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### Save the Date:

2015 Holiday Brunch  
Dec. 12, 2015 (Tucson)

Issues & Eggs  
March 4, 2016 (Tucson)

Annual Meeting  
April 15, 2016 (Tucson)

LWVAZ '16 Council  
April 30– May 1, 2016  
(Phoenix)

LWVUS '16 Convention  
June 16-19, 2016 (D.C.)

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### December 12th: Holiday Brunch

#### Carol West, Development Chair

LWVGT Members and their guests are invited to a festive holiday brunch on **Saturday, December 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at Phylis Carnahan's clubhouse at **2700 N Camino Valle Verde**, near the intersection of Sabino Canyon and Tanque Verde Roads.

This event lets members know our bottom line: LWVGT couldn't exist without you! It's a perfect opportunity to socialize, make more League friends and celebrate our accomplishments in 2015.

It is also an opportunity to support your League during 2016. Please think of LWVGT in your end-of-year giving. Generous member support sets the stage and encourages community

leaders to help underwrite LWVGT's civic activities.

Tax-deductible donations to the LWVGT Endowment Fund and LWVAZ Education Fund enable LWVGT to provide voter services to our community via forums and brochures. They are also used for other educational venues like last January's AC-CESS Tucson show, "Is Our Democracy for Sale?"

Donations for operating expenses are not tax deductible, but they are needed to help pay rent, utilities, and insurance.

Please join your League colleagues and their guests for food and good company on December 12. **RSVP by December 7<sup>th</sup> by calling the League office, 520-327-7652 or by email to: [league@lwwgt.org](mailto:league@lwwgt.org).**



2014 Holiday Brunch



### January 16<sup>th</sup>: How a Bill Becomes a Law

#### Judy Moll, LWVGT President

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes in the Arizona legislature in order to pass a bill? How much power do lobbyists wield? Do lobbyists write the bills? Do campaign donations influence a donor's ability to get legislation passed?

We hope to answer these questions and more at our January 16, 2016 program, **The Real Story: How a Bill Becomes a Law**. Three panelists will help us: prior legislators Pete

Hershberger (R) and Paula About (D) and local lobbyist Mike Racy. The panelists will share their experiences and explain how negotiations and compromise work.

Open to the public, our meeting on **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is on the lower level of Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue**. The social hour begins at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00.

Please join us and bring any questions you may have about this topic.

**Is passing legislation really like making sausage?**



**Pima County School Superintendent Linda Arzoumanian at November Eastside Unit Meeting**



**Sahuarita Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela at Green Valley Unit Meeting**



**Co-Membership Chairs at the November 12<sup>th</sup> LWVGT Orientation attended by about 30 individuals**



**Arriving at Money in Politics Program**



**Money in Politics program attendees immersed in discussion**

**Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location and Description</b>
Tuesday, December 1, 2015	9:30am	Eastside Unit Meeting. Consensus on "Money in Politics" study. Ward 2 Council Office 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. Contact Phylis Carnahan (520) 885-3271
Friday, December 4, 2015	9:30-11:30am	LWVGT Board Meeting. Meet at Aviva Children's Services, 153 S. Plumer
Thursday, December 10, 2015	11:30-1pm	Midtown Unit Meeting. A special view of the life of a chef to the presidents of the US - how a Tucson boy became that chef. Our presenter Howard Greeneth, friend of the chef, has spent several Christmases at the White House and is an entertaining presenter. Meet at home of Rosemary and Wendell Niemann. Contact Janice Murphy at (520) 323-7501 or Freda Johnson at (520) 622-1933.
Friday, December 11, 2015	12 Noon	Green Valley Unit Meeting. We will be hosting a discussion of "Money in Politics" Meet in the Madera Room, 3rd floor of the La Vista building on the La Posada campus. Bring a sack lunch. Formal meeting begins at 12:30 pm. The meeting is Open to the Public. Contact: Sue Girardeau 648-7969
Saturday, December 12, 2015	9:30am	LWVGT Holiday Brunch - No Monthly Program. Will be held at Phylis Carnahan's Clubhouse, 2700 N. Camino Valle Verde, located near Sabino Canyon Rd. and Tanque Verde. To RSVP, please email League@LWVGT.Org or call the office at 327-7652. Guests are welcome!
Tuesday, December 15, 2015	2-4pm	Northwest & Saddlebrooke Units Combined Meeting. Consensus on Money in Politics. Meet at the Mountain Vista Fire District Station 610, 1175 W Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ
Tuesday, January 5, 2016	9:30am	Eastside Unit Meeting. National and Local Program Planning. Meet at Ward 2 Council Office, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. Phylis Carnahan for details, E-unit@lwvgt.org or (520) 885-3271
Friday, January 8, 2016	9:30-11:30am	LWVGT Board Meeting. Meet at Aviva Children's Services, 153 S. Plumer
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Saturday, January 16, 2016	9:30-Noon	The Real Story - How a Bill Becomes a Law. Monthly Program. Former Arizona legislators Paula Aboud, Democrat, and Pete Hershberger, Republican, and lobbyist Michael Racy will have an informal "conversation" about what happens behind the scenes in the Arizona Legislature.
Tuesday, January 19, 2016	2-4pm	Northwest & Saddlebrooke Units Combined Meeting. National and Local Program Planning. Meet at the Mountain Vista Fire District Station 610, 1175 W Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ. Contact: Winifred Williams 742-0502
Thursday, January 21, 2016	11:30-1pm	Midtown Unit Meeting. National and Local Program Planning. Meet at home of Rosemary and Wendell Niemann. Contact: Janice Murphy at (520) 323-7501 or Freda Johnson at (520) 622-1933.
Friday, February 5, 2016	9:30-11:30am	LWVGT Board Meeting. Meet at Aviva Children's Services, 153 S. Plumer

