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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.

UPDATE ON THE ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



This is an opportunity for members of the LWV and the public to learn what has happened with the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) since the last districts were drawn. Speaking on this topic will be

Colleen Coyle Mathis, the Chair of the IRC.

The Commission was formed by Proposition 106 on the 2000 year ballot. The members of the LWV passed petitions for signatures across the state and had enough to put it on the ballot. They then worked hard to convince the citizens that this was needed. It took the job of drawing federal and state districts away from the state legislature and gave it to the voters. Every year there are bills in the legislature trying to get it back in the hands of the legislators. One of the court

cases will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2nd.

The IRC's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The state Constitution requires the commissioners - two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chair - to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

As a registered Independent from Pima County, Colleen Coyle Mathis was unanimously chosen as Chair of the IRC by the four appointed Commissioners. Colleen earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from Yale University and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Illinois. She works in the practice plan division at University of Arizona Health Network.

Among other community activities, Colleen currently serves on both the State

and Southern Chapter Boards of the Arizona Historical Society and is Director of the Alumni Schools Committee for the Tucson region for Yale University. Colleen is married to Chris, an estate planning and elder law attorney in Tucson.

JOIN US!

at the monthly LWVGT Meeting

Saturday, March 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)

IN RECOGNITION: BETSY BOLDING



League member Betsy Bolding (left) and Sharon Bronson, Pima County Board of Supervisors (right)

The Pima County Board of Supervisors proclaimed March 1st as "Betsy Bolding Day" in Pima County honoring her for years of service and her upcoming retirement from Tucon Electric Power (TEP).

Photograph courtesy of University of Arizona School of Journalism, Facebook page



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

<p>★ MARCH 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastside Unit Monthly Meeting 9:30am, Affordable Housing in Tucson Marilyn Robinson, former Deputy Director, Drachman Institute 7575 E Speedway (Ward 2 Council Office) Questions to Carol West 520.298.2447 	1	2 ★ <i>New Copier "How-To"</i>	3 ★ <i>Eastside & Saddle- brooke Unit Mtg</i>	4 ★ <i>LWVGT Board Mtg</i>	5	6	7
	<p>- Saddlebrooke Unit Monthly Meeting 8:00 am - 3:30pm, SMHS Career Day Fair San Manuel High School Contact Laura Benson 805.886.7519 laurafbenson@gmail.com</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13 ✓ ★ <i>Issues & Eggs Green Valley Unit Mtg</i>
<p>★ MARCH 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LWVGT Board Meeting 1:00 pm 153 S. Plumer (Aviva Children's Services) 	15	16	17 ★	18 ★	19 ★	20	21 ✓
	<p>★ MARCH 13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues & Eggs 7:30am 445 S Alvernon Way (DoubleTree Hotel) Reserve your ticket at the League Office 	15	16	17 <i>Northwest Unit Mtg</i>	18 <i>League Book Club</i>	19 <i>Midtown Unit Mtg</i>	20
<p>- Green Valley Unit Monthly Mtg* 12:00 noon, Arizona Prisons Penny Pestle, American Friends Service Cmte La Posada Campus, Madera Rm Contact Sue Girardeau 520.648.7969 mgirardeau@aol.com</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>★ MARCH 17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northwest Unit Monthly Mtg 2:00 pm, Is Democracy for Sale? Viewing and discussion of video 6750 N Paseo de Los Altos (Williams Home) Contact Winifred Williams 520.742.0502 hinklehom@dakotacom.net 	29	30	31				
	<p>★ MARCH 18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - League Book Club 2:00 pm 3202 E 1st Street (Ward 6 Council Office) Contact Ruth Beeker 520.326.7914 beekerr2@netzero.net 						
<p>★ MARCH 19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midtown Unit Monthly Meeting 11:30 am, TBA 1820 N. Norton Ave (Niemann Home) Contact Sue DeArmond or Freda Johnson 520.425.5761 ssdearmond@gmail.com 520.622.1933 rcg@theriver.com 							
<p>★ MARCH 21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Meeting, Redistricting Commission 9:30 am 101 N Stone Avenue (Joel Valdez Main Library) Lower Level Meeting Rm 							

