

February

- 2 **Tuesday, 9:30 am**
Eastside Unit Tucson
- 3 **Wednesday, 5:00 pm**
LWVGT Board Meeting
- 4 **Thursday, 11:30 am**
Northwest Lunch Group
- 5 **Women's Political
Caucus Breakfast,
7:30am**
Arizona Inn
Send \$20 check payable to
AWPC to P.O. Box 41973,
Tucson, AZ 85717
- 9 **Health Care, 10:00 am**
SaddleBrooke Unit
Dr. Neil West, Speaker
HOA #1 Clubhouse
Bobcat Room
64500 SaddleBrooke
Blvd. Contact: Linda
520.241.1043
- 12 **Friday, 11:30 am**
Green Valley Unit
Meeting
- 14 **Sunday**
LWVUS 90th Birthday
- 15 **Susan B. Anthony's
Birthday**
- 20 **Saturday, 9:30 am**
Public meeting on Climate
Change
Joel Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson

March

- 3 **Wednesday, 5:00 pm**
LWVGT Board Meeting
LWVGT Office
- 20 **Saturday**
Public Meeting

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: GENERAL MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010
9:30 a.m. Refreshments
10 am-noon Meeting and Program
Joel Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson
(Free parking in the Library
Underground)

What is climate Change? Climate change is a shift in weather patterns that lasts for decades or longer. Data shows the average temperature on earth has been increasing since at least 1850, when detailed record keeping began. Scientists have determined that the primary drivers of climate change are burning fossil fuels, clearing forests, releasing gases, ocean currents and waste disposal.

According to scientists, some of the most noticeable effects of climate change are air and water pollution, increase of heat-trapping gases in the

atmosphere, more severe droughts and storms, greater absorption of the sun's heat, rising oceans, loss of land and fresh water, temperature change, species change, increased energy use, rising utility costs, increased government regulation and need for infrastructure.

This meeting will focus on four aspects of climate change that we believe have a significant impact on the greater Tucson area, including: public resistance to scientific findings, economic effects on local and small businesses, effects on community health, and effects on community efforts to respond to climate change. Our panelists are expected to be Julio Betancourt (US Geological Survey), Jane Poynter (Paragon Space Development Corp), Joellen Russell (University of Arizona), David Schaller (City of Tucson) and Barbara Warren (Physicians for Social Responsibility). Our presentation will be built around questions from the audience. Please come join us and share your interest.

Dave Seifert



President's Report



Happy New Year! My wishes go out to you and your families for a year filled with prosperity and good health.

On February 14, 2010 the League of Women Voters will celebrate its 90th anniversary. Not coincidentally, 2010 also marks the 90th anniversary of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.



The League of Women Voters continues to impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. On a local level, LWVGT has maintained a reputation for non-partisan educational programs, candidate and issue forums, and advocacy. In 2008 the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson successfully partnered with Tucson Libraries to present voter information at many of Tucson's Libraries prior to the national presidential election. In 2009 the project continued as several volunteers presented information on voting in the local elections.

Additionally, each year, Tucson's Running and Winning Committee, along with elected women officials, engage high school age women in the democratic process by presenting a day-long event where young women learn the process of organizing

and running a campaign.

From the many contributions of our Voter Services committee to the tireless efforts of our Charter School Study committee, the local League carries the torch that was lit ninety years ago by our founding members.

Happy Birthday!

-Noell Rodriguez, President

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Counting Everyone Once and Only Once and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nations borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 census data will affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. The goal of the census is to count everybody, count them only once and count them in the right place. The census helps shape decisions about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

The goal is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys. To help the diverse population answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistant. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Russian, as well as language guides in 59 languages, will be available on request.

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks only for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship status and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes to complete. Responses are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and are strictly confidential.

Watch for your questionnaire, fill it out and mail it back. You could also remind your friends and neighbors to watch for their questionnaire.



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IT'S IN OUR HANDS



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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It's that time again! The 49th Legislature 2nd regular session started Jan. 11th, with over two hundred bills in the hopper. There were nineteen Striker bills put in before the session started so these will be used during the session for Strike Everything bills to change an entire bill.

There were seven gun bills with the most controversial one being by Sen. Russell Pearce. The bill states that if a person shoots and kills his assailant if threatened with physical violence, the shooting would be justified. The same bill is in the House by Rep. Judy Burges.

S1024 Presidential Ballot; President; Vice-President bill states the names of the candidates for president and vice-president, instead of the names of presidential electors, must be printed on presidential election ballots. Sponsored by Sen. Jack Harper.

