

# THE VOTER



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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 5 **Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am**  
Eastside Unit  
Ward 2 Council Office  
7575 E. Speedway  
Call Judy: 790-8182
- 6 **Wednesday, 4:30pm**  
LWVGT Board  
League Office
- 7 **Thursday, 11:30am**  
Northwest Unit  
Michangelo's Ristorante  
Call Barbara: 825-6537
- 8 **Friday, 9:00am**  
Green Valley Unit  
*Go-See Tour*  
See details in unit meetings  
*article in this issue*
- 16 **Saturday, 9:30am-noon**  
LWVGT General Meeting  
Behavioral Health  
Main Library, Tucson
- 20 **Wednesday, 4:30pm**  
Natural Resources Cmte.  
League Office  
Call Dave: 885-4767

## MARCH CALENDAR

- 4 **Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am**  
Eastside Unit  
Ward 2 Council Office  
Call Judy: 790-8182
- 5 **Wednesday, 4:30pm**  
LWVGT Board  
League Office
- 6 **Thursday, 11:30am**  
Northwest Unit  
Michangelo's Ristorante  
Call Barbara: 825-6537
- 14 **Friday, 11:30am**  
Green Valley Unit  
La Posada  
Call Sue: 399-9763
- 15 **Saturday, 9:30am-noon**  
LWVGT General Meeting  
Energy  
Main Library, Tucson
- 19 **Wednesday, 4:30pm**  
Natural Resources Cmte.  
League Office
- 29 **Saturday**  
LWVAZ Board  
Tempe

## GENERAL MEETING

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008**  
**9:30am Refreshments**  
**10am-noon Meeting and Program**  
Joel Valdez Main Library  
101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson  
*(Free parking in the Library  
Underground Garage)*

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**W**hat does "Behavioral Health" encompass? What are the "Behavioral Health" services in Tucson and Pima County? How do "Behavioral Health" problems affect us in our everyday life? Join the League at our February General Meeting as we explore our community's behavioral health services.

**Linda Lopez**, District 29 Representative and Community Relations Coordinator for La Frontera Center, Inc., will be one of our speakers. Rep. Lopez has been employed by the Center since 1991 and has a history of working as a Clinical Supervisor for the Child/Family Center and of work with special needs and behaviorally disturbed children. She has a B.A. in Women's Studies and Psychology from the University of Arizona.



According to its website, the La Frontera Center, Inc. "... is a nonprofit, community-based behavioral health agency that has been helping southern Arizona's children, adults and families since 1968."

Rep. Lopez was a foster mother to 44 abused/neglected children. Among her many House assignments, Lopez serves on the House Health and the CPS Oversight committees and the Governors Commission on Reforming CPS.

**Vanessa Seaney**, Chief, Clinical Systems Management for the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) will be the second speaker. She has degrees in Social Work from Arizona State University and in Psychology from Northern Arizona University. Seaney has worked in the behavioral health community in Pima County for over 20 years. She initially worked within the Regional Behavioral Health Authority system for Arizona Clinical Case Management (ACCM) in 1992 and since 1995 has been a member of the CPSA team in a variety of capacities.



"CPSA is the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) designated by the state of Arizona to coordinate and manage publicly funded behavioral health services for children and their families in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima and Santa Cruz counties. CPSA coordinates, by way of a provider network, the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services, and behavioral health wellness and prevention services." *(From the CPSA website.)*

Seaney is a native Tucsonan and a member of an Arizona pioneer family. "I have a very strong commitment to the behavioral health system of care in Southern Arizona," states Vanessa, "and would like to continue to make a difference in the development of services, particularly for minority populations."

**Note:** Our apologies for the parking difficulties for the Jan. General Meeting caused by the unexpected closure of Alameda St. by construction vehicles. Convenient parking in the Library's Underground Garage will be available for our future meetings.

# LOCAL HAPPENINGS

## President's Message

**It's a new year and there are many things happening on all levels of government!**

Currently, there is a **case before the U.S. Supreme Court that could uphold a requirement that voters show photo identification before casting a ballot in Indiana.** As is detailed at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), the LWV Indianapolis and LWVUS have filed a joint *amicus brief* in the case summarizing experiences of a number of Indiana voters whose votes were not counted or whose right to vote was denied entirely. It further points out that while those burdened by the Law may be in the minority, the fact is that they have a fundamental right to vote. The Voter ID law also gives a great amount of discretion to polling officials, who are political appointees.