## President's Message: Human Trafficking

### Judy Moll, President

Everyone knows that the Board of Directors oversees our local League operations. But Off-Board Chairs play a necessary role in keeping our League vital and active in the community. This month I want to highlight one of those, Joan Kaltsas, chair of the Human Trafficking Committee. In June of 2014, the National Convention adopted the New Jersey position on human trafficking. In the fall, LWWGT created its own Human Trafficking committee.

Joan agreed to chair the LWWGT committee and has done an exemplary job of advocating for women who have been trafficked and of collaborating with other organizations to pass legislation. As described in her [report](#), last year she worked closely with State Legislator Victoria Steele (LD9) to pass a bill to set aside criminal convictions of former prostitutes. In 2016, Joan and her committee will work with other women's organizations and legislators to pass safe harbor laws. If passed, these laws will pro-

vide legal protection and services for minors who have been exploited for labor or sex. The legislation should treat these young people as victims, not criminals, and provide services rather than saddling them with a criminal record. The services should include medical and psychological treatment, emergency and long-term housing, legal, education and job assistance. Concerted effort is required to reduce trauma and provide a path to recovery. Joan and her committee would welcome new members.



**Judy Moll**  
LWWGT President  
2014-2016

## Recent LWWUS Advocacy

### League Urges Senators to Oppose Challenges to EPA Clean Power Plan

The League has been working from several fronts to stop resolutions of disapproval in the U.S. House and Senate that would block the Clean Power Plan. LWWUS joined [a letter](#) from environmental groups that went to the Senate on the eve of votes taken on the resolution. Legislation in the Senate passed on November 17 and it now moves to the U.S. House. [League members and supporters should take action by contacting their members of Congress today and urge them to oppose this legislation.](#)

### Victory in the Battle over the Keystone XL Pipeline

The Obama Administration issued [a full rejection of the permits necessary to build the Keystone XL \(KXL\) pipeline!](#) This is a major victory for the League, environmental groups and pipeline fighters around the country. It's also a major victory for the health and welfare of the American people and our planet.

### League Joins Amicus Brief in *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*

The League of Women Voters joined an [amicus brief](#) filed by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Southern Poverty Law Center and sixteen other organizations concerned about civil rights and equal access to education in the re-hearing of *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, a reconsideration of an identical case the Court heard just two years ago. The brief supports the University of Texas admissions policy as necessary in order for students to receive the vast and critical benefits associated with diverse campus environments. The LWW has a long standing position in support of access to public education that provides equal opportunity for all. We have fought since our inception to ensure that every citizen can fully and productively participate in American society, from the school room to the ballot box.

