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OF GREATER TUCSON**

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*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Judy Moll**  
**2014-2016 President**

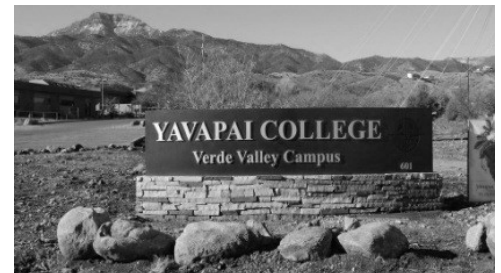
This year the LWVAZ convention will be held in Clarkdale, Arizona on May 15-17. All the Leagues in the state will meet there to adopt a budget, approve bylaws changes, elect officers, and adopt program. There will be workshops on League program, LWVUS campaign finance and amending the Constitution studies, membership, and media training. A Voter Service caucus will also be held. There will be useful information given at all these opportunities.

But that's not all! There will be fun, too! On Friday night, May 15 there will be an event in Old Town Cottonwood, an area with 60 businesses that was named one of the best places to visit in 2013. On Sunday there will be a tour of the Southwest Wine Center on the campus of Yavapai College. The luncheon speaker on Saturday will be Vice Chief Justice John Pelander of the Arizona Supreme Court. The winner of the LWVAZ Education Fund raffle will be announced. Maybe that will be YOU, but only if you have bought a ticket!\*

The state League works on legislative advocacy, election laws, voter education, and merit selection of judges, among other things. Going to convention gives you a much better idea of what is happening with the state League. Maybe the best part is networking with members from other Leagues who have the same interests that you do. It's a great way to make new friends.

Attending a state or national convention is a valuable way to learn about the League of Women Voters. I encourage new members as well as our "seasoned" members to attend. Any of you are eligible to go. Our League is entitled to nine delegates. We will leave here around noon on Friday, May 15. The convention ends at

noon on Sunday, May 17 so you should be home by 5:00 p.m. There is money in our local budget to help with expenses. Hopefully it won't cost each of us individually any more than about \$75 plus the transportation to get to Clarkdale. If you are interested, please send me an email (judymoll18@gmail.com) or give me a call (520.742.6525). My goal is that we will have a full contingent of delegates from Tucson!



### JOIN US!

LWV Arizona State Convention

May 15th-17th  
Yavapai College  
Clarkdale, Arizona

*Contact Judy Moll if you're interested.*

### \*STILL A CHANCE TO GET LUCKY!

There is still time to buy a raffle ticket to benefit the LWV Arizona Education Fund. The winner will have the use of a beautiful home in Show Low for a full week. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Judy for more information. And, look for an email from LWVAZ about giving to the State League's Ed Fund through 'Arizona Gives' on April 7!

## BOARD RETREAT: DEVELOPING PLANS FOR 2015-16

**Nancy Pfafflin**  
**LWVGT Program Chair**

On Saturday, May 9, from 10 am to 3 pm, the Board and Unit Chairs will meet to set program topics for general membership meetings in the coming League year. Orientation for Board members will be in the morning and calendar planning will be

after lunch. Any member willing to work with the Board is welcome to attend. **Please RSVP to Judy Moll by May 1** (judymoll18@gmail.com).

Participants should bring their own lunch. The workshop will be led by Nancy Pfafflin, LWVGT Program Chair. It will be held in the common house dining room of the Sonora Cohousing commu-

nity at 501 East Roger Road.

If you wish to attend and need directions, please contact Freda Johnson at 622-1933 or rcg@theriver.com. Note that parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.