On a state level, a **nearly \$1 billion state budget deficit is expected to eliminate funding for any new education programs for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade this year.** Proposed cuts include eliminating a new initiative to help teach math and science and rolling back funding for technology grants, while halting construction of any new school facilities for one year. Additionally, state universities could see a 10 percent cut in funding. That would translate into tuition increases, which would decrease the amount of money universities pay in scholarships. While Arizona is consistently at the bottom of the list in education, further cuts to education does not provide a positive outlook for our children, or our long-term economic picture.

The LWV believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote. Locally, the LWV strongly "supports schools in their search for adequate resources, changes and use of community resources to insure that all children

have the help they need to succeed in school."

Ten LWVGT members filled the League table at the Tucson State of the State Luncheon on January 16. Governor Napolitano spoke to a packed TCC ballroom about Arizona's current condition and future prospects and responded to questions from the audience. She made a number of proposals that she would like to see enacted by the Legislature that are sure to generate a lot of discussion.

We will see what the year holds and continue advocating for those issues that have long been a priority for our organization.

*~Noell Rodriguez and Shirley Sandelands,  
LWVGT Co-President*



**Noell Rodriguez, Bonnie Richards, Patsy Frannea and Freda Johnson at the Governor's State of the State luncheon in Tucson January 16**

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Watch the March CTER for an upcoming fundraiser that has good dollar return potential for the LWVGT. We will celebrate diversity through music by co-sponsoring a wonderful event!

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

Barbara Mellor





# LOCAL HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

## November Running and Winning Workshop a Success

A successful *Running and Winning Workshop* was held at Cholla High School on November 8, 2007 with twelve elected women officials and 50+ high school girls in attendance. The girls' posters and speeches in a mock campaign to be an Arizona candidate for the US Senate showed much knowledge and enthusiasm for considering proposals to resolve some of the various concerns about "Immigration". Perhaps a budding future politician was among them.

There are changes in the LWVGT/AAUW steering committee for the following year. Co-Chairs **Carol Shearer** (LWVGT), **Jan Rosenberg** (Casas Adobes AAUW), and **Esther Scher** (Tucson AAUW) are stepping down and turning over the leadership. All Leaguers working with *Running and Winning* thank **Carol, Jan and Esther** for their enthusiastic and dedicated work with this program to inspire and activate high school girls. New Co-Chairs are **Shirley Sandelands** (LWVGT), **Carol Dow** (Tucson AAUW) and **Cheryl Raft** (Casas Adobes AAUW). Work will begin soon on planning for the 2008 workshop.



A high school student pitches her "campaign speech" to become an AZ Senator



City Councilwomen Shirley Scott and Karen Uhlich Arrive for the *Running and Winning Workshop*

## POSSIBLE CHANGES IN DISTRIBUTING THE VOTER

The possibility of saving money by sending the VOTER to members electronically via our list serve, *League News and Information*, was discussed at the last LWVGT Board Meeting. Electronic distribution also would get the VOTER to members more quickly, in an environmentally-friendly way and in color. Preliminary estimates are that **we would save at least \$350 a year** (includes paper, copying and postage costs) with electronic delivery. If more members provide us with email addresses the savings would be greater.

It was decided to do a trial run of sending the VOTER on the list serve to members with email. At the same time we will send a regular mailing to ALL members to be certain that every member receives the VOTER either one way or the other or both. Should the decision be made to use only the list serve method of distributing the VOTER to members with email, **members without email would continue to receive the VOTER by regular mail.** Already every issue of the VOTER is posted on the LWVGT website, [www.lwvgt.org](http://www.lwvgt.org), and can be viewed there as well.

Thus, beginning with this issue, members who have provided their email address to the LWVGT will receive the VOTER via both the list serve and regular mail. Those without email addresses will receive the VOTER via regular mail only.

Questions or comments about these changes should be sent to VOTER Editor Betty Bengtson at [bbengtson@earthlink.net](mailto:bbengtson@earthlink.net) or 219-3507.

# LOCAL HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

## UNITS MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

### EASTSIDE UNIT

**Tuesday, February 5 at 9:30am**

The Eastside Unit will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 5th (Presidential Primary Day) at 9:30am in the alcove of the large meeting room at the Ward 2 Council Office, 7575 E. Speedway. **Members will pool information on various services, target populations, and sources of funding gathered from behavioral health service providers in the Greater Tucson area in preparation for the Feb. 16th General Meeting on that subject.** Members and guests are always welcome. Call Judy at 790-8182 for more information.

### GREEN VALLEY UNIT

**Friday, February 8 at 9:30am**

The Green Valley meeting on Friday Feb. 8 will be a **Go-See Tour of two water facilities, one in Green Valley, one in Tucson.** Spouses and friends are welcome. **All Tucson League members are invited to join the group for the second part of the tour.** Kathy Chavez, Pima County Water Policy Manager for the Regional Flood Control District, will be the guide at both locations.

