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## League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson

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### March Calendar

**March 4, Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am Eastside Unit**  
 Program – National Agriculture Study/Update  
 Presenters, Natural Resources Committee  
 Ward 2 Council Office 7575 E. Speedway  
 Carol West 298-2447

**March 5, Wednesday, 1 pm LWVGT Board**  
 Meeting, 2424 E. Broadway, Suite 110, 327-7652

**March 7, Friday, 11:30am Green Valley Unit**  
 Note change of date and location  
 Program – Discussion on Reaching Consensus  
 on LWVUS Agriculture Study • Led by LWVGT  
 Agriculture Committee Pima Room, 2nd floor of La  
 Perla Building, La Posada Sack lunch or ordered,  
 \$7.50 sandwich Call Ermaline  
 625-1711 Information,  
 Sue, 648-7969

### LWVUS WANTS OUR HELP WITH AGRICULTURAL POLICY UPDATE

#### General Meeting

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue

Coffee: 9:30 a.m; Program: 10-11:30 a.m.

Free parking available in the Library Parking Garage off Alameda

The League of Women Voters of the United States is updating the 1988 policy on agriculture and wants our input on consensus questions. The 2012-2014 "Impact on Issues," guide to the League's public policy positions, outlines the current agricultural policy as shown below:

"The LWVUS believes that federal agriculture policies should promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers, farms that are economically viable, farm practices that are environmentally sound, and increased reliance on the free market to determine prices."

"Federal policy should encourage a system of sustainable, regenerative agricultural production that moves toward an environmentally sound agricultural sector. ...Agricultural research should continue to be a major federal function....U.S. efforts should be directed toward expanding export markets for our farm products while minimizing negative effects on developing nations' economies....Farmers should have access to credit with reasonable terms and conditions."

The League's Natural Resources position highlights the importance of stewardship of natural resources. "Resources such as water and soil should be protected."

The new agricultural study/update has a narrow focus on five important agricultural technology issues including: genetically modified organisms, pesticides, agricultural water pollution, water technology, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling. Finance issues are also included.

The consensus for the questions for the study/update are on the LWVGT website [lwgvt.org](http://lwgvt.org). A copy of the questions is also included in this Voter. Please bring a copy of the questions to the March 15 meeting.

Thank you,  
 Carol West  
 Natural Resources Chair



## March Calendar

**March 11, Tuesday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm SaddleBrooke Unit Program** – Overview of Central AZ College’s funding and goals  
Presenter, Doris Heimlich, Ed.D, President/CEO • co-sponsored by SEIC SaddleBrooke External Affairs and Information Commission Coyote Room North, SaddleBrooke HOA#1 Club-house • Linda Huizinga 241-1043

**March 12 & 14, Green Valley Unit** Voter Registration Drives Sahuarita and Walden Grove High Schools

**March 15, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 am** General Membership Meeting Program – LWVUS Agriculture Consensus Agriculture Policy Study/Update • Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

**March 15 & 16, Tucson Festival of Books, U/A Mall • LWVGT booth,** • call Sue DeArmond to volunteer, 425-5761

**March 18, Tuesday, 2 to 4pm Northwest Unit Program** – LWVGT Strategic Plan • Mountain ViewFire Dept., 1175 W. Magee Rd. • Judy Moll 742-6525

**March 19, Wednesday, 2 to 4 pm** LWVGT Book Club, Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition, by Daniel Okrent, meeting at the Ward 6 office, see web for more details.

**March 20, Thursday, 11:30am to 1:00pm Midtown Unit Program** • To Be Announced Brown bag lunch at Niemann Home, 1820 N. Norton Ave. Freda Johnson  
rcg@theriver.com for more information

## 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



**HELP WANTED**

**WANTED OFFICERS' NOTEBOOKS!**  
Your old officers' notebooks are valuable. If you still have one, please bring it into the office for updating if you are still using it, or to pass on to someone else. Thank you.

# Voter Service

Copies of the 2014 Citizen's Directory of Elected Officials are here! Pick up your copy at the office, 2424 E. Broadway, #110 between 10 am and 1 pm Monday through Friday. Or, go online to [lwgvt.org](http://lwgvt.org) to access the Directory.

**Voter Registration** at the Broadway Proper Retirement Community will be held March 12 from 10 am to 12 pm. Two volunteers are still needed; please contact Sue DeArmond, 425-5761.

We need volunteers for the League booth at the Tucson Festival of Books. Please sign up for a two hour shift 9 to 11 am, 11 am to 1 pm, 1 to 3 pm, 3 to 5:30 pm, on Saturday, March 15 or Sunday, March 16. Contact Sue DeArmond.

The following workshops are open to the public:

## **"How to Plan a Forum"**

Saturday, March 29, 2013

9:30 am to 1 pm

Housing Center of Pima County, 801 W. Congress (west of the Santa Cruz)

## **"How to be an Effective Moderator"**

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:30 am to 1 pm

Murphy-Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road

If your League unit or organization plans to hold a candidate or issue forum in the fall of 2014, these workshops are highly recommended. When preparing for a public forum, engaging a League member who has participated in Moderator training will increase its success.

Sue DeArmond

# From the Membership Chair...

The work of the Tucson League has inspired two former members to rejoin. Welcome back, Dot Boone and Kathleen George!

General Meetings provide an opportunity for Leaguers to engage non-League members in conversation. These attendees are readily identifiable by their adhesive (sometimes, blue-bordered) badges. The March meeting on the Agricultural Policy Study Update should be a well attended event so we encourage members to take a moment to say "Hello." If non-members wish to receive more information about the Tucson League, please confirm that they listed their email address on the Sign-In Sheet. Membership will take it from there!