# CALENDARS &

## APRIL

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
★ <b>APRIL 1:</b> - LWVGT Board Meeting 1:00 pm 153 S. Plumer (Aviva Children's Services)				1 ★ LWVGT Board Mtg	2	3	4
★ <b>APRIL 7:</b> - Eastside Unit Monthly Meeting 9:30 am, Tucson's Streetcar & Economic Impacts Shellie Ginn, Tucson Trans. Administrator & Chris Kaselemis, City Economic Dev. Dir. 7575 E Speedway (Ward 2 Council Office) Contact Carol West   520.298.2447	5	6	7 ★ Eastside Unit Mtg	8	9	10	11
★ <b>APRIL 17:</b> - LWVGT Annual Meeting 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Mountain Oyster Club see your Call to the Annual Meeting Workbook for background and to make a reservation  - Green Valley Unit Monthly Mtg* 12:00 noon, "Is Democracy for Sale?" Viewing and discussion of video La Posada Campus, Madera Rm Contact Sue Girardeau 520.648.7969   mgirardeau@aol.com	12	13	14	15	16	17 ★ ✓ Annual Mtg & Green Valley Unit Mtg	18
★ <b>APRIL 21:</b> - Northwest Unit Monthly Mtg 12:00 noon, Unit Program Planning Potluck Lunch 6750 N Paseo de Los Altos (Williams Home) Winifred Williams   520.742.0502 hinklehom@dakotacom.net	19	20	21 ★ Northwest Unit Mtg	22 ★ Saddle- brooke Unit Mtg	23	24	25
★ <b>APRIL 22:</b> - Saddlebrooke Unit Monthly Meeting 8:00 am, visit to State Capitol Carpool from Mountain View Club House parking lot, observe legislative session, visit with local elected legislators & lunch Contact Bev Kloehn   520.818.0914 bkloehn2005@centurylink.net	26	27	28	29	30		

**JOIN US!!!**

**LWV ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION**  
May 16th-17th  
Yavapai College, Clarkdale, Arizona  
see article on page 1 for more info

\* Members are requested to bring a sack lunch or order a prepared sandwich for \$7.50 by calling Ermaline Hannum, 520.625.1711 by Wednesday, April 15th (for April meeting) and Wednesday, May 6th (for May meeting).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

### **Thais Rutledge Young Membership Chair**

Thais Rutledge Young, our Membership Chair, announces the good news that we have many new members in our League. Join her in welcoming these people to our organization: Chris Angle, Gloria Barrett, Melinda Cervantes, Christine Holbert, Joan Kaltsas, Julia King, Carol Anne Johnson, Roxie Lopez, Adriana

Marinez, Mary Elizabeth Pollard, Evelyn Saunders, Arlene Sikkink, Gretchen Wagenseller, Carolyn Wesson, Meredith Hay, and Winifred Williams. Several of these women have jumped right in taking on jobs that keep the League going. Chris served as coordinator for our Book Fair booth; Joan serves as Chair for the Committee on Human Trafficking; and Winifred has taken on the job of Chair for the Northwest Unit. Welcome and thank you!



# LWVGT NEWS

## MAY

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3	4	5 ★ <i>Eastside Unit Mtg</i>	6 ★ <i>LWVGT Board Mtg</i>	7	8 ★ <i>Green Valley Unit Mtg</i>	9 ★ <i>Working Board Retreat</i>
10	11	12 ★ <i>Saddlebrooke Unit Mtg</i>	13	14	15 ✓ <i>LWV AZ Convention</i>	16 ✓ <i>LWV AZ Convention</i>
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

★ **MAY 5:**  
- Eastside Unit Monthly Meeting  
9:30 am, Unit Program Planning  
2760 N. Camino Valle Verde (Camahan Home)  
Contact Phylis Carnahan or Carol West  
520.885.3271 | pcarnahan@gmail.com  
520.298.2447 | cwwtucson@comcast.net

★ **MAY 6:**  
- LWVGT Board Meeting  
1:00 pm  
153 S. Plumer (Aviva Children's Services)

★ **MAY 8:**  
- Green Valley Unit Monthly Mtg\*  
12:00 noon, TBA  
La Posada Campus, Madera Rm  
Contact Sue Girardeau  
520.648.7969 | mgirardeau@aol.com