**For Green Valley Unit members:** Meet at the Duval Mine Rd. Safeway parking lot next to the gas station at 9:30am Friday, February 8, to arrange carpools. Be sure to bring a

sack lunch. We will drive to the Green Valley Water Treatment Plant for an hour-long tour and explanation of the process. Then the group will travel to Kino Riparian area on Ajo Way adjacent to Tucson Electric Park for more water information and a look-see. The group will have lunch at picnic tables in the park.

Ms. Chavez will provide maps and directions to the Kino Riparian Area site for all tour participants.

**For Tucson members and friends:** Meet the group at noon, Friday, February 8 at Kino Riparian Area for the second part of the tour. Bring a sack lunch.

**Sign up now!** For more information call Bonnie Richards, 625-9039 or Sue Girardeau, 399-9763.

### NORTHWEST UNIT

**Thursday, February 7 at 11:30am**

The NW Unit will meet at Michelangelo's on February 7 at 11:30am for lunch and discussion. Our Unit has decided to spend the rest of the meetings this spring working on **"Water Issues in the Northwest Area, including Oro Valley, Marana, Saddle Brooke, and NW Pima County"**. At our next meeting we will be writing the questions for all areas and hopefully making some assignments. Members and guests are always welcome. Call Barbara at 825-6537 for more information.

## LWVGT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007-2008

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Betty Bengtson	Voter Editor
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Judy Ilg	At-Large (Action)

### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Joy Miller-Frilot	At-Large (Diversity)
Virginia Burkel	At-Large

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Marion Johnson	Office Volunteers

# LOCAL HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

## LWVGT BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

### Patsy Frannea, Director (Hospitality)

A Tucson native, Patsy Frannea attended Amphitheatre Schools (where she met her husband Joe) and the University of Arizona. She received a BS in Textile Research and Studio Art and worked for Koratron (inventors of permanent press) before marriage. She has taught art, done free-lance design and lots of volunteer public school work. Patsy and Joe lived on the "Mobil Oil circuit" in Midland, Oklahoma City, Denver, New Orleans and Dallas before retiring to Tucson. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren, all living in Texas. Patsy's volunteering for LWVGT has been with Diversity, Voter Guides, *Know Your Pima County* book, Hospitality and service on PAG's Environmental Planning Advisory Committee. She also volunteers with the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society, International Dark Skies, and the Oro Valley Historical Society and says she has some time for gardening and house remodeling!



### Betty Bengtson, VOTER Editor

Betty Bengtson grew up in Georgia and received a BA in History from Duke and masters degrees from Catholic University and the University of Maryland in library science and in administration. Betty enjoyed a 30-year career as an academic librarian, retiring as Director of University Libraries at the University of Washington, Seattle. She served as an officer or board member of several state and national library associations and was a frequent speaker at professional meetings. She met her husband, Pete, at Duke. Their careers took them to the Washington, DC area (3 times), Arizona, California, Tennessee, and Washington State before they retired to Tucson in 2001. Betty and Pete have a son and daughter-in-law and 2 grandsons who live in Pennsylvania. They enjoy hiking, travel, reading, movies, music, volunteering and are beginning birders. Betty also currently serves on the Pima County Library Foundation Board.



### Joy Miller-Frilot, Director (Diversity)

Joy is another Leaguer who grew up in Tucson and graduated from Tucson HS. She then attended California State University in Los Angeles earning a BA in Political Science and American Studies. Joy met her husband, Joseph, while working in Los Angeles. They have many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. She has served on numerous boards including AAUW, the Committee of Professional Women who raised funds for the L.A. Philharmonic, and was a League member in Los Angeles. Currently Joy volunteers with Volunteers in Action (ICS) as well as LWVGT activities. Her hobbies include tai chi, swimming and reading.



## Mission Statement

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



# LOCAL HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

## BOARD BITS

In keeping with the LWVGT Board's ongoing efforts to best manage our organization's financial resources, the following decisions were made at the January 8th regular board meeting:

- ✓ To reinvest our two maturing CD's (White and Lincoln Funds) at the best currently available insured rate
- ✓ To negotiate a new 3-year rental contract at our current office location
- ✓ To adopt the Endowment Committee's recommendation regarding the disposition of the new Lance Fund; i.e., the principal be maintained in the LWVAZ Education Fund and the interest be transferred to the LWVGT Education Fund
- ✓ That rising rates and past limited usage make offering Paymentech in-house credit card impractical to continue
- ✓ That mailed copies of our VOTER be limited, in the near future, to members **only not able or willing** to receive it electronically or access it at [www.lwvgt.org](http://www.lwvgt.org).

Other matters discussed included General Meeting programs being planned for upcoming months, opportunities for League presence at several community events, and various possible fundraising activities.

~Judy Fischer, Secretary

## FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

There is a new publication out, *A Layperson's Guide to Arizona Water*, published jointly by the Water Resources Research Center (University of Arizona) and the Water Education Foundation (Sacramento, CA). It can be purchased for \$10 from the Sacramento organization (<http://www.water-ed.org>) or downloaded free (30 pages) from the UA Water Resources Research Center (<http://ag.arizona.edu/azwater>)

Another new environmental publication is now available: *Tucson Green Magazine*. It's in newspaper format (24 pages) and focuses on environmental matters. The paper comes out monthly, at mid-month, and can be found at non-major grocery stores, environment-friendly restaurants and gathering places, and other places likely to carry the *Tucson Weekly*. Like the *Weekly*, it has its own (green) wire rack and is free.

~Dave Seifert, Chair, Natural Resources Committee

# STATE HAPPENINGS

## ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

With the Arizona legislature starting in January, members will be hearing a lot about the bills that our legislators seem to think that the citizens can't live without. Before session even started, there were 224 bills entered. Think each legislator feels that they have to put a bunch in the hopper to keep their name in front of the voters?

**To help you track the bills that the League has positions on, either for or against, there is a state League page on the Arizona Legislature website. Below are the directions on how to access this page to track bills.** It will be several weeks before this is up and running as I have to get the bills in capsule form, decide which ones to follow and then enter them on the five lists named below. After that, you can go in and see which bills are being held up and which are being heard. Keep checking in as there will be more listed until the deadline for entering bills comes due.

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# STATE HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

## ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Cont'd from page 6

HOW TO GET ON TO THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE WEBSITE AND THEN TO THE ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICE (ALIS) WHICH IS THE AZ LEAGUE PAGE.

1. Website is [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)
2. In the middle of the Home page, click on ALIS Tracking
3. Below that, click on Track
4. User ID is **LWVAZ**. Password is **Lila**. These are case sensitive so you must use all capitals for LWVAZ and "Lila."
5. This goes to the LWVAZ page. It usually has Alerts to click on if any of the bills that we have are in committees, on the floor, or having something done with it.
6. In the top middle of page, click on PERSONAL PROGRESS.
7. Page comes up with the 5 lists we are tracking: Clean Elections, Election Reform, Education, Judicial, Natural Resources.
8. Click on any one list name and the bills that are entered will show up. Click on Print Progress Report to read them. This does not print them. It just shows the overview of them.
9. This shows what happened to the bill from the time it was entered and put in the first committee of Rules.
10. If you know the number of the bill that you want to read, you can put it in the blank space of top of the Home page and hit Enter. Click on HTML or PDF for text.

### ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE ARIZONA WEBSITE ([www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)) YOU CAN:

Find any bill. If you know the number, put it in the box and hit Search

Find Standing Committee members

Find the Committee agendas

Find the Floor calendars to see if your bill is up for that day. Check the House and Senate calendars.

Find all of the Strike Everything bills

Find the names, phone numbers, rooms, emails of the House and Senate legislators

### ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE PAGE ([www.azsos.gov](http://www.azsos.gov)) YOU CAN:

Find the initiatives that have been filed for the 2008 ballot

Find who supports the initiatives with money

Find important dates for the years as filing, reports, etc.

### FACT SHEET (BILL SUMMARY) DISCLAIMER

Fact sheets are prepared by Research Staff for each piece of legislation scheduled to be heard in a standing committee and are generally available 36 hours prior to the committee hearing. The fact sheet for a bill amended in a standing committee will be revised to incorporate the committee changes. This version of the fact sheet (For Caucus and Floor Action) is available prior to the bill being calendared for caucus. Fact sheets are also revised after third reading if floor amendments are adopted in Committee of the Whole (COW). If necessary, fact sheets are "final revised" to incorporate changes adopted by the opposite body and conference committee amendments. These fact sheets are available within the first few weeks after the adjournment of the legislative session.

### ROE v. WADE ANNIVERSARY

January 22nd is the 35th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that affirmed a woman's right for reproductive choice. Despite the fact that the majority of Americans support the substance of that Supreme Court decision, the past 35 years have been marked by ongoing and vicious attacks against women's ability to make personal reproductive health choices. **The Freedom of Choice Act takes aim at these attacks. Contact by our two U.S. Senators and your district U.S. House Representative by email or phone to support this Act. The House bill is HR1964 and Senate is S1173.**



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