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April Calendar

April 2, Wednesday, 1:00 pm
LWVGT Board Meeting,
2424 E. Broadway, Suite 110, 327-7652

April 4, Friday, 9:30-11:30am
Eastside Unit Note change of date
Program – What is happening
At the State Legislature?
Presenters- Sen. Dave Bradley,
Representatives Ethan Orr & Victoria Steele
Room C, Ward 2 Council Office,
7575 E. Speedway • Guests Welcome
Carol West 298-2447

April 5, Saturday, 9am to 1pm Voter Service
Workshop “How to be an Effective Moderator”
Murphy-Wilmot Library,
530 N. Wilmot Rd.

LWVGT ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson cordially invites you to its Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon on **Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Mountain Oyster Club, from 10 am until 2 pm.**

The Call to the Annual Meeting, which has been sent in the mail to all members, outlines the order of business, the new budget, recommended slate of officers for the new year, and program positions.

A luncheon reservation form is also included in the Call. The Board is pleased to have Jane Prescott-Smith as the luncheon speaker. Ms. Prescott-Smith is the Managing Director of the National Institute of Civil Discourse.

Her topic is Civil Discourse:
The Antidote to Political Dysfunction.

Please mail your check for the luncheon by April 18, 2014, to insure that it is received in the League office by April 21. Or, you can use PayPal at www.lwvgt.org.

April 8, Tuesday, 10:30am to 12:30pm SaddleBrooke Unit
Call Linda Huizinga for information 241-1043

April 10, Thursday, 10am Running and Winning
Steering Committee, League Office, 2424 E. Speedway
Suite 110 • Call Shirley Sandelands, 574-8295

April 11, Friday, 11:30am Green Valley Unit
Program – TBA • Madera Room, 3rd floor of La Vista
Building, La Posada • Sack lunch or ordered \$7.50 sandwich
Call Ermaline 625-1711 • Information, Sue Girardeau, 648-7969



April Calendar

April 11, Friday, 7:30 to 9:30am Issues and Eggs Breakfast
Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way • RSVP by April 4
At the LWVGT Office, 327-7652

April 15, Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00pm Northwest Unit
Program – “Human Trafficking • Mountain View
Fire Dept., 1175 W. Magee Rd. • Judy Moll 742-6525

April 17, Thursday, 11:30am to 1:00pm Midtown Unit
Program – Preview of Voter Service for 2014 & Unit Plans
Brown bag lunch at Niemann Home, 1820 N. Norton Ave.
Freda Johnson reg@theriver.com for more information

April 25, Friday, 10:am to 2:00pm LWVGT Annual Meeting
Mountain Oyster Club, 6400 El Dorado Circle
Paid reservations due at office by Monday, April 21

NW Unit Meeting Topic HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The traffic in human beings is a growth industry, only superficially regulated, and international in scope.

Women and children make up the largest part of this traffic. For its April meeting, the Northwest Unit will examine this global problem, its Arizona ramifications, and what to look for in our home communities.



May Calendar

May 6, Tuesday, 9:30 -11:30am Eastside Unit Program – TBA
Ward 2 Council Office • 7575 E. Speedway
Call Carol West 298-2447

May 21, Wednesday, 2:00 to 4:00 pm LWVGT Book Club
Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream
By Barbara Ehrenreich • Call the League Office for location
327-7652

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

November, 2014, will bring another election with significant issues for Arizona and the nation. Voting is the most significant way to influence public policy, affecting education, poverty, child welfare, and much more.

Currently Arizona and Kansas are the only two states that will not accept national voter registration form. Many of our low income and senior citizens do not have valid drivers licenses. This issue is still in the courts.



Phylis Carnahan, President

The heart of the Clean Elections Law has been pulled out. Individuals and special interest groups will be able to contribute more money to candidates and increase their influence.

The citizens of Arizona passed Proposition 106 several years ago, amending the Arizona Constitution so that redistricting would not be done by the state legislature but by an Independent Redistricting Commission. This issue is also in the courts.

