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- 5 **Tuesday**  
Eastside Unit  
No meeting
- 5 **Tuesday, 10 am**  
SaddleBrooke Unit  
Sr. Border Patrol Agt.  
Yvonne Stag  
Saddlebrooke HOA #1  
64158 Galveston Lane  
Call Linda, 241.1043
- 5 **Tuesday, 5:00 pm**  
LWVGT Board Meeting  
LWVGT Office
- 8 **Friday, 10:15 am -2:00 pm**  
LWVGT Annual Meeting  
Mountain Oyster Club  
6400 East El Dorado Circle  
Call LWVGT Office 327.7652
- 15 **Friday, 11:30 am**  
Green Valley Unit  
Green Valley Council Member  
Madera Room, La Posada  
Call Sue 648.7969
- 30 **Saturday, 10:00 am**  
Moderator Training/Forum Planning  
Lower Level Conference Room  
Main Library, Tucson  
Call Victor Bowleg, 401.2024
- 3 **Tuesday, 9:30 am**  
Eastside Unit  
Education in the U.S.  
Call: Phylis, 885.3272
- 3 **Tuesday, 5:00 pm**  
LWVGT Board Meeting  
LWVGT Office
- 7 **Saturday, 4:00-6:00 pm**  
League Pot Luck Picnic  
Patsy and Joe Frannea's home  
8002 N. Sendero de Juana  
RSVP 575.7126 or  
[frannea@earthlink.net](mailto:frannea@earthlink.net)
- 21-22 **Saturday - Sunday, 9:00 am**  
LWVAZ State Convention  
Windmill Inn and Suites  
12545 W. Bell Rd., Surprise AZ
- 18 **Saturday, 10:00 am**  
Summer Membership Meeting  
The Privatization Study  
What's It All About?  
Eckstrom-Columbus Library,  
4350 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Call: Sue Ward 370.1429

April

May

June

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON



ANNUAL MEETING  
April 8, 2011

The Mountain Oyster Club  
6400 East El Dorado Circle

10:15 AM Registration  
10:30 AM Business Meeting  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 pm Program

The **CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING** has been mailed separately to all LWVGT members along with a registration form. The **Call** contains the Agenda, Board Recommended Budget for 2011-2012, Board Recommended Program and Nominating Slate. Please bring the **Call** to the annual meeting.

**PROGRAM**  
"ARIZONA'S GOVERNMENT: THE NEXT 100 YEARS."  
Participants at the 97<sup>th</sup> Arizona Town Hall held in November at the Grand Canyon will present the program. Chairman of the Arizona Town Hall Board, Bruce Dusenberry will facilitate the panel discussion. Three attendees at the event will serve as panelists: David Bartlett, Suzanne Lawder, and Deborah Dale, all from Tucson, will share their impressions and recommendations from the event.

Two times a year the Arizona Town Hall convenes a diverse cross-section of residents from all over Arizona to

meet for three days of facilitated discussions designed to seek consensus on a topic of importance to Arizona - in this case, a "snapshot of Arizona Government systems." This is civil discourse in action.

Since 1962 Arizona Town Hall has served as a "think tank" for Arizona leaders. Town hall recommendations are a valued resource for policymakers because they do not represent any particular group or political perspective. The town hall educates people about the multiple facets of complex issues and fosters personal and professional leadership skills.

The town hall has successfully implemented many changes beneficial to Arizonans through the years, including positive changes to juvenile court, founding of Arizona Department of Revenue, founding of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and recommendations for changes to Arizona's tax structure.

Do come to the Annual Meeting and meet old friends and new friends and enjoy a luncheon in a beautiful setting.

### OFFICE CLOSED June 13 - August 8 THANK YOU TO THE OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who keep our LWVGT office open throughout the year: Lu Kembel, Nina Carter, Silke Hoffmann, Phyllis Wassenberg, and Marion Johnson, office volunteer coordinator.

To give these women a well-deserved break, the LWVGT office will be closed from June 13 to August 8. We want to assure you that any meetings that committees wish to hold at the office can still be held. If you need a key, please call Carol West at 298-2447 or one of the LWVGT board members.

