick Burns, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Office of Mayor Jonathan Rothschild;
- Lou Spivack, PC, talking on evaluating judicial candidates on the ballot;
- Megan Morgan from Red4Ed talking about grassroots advocacy; and
- Natalia Santos, U.S. Cooperative Extension, Program Coordinator, discussion about the farm bill.

In 2019, we moved the meeting to the LWVGT main office and have completed the book. Moving forward, we will be starting a new book in March 2019, the *Citizen's Handbook to Influencing Elected Officials: Citizen Advocacy in State Legislatures and Congress: A Guide for Citizen Lobbyists and Grassroots* by Bradford Fitch.

Midtown/Northwest Unit

Judy Moll, Chair

The combined Midtown/Northwest Unit had excellent attendance for 2018-19, though unfortunately not many members from Midtown attended. We had an average attendance of 16 at our meetings. The Golder Ranch Fire Station at 1175 W. Magee Road is a very nice facility for our meetings.

We had speakers at all of our meetings and many of them were excellent. We enjoyed having Representatives Randy Friese and Pamela Powers Hannley tell us about how things work behind the scenes in the Legislature and how important it is for us to use Request To Speak. Linda McNulty, past member of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, spoke to us on the history of redistricting around the country and gerrymandering. League member Joan Kaltsas shared with us her extensive knowledge of human trafficking. John Eisele spoke to us about the 20/30 District in Tucson and how they are combatting climate change. Amelia Cramer, Chief Deputy County Attorney, shared with us all the innovative programs that Pima County has developed to keep people out of jail and on the road to recovery. We learned a lot and got some great ideas for action in the future.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON					
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements – Operations (501c-4)					
For the Period July 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019					
	Month of March	YTD Actual	Year Plan	Variance Act/Plan	% Var. to Plan
RECEIPTS:					
Member Dues	7,565.00	13,060.00	22,500.00	(9,440.00)	-42.0%
Contributions - Members	135.00	850.00	2,000.00	(1,150.00)	-57.5%
Contributions - Non Members		150.00	100.00	50.00	50.0%
Contributions - Businesses			0.00	0.00	-
Fund Raiser Receipts-Holiday Brunch		1,524.53	1,000.00	524.53	52.5%
Issues & Eggs	5,430.00	24,230.00	25,000.00	(770.00)	-3.1%
Office Sales/Calendar Receipts			0.00	0.00	-
Election Services			800.00	(800.00)	-100.0%
Interest - Natl. Bank AZ		3.10	12.00	(8.90)	-74.2%
Annual Meeting	1,665.00	1,665.00	2,100.00	(435.00)	-20.7%
In Memory Contributions			200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%
Scholarships for dues			200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%
Legislative Day	45.00	1,322.00	0.00	1,322.00	-
Other Receipts		27.02	100.00	(72.98)	-73.0%
Total Receipts	14,840.00	42,831.65	54,012.00	(11,180.35)	-20.7%
DISBURSEMENTS:					
Rent	777.12	6,994.08	5,631.00	1,363.08	24.2%
Phone/Internet/Web Hosting	125.63	1,499.92	1,900.00	(400.08)	-21.1%
Unit Meeting Expenses		26.80	0.00	26.80	-
Equipment Maintenance	20.89	451.06	0.00	451.06	-
Equipment Purchases	86.96	2,584.28	0.00	2,584.28	-
Utilities Expense	62.80	883.34	900.00	(16.66)	-1.9%
Club Express Expenses	1,973.00	1,973.00	0.00	1,973.00	-
Supplies, Misc. Office	22.84	528.92	848.00	(319.08)	-37.6%
Postage	73.00	368.50	600.00	(231.50)	-38.6%
Insurance/Taxes/ Reg. Fees		1,965.37	2,400.00	(434.63)	-18.1%
President Expenses/Board Develop.	23.90	454.04	1,000.00	(545.96)	-54.6%
Program/Action	190.04	955.04	1,350.00	(394.96)	-29.3%
Advocacy	952.92	2,340.77	1,470.00	870.77	59.2%
Observer Corps		63.00	100.00	(37.00)	-37.0%
Development-Fund Raising			0.00	0.00	-
Issues & Eggs	9,246.61	9,976.27	8,915.00	1,061.27	11.9%
Holiday Brunch		134.53	100.00	34.53	34.5%
Natl. Council/Convention		415.40	1,200.00	(784.60)	-65.4%
State Council/Convention			1,800.00	(1,800.00)	-100.0%
Annual Meeting Expenses	166.40	666.40	3,200.00	(2,533.60)	-79.2%
Tributes, recognition			0.00	0.00	-
Communications	108.99	271.93	1,150.00	(878.07)	-76.4%
Speakers Bureau		359.91	175.00	184.91	105.7%
Social Media			6,200.00	(6,200.00)	-100.0%
National PMP (half)		4,008.00	4,480.00	(472.00)	-10.5%
State PMP (half)		1,637.25	1,820.00	(182.75)	-10.0%
Voter Newsletter Format	300.00	900.00	1,200.00	(300.00)	-25.0%
2020 Celebration		320.00	500.00	(180.00)	-36.0%
Community Outreach		500.00	0.00	500.00	-
Hospitality Expenses	40.22	120.64	200.00	(79.36)	-39.7%
Membership	132.06	355.50	1,000.00	(644.50)	-64.5%
Membership Directory		118.40	500.00	(381.60)	-76.3%
Scholarships			0.00	0.00	-
Orientation	53.57	132.84	600.00	(467.16)	-77.9%
Member Training			0.00	0.00	-
Diversity Training			0.00	0.00	-
Other	12.00	24.00	50.00	(26.00)	-52.0%
PayPal Fees	160.89	494.78	600.00	(105.22)	-17.5%
Public Service Announcements			0.00	0.00	-
Total Disbursements	14,529.84	41,523.97	49,889.00	(8,365.03)	-16.8%
Excess (Deficit) Receipts - Disbursements	310.16	1,307.68	4,123.00	(2,815.32)	-68.3%
Plus: Beginning Balance	61,636.41	60,638.89	60,638.89	0.00	0.0%
ENDING BALANCE - OPERATIONS	61,946.57	61,946.57	64,761.89	(2,815.32)	-4.3%
NBAZ Checking	51978.04				
NBAZ Money Market	5040.09				
NBAZ Business Inspire Checking	3027.00				
PayPal Account	1901.44				
TOTAL OPERATING CASH	61,946.57				