Are you are a non-leaguer interested in League activities? You may wish to sign up for an "announce only" distribution list. This list will provide information about current League activities including general meetings and forums. Go to <http://lwgvt.org/VIPS.html> to connect to this service.

This month, each member will receive an email announcing online availability of the password-protected Membership Directory; members will also receive instructions for accessing the Directory through the Members' link on the League website. Many thanks to Lu Kembel and Joe Frannea for bringing this long-awaited service to League members.

Considering League members who live in SE Tucson, the League is considering the feasibility of starting a new Unit including Vail! We are tentatively looking at April or May for the first meeting. Goals include finding a geographically convenient venue and creating an agenda of interest, e.g. "Impact on Issues".

As a Board member, I've had the privilege of sitting on the Nominating Committee. Thanks to all League members who submitted names to the Committee, and much appreciation to those members who have worked toward recruiting people to fill vacant positions.

Thais Young, Membership Chair



# FROM THE GOVERNMENT CHAIR

## ARIZONA LEGISLATURE

Over 1000 bills have been filed in this session, with four passed and on the way to the governor's desk. These were appropriation bills, one would fund Independent Redistricting Commission so it can pay lawyers in the court case that the legislators filed against it. "Strike-everything" bills are showing up, 16 proposed and eight have passed to date.

HCR2018 requires each initiative that has anything to do with money to go back to the voters every 8 years. The League opposes this bill. Issues that the League supports but the bills will probably not get a hearing are H2364 Ranked Choice Voting (sent to committee) and S1189 National Popular Vote (has not been sent to committee). ERA Ratification: HCR2016 ratifies the ERA to the US constitution and HCM2006 is a concurrent memorial to extend the deadline for the ratification. These are to be sent to the US Senate and House on ratification.

Since the League has a position on the Death Penalty, we are tracking two bills; one to repeal the death penalty and one to prohibit the death penalty.

Change in the House: Demion Clinco was picked by the Pima County Supervisors to fill the seat in District 2 vacated by Andrea Dalessandro ; Dalessandro advanced to the Senate to replace resigning Senator Linda Lopez. Before this issue of the Voter is printed, more bills will be passed so stay tuned. When you get an Action Alert in your e-mail, please call or write your legislators as instructed. Help squash some bills in committee before they get to the floor.

## **NEWS FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE**

LWVUS joined an amicus brief challenge to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by employers who maintain they do not have to provide reproductive health coverage based on religious beliefs of owners. LWV has long supported access to health care including reproductive health care for women.

A judge in Pennsylvania overturned the state's photo voter ID requirement stating it places an unreasonable burden on the fundamental right to vote. This is a huge victory for voters. Congratulations to the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, lead organizational plaintiff in the lawsuit.



The Kansas and Arizona case, requiring voters to show proof-of-citizenship, is back in federal court after the administrator for the Elections Assistance Commission, which has no sitting commissioners, rejected Kansas Secretary of State, Ken Bennett, and Tom Horne's request to put the proof-of-citizenship requirement on federal voter registration forms. Horne and Bennett have said they expect the case to return to the Supreme Court.

League Legislative Priorities for 2014: The LWVUS Board established the following as Legislative Priorities for 2014: Money in Politics and Voting Rights. The second tier of focus: Affordable Care Act, Reproductive Choice, Immigration and the Environment. The third tier (Fiscal Policy/Social and Economic Justice and Gun Safety) may be acted on as opportunities arise for League action.

LWVUS Welcomes New Class of National Coaches: National coaches (also known as Ruth S. Shur Fellows) are a part of the support network provided to participating state coaching teams through the Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Program. Ten coaches are welcomed back along with three new coaches. Gini McGirr (AZ) will be starting her fifth year in the program and will attend a training session in Baltimore on March 6-9 to meet the new coaches.

Gini McGirr, Legislative Chair

# Remembering Dr. Anna Jolivet

Our community lost one of its most powerful advocates when Dr. Anna Jolivet died recently. A long-time League member, Dr. Jolivet embodied civil discourse and professionalism

Dr. Jolivet retired as TUSD assistant superintendent several years ago. She engaged in numerous community activities, including establishing the Educational Enrichment Foundation. This organization later honored her with a Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award. Dr. Jolivet was active in the Pima Council on Aging, serving as Chair of its board. She was honored by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce as Woman of the Year and received a YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Jolivet was selected as a Doña de los Descendientes de Tucson, for her extensive service to the Tucson community. The League honored her and all of las Dōnas in 2012 at our Arizona birthday luncheon. Dr. Jolivet set an example for all of us to serve wherever we are needed.

Carol West



# Remembering Susan Bartlett

Dedicated Saddlebrooke League member, Susan Bartlett was born in Massachusetts and attended Queens College and SUNY Potsdam in New York. Susan worked in the insurance industry for many years.

Susan and her husband, Doug, moved to Saddlebrooke where Susan helped to organize the Saddlebrooke Unit the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson. Susan enjoyed participating in many community activities, going to the opera, hiking and trips to National Parks.

Susan will be remembered by her many League friends for her enthusiasm and generosity.





**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](http://www.lwvgt.org)  
For more information phone 327-7652



## CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the  
 2014 Annual Meeting of the LWVGT.  
 It will be held Friday, April 25, 2014,  
 Mountain Oyster Club, 6400 El Dorado Circle.

### 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 ★★★★★

### OFFICERS

Phylis Carnahan	President
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**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 policy issues, and influences public policy.**

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**GIVING TO LWVGT ENDOWMENT FUND  
(Formerly the Lance Endowment Fund)**

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 Pierce (520.577.0388)

Phylis Carnahan and Patsy Frannea, Co-Chairs



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