# President's Report



I hope to see you at the annual meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> and also at the May 7th potluck picnic at Patsy and Joe Frannea's home. Details are elsewhere in the VOTER.

Ruth Beeker reported at the Board meeting about the Civil Discourse brainstorm session we had February 4th. We will

collaborate with other groups and work on civil discourse with one another, in our committees, and in our moderator training in April.

The Board directed me to write a letter offering our help to Fred Duval who is spearheading the new UA Civil Discourse Center. In addition Sue Ward will work on a possible interactive program for one of our general meetings next year.

Some of you may know that a water pipe burst in the lobby of our office building, causing some flooding in the LWVGT office. We are

very grateful to the Pima County libraries who have allowed us to use their facilities in our time of need. Repairs to the office and clean up are almost complete.

We have not raised the LWVGT dues in several years. Because of increases in dues from state and national plus our office expenses, we are reluctantly asking the members for a dues increase to \$75 at the annual meeting.

Thank you for your involvement in the LWVGT throughout this past year. You have made our organization stronger in so many ways. Please plan to attend the two summer general meetings on June 18th and August 20th at the Columbus Library.

--Carol West, President



## PICNIC FOR ALL MEMBERS

Time for Fun and Celebration



There will be a potluck picnic on May 7th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Patsy and Joe Frannea's house to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and to honor our new members.

Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided by LWVGT. Guests and spouses are welcome. Carpool if at all possible.

Please RSVP to Patsy at [frannea@earthlink.net](mailto:frannea@earthlink.net) or call 575.7126, so she knows how many are coming and what you are bringing for the potluck.

Directions to the Frannea home: 8002 N. Sendero de Juana

If you are coming from the intersection of Ina Road and First Avenue, go north toward Pima Canyon Trailhead on Christie Drive. (First Avenue changes its name to Christie Drive at Ina.) Go up Christie less than a mile to the first intersection, which is Sendero de Juana. Turn left around the traffic circle at Sendero and drive to the intersection of Magee Road and Sendero. Cross over Magee, and Franneas are the first driveway on your right.

Another way to get there is from the intersection of Oracle Road and Magee Road. Go east on Magee toward the Pima Canyon Trailhead about a mile. You will pass Immaculate Heart School and a short block after that you will come to Sendero de Juana. Turn left around the traffic circle at Sendero and Franneas are the first driveway on your right.

## SUMMER PROGRAM

There will be two summer programs for members and guests during the summer months. Both programs will be at the Eckstrom-Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ, on a Saturday morning, at 10 a.m.

June 18<sup>th</sup>: "The Privatization Study: What's It All About?"

August 20<sup>th</sup>: Part Two: "The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education." The challenges posed to American education by a competitive international culture.

Further information will be sent out on the League listserv closer to the date of the program. For further information call Sue Ward, 370.1429.

-- Sue Ward, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Program Chair



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By the time you read this, there will be a lot more bills passing in both chambers. The legislators seem to be more interested in meddling in their constituent's lives than they do in the budget and education and jobs. If it concerns guns, abortion or immigration, the bills fly right on by. Nice to know we need a state gun. Or a tea party license plate.

**SB1312** will allow citizens to divert more of what they owe in income taxes to programs that help send children to private and parochial schools. Individuals have been able to take off \$500 a year or \$1,000 for couples. In 2009 tax year, Arizonans diverted more than \$50 million to scholarship organizations. This bill would boost it to \$750 or \$1500 for married couples. This is estimated to decrease the state General Fund by approximately \$17.2 million in FY2012. K-12 funding to local school districts and charter schools would be lower than under current law because they would serve fewer pupils. Need to contact your legislators to vote No on this bill.

A "License to Pollute" are SB1393 greenhouse emissions; legislative authority and SB1394 greenhouse substances; freedom to breathe. **SB1393** says the state legislature is the only entity that can regulate human-caused carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions and now includes particulates. **SB1394** directs the governor to enter into a compact with states that have enacted "Freedom to Breathe" laws, such as SB1393. These are laws that protect and guarantee the "right" to emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases and reserve the right to regulate them meaning no federal limits on emissions. **Both bills are intended to undermine the efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency. Contact your legislators to vote NO on these bills.**

**SCR1027 would go on the ballot to require the reauthorization of statewide initiative measures that affect public monies after eight fiscal years.** Applies the reauthorization retroactively to all qualifying ballot measures from previous initiatives approved after November 3, 1998. As of now, bills that the voters passed were in effect for good. This would mean voters would have to redo all the propositions they had passed in the past years. This has gone through the Senate and is in the House. Another bad bill that should not go on the ballot.