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON					
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements – ED FUND (501c-3)					
For the Period July 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019					
	<i>Month of</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>% Var.</i>
RECEIPTS:	March	Actual	Plan	Act/Plan	to Plan
Running & Winning		925.00	1,000.00	(75.00)	-7.5%
Voter Guide/Citizens Directory			0.00	0.00	–
Issues & Eggs	450.00	1,950.00	2,000.00	(50.00)	-2.5%
Holiday Brunch		835.00	3,000.00	(2,165.00)	-72.2%
Voter Service			0.00	0.00	–
Spring Youth Voter Grant	525.00	525.00		525.00	–
Contributions - Members	95.70	9,659.15	5,000.00	4,659.15	93.2%
Contrib. - corp / non-members		125.00	2,240.00	(2,115.00)	-94.4%
In Memory Recognition			200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%
Copier - non Ed Fund use			200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%
Moderator Training			500.00	(500.00)	-100.0%
Endowment Fund Distribution		5,536.00	5,536.00	0.00	0.0%
Non-directed Receipts	25.00	27.50		27.50	–
Total Receipts	1,095.70	19,582.65	19,676.00	(93.35)	-0.5%
DISBURSEMENTS:					
Running & Winning		1,110.44	1,000.00	110.44	11.0%
Voter Registration	60.00	1,756.27	3,540.00	(1,783.73)	-50.4%
Get Out The Vote	50.00	1,674.21	2,000.00	(325.79)	-16.3%
Spring Youth Voter Grant	164.93	273.73	0.00	273.73	–
LWVAZ Ed Fund			1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-100.0%
Citizens Directory Elected Officials		2,102.11	0.00	2,102.11	–
Voter Service Publications		960.24	4,000.00	(3,039.76)	-76.0%
Endowment Education		75.16	0.00	75.16	–
Neff Copier Expenses	89.53	878.05	1,000.00	(121.95)	-12.2%
Fund Raising - Issues & Eggs			0.00	0.00	–
National Council			800.00	(800.00)	-100.0%
State Convention			1,200.00	(1,200.00)	-100.0%
PMP National (half)		4,008.00	4,480.00	(472.00)	-10.5%
PMP State (half)		1,637.25	1,820.00	(182.75)	-10.0%
Program Expenses	250.50	350.50	0.00	350.50	–
Forums, Moderator Training			500.00	(500.00)	-100.0%
Rent Expense			3,754.00	(3,754.00)	-100.0%
Utilities			600.00	(600.00)	-100.0%
Community Outreach		235.00	0.00	235.00	–
Other Disbursements		17.21		17.21	–
Total Disbursements	614.96	15,078.17	25,694.00	(10,615.83)	-41.3%
Excess (Deficit) Recpts - Disbursements	480.74	4,504.48	(6,018.00)	10,522.48	-174.9%
Plus: Beginning Balance	22,236.13	18,212.39	18,212.39	0.00	0.0%
ENDING BALANCE - ED FUND	22,716.87	22,716.87	12,194.39	10,522.48	86.3%
Running & Winning	2,641.14				
Voter Guide/Citizens Directory	1,626.54				
Voter Services/Library	6,096.59				
Endowment Education	24.84				
Neff Foundation Copier Grant	-491.86				
Non-Directed	12,819.62				
TOTAL ED FUND	22,716.87				

Development
Carol West, Chair

We thank our members for their generous contributions of over \$10,000 throughout the year to the League's three funds:

- To the 501(c)(4) operating fund \$715 from members and \$150 from non-members which also is also used for fundraising, advocacy, membership expenses.
- To the 501(c)(3) LWVGT Education Fund over \$10,000 through February 2019 which is under the umbrella of the LWVAZ Education Fund. The funds are used for our educational programs, including Running and Winning for high school girls.
- To the 501(c)(3) League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Endowment Fund, which is located within the Southern Arizona Jewish Community Foundation. A dividend of \$5,536 came to LWVGT this year. This must be used for LWVGT educational programs.

Each year we hold a Holiday Brunch in early December. Phylis Carnahan and her committee invite LWVGT members to provide the refreshments for the event. It is a low cost but highly enjoyable event. This year we raised \$1,500 for the Operating Fund and \$835 for the Ed Fund from members at this event.

Our sixth annual Issues and Eggs breakfast forum was held on March 1, 2019. We estimate about \$17,000 was made after expenses this year. These funds are used for League projects and educational programs, including *A Citizen's Directory of Elected Officials*.

Many thanks to Phylis Carnahan, Sue DeArmond, and Carol Shearer for their great support and advice. And a special word of thanks and appreciation to our LWVGT Treasurer David Horr and LWVAZ Treasurer Patsy Frannea. They do a fantastic job of keeping track of our finances and our fundraising.

Holiday Brunch
Phylis Carnahan, Chair

The LWVGT Holiday Brunch was held Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Tanque Verde Lutheran Church. It was a time to socialize and enjoy wonderful food. About 65 members attended the event. Members generously donated to the Operating Fund and the Education Fund.

The food was provided by our generous members. Jolene Swanson and April Lewis did a wonderful job decorating and serving the food.

Issues and Eggs Floy Parkhill, Chair

Breakfast Forum a Great Success!

LWVGT's sixth Issues and Eggs fundraiser attracted its largest attendance and yielded its biggest proceeds to date. Held March 1, 2019 at the Doubletree Hilton Reid Park, the Breakfast Forum topic "Aging Not Your Issue? It Will Be." featured a program on healthcare and positive aging, end-of-life decisions and caregiving.

More than 200 attendees were treated to an interesting discussion among panelists Mindy J. Fain, MD, a geriatrician on the UA medical faculty; Lisa Reams, Vice President of Programs and Services at Pima Council on Aging; and Sarah Super Ascher, Senior Director of Arizona End of Life Care Partnership for United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

As moderator, Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator, Pima County, masterfully guided the panelists in their wide-ranging presentation and the Q&A session that followed.

Highlights of the program:

- There is an improvement in quality of health care provided to older adults. Hospitals have stepped up to provide a broader range of services for seniors.
- End of life care provides many options for people to consider, but first there must be open communication to family members of the desires of elderly parents/relatives.
- Our community has a variety of resources for those of us who are aging. PCOA has a hotline that is helpful to many.

Over \$17,000 was raised through sponsorships, ticket sales and donations.



Communications
Bev Kloehn, Chair

2018-19 has been an exciting year for the Communications team. We've supported other League committees by coordinating development and printing of new brochures and alerting local media and a growing list of "Friends of the League" about our educational programs and other events.