The League of Women Voters is very involved in fighting for the right to use the national registration form, Clean Elections Laws, and independent redistricting. The goal of the LWV is to empower citizens to shape better communities nationwide.

Locally, 2014 will be a busy year for the Tucson League. We will continue to register as many citizens as we can. We will have candidates forums and voter guides. We continue working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. We need all members to become involved.

Phylis Carnahan
President

Voter Service

The Voter Service committee is preparing a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to remind voters how important it is to get Early Ballots returned. In the 2012 primary election, only 65% of voters getting Early Ballots returned them to be counted. In the general election that year, 81% followed through by returning their early ballots. This project is supported by the Pima County Recorder and Elections Offices. Many thanks to Bob Richardson, for making this PSA happen!

The recent workshops on How to be an Effective Moderator and How to Plan a Forum were both very well received. Special thanks to Shirley Muney, Sally Davenport, Thais Rutledge Young, and Wendy Gamble. Wendy, thanks for the Power Point lessons.

Seven thousand Citizens Directory for Elected Officials brochures have been distributed through Pima County

Public Libraries and by LWVGT members. This publication was made possible by a generous grant from Tucson Electric Power.

The Tucson Festival of Books was another huge success (and great fun) with help from our members.

Special thanks to members in the Green Valley and Saddlebrook Units for registering high school seniors in their area.

2014 Election dates to remember: the Primary Election is August 26, 2014; registration closes on July 28. Early Voting starts July 31. The General Election is November 4, 2014 and registration closes October 6. Early Voting starts October 9.

Sue DeArmond,
Voter Service Chair

From the Membership Chair...

The Membership Directory is now available on the League "Members Only" webpage and a password is required to access the online Directory. Each member needs to remember that it is their responsibility to honor and comply with the security settings that the League has attached to this information.

To access the Membership Directory, go to the main web (lwvgt.org <http://lwvgt.org>), select the "Members Only" link on the left and then select "Membership Directory". You will then be asked to enter the document password (it is case sensitive). This password will be sent to each member via listserve.

The Membership Directory can be saved as a bookmark (or a link), for quick access. However, the password will still be required.

Thanks to Joe Franea and Lu Kembel for their support of this effort as well as their ongoing updates to the Membership Directory.

If you have questions, please email lwvgtwebmem@cox.net

Thais Young, Membership Chair

Gearing Up for **2014** **Running & Winning** **Workshop**

The next Running and Winning Workshop for high school girls will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at Flowing Wells High School.

The steering committee will meet on April 10 at 10 am in the League office and in August to finalize plans and do preparatory tasks. If you would like to join in this worthwhile League project, please contact Shirley Sandelands at



shirsande@yahoo.com or call 465-1785. We continue to collaborate with the Tucson and Casas Adobes branches of AAUW, U/A graduate students, and the Women's Commission.

Shirley J. Sandelands,
Running and Winning Co-Chair

FROM THE GOVERNMENT CHAIR



STATE RECAP

SB1062 - (Exercise of Free Religion), was vetoed by the governor. LWVAZ opposed this bill and had written the governor asking her to veto

H2196 – (Repeal of H2305, Voter Suppression Bill) signed by the Governor. A referendum will not be on the ballot to overturn H2305. The legislature is likely to bring similar legislation next year in smaller increments.

Several Alerts have gone out on HCR2018 which would bring back to the ballot all successful initiatives after eight years to be voted on again. This bill passed in the House and is being heard in the Senate.

Sen. Al Melvin's bill to prohibit Common Core was killed.

H2234 repeal of State Medicaid expansion is not likely to move through committee with the Governor's backing of the expansion.

There are a number of bills on Empowerment Scholarships Accounts (ESA) to expand funding for students to use for private schools or home schooling. This means less money for public schools.

