



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual LWVGT Issues & Eggs Breakfast Forum**

### ***Impact of Poverty on K-12 Academic Achievement***

**Friday, March 3, 2017 -- 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at Reid Park**

**445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson**

The upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> annual Issues & Eggs Breakfast Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson again looks at an important aspect of education. Poverty has significant impact on student achievement in our Southern Arizona area.

The 2017 panel of local experts include **Chris Guterrez**, *Principal of Holoway Elementary School*; **Dr. Mary Jondrow**, *Advanced Program Manager at PCC's Desert View Campus*; **Dr. David Baker**, *Superintendent of Flowing Wells School District*; and **Bonnie Bazata**, *Program Manager of the Pima County End Poverty Now Initiative*. They will identify facts and consequences of poverty on student achievement, discuss highly effective program models in our schools and for parents of poor children, discuss how state education policies impact poor children, describe local efforts to end poverty, and most importantly, how we can all become involved in the solution. The program will be moderated by **Bruce Dusenberry**, *Manager, Horizon Moving Group LLC*.

**Freda Johnson**, *President of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson*, summarized the purpose of the League and the intent of the Issues & Eggs events. "Our objective is to give people the information they need to take action. People can make a difference if they inform themselves about community issues. We are pleased at the high turnout expected at our forum on March 3<sup>rd</sup>."

The Issues & Eggs event is open to the public. Reservations are \$50.00 per person and may be made on line at [lwvgt.org](http://lwvgt.org). For further information, contact LWVGT at 327-7652.

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