★ **MAY 9:**  
- Working Board Retreat  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm (see page 1)

★ **MAY 12:**  
- Saddlebrooke Unit Monthly Meeting  
10:30 am, Unit Program Planning  
SaddleBrooke 1 Clubhouse, Coyote Room N  
Contact Bev Kloehn  
520.818.0914 | bkloehn2005@centurylink.net

✓ **MAY 15:**  
- Meet to go to LWV AZ Convention  
12 noon, see page 1 for more info  
Contact Judy Moll if interested  
520.742.6525 | judymoll18@gmail.com

✓ **MAY 16-17:**  
- LWV AZ Convention  
Yavapai College, Clarkdale, Arizona  
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★ **MAY 20:**  
- League Book Club  
2:00pm, The Booming Business of Global Warming  
3202 E 1st Street (Ward 6 Community Room)  
Contact Ruth Beeker | 520.326.7914  
beekerr2@netzero.net

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be meetings for the Northwest and Midtown Units in May.

## THANK YOU, BOB!



Bob Richardson  
with Carol Shearer  
at 'Issues and Eggs'  
March 13

Special thanks is extended to League Member, Bob Richardson, for his savvy about media relations, television production and the political world we live in. For the League, Bob has produced special PSAs about voting and he was the prime mover in making our January 17 TV production "Is Democracy for Sale? Can the Voters Afford It?". He also manages our listserv and our presence on Twitter. Bob has been recognized before as Leaguer of the Year in 2003. But this past year he has provided exceptional support and service to the League and we are all grateful indeed. He will continue to work with us from Chandler, where he is moving to do television production work in the Phoenix area.

## WANTED!

**Roxanne Housley**  
*Communications Committee Chair*

Wanted! A Media Relations person to work with the Communications Committee and the Board to write and send news releases and maintain positive relation-

ships with key media contacts. Curious? Interested? Contact Roxanne Housley, Communications Committee Chair at 520.444.2737 or roxanne.housley@gmail.com.





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VOTER EVOLUTION

If you cannot read the Voter on your computer and need a printed abbreviated version, call the League office at 520.327.7652 to make your request. Everyone will get the Voter by email starting Sept. 2015.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON, MEMBERSHIP SURVEY, 2015

Please take a moment to fill out this survey. Your responses and comments will be reported to the Board and will guide us in the coming League year.

### 1. OUR NEWSLETTER, THE VOTER

Put a check mark by the articles or features you would most like to see in the Voter:

- Profiles of League leaders and new members
- Expanded coverage of the Arizona State Legislature
- News about what the National League is doing in Congress
- Observer reports from Leaguers attending governmental meetings
- Environmental issues (water, air, land use, energy)
- Social policy and education
- Judicial matters on state and national levels
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us what one or two parts of the existing Voter you always read:

\_\_\_\_\_

You and all League members will receive the new, expanded Voter by email starting in September 2015! You may print out your own copy if you wish. Or you may request a printed abbreviated Voter if you cannot read your newsletter on your computer. Call the League office to make a request.

### 2. OUR COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Put check marks by the Committees/ League activities you are most interested in:

- Voter Service (registration of voters, education and outreach)
- Natural Resources (research environmental issues; plan meeting on water issues)
- Human Trafficking Committee (research and take action on the problem)
- Communications Committee (Facebook, twitter, website, media, newsletter)
- Local study on Education Finance (update on how we pay for schools)
- National study, Campaign Finance, Amending Constitution (update LWVUS positions)
- Development (fund raising, grant writing, events)
- Office Volunteers (serve one day a week from 10 am to 1 pm M-F, September-May)
- Membership (maintain records and plan outreach to recruit new members)
- Budget and Finance (monitor spending and plan new budgets for the League)

### 3. ABOUT YOU

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us one thing you would like to change about the League to make it more effective:

\_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this sheet for other comments or questions. Return this to the League Office, Attention: Freda Johnson, 2424 East Broadway, Tucson AZ 85719. Thank you!