SCR 1002 Judicial appointments; Senate Confirmation bill goes on the Ballot to alter the Constitution to alter the way in which superior court judges in counties with populations greater than 250,000 and appellate court judges are initially selected.. The governor is authorized to select any person to fill a judicial vacancy, but all selections must be confirmed by the state Senate. Sponsor: Sen. Harper

PAYDAY LOANS: Undeterred by voter rejection more than a year ago, a top House Republican is working to keep payday lending alive in AZ beyond June 30. Andy Tobin (R-Paulden) said he is concerned about the 3000 people who would be without a job on July 1 unless the law is changed to continue to allow the short-term, high-interest loans. Her e again, legislators don't believe what the voters passed. Write your legislators and tell them that Payday Loans have to go.

CLEAN ELECTIONS: The U.S. District Court Judge Roslyn Silver ruled against the matching funds portion of the CE lawsuit on Jan. 14th, finding it unconstitutional. Silver has the option of implementing a stay on her order, which could leave matching funds in place for publicly funded candidates in 2010. So far, prominent Republican gubernatorial candidates Jan Brewer, Dean Martin and Vernon Parker have declared their intention to run publicly funded campaigns. It is ironic that Brewer and Martin are against the Clean Elections Act with Martin being one named in the lawsuit against matching funds.

MERIT SELECTION: There is a referendum for the ballot box already on this. In Alaska, there was a court case to do away with this and the Alaska Judicial Council had the case dismissed in trial court. Amci briefs are due Feb. 19th.

INITIATIVES: There are fifteen petitions out on the streets. These cover secret ballot voting, civil partnerships, eliminate state discrimination, prohibit photo enforcement devices, limit property taxation, medical marijuana, and others. The Legislature has already put one petition on health care although it was defeated by state voters in 2008 and it is back on the ballot for the voters to say if they really understand what they were voting for.

Hopefully, the legislators will really work on the Budget and not get bogged down by frivolous bills.

Gini McGirr, Legislative Chair

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Happy Birthday, **CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT** JANUARY 9th, 2010

Carrie Chapman Catt, the suffragist whose efforts led to the adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 guaranteeing women the right to vote, was later monitored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for her world peace activism and association with "radicals."

Catt, was born January 9th, 1859 in Ripon, Wis. was raised in Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University in 1881 and, in 1900, succeeded Susan B. Anthony as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. She founded the League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920 following passage of the suffrage amendment. The FBI in 1927 was a new agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, formed only three years before, with J. Edgar Hoover as its founding director. Between 1919 and 1924, it functioned as the General Intelligence Division (GID) of the Justice Department, created during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson by Attorney General Mitchell Palmer. The GID and, later, the FBI authorized secret investigations and intelligence reports on the political activities of numerous public and private U.S. citizens, including Catt.

In 1925, Catt founded the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War (NCCCW) an organization she chaired until the mid-1930s. Among leading peace organizations of the time, including the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Women's Peace Union, the NCCCW was considered the most politically conservative. The stance in favor of arbitration in lieu of armed conflict drew the wrath of the FBI which sent a memo in 1929 which dismissed Catt's efforts to encourage negotiation between Soviet Russia and China.

In a March 20, 1928, document, the FBI noted the formation of the Foundation for Moral and Religious Leadership, a new international organization co-founded by Catt and other leaders of the world peace movement. The FBI decried its

formation as "simply one more propaganda agency for the radical forces." Many documents concerning Jane Addams also said she was directly responsible for the growth of the radical movement among women in America and were released to the public during the 1970s following enactment of the federal Freedom of Information Act. FBI files concerning Catt, however, were not released until recently, and Catt, who died March 9, 1947, probably never knew of the Dept. of Justice's documentation of her activities.

A biographer of Catt speculates Catt would have reacted with amusement had she know of the FBI's files on her own activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID FOR WOMEN.

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LEAGUE DELEGATION ATTENDED AN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE **Caps on Emissions of 25 Percent Below 1990 Levels by 2020, Says League**

A delegation of eight League leaders traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark as official non-governmental organization delegates to the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change (DOP15). The delegation attended general and special conference sessions to reinforce the League's efforts and positions on curbing global climate change. The League believes that global climate change is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation and our world.

Sarah Diefendorf, Executive Director, Environmental Financial Center at Dominican University of California, and former LWVUS liaison to Arizona, was a member of the delegation. On her blog, she told of waiting outside in the cold when there was a bomb scare in the convention building. Those leaguers that attended the 2007 state convention in Scottsdale will remember Sarah as one of the speakers.

Gini McGirr

UNIT MEETINGS

EASTSIDE UNIT, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at 9:30 am

The Eastside Unit held at the Ward 2 Council Office, 7575 E. Speedway will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 9:30 to help prepare members and guests for the February 20th General Meeting on “**Climate Change.**”

Six members who attended the January Unit will share information gleaned from various current articles clipped from Newsweek and The Nation magazines. Subjects to be discussed include “Climategate,” alternative energy sources, current worldwide statistics regarding climate change, and various aspects of the recent Copenhagen Conference. All are welcome.

EASTSIDE UNIT, Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:30 am

Further preparation for the March 20th General Meeting on “**Charter Schools in the Greater Tucson Area**” will take place as well as a review of other national and local program items discussed by the membership at the January 16th “**Program Planning**” General Meeting.

As usual, the unit will meet at the Ward 2 Council Office, 7575 E. Speedway, between 9:30 and 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of the months September through May. All members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

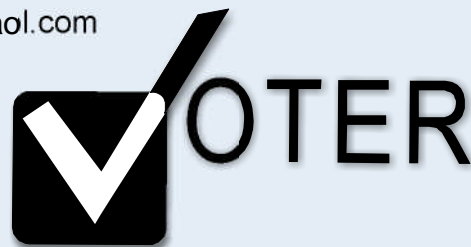
Primavera Speaker for Green Valley Unit

The Green Valley unit will meet on Friday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Madera Room of the La Vista building on the La Posada campus. The speaker will be Jenny Cowen from Primavera, a non-profit social service organization in Tucson. She will explain the services provided by Primavera.

As always, bring a sack lunch or order a \$5 prepared sandwich lunch by calling Ermaline Hannum, 625-1711, by Wednesday, February 10.

More information: Call Sue Girardeau 399-9763 or e-mail: mgirardeau@aol.com

M. Girardeau



WELCOME SADDLEBROOKE UNIT

A new Unit has been organized on the far north side and we welcome these new members. Gini and Gordon McGirr spoke to 13 women in the home of member Linda Huizenga, in SaddleBrooke. There was enough interest to start a Unit that day under the auspices of Huizenga. Good news is that five of these women have been League members in other states so they have a good background. More good news is that two membership applications were for Household memberships.

The Unit will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m., in the Bobcat Room of HOA#1 Clubhouse, 64500 E. SaddleBrooke Blvd.

The February 9th meeting will be on Health Care with Dr. Neil West as speaker. League members and interested individuals in the Oro Valley area are invited to attend this Unit.

BOARD BITS

LWVGT BOARD BITS, from the January 6, 2010, Board Meeting

The Board welcomed back our VOTER editor, Lauren Mills, from her summer-fall academic experience in Auckland, North Island, New Zealand. An improved financial report was given by Treasurer Phylis Carnahan, largely due to recent generous contributions from members, as well as anticipated donations after a new fundraising effort, now in the planning stage, is implemented.

Special Project reports given included details of Sally Davenport's plans to revisit our Kenyan contacts during her February trip to East Africa and an update of the Charter School Committee's progress and activity.

Discussion regarding location and featured speaker for our April Annual Meeting continued in more "almost-final" detail. The Board decided to present local citizen awards to several community leaders who strongly support both our efforts and the undertakings of other non-partisan organizations in the Tucson area.

Judy Fischer, Secretary

LWV US Webinar on Effective Messaging a Success!

The Public Advocacy for Voter Protection project (PAVP) recently conducted an hour-long Webinar on how to develop an effective messaging strategy to help influence decision makers. Led by Spitfire Strategies, a consulting firm that focuses on non-profit advocacy, the presentation focused on three specific areas: (1) Strategies for identifying target policymakers, (2) Tips to help craft compelling messages to reach those policymakers, and (3) A guide that walks through the anatomy of a successful policymaker meeting.

Gini McGirr, Greater Tucson, and Barbara Klein, Scottsdale, both members of the LWVAZ board, participated in the webinar. These two leaguers attended a national seminar in 2009 and wrote a project on monitoring voter registration at the Department of Motor Vehicle and Social Services Department. Klein is working on this LWVAZ project.

Gini McGirr

CAPWIZ IS HERE

The LWV/AZ is working on an Action Alert system for all members in Arizona. A website has been set up for members to go in and find what national alerts have been sent out with a link to the national office website where you find a line to click on and it takes you to your Rep. or Senator so that an email can be sent to them. It will also be used to send an alert to members to write their state legislators during this session on bills that we have a position for or against.

You can also find:

1. State Legislative Directory with the AZ state officials, state departments and agencies.
2. Local government lets you find city, county, etc. names.
3. Legislative Alerts gives current legislation on AZ Legislature website for bills.
4. Congress key votes lets you sign up at MegaVote and they are sent to you by email each week.
5. Congressional delegation gives you names and districts.
6. Media gives you names of all newspapers, TV stations and radio stations in the state.
7. Election Guide will enable you to find candidates for different races.



Put www.capwiz.com/lwv/az/home on your tool bar and check in and read this website to help you keep abreast on what is happening in the political world. There is still a lot of work to be done on the website as I am still taking seminars on how to get everything set up. Watch your email for Action alerts as will be sending some out to check on if I am doing it right.

Gini McGirr, Webmaster



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