Gini McGirr

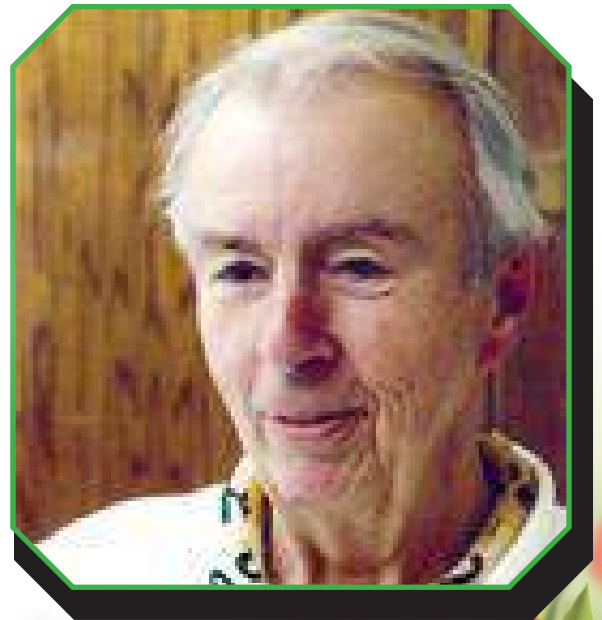
Remembering Barbara Dean

An English teacher and reading specialist for many years at Rincon High, Barbara Dean had a philosophy that education equated success. She also believed that life is not complete without arts and music. Barbara felt that one should support family and community and she volunteered her time generously. Barbara had a very lively interest in politics which led her to the League of Women Voters. Barbara will be missed as a giving and wonderful presence in the Tucson League.



Remembering David Seifert

A long time community volunteer, Dave is remembered by Tucson League members for his tireless efforts as Chair of the Environmental Resources Committee. Dave put on several general membership meetings to showcase the need for environmental protection. Dave was a long-time docent for the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum in addition to many other community activities. As his obituary in the Arizona Daily Star notes, "he gave a damn!" So true. We will miss you, Dave.





ISSUES & EGGS REMINDER!

We are still taking reservations for the April 11, 2014 Issues & Eggs forum on jobs and education. Please come and show your support for our 2014 voter service education and outreach activities!

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

Cordially invites you to our

Issues and Eggs Breakfast

Friday, April 11, 2014

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at Reid Park
Boojum/Bonsai Rooms
445 S. Alvernon Way
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Jobs Won't Grow on Cacti ... Without Help

Moderator

Bruce Dusenberry, Business Development Consultant

Opening Speaker

Daisy Jenkins, Daisy Jenkins & Associates

Panelists

Dr. John Pedicone, Superintendent Fellow, AASAProact

Omar Mireles, Vice President HSL Properties

Julia Strange, Vice President, Community Benefits, TMC

Reservations: \$42.50 per person

Reserved Table of 10: \$425.00

Reserved Sponsor Table of 10 with

Program Acknowledgement: \$500 to \$5,000

RSVP with check by Friday, April 4, 2014
or make reservations and payment online at www.lwvgt.org
For more information phone 327-7652



Many Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Thanks to Lu Kembel, Janice Lee, Freda Johnson, Myra Hopper, Phylis Carnahan, Roxanne Housely, Maxine Goodman, Marion Pickens, Shirley Muney, Phyllis Wassenberg, Grace Evans, and Jennifer Aviles for addressing more than 750 invitations for the April 11, 2014 Issues & Eggs Breakfast.

Carol West, Development Chair

New Membership Directory

Your new Membership Directory has been mailed. Please note a correction: the NW Unit meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. Call the League office (520) 327-7652 with any other changes. Thanks to Lu Kembel and Gini McGirr for putting the Directory together and getting it mailed out!

LWVGT Board of Directors 2013-2014 ★★★★★

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Checks can be written to JCF (The Jewish Foundation of Southern Arizona) with Memo Line: LWVGT ENDOWMENT. (Options: "In Honor of" "In Memory of")

Income from the Endowment benefits the LWVGT portion of the LWVAZ Education Fund

If interested in a Legacy Gift, please contact JCF of Southern AZ, Director of Donor Services Lia Pierse (520.577.0388)

Phylis Carnahan and Patsy Frannea, Co-Chairs



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