

**League of Women Voters - Greater Tucson
Midtown Evening Unit Meeting
1/23/2017 Agenda**

1. Welcome, Thank You, and Introductions
 - a. Contact Information: Ronnie Mullins, vamullins@mac.com
 - b. Email list

2. Format
 - a. FLC - The Monday night unit meeting is designed to function as a “focused learning community”. Each week there will be a discussion on a different topic that allows everyone to learn, contribute, discuss, and ultimately glean a greater understanding of the political issues that face our communities and country. Although we will be reading a book this year, this is not a book club. Each month we will read only one chapter and discuss one topic. Each chapter can stand on it’s own and members and guests can participate at any time.

 - b. Book - *What you should know about politics ...but don't* by Jessamyn Conrad

 - c. Schedule - Every 4th Monday from 5:30-7:00p beginning January 2017

Date	Topic	Book Chapter	Additional Reading	Practical Contribution
1/23/17	Program Planning	None	how to spot and debunk fake news fake-or-real-how-to-self-check-the-news-and-get-the-facts?	Spotting fake news
2/27/17	Elections	1	http://www.pbs.org/video/2365622684/ Voter ID Law usa-wisconsin-redistricting	Voter registration
3/27/17	The Economy	2	25-ways-to-be-politically-active-beyond-the-safety-pins/ Shy-persons-guide-to-calling-representatives	Support what's important to you -Contacting your Representatives -scripts, etc.

3. Spotting Fake News = Media literacy
 - a. Spotting fake new
 - i. Crazy headlines that don't match the story
 - ii. Weird url's (abcnews.com vs. abcnews.com.co)
 1. “Lo”, “.com.co”
 2. Opinions or Blogs - “.wordpress”, “blogger”
 - b. How to fact check

- i. Google the title, domain name, anyone listed under “about us”
- ii. Look at the quotes or lack of and google them
- iii. Look at the studies cited or lack of them, google them
- iv. Reverse search the photos (right click on the photo and choose to search google)
 - 1. If it’s a widely used photo it is less likely to apply to the story you are reading
- v. Is it a satirical publication???
- c. Great resource!
 - i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/10eA5-mCZLSS4MQY5QGb5ewC3VAL6pLkT53V_81ZyitM/edit
 - ii. <http://www.merrimack.edu/live/profiles/586-melissa-mish-zimdars>

4. Program Planning

- a. Prioritize existing positions of the LWVGT and LWVAZ.
 - i. Are they current or out-of-date?
 - ii. Are they still relevant?
 - iii. Do you have questions about them?
 - iv. Do any need updating?
- b. New issues to address
 - i. Is there a local or state issue that is timely?
 - ii. Can it be solved by government action?
 - iii. Does it meet League principles?
 - iv. Can the League make a difference?
 - v. Does it provide opportunities for League action?
 - vi. Will it raise our visibility and credibility?
 - vii. Are other groups interested?
- c. Link to League “Positions and Action Agendas”
 - i. <http://lwvgt.org/SpecialProjects.html#s04>