REPEALING CLEAN ELECTIONS: **SCR1025** would go on the ballot to prohibit the use of public monies for political campaigns through expenditure of funds. This is the one that would kill Clean Elections act and it does not even mention Clean Elections in the bill. It is misleading and should be stopped now. It has gone through the Senate and passed in the House Judiciary March 17 and will go to the floor. There was a state Action Alert sent out to contact your legislators on this. If you did not do this, please do it now. And again!

JUDICIAL: **SB1472** and **SB 1482** seek to provide more information to voters on judges who are up for retention election. **SCR1045** is a ballot measure that seeks to eliminate the State Bar of AZ from the merit selection process, while **SCR1040** is a proposal that makes changes to the terms of judicial office, the composition and duties of the judicial nominating commissions and the procedure for filling judicial vacancies. **SCR 1040** has gone through the Senate and is in the House.

**HB2443** which is the abortion bill to prohibit any abortion for sex or race selection has whipped through the House and is in the Senate as has **HB2416** which expands definition of abortion clinics.

You have recently read that some of the immigration bills failed in the Senate. But as you know, nothing is ever done in the legislature until the day they adjourn. Like a cobra, a bill can rise by using a Strike-Everything amendment or having it attached to another bill that is flying through committees.

Will be sending further reports during the legislative session.

--Gini McGirr, Government Chair



## Mission Statement

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARIZONA  
CONVENTION  
MAY 21-22, 2011  
Windmill Inn and Suites  
12545 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 80374  
Phone: 800-547-4747; Local Phone: 623-583-0133

The state convention is hosted by the LWV of Maricopa County this year so all roads lead to Surprise, AZ. The convention is where the League business is done which includes adopting a Budget for the general fund and the Education Fund, adopting Program positions, and electing officers and directors. It is not all work for the delegates as there will be speakers, committee reports and workshops.

Among the speakers are: Elaine Wiant, LWVUS liaison, speaking on Civil Discourse at Forums; Linda Valdez, writer for the Arizona Daily Republic, on Immigration; and luncheon speaker is Tara Jackson, President, Arizona Town Hall Board, speaking on Civil Discourse. Supreme Court Justice Robert Brutinel has been asked to be the dinner speaker with the topic of Merit Selection.

Workshops are: Social Media by Roberta Davidson,( LWNVMC), Conducting Forums by Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer (Sedona(LWV) and Carol West (LWVGT), Activism and Public Policy by John Kohl (LWVNWMC) and Membership Recruitment/Leadership by Gini McGirr (LWVGT).

**Room Reservations:** These are to be made directly with the hotel: 800-547-4747. Suites (2 Queen beds) are \$89.99 plus tax (includes breakfast). Use block code 110521AZLE to register for the designated LWV rooms. Deadline for reservation is April 21, 2011.

**Convention Expense:** Registration is \$40, lunch \$15 and dinner \$20. If you are interested in attending the convention as a LWVGT delegate, please call the office, 327-7652, and leave your name and number. If not a delegate, you may attend all of the convention by paying the registration fee or just go to hear the speakers by paying the meal price.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40. Registration (includes breaks, speaker expenses, materials, etc)

Meals: Please check your selections. Lunches include cookies and beverage.  
Dinners include potatoes, other vegetables, rolls, salad and beverage.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15. Lunch      \_\_\_\_\_ Terriyaki Chicken Club

\_\_\_\_\_ Crab Wrap

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Veggie Wrap

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20. Dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Kiev

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork Medallions

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Lasagna

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Please return this form with your check no later than May 1, 2011. Checks should be made to League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWV/AZ) and mailed to: Bonnie Saunders, 20045 Coyote Lakes Parkway, Surprise, AZ 85378. Send one form for each attendee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Local League \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Status: \_\_\_\_\_ State board member      \_\_\_\_\_ Local League delegate      \_\_\_\_\_ Local League member