ISSUES & EGGS

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

Friday, March 13th
begins 7:30am
Doubletree Hotel

*Cost is \$47.50 per person in advance, \$50 at the door, or a table for \$500.
Contact the League office to reserve your ticket.*

IS DEMOCRACY FOR SALE? - DVD ACCEESS

DVD copies of "Is Democracy For Sale? Can the Voters Afford It?" are available for free 2-week checkouts at the LWVGT office. It's a great program about dark money to share with your friends or other groups. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the broadcast, the cost is \$10. Contact Bob Richardson at 520 971 3294 for more information.

You can also watch the show online at lwvgt.org

* 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, March 11th.



LWVGT NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW VOTER NEWSLETTER! ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW!



Judy Moll
2014-2016 President

Join me in celebrating a decision the Board made in February to bring you a vibrant new Voter.

Starting in September, the Voter will be online in full color with expanded coverage of issues the League stands for. Your newsletter will come to you directly by email. Contents will always include our monthly calendar with Unit Meeting listings, and features about the general meeting programs. But also you might find new features such as profiles of League leaders and new

members or reports from League observers who attend meetings of our elected officials. You can tell us what interests you most in a special member survey about the Voter that will be available at our Annual Meeting April 17. In the meantime, think about if you would prefer to receive an abbreviated black/white Voter in the mail rather than the expanded, online version. Check the April/May Voter for information about opting out of the emailed Voter.

And speaking of the Annual Meeting, our program will continue our theme 'Is Democracy for Sale? Can the People Afford It?'. Guest speakers invited to join us are the 2014 Chairs of the Democratic and Republican Parties, Don Jorgensen and

Carolyn Cox. We have given them copies of the taped program the League produced at Access Tucson January 17 so they will know what we heard from political consultants, candidates and reporters. I know that their observations and insight will be of interest to all of us.

LOOKING AHEAD:

LWVGT ANNUAL MEETING

Is Democracy for Sale? Can the People Afford It?
Friday, April 17th

OUR HARD WORK PAID OFF: NEW COPIER ARRIVES!

Sue DeArmond
Vice President | Voter Service Chair

In February 2014, the League of Women Voter of Greater Tucson wrote a grant proposal to the Tucson Foundations, for the purpose of increasing our education outreach capacity to voters in the greater Tucson area. The grant was to upgrade the office equipment, especially the copier, the phones and the computers, but our highest priority and greatest need was to replace the old copier.

Then in January 2015, we received the grant for the copier! It not only fully funds

it but it also will maintain it. We are so grateful because the old copier bit the dust at the beginning of the year. The new copier will be delivered and installed in early March.

The new machine is more than a copier, it's a computer dressed up like a copier. This Kyocera Digital black and white copier has color capability and will network with the office computer and your laptop if you bring it to the office. It has a USB interface which means you can download a document to a thumb drive, plug it in and it'll do the job. It will sort, collate and use card stock. It will scan documents and

send them to the office computer. This last feature will help us archive our League material in the office so we can find it in the future.

Fifty percent of the usage must be for educational activities. An automated account tracking system will help us achieve this end.

Last but not least, there will be an 'insert-service' for all those interested, the office volunteers, committee chairs and board members. This will be March 2 at 2:00 pm and you are welcome to come.

ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?

Judy Moll
2014-2016 President

The League of Women Voters of Arizona Education Fund is having a fund raiser this spring. They are having a raffle for a one week vacation in a beautiful Show Low, Arizona home. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$20.

Property photos can be viewed at www.vrbo.com (Property #458194). The date of occupancy will be determined between the winner and owner of the property (excluding the months of July, August, and September, 2015).

A drawing will be held for the winner on Sunday, May 17 at the LWVAZ convention at Yavapai College in Clarkdale, Arizona.

The winner does not need to be present to win.

We will have the tickets available at our general meetings and unit meetings. Hