



# MONEY, POLITICS, SPEECH: WHOSE SPEECH IS BEING HEARD?

This will be the topic of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson General Meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue. Free parking is in the library's underground garage off Alameda Street which is a one-way street going west.

Our guest speaker is Thomas Collins, Executive Director of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission. He will discuss negative campaign ads, and outside, anonymous or "Dark Money" influencing elections. This League meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Join other League members and guests for informal visiting before the program starts

at 10:00 am.

The Citizens Clean Elections Act was passed by the people of Arizona in 1998 to restore citizen participation and confidence in our political system. The Act allows candidates running for the Legislature or statewide offices the opportunity to forgo special interest money in favor of public funding by first collecting a specified number of \$5 donations. Funding for the Commission and the public funding program is from a 10% surcharge on all civil and criminal fines, civil penalties paid by candidates and \$5 qualifying contributions collected from participating candidates.

## JOIN US!

at the monthly LWVGT Meeting

Saturday, February 21st  
9:30am - 11:30am  
Joel Valdez Main Library (Downtown)  
101 N. Stone Avenue

*Access to free library garage off Alameda (one way street going west)*

# BACKGROUND ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**Excerpt from paper by  
Dorothy Riley  
LWVGT Secretary**

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active participant in CFR for over 40 years. Four decades! It adopted a CFR position in 1974 and continually monitors and, when appropriate, advocates for CFR in legislative, judicial and regulatory forums at the federal and state levels. The LWV lobbied strongly for passage of the McCain-Feingold legislation which became law in 2002. The LWVUS has initiated an update

of the CFR position that local Leagues will be addressing next League year. The League, no less than the CFR movement at large, faces challenges in this post Citizen's United and McCutcheon landscape.

**NOTE: You can find Dorothy's complete paper in the online Voter on page 7 at [lwwgt.org](http://lwwgt.org)**

# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

<p>★ FEBRUARY 3: - Eastside Unit Monthly Meeting 9:30am, What Is the Common Core? Ward 2 Council Office Questions to Phylis Carnahan 520.885.3271   <a href="mailto:prcarnahan@gmail.com">prcarnahan@gmail.com</a></p>	1	2	3 ★ <i>Eastside Unit Mtg</i>	4 ★ <i>LWVGT Board Mtg</i>	5	6	7
	<p>★ FEBRUARY 4: - LWVGT Board Meeting 1:00 pm, Aviva Children's Services 153 S. Plumer</p>	8	9	10 ★ <i>Saddlebrooke Unit Mtg</i>	11	12	13 ★ <i>Mailing Party Green Valley Unit Mtg</i>
<p>★ FEBRUARY 10: - Saddlebrooke Unit Monthly Meeting 10:30 am,, SMHS Career Day Preparation SaddleBrooke 1 Clubhouse, Coyote Room North Contact Laura Benson 805.886.7519   <a href="mailto:laurafbenson@gmail.com">laurafbenson@gmail.com</a></p>		15	16	17 ★ <i>Northwest Unit Mtg</i>	18	19 ★ <i>Midtown Unit Mtg</i>	20
	<p>★ FEBRUARY 13: - Mailing party for Issues and Eggs 10:00am - 1:00 pm, League Office Call the office if you can help - Green Valley Unit Monthly Mtg* 12 noon, La Posada Campus, Madera Rm Peg Bowden, author of <i>A Land of Hard Edges</i> Contact Sue Girardeau 520.648.7969   <a href="mailto:mgirardeau@aol.com">mgirardeau@aol.com</a></p>	22	23	24	25	26	27

★ FEBRUARY 17:  
- Northwest Unit Monthly Mtg  
2 pm  
STEM and JTED plans and programs  
6750 N Paseo de Los Altos (Williams Home)  
Contact Winifred Williams  
520.742.0502 | [hinklehom@dakotacom.net](mailto:hinklehom@dakotacom.net)

★ FEBRUARY 19:  
- Midtown Unit Monthly Meeting  
11:30 am, Karin Uhlich, Ward III Council Member  
1820 N. Norton Ave (Niemann Home)  
Contact Sue DeArmond or Freda Johnson  
520.425.5761 | [ssdearmond@gmail.com](mailto:ssdearmond@gmail.com)  
520.622.1933 | [rcg@theriver.com](mailto:rcg@theriver.com)

★ FEBRUARY 21:  
- Whose Speech is Being Heard?  
9:30 am - Noon (program begins at 10 am)  
Joel Valdez Main Library  
101 N Stone Avenue, Lower Level Meeting Rm

\* Peg Bowden will speak about her work at El Comedor, a help center in Nogales, Sonora, for those immigrants who have tried crossing and have been deported back to Mexico.

Members are requested to bring a sack lunch or order a prepared sandwich for \$7.50 by calling Ermaline Hannum, 520.625.1711 by Wednesday, February 11th.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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(check out <http://lww.org/history> for more details)

### MARCH PREVIEW

MARCH 13

- Issues and Eggs  
7:30 am, Doubtletree Hotel  
tickets available in advance and at the door  
(see article to the right for details)

# LWVGT NEWS

## IN REMEMBRANCE



*The League is saddened to report the death of long-time member Ella Maass who passed away January 10 at the age of 98. Ella's daughter, Elaine Baarson, is a member of the LWVGT.*

*The League extends sympathy to the family of former LWVGT President Phylis Carnahan whose husband Jim Carnahan passed away in late 2014.*

*Sympathy is extended to Sue Girardeau, a long time member of the League of Women Voters in Green Valley, and her family at the loss of Sue's husband Marv. Marv died in mid-January 2015.*

## ISSUES AND EGGS, MARCH 13TH

We invite and encourage you to attend the LWVGT Second Annual Issues & Eggs Breakfast on Friday, March 13 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel. This program builds on last year's theme of "Jobs Won't Grow on Cacti...Without Help" by tackling the myths and facts surrounding Arizona's College & Career Readiness Standards (Common Core).

Bruce Dusenberry will once again be our moderator and two confirmed panelists include Dr. H.T. Sanchez, Superintendent of TUSD and Michael Varney, President & CEO of the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce. Other panelists will also be

added to the program. Carol West and her committee have interviewed several individuals with very specific knowledge of Common Core who are either using it in the classroom or were part of the team that helped with its origin.

The cost for the breakfast is \$47.50, if paid by check or PayPal to the LWVGT office by March 9, or \$50.00 at the door. Please invite friends, family & colleagues to this breakfast. Better still, consider purchasing a table for \$500!

Volunteers are needed on Friday, February 13 from 10 am - 1:00 pm to address and

stuff invitation envelopes. Please call the League office if you are able to help out.

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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE REPORT

Beth Jacobs, one of the panelists for our September general meeting on Human Trafficking, met in December with our recently-formed LWVGT Committee on Human Trafficking. Her stories about experiences as an underage trafficking victim and subsequent difficulties in finding a job because of Arizona's laws requiring her to report that long-ago criminal record for 99 years re-ignited the outrage and commitment to action of the six committee members in attendance. Beth's current

passions, providing support to a group of trafficking victims and working for change in Arizona's laws, have led her to become a reservoir of information and resources related to human trafficking, which she offered to share with the committee.

Members shared what they had learned since our last meeting about other organizations working on human trafficking, with AAUW appearing to be the most likely collaborator for action in Arizona. We look forward to receiving a draft of legislation

being prepared by State Representative Victoria Steele so that we can compare it with the new LWVUS position on human trafficking. Greater Tucson members can expect to hear from us requesting action if we find that the League can support the legislation.

Joan Kaltsas is the new chairperson of this committee.

Additional members are welcome to join the Human Trafficking Committee. **Contact Joan at [joankaltsas@yahoo.com](mailto:joankaltsas@yahoo.com).**

## IN RECOGNITION

The League applauds recognition given to League member Jennifer Lohse who was honored as Mentor of the Year at the 10th

annual '40 under 40' awards sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Daily Star and Snell and Wilmer.

Jennifer will take on the job of formatting the League's newsletter, the Voter, in 2015.

Thanks to the many members who generously contributed in 2014 to the League's Operating Fund, the Endowment Fund and the Education Fund. Altogether we raised over \$7000, allowing us to do more to

educate the public about important issues in our community.

**- Carol West, Development Chair**





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valuable information?  
Send an email to eNews@  
lwvgt.org to stay in touch!



LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars this year for the 2015 **Issues and Eggs** fundraiser. The event will take place Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:30am at the Doubletree Inn. Tickets are \$47.50 in advance, \$50 at the door. Better still, you may want to consider a table at \$500.

Mailing volunteers are needed Friday, February 13th from 10 am - 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!

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## HOW THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE WORKS

**Gini McGirr**  
**Advocacy Chair**  
**ginilwv@aol.com**

The 52nd session of the Arizona Legislature opened on January 12, 2015 and should run for 100 days, however, sessions have run up to June in previous years. It depends on how long it takes to get a budget passed.

To understand how the Legislature works and how to find your legislators, you need to find your way around the AZ Legislature website at [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov). When you are on the Home page, look at the top left hand side, you will see Senate and House. If you click on either one, it will give you a list of items and you can click on Members and you will see the names, room and phone numbers, email addresses as well as the District number for each Senator or Representative.

Also on the left hand side, you will see Bills, Floor calendars and Committee Agendas. This is how you follow what is going on at the legislature. The Bills are by numbers, prefixed by "S" for Senate bills and "H" for House bills. The Floor Calendar shows you what dates the bill will be heard in committees. The Committee Agenda shows you what bills are to be heard on a certain day. All bills go through the Rules committee to see if they are ruled constitutional. Important committees to watch are the Judicial, Appropriations and Elections.

Then under General Information, the Request to Speak is a new item from last year. It lets you go in and find a certain bill and you can then click on

whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the bill. You must sign up for this process by either going up to the Capitol and using the kiosk in either Chamber or by sending an email to the LWVAZ office in Phoenix, [info@lwvaz.org](mailto:info@lwvaz.org) and the staff will go to the Capitol and sign you up. You must give them your name, user name and a password. There is a power point presentation on this on the Home page of the LWVAZ website, [www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org).

Also on the side of the Home page, you will note ALIS tracking. This is an important part of following the bills that you are interested in. ALIS means Arizona Legislative Information System. The LWVAZ has its own ALIS page which shows the bills that the League is following, which committees they are in, when they were passed, and info until the bill passes or dies. A bill never really dies until the legislature adjourns as it can be brought back by a Striker amendment. This is used more and more every year. A legislator takes a bill that has gone through several committees, keeps the title, guts the rest and then inserts a completely new bill. Contact the LWVAZ or LWVGT office to get the password to go on the state ALIS page. There is a power point presentation to take you through this program. Go to the LWVAZ website, [www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org), and on the Home page, the ALIS link is there. This presentation will also show you what you can learn from the Secretary of State website, [www.sos.azleg.gov](http://www.sos.azleg.gov).

You can watch legislative proceedings on a live stream of ACTV, the Capitol Television channel. This includes

committee meetings. Just click on this at bottom of Home page.

The LWVAZ priorities this session are: Tier 1: Voting Rights, Campaign Finance, Education; Tier 2: Women's Issues, Initiative & Referendum, Independent Judiciary. The state lobbyists will concentrate on these topics. They follow the bills and write or call the committee members on a certain bill. They also ask that League members contact their own legislators on certain bills. This is done by sending out an Action Alert that goes to all members. Sometimes an Alert will only go to members in certain legislative districts if legislators in those districts need to be asked to vote on a certain bill. The lobbyists do ask that members respond to the Action Alerts in a timely manner as sometimes a bill shows up the day before it is to be voted on and action is needed immediately.

We are looking for members who would like to follow several bills throughout the session to help the lobbyists. You would check the bills each day on your computer to see if they are moving and if so, let the proper state person know for her records. If interested, contact Gini McGirr, [ginilwv@aol.com](mailto:ginilwv@aol.com), for discussion on doing this.

Just spend a lot of time on the legislature website and you will be able to find just about anything you want to know. It is all there, just takes time to find the right place to 'click.' Happy roaming!

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Judy Moll**  
**2014-2016 President**

By virtue of being a local League president, I am on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Arizona. We meet

in Phoenix at the League office four times during a League year (June to June) to do the business of the state League. The fifth meeting this year will be the state convention in Clarkdale, north of Phoenix, May 16-17. League conventions are a great way to learn more about how the League operates. At the convention we will be electing officers for the next two years, adopting a budget, and approving program.

Speaking of program, our units here in January dealt with local and state program decisions. The unit chairs met with Nancy Pfafflin, Program VP, and me in late January to decide

what additions or changes to recommend to our Board. Any recommendation about the state program will be forwarded on to the state and then dealt with at the convention. New study topics may or may not be adopted at the convention. If you are interested in attending the convention in May, please let me know.

There are four other Leagues in Arizona: Metro Phoenix with 78 members; NW Maricopa County with 68 members; Greater Verde Valley with 40 members; and Central Yavapai County with 57 members. Our membership of 200 far outweighs the other Leagues in the state.

At the November state Board meeting we adopted six legislative priorities for action. The first tier is Voting Rights, Money in Politics, and Education. The second tier is Women's Issues, Initiative and Referendum, and Independent Judiciary. These are the issues upon which the state League will be prepared to act. The

Legislative Day on January 12 was an excellent opportunity to be part of the opening day of the Legislature and get some of the excitement of the Capitol. The state League will send out an E-Blast with a call for action to all the state League members to write letters, make phone calls, send emails, etc. when an issue comes up that needs our support or opposition. All the information you will need to respond will be in the E-Blast so it will be very easy. I hope many of you will be involved in this way. Another way is to be an "arm-chair advocate" by using ALIS (Arizona Legislative Information Service). If you are interested in tracking bills from your home computer, please contact Gini McGirr (ginilwv@aol.com) who will train you in how to do this simple task.

Let's all be involved in making our laws better for the state of Arizona!

## Background Information about Campaign Finance Reform

prepared by Dorothy Riley, LWVGT Secretary

for League members in advance of the February 21, 2015 General Meeting

Obscene sums of money have deluged our election process. In 2014, we saw the influence of big money and corporate dollars endanger our democracy. Many believe if we do not reform this corrupt system, America will no longer be the land of opportunity for all. Money from big companies, interest groups, billionaires, and PACs bought wealthy donors and corporations new friends and defeated some powerful enemies in the November 2014 elections.

Dark money in campaigns has become a national issue but in the words of one expert, Robert Maguire of the Center for Responsive Politics, Arizona really “is a special place for dark money”.<sup>1</sup> Terry Goddard, former Arizona Attorney General, likens Arizona to the “Caymans Islands for Dark Money”. This is because Arizona places no restrictions on dark money groups, and there is no legal obligation to reveal contributors.<sup>2</sup> Of the 25.5 million dollars spent in Arizona by independent expenditures in 2014, at least 8.6 million came from unknown sources who donated their money to a number of 501(c)(4) nonprofit groups. This figure does not include the money given by dark money groups to groups that do disclose their donors.<sup>3</sup>

Why was this election cycle so different? Or was it? In 2010, the United States Supreme Court handed down its ruling which removed the corporate and union ban on making independent expenditures and financing electioneering communications. It gave corporations and unions the green light to spend unlimited sums on ads and other political tools, calling for the election or defeat of individual candidates. The Citizens’ United ruling is amplifying the corrupting influence of money on politics. The decision did not affect contributions. It is still illegal for companies and labor unions to give money directly to candidates for federal office. The Court said that because these funds were not being spent in coordination of a campaign, they “do not give rise to corruption or the appearance of corruption”.<sup>4</sup> Spending is speech and therefore protected by the U. S. Constitution, even if the speaker is a corporation. And that is how we got to where we are today.

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Political campaigning is ultimately about communication. The goal of campaigning is to convince voters to be either for or against a candidate or issue. Like a debate club. Many questions still need clarification such as how is communication to be regulated? Are other rights ignored when the courts privilege the First Amendment right over others? Know that money in politics has been around since recorded history and was very much a part in the founding of our country. Never has money in politics been so important to survival of our democracy than it is today.

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<sup>1</sup> Maguire, Robert. “Arizona Cited as a ‘Special Place’ for Dark-Money Operations.” *Capitol Times*. 10 December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Goddard, Terry. “Arizona Is Becoming the Cayman Islands for Dark Money.” *TPM Café: Opinion*. 12 September 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Duda, Jeremy and del Puerto, Luige. “Who’s Got the Juice? Some of the Biggest Power Brokers of 2014 Election Are Unknown.” *Capitol Times*. 17 November 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Dunbar, John. “The ‘Citizens United’ Decision and Why it Matters.” *Politics: Consider the Source*. 12 November 2014.