We're especially proud that for the first time, our six yearly Voter Education Programs have been videotaped and also live streamed on our Facebook page, thanks to Adrian Barton and Rex Graham, respectively. The videos will soon be available on our new YouTube channel, **League of Women Voters Tucson**, which will be linked from our website. Each of our Facebook live streamed programs have been accessed by many thousands of individuals extending our brand in the community.

Another significant event will occur in mid- to late summer of 2019 when our new website, **LWVG Tucson.org**, will go live. Many thanks to Jonetta Trued and Mimi Tipton for their extensive research of software vendors/platforms and the committee/event chairs updating and developing the web content. We also owe gratitude to Winifred Williams and Joe Frannea for their work as webmasters of our current site. Watch for our announcement that the new website is ready for prime time; we hope you'll find the look and content appealing and useful.

Facebook
Patsy Frannea, Chair

Greater Tucson maintains two Facebook pages that feature postings for our local League events, state and national legislative news and LWV news from around the United States. Our public community page, "League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson," now has several administrators to help keep our postings current and relevant. Our original Friends page, "Lwvgt Tucson," has over 400 friends and our public page has many followers. Both pages display similar content. Some of the most popular postings this past year have been the live streamed videos of our monthly Voter Education Programs that were initiated by Rex Graham. Rex has also been sharing his social media expertise with our team to help us use the platform to its fullest potential.

OLLI Class "A Look at Voting with the League of Women Voters"
Vivian Harte and Ann Davis, Co-Instructors

Starting on March 5 and going for six weeks, Vivian Harte and Ann Davis led an LWVGT-sponsored class at the U of A's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's (OLLI) Central Tucson campus entitled "A Look at Voting with the League of Women Voters." The class covered these topics:

- Week 1 – Voter rights, voter suppression and voter expansion
- Week 2 – Field trip to the Pima County Recorder's Office
- Week 3 – Congressional and state districting
- Week 4 – Field trip to the Pima County Elections Department
- Week 5 – Candidates and campaign financing
- Week 6 – How we vote and wrap up

It's been a successful class with League members and leaders from the community making valuable presentations to the students.

Radio Show “Your Voting Guide by the League of Women Voters”

Vivian Harte, Host

Between September 16 and November 25, 2018, the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson hosted a 1/2-hour radio show on KXCI, 91.3 FM. Bev Kloehn, Chair of the Communications Committee, and Vivian Harte approached KXCI about having a weekly show. They worked with Amanda Shauger, Community Engagement Director, to arrange recording times. Amanda was also the producer of the show. Vivian Harte was the host of the show.

Featured on the show were several League members:

- Carol West (candidate selection)
- Rex Graham (Get Out the Vote)
- Sue Webb-Lukomski (voter registration)
- Noreen Geyer-Kordosky and Frances Pardes (National Voter Registration Day)
- Sue DeArmond (different ways to vote and what’s on the ballot)
- Janet Belkin (how to choose a candidate)
- Betsy Bolding (Arizona propositions)
- Leah Jaffe (purging of voter rolls nationally)
- Cindy Soffrin (gerrymandering nationally)
- Vivian Harte (voter suppression and voter expansion nationally)

In addition, several statewide candidates were interviewed by telephone before the general election. Paula Wilk and Sue DeArmond wrote many of the questions for certain candidates. To align with our nonpartisan policy, all candidates for the same office were asked the same questions. Candidates were e-mailed the questions beforehand so they could be prepared. Candidates from both parties were contacted, and if they did not respond with the first contact, they were contacted at least once more. Some never responded, and one bowed out after receiving the questions. If a candidate did not respond or bowed out, the audience was informed that they had been contacted before the interview with the opposing candidate. Those interviewed were:

- Kathy Hoffman and Frank Riggs (Secretary of Public Instruction)
- Rodney Glassman, Justin Olson, Sandra Kennedy, and Kiana Maria Sears (Arizona Corporation Commission)
- Bill Pierce (Mine Inspector)
- Mark Manoil (State Treasurer)
- January Contreras (Attorney General)
- Katie Hobbs (Secretary of State)

According to KXCI statistics, each show was listened to by 500 to 1,000 people based on Arbitron and Nielson ratings for our time period. All of our programs were also downloaded, with Betsy Bolding’s show being downloaded 371 times, the interviews of the two candidates for Secretary of Public Instruction being downloaded 193 times, and the interviews of the Arizona Corporation Commission candidates being downloaded 134 times.

Speakers Bureau
Betsy Bolding, Chair

The League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau enjoyed a busy six months during 2018, primarily those months before the election, fulfilling 29 requests and reaching more than 622 Southern Arizona voters. The bulk of the talks were on the 2018 ballot propositions with locations ranging from Patagonia and the Pascua Yaqui Elders to various business lead groups and women's organizations.

Anna Dolak, the outgoing Speakers Bureau Chair, shared the PowerPoint presentations that she had created previously, including a popular talk on Arizona Pioneer Women, adding to the library of potential titles ready for prime time.

Vivian Harte pulled the 2018-19 group together and has been a stalwart all along. She organized a brochure, advertising the various presentations the Bureau has to offer.

Early in 2019, work began preparing a reprint of the brochure to offer a more robust array of talks. At this point, the group added Gerrymandering, Voter Suppression/Expansion, The 2020 Census, Purging Voter Rolls, Money in Politics, How a Bill becomes a Law, How Felons Regain the Vote, and the ERA.

Carrying the pre-election load in addition to Vivian and me were Leah Jaffe, Cindy Soffrin and Roseann Haines along with help from Rex Graham and Janet Belkin. After the election, a number of new League members joined the group with Lynne Blankinship, Kim Challender and Kindra Speech being the most involved along with Leah, Cindy, Roseann, Rex and Vivian. Other members include Sue Cotty, Mary Evangeliste, Kandy Hirsch, Katie Murphy-Darling, and Wendy Farwell.

Technology
Jonetta Trued, Chair

The Technology Committee of LWVGT was formed in 2018 to address the need for coordinating equipment and social media functions between several other League committees such as Voter Registration, Get Out the Vote, Communications, Membership and the office. Several pieces of equipment that the League acquired and uses frequently needed to be repaired or replaced and additional equipment components needed to be identified and purchased. All of this was accomplished, and a list of League equipment was developed for tracking purposes. The Board also approved Technology Committee budget requests for the next year and created a Board position for the Technology Chair.

It was the Technology Committee's special mission to research and identify a suitable replacement for the LWVGT's webhost and website services and to make a recommendation to the Board for the best possible opportunity to migrate to a more robust service provider. That was accomplished with the Committee's recommendation to the Board in December. After the Board acted on the recommendation, the Technology Committee set up the account with ClubExpress. Currently, the Communications Committee has taken on coordination of the website migration.

Mail on Monday (MoM)

Judy Wood

Mail on Monday (MoM) was an email communication early each Monday from the President to members who wished to receive a weekly up-to-date communication on the nuts and bolts of the organization.

The Voter

Judy Bowser, Chair

The *Voter* seems to have become very important to LWVGT members. I have done a few things that I think have made it more useful and more easily read by many.

I have experimented with different fonts and font sizes in response to some who were having difficulty reading each issue. The amount of “white space” has been increased, which is a luxury we have with a digital document.

President Judy Wood suggested each issue of the *Voter* include a calendar of events/committee meetings for that month. That page has been incorporated.

More people have begun routinely submitting articles and photographs, thereby creating more interest.

There were eight issues “published” this year beginning in September 2018, with the last issue anticipated to be coming out May 1, 2019. This includes a combined December/January issue.

We have received a few favorable comments from other “Leagues,” which is very gratifying.

Advocacy

Shirley Sandelands, Chair

On November 30, 2018, the Advocacy Committee held a Legislative Breakfast, 8:00-10:00 am at Catalina Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway, Tucson, Arizona. Six of the expected elected and re-elected Arizona Senators and Representatives attended, including Sen. David Bradley LD 10, Sen. Andrea Dalessandro LD 2, Sen. Elect Victoria Steele, LD 9, Rep. Rosanna Gabaldon LD 2, Rep. Kirsten Engel LD 10, and Rep. Alma Hernandez LD 3. Seventeen Leaguers attended. Table discussion followed our prepared program of LWVAZ and LWVUS priority items and Legislators’ issues.

Committee members Betty Bengtson and Marion Pickens composed congratulations letters to newly elected and re-elected Congresspersons Kirkpatrick, Grijalva and O’Halloran.