### Deadline Coming: Support the EPA's Methane Pollution Regulation

The deadline to submit your comments in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's first-ever methane pollution standard has been extended to December 4th. [We need you to add your voice to other pro-environment supporters from around the country telling the EPA these regulations are an important step forward to protect public health and our planet.](#)

### From LWWUS: Do you know how the presidential nomination process works?

**Presidential primaries and caucuses are two different ways candidates compete to win the support of state delegates who will be responsible for choosing the party's nominee at their national nominating convention.**

**Unlike other elections, each party sets its own primary or caucus rules and each state determines the format and eligibility for voting.**

**Think you know how it all works? Find out now by taking our quiz!**

**“To the wrongs that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance, To the future in the distance, Give yourselves.” Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters**

## Facts Everyone Should Know About Human Trafficking

**Joan Kaltsas, Chair, Human Trafficking**

1. A former prostitute in Arizona, hoping to get a new start, will carry her criminal record, incurred while in coerced sexual slavery, for 99 years.
2. The U.S. is the #1 destination for human trafficking.
3. One out of every 3 teens on the streets in Arizona will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.
4. It's very hard to get legislation passed in Arizona when prostitutes are viewed as criminals and not as victims.
5. At least 100,000 U.S. chil-

dren are exploited in prostitution every year in America.

6. The average age a child is first exploited through prostitution is 14 in Arizona.

7. Force, fraud and coercion are methods used by traffickers to press victims into lives of servitude and abuse.

8. Trafficking of humans is the 2nd largest criminal industry in the world after drug dealing, and the fastest growing -- drugs get used once; a human body can be used dozens of times a day.

The Human Trafficking

Committee will soon be reconvened, as plans are in the works regarding our coalition's attempt at new legislation for the upcoming session and review of what work has to be done this upcoming year. New members are essential for the Committee's progress. Please leave a message for Joan Kaltsas on the office phone, 520 -327-7652, or email [Trafficking@lwvgt.org](mailto:Trafficking@lwvgt.org) if advocacy work with Human Trafficking interests you.

**Future Win-Win with JTED**

## Designing Partners: LWVGT and JTED

**Roxanne Housley, Communications Chair**

The Communications Committee is having preliminary talks with JTED (Pima County Joint Technical Education District) teachers regarding the possibil-

ity of using some of their Business, Arts & Graphics students to create some graphic designs. These designs will be used in flyers, email communications and posters. This partnership will certainly help the League. Of course, JTED will be given

full credit, and students can add this experience to their resume. A win-win for everyone! Learn more about JTED at their [website](#).

**Wanted: 2016-18 LWVGT Leaders**

## LWVGT Nominating Committee about to roll up their sleeves

**Judy Moll, President**

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to draw up the slate for LWVGT's officers and directors for next year. We will need a President, Program Vice President, Secretary, three Board members, a Nomi-

nating Committee Chair, and two Nominating Committee members.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions or would like to recommend someone to serve as an officer or on next year's Board, please

send your ideas to Nominating Committee Chair Betsy Bolding or any of the other Committee members, Pat Wiedhopf, Lori Parker, Sue DeArmond, and Grace Evans, all of whom can be reached at: [Nominations@lwvgt.org](mailto:Nominations@lwvgt.org)

## Report from the Speakers' Bureau

**Anna Dolak, Speakers' Bureau**

The Speakers' Bureau has been "out and about" town recruiting new members. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Anna Dolak spoke to about 25 members of the PEO in Saddle-

Brooke about the League. She followed this up with a short talk on October 21 at the Teacher's Education Association Meeting at Rincon High School. Many of these teachers

wrote down the dates for our future meetings with education topics. Let's be sure to welcome newcomers at our meetings and encourage them to come again.



## Letter from the Leadership

### Nancy Pfafflin, Program Chair

The League of Women Voters' Program is a primary attraction for its members and the public. By Program, I mean the topics we explore through studies, general and unit meetings, and voter education activities. Action on political issues, following study and consensus, is also part of our Program, though perhaps less recognized by the public.

LWVGT currently works on several issues which have been part of our Program for many

years. This presents a challenge. Because these issues still require work, we retain them in our Program. Yet the task list before us is overwhelming, and we've grown weary or bored with many of them.

Many members would prefer learning about new issues rather than trying to convince decision-makers to adopt policies and programs which the League has supported for a long time.

In January, we undertake the process we call Program Planning once again. We must decide which existing positions to retain, which to update, and

which to drop. We must also decide whether to study any new topics. Here is the dilemma: how much *can* we do? How much do we *want* to do?

I believe we need new eyes and ears in our program planning this January. Newer League members can help assess LWVGT and the community's current needs and resources. Long-time members can watch and listen, open to the possibility that our Program can evolve and change. We all need to consider what is *most urgent* for us to do and what we *do best*.