\_\_\_\_\_ Local League president      \_\_\_\_\_ Local League alternate      \_\_\_\_\_ Guest

Guests names \_\_\_\_\_

## DID YOU KNOW?

(Note: Since this is the 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the LWV, this continuing column will be on excerpts of the "LWV Through the Decades," written by former president Kay Maxwell - #2)

### THE 1920s

The League inherited its structure from the National American Women suffrage association. In 1920 it was a federation of affiliated State Leagues, most of which had been in existence as state headquarters of the NAWSA. State Leagues were the keystone of the League's structure, and had the responsibility for organizing local Leagues. By 1924, the National League was organized in 346 of 433 congressional districts. Twenty-three state Leagues and 15 city Leagues maintained regular business headquarters, nearly all with one or more paid staff. A convention, held annually at first and then later biennially, of the state League representatives selected a program that for many years was national, state and local all in one. Local Leagues were not represented at the conventions and the state League delegates also chose the national officers and directors. The Leagues looked for leadership which molded them together into one effective organization. The National Board continued the practice of extensive field work which had been so successful in the suffrage movement. Its members carried the enthusiasm and inspiration for the whole League to the remotest and smallest towns. The age had from the beginning the dual advantages of grassroots and central thinking, planning and leadership. That the League structure ran somewhat parallel to the structure of our federal system was an additional advantage because it provided experience which made our form of government more understandable.

During its first two decades, the League concentrated on study and getting needed legislation passed. All League program at the national, state and local levels was proposed by national Board program departments and standing committees and then authorized by the national convention. The national Board furnished study materials for all national and some state items. This led to national Board and staff expertise and legislative successes that overshadowed the goal of political education of the public at large. The structure that developed in the departments and committees of the National League tended to build up special interests and specialists in subject matter, but there was a sense that another facet of League purpose development of the well rounded, effective individual suffered by comparison.

League President Maud Wood Park called the first League program adopted in 1920 a kettle of eels. And no wonder! It contained some 69 items grouped in broad subject areas: child welfare, education, the home and high prices, women in gainful occupations, public health and morals, and independent citizenship for married women! The League's first major national legislative success was the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act providing federal aid for maternal and child care programs.

The League also set up classes to train volunteer teachers for citizenship schools, organized institutes to study defects in our system of government, initiated "Know Your Town" surveys, candidate questionnaires and meetings, and nationwide get-out-the-vote campaigns. In 1928, the League sponsored "Meet the Candidates," the first national radio broadcast of a candidate forum. Voters service efforts remain a hallmark of the League's services to the electorate today and laid the foundation for the efforts that make up the League's education program from candidate debates and candidate questionnaires produced by Leagues throughout the country, to the myriad projects funded through the LWV Education Fund, which was founded in 1957.

Gini McGirr

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## CIVILITY PRINCIPLES

At the U.S. Conference of Mayor's, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup authored the following Civility Principles. More than 200 mayors around the country added their signatures.

- \*Respect the right of all Americans to hold different opinions.
- \*Avoid rhetoric intended to humiliate, de-legitimatize, or question the patriotism of those whose opinions are different from ours.
- \*Strive to understand differing perspectives.
- \*Choose words carefully.
- \*Speak truthfully without accusation, and avoid distortion.
- \*Speak out again violence, prejudice, and incivility in all of their forms, whenever and wherever they occur.

## VOTER SERVICE REPORT

After a Civil Discourse report was given, the members decided to ask President Carol West to contact the National Institute of Civil Discourse to determine where the LWVGT could help.

Members monitored the Tucson House election on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a moderator Training/Forum Planning meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Level Conference room of the Downtown Library. All members interested in this training, contact Victor at 401.2024.

## LWVUS Trains Ruth S. Shur Fellows to Strengthen the League!

The LWVUS Board and staff members welcomed 10 returning and eight new Ruth S. Shur Fellows to Washington, DC, the last weekend in February to train them in membership recruitment, leadership development and coaching best practices. The group worked as a team to hone their coaching skills, complete exercises and learn how to use new technology. The Ruth S. Shur Fellows, also known as National Coaches, will work with 33 states to grow the League at all levels. This program is funded by the Leaders for Leadership Fund.

In 2010, the ten national coaches worked with Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. This year, the new coaches will have Connecticut, D.C., Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia. Arizona will have a Coach in 2012. At that time, all 50 states will be in the Leadership Development program.

I work with Idaho and South Carolina and my team coach has California and Tennessee. We have conference calls with these four states once a month plus many emails and separate phone calls. We learned a lot of different ideas at this training session to help the local Leagues gain new members.

-- *Gini McGirr, Ruth S. Shur Fellows National Coach*



Ruth Shur Fellowship national coaches Gini McGirr (AZ) and her team coach, Caroline Emmons-Schramm (FL).

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Patricia "Trish" Flaherty, Marlene Rodroguéz, Barbara Kloehn.



## On the International Front

Sue Ward, League Program VP, will be serving under the aegis of the United Nations as a Short-Term Observer (STO) for the early Presidential election of the Republic of Kazakhstan from March 27 to April 7. STOs are deployed through the country in multinational teams of two to assess the close of the campaign, voting, counting and the tabulation of results. She has served as a STO for previous elections in Armenia (2003) and Ukraine (2006). Prior to that, she was an international polling station supervisor in Bosnia (1997, 1998) and Kosovo (2001). There is a thorough briefing before in-country deployment and full debriefing after the election has taken place.

## Office Flood

**Message from Virginia Burkel, (Membership Chair) February 13**

We just returned from the LWVGT office after returning all the materials from yesterday's meeting. At the time we were not aware of the flood. A plumber was jackhammering the entryway area floor to reach the plumbing near the front door. We were shocked to see all our office furniture, equipment, etc. pulled away from the walls and the drywall in the back room removed from the bottom portion of the walls. We had not received your email until we had returned home, so this was a major surprise. The plumber said the water line break had occurred yesterday (Saturday) at about 5:00 pm. There were fans drying out carpeting and miscellaneous items piled up on file cabinets to get them off the floor. I could not tell if there was damage to any of our belongings. There was definitely damage to the bottom of some of the walls, as that is why they were removed. Also, of course, the carpeting is soaked.

As of March 21st, we are now open for business, with many thanks to Phyllis Wassenberg, Lu Kembel and Silke Hoffmann.

## Citizen's Directory of Elected Officials Update

Since publication in February there have been several spring elections in the townships and Tribal Governments. Any resulting changes will be inserted in the directories still to be distributed and also available by calling the LWVGT Office. Ph 327.7652 or on the website [www.lwvgt.org](http://www.lwvgt.org).

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## **NEWS ON THE NATIONAL LWV FRONT**

Happy **Birthday** to the League: The League of Women Voters celebrated its 91st Birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Over the years, the issues have changed and our work has evolved, but the heart of our mission - strengthening our democratic system and increasing the public's participation - has not diminished. Today, as a grassroots organization of 140,000 supporters and more than 800 Leagues in all 50 states, we celebrate the tremendous strides we've made for voting rights and other critical issues in America thanks, in large part, to supporters like you. Join us in celebrating 91 years of making democracy work.

**Resources for League Action to Protect the Clean Air Act and the EPA:** The LWVUS Toolkit for Climate Action now includes a set of materials on one of the 2011 advocacy priorities - Clean Air Defense. It tells what the League can do to help safeguard the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to establish the urgently needed clean air protections called for by the Clean Air Act.

**The League Urges White House to Quickly Appoint EAC Commissioners:** The League and coalition partners sent a letter to the White House urging the President to quickly appoint commissioners to the Election Assistance Commission.

**League Files Amicus Brief in Arizona Proof-of-Citizenship Case:** In an amicus brief, the League asked the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals not to grant en banc review of a previous decision invalidating the Arizona proof-of-citizenship requirement for voter registration.

**Sunshine Week 2011 A Turnkey Opportunity for Leagues :** On Friday, March 18, the LWVEF again co-hosted the Annual Sunshine Week National Dialogue. The event, "The Road Forward on Open Government," was broadcast live via the web. State and local Leagues were encouraged to host "viewing parties" perhaps in conjunction with a local university or law library. Panelists took questions from the live and viewing audience.

-- Gini McGirr, Government Chair