We joined with the LWVGT Board and LWVAZ Board in preparing for 25 of us to attend a League Lobby Day in Phoenix on February 20, 2019. Members of the committee attended a “Request to Speak for Legislative Hearings” workshop and members did that training at each of the LWVGT Unit meetings. On Lobby Day, six League members led Leaguers to visit many of the Tucson area Legislators in LDs 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

Bylaws
Sue DeArmond, Chair

Committee: Ann Davis, Grace Evans, Betty Bengtson

- The Committee met eight times between June 5, 2018 and January 21, 2019.
- The LWVGT member open comment period was the first two weeks of December 2018.
- The LWVGT Board had a final review and comments at the February 1, 2019 Board meeting.
- The Committee focused on improving consistency and cross referencing. We were also cognizant of LWVUS's recommendations as it pertained to LWVGT Bylaws.
- The Bylaws Committee added a Table of Contents and denoted changes in language by **BOLD CAPS** as new language and ~~Strikethrough~~ as deleted language. We addressed filling Board vacancies mid-year and how to call a special and/or electronic Board meeting. We clarified the timing for the Budget Committee appointment and how mid-year budget revisions are handled.
- Most of the Committee's work was concentrated on clarification of the existing Bylaws.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
Judy Wood and Mary Gresham, Co-Chairs

The DEI Committee was formed in the fall of 2018. The goals are to expand LWVGT into areas of Tucson not presently served by the organization, to expand members' understanding of other cultures, and to make members aware of opportunities to celebrate cultures present in Tucson. Thirty members are engaged in this endeavor.

DEI Committee members have participated in LWVUS webinars, watched Ted Talks on Overcoming Our Biases, and read articles on white privilege. In addition, members have attended Tucson's Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meetings and a workshop the Association held, plus attended a Southern Poverty Law Center presentation on Hate Groups in Southern Arizona. The YWCA Southern Arizona has asked us to partner with them; DEI members attended their STAT (Stand Together Arizona Training & Advocacy) event.

Environmental Issues
March 2018 - March 2019
Carol Shearer, Chair

The Environmental Issues Committee presented the March 17, 2018 Voter Education Program titled: "Updates on Arizona's Challenges: Water and Sun." Panelists were Sharon B. Megdal, Director of the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center (WRRC), and Kevin Koch, CEO of Technicians for Sustainability (TFS), a solar design-build company founded in 2003.

We also presented the March 16, 2019 Voter Education Program titled: "Climate Change in Arizona -- What Can and Should We Do." Our speakers were: Dr. Diana Liverman, Regents Professor of Geography and Development and the former Co-Director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of

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Arizona; Kathy Jacobs, the Director of the Center for Climate Adaptation, Science and Solutions at the University of Arizona's Institute of the Environment; and Edward Beshore, Group Co-Leader of the Tucson/Oro Valley Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

During the year, we listened to the following guest speakers who spoke about environmental issues: Lisa Shipek, Executive Director of the Watershed Management Group in Tucson; Edward Beshore, Group Co-Leader of the Tucson/Oro Valley Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby; and Roxanne Linsley, Legislative Analyst and Community Liaison for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Human Trafficking

Joan Kaltsas, Chair

I delivered two talks in the last few months on Human Trafficking to the Northwest and Eastside Units. I have been asked to do so in the fall for Southeast OLLI. I'm waiting to hear about another with AAUW. I'm willing to speak with any other group or organization. In the past, there were other workshops which I would attend on a regular basis. That doesn't seem to be the case in the last year or so. I do try and participate in any I hear of in Tucson, Green Valley, Sierra Vista.

I would welcome anyone who would like to become a part of this area of League. There is always more to be done.

Observer Corps

Roseann Haines and Jonetta Trued, Co-Chairs

The Observer Corps Committee was co-chaired by two new members to LWVGT in 2018. A successful handoff of committee resources was accomplished by Acting Chair Myra Hopper who was also observing the Oro Valley Town Council. Posted Observation reports of that Council's activities likely had an influencing effect on the Council's election results in August: all new Council members were elected.

Observer Corps Co-Chairs held two committee formation meetings with members and two training sessions, "Let's Take the Observer Corps for a Drive," that offered a 90-minute presentation and field trips to Tucson City Council and Tucson Unified School District meetings. Both trainings were minimally attended, probably due to the timing around the mid-term election and mid-way between major holidays.