**What should  
LWVGT  
work on in  
2016-2017?**

## Program Planning Checklist

A program planning checklist, with titles of all the local and national topics we'll be considering, is available on our [web-site](#). Members may use it to

prepare for unit meetings or to fill in and submit to the LWVGT office. Filled-in forms that are not submitted at a unit meeting must arrive in the

LWVGT office on or before January 15, 2016 in order to be considered.

## Unit Program Planning Procedure

### Nancy Pfafflin, Program Chair

Because of the lengthy list of LWVUS program positions, in addition to LWVGT's more modest list, it is not possible to give adequate discussion time to all of this in one meeting. Therefore, as we did last January, each unit meeting will discuss a different set of topics. It is important that each unit meeting be well-attended, so that the entire program is addressed by a significant number of our members. However, members are welcome to attend more than one meeting to weigh in on issues not assigned to their unit.

Here are the Unit assignments:  
Eastside -- LWVGT topics:  
Consolidated Gov-

ernment, Comprehensive Planning and Zoning; Community Planning/Affordable Housing, Balanced Transportation System. LWVUS topics: Fiscal Policy (Tax Policy, Federal Deficit, Funding of Entitlements), Meeting Basic Human Needs (Housing Supply, Urban Policy)

Midtown -- LWVUS topics: International Relations (all topics), Human Trafficking, Immigration, Violence Prevention, Gun Control, Death Penalty, Sentencing Policy.

Northwest & Saddle-Brooke -- LWVGT

topics: Natural Resources (except Comprehensive Planning). LWVUS topics: Natural Resources (all topics), Representative Government (all topics), Social Policy (Equal Rights, Marriage Equality).

Green Valley -- LWVGT topics: Education, Education Finance, Charter Schools. LWVUS topics: Social Policy (Education, Employment, Housing; Federal Role in Public Education; Health Care; Meeting Basic Human Needs, Income Assistance, Support Services, Child Care, Early Intervention for Children at Risk).

***"It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires a great deal of strength to decide what to do."***  
**Elbert Hubbard**

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## LWVGT Group Takeaways from the LWVUS Money In Politics Study

### Group 1: Democratic Values and Interests with Respect to Financing Political Campaigns

What are the implications of the recent narrowing of the definition of corruption, removal of aggregate limits on campaign contributions, and the related disconnect between public opinion and public policy for workers' rights and the distribution of wealth in our society? Does our country still stand for the democratic principles we espouse?

### Group 2: First Amendment Protections for Speakers and Activities in Political Campaigns

Justice Powell said, "The inherent worth of...speech in terms of its capacity for informing the public does not

depend upon the identity of its source, whether corporation, association, union, or individual." If an entity or person has vast amounts of money and thus more access to media outlets, should restrictions be placed upon its First Amendment freedoms in the political arena?

### Group 3: Methods for Regulating Campaign Finance to Protect the Democratic Process

In *Citizen's United* the Court said, "The First Amendment protects political speech; and disclosure permits citizens and shareholders to react to the speech of corporate entities in a proper way. This transparency enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages." Are there ways to make dis-

closure more meaningful and effective? Our local consensus will be combined with those from Leagues throughout the U.S. for a LWVUS position statement which will guide action on the issues.

Review LWVUS Study Materials [here](#).

Consensus questions can be found [here](#).

**"Citizens as governors are not consumers but holders of a public trust."**  
Zephyr Teachout

## Amending the U.S. Constitution Consensus

### Adopted by the LWVGT Board on November 6, 2015

During the October LWVGT general meeting, 36 members heard the presentation by Bunny Davis and 33 participated in the consensus discussion that followed. Consensus questions addressed several topics. Members affirmed all five considerations for evaluating Constitutional amendment proposals. They agreed with six conditions that should be in place for an Article V Constitutional Convention initiated by the states, but there was no consensus on whether or not representation at the convention should be based on population rather than one vote per state. They also reached no consensus on whether or not the League

should oppose an Article V convention because of unresolved questions about the powers and processes of such a convention. There was agreement that the League should consider supporting a Constitutional amendment that will advance a League position even if there are significant problems with the amendment as proposed, but no consensus on whether or not League should consider supporting an amendment that advances a League position but is put forward by a process the League would oppose.

The Constitutional Amendment Consensus Questions are available [online](#).

**"Consensus is mutual agreement of League members arrived at through discussion"**

### MEMBER Alert Regarding Directory

The **LWVGT Membership Directory** on our Members Only website ([lwvgt.org](http://lwvgt.org)) is updated monthly with corrections and new information. If you do not have the password for the Directory, please call the League office at 520-327-7652.