Office

Kathy Aros, Chair

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson completed a move into its new office in March 2018. Our new office now sports a beautiful new conference room that seats up to 24 that has been in almost daily use for various League purposes. There have been numerous additions and upgrades to our technical equipment and office/conference room furniture. Sixteen desk volunteers participate in staffing the front office from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM each Monday-Friday, responding to phone inquiries, emails and performing various clerical tasks in support of the numerous League committees and events. The League office serves as the communication center for all League activities, and we are always seeking additional Desk Volunteers.

Running and Winning

Phylis Carnahan, Chair

Running and Winning was at Desert View High School in the Sunnyside School District on September 13, 2018.

Running and Winning was a one-day workshop for high school girls that have leadership skills. The purpose of the workshop was to increase the number of women running for office and be actively involved in political decision-making.

The 50 girls broke into small groups and interviewed elected women officials. Fourteen elected women and candidates talked about why they decided to run for office, their duties and how to form a campaign. The elected women and candidates encouraged the girls to be politically involved.

After interviewing the elected women, the girls started on their own campaign. The girls reviewed information, formulated a campaign platform on a topical issue, wrote campaign speeches, created campaign material and presented their platform to the entire group. They then had a mock election.

The workshop was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson, American Association of University Women of Tucson and Northwest Chapters, and YWCA Southern Arizona.

2020 Celebration

Kate Stewart, Chair

Committee Members: Susan Black, Sue DeArmond, Rex Graham, Nancy DeFeo, Kali Van Campen

The 2020 Committee met five times over the year to begin planning for our 100th anniversary celebration next year. This included starting a new oral history public event series to document the history of LWVGT and its members called Storytelling Salons, which will continue through the end of 2020. The committee applied for a grant from the Marshall Foundation to fund these events. Members of the committee attended the 19th Amendment celebration in Phoenix and the Arizona Women's History Alliance Symposium to connect with other women's groups across the state interested in women's history. The committee also started initial planning for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in Tucson in 2020, which will include collaborating with other local women's groups. The committee is considering collaborating with other organizations in Tucson for more events in 2020 like a women's suffrage movie screening, guest speakers, book club events, and more.

On November 4th, two of our lifetime members, Betty Geehan and Betsy Zukoski, were interviewed at the League office about their lives and their many years of leadership with the LWVGT and other Leagues across the country as a test run for the Storytelling Salons. It was filmed and will be put on YouTube. On February 9, Kate Stewart interviewed three former LWVGT Presidents, Sally Davenport, Carol Shearer, and Shirley Sandelands, at our first public event at St. Mark's Church. They shared stories about moderator trainings, candidate forums, the Kenyan Global Democracy Project, Running and Winning, and the challenges of being President of the League. The full interview can be seen on the LWVGT Facebook page.

Book Club

Mary Gresham, Chair

The LWVGT Book Club has 15 active members and several more who wish to receive email updates. It meets on a Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 PM in January, March, May, September and November. In November, members choose the books for the following year. A discussant volunteers for each book and provides some questions or talking points to members before the meeting day. A variety of genres reflects members' interests. This year two books are about international issues, one is a biography about a First Lady from the 20th century, one a memoir currently on bestseller lists, and one that takes place in Arizona. The website lwvgt.org has the titles for recent books and for previous years' selections.

Four recent or new members and one long-time member have begun participating in the Book Club during the last year. Any member who wants to attend can send a message to bookclub@lwvgt.com to get more info.

Men's Group

John Kaltsas, Chair

Over 10% of the LWVGT membership are male members. Some of these men already are actively involved in League activities.

The League President invited all male members to a breakfast meeting in September and asked two of the men to host the meeting. A total of five men attended and enjoyed getting to know each other. Since this event, four men have strategized about how to design a second meeting, with more male members attending.

There was a notice in the March *Voter* asking League women to encourage male members they know to attend this second meeting of the men. The second men's meeting will be held in April in the early evening at a BBQ restaurant. Each LWVGT male member will be invited to attend by one of the four men planning the meeting. The purpose of this second meeting will be for more male members to get to know each other and become more aware that the League would welcome their active involvement.

Social

Carol West, Chair

League members work hard; we need some time to socialize with one another and meet new members. We must leave the clipboards asking for volunteers at home and build relationships with one another.

We have had two social events:

A Happy Hour was held on August 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Westward Look Resort. We honored Sally Davenport's return from a year in a village in Tanzania.

Joe and Patsy Frannea opened their lovely home for a potluck brunch on Saturday, October 13. The tables "groaned" with the weight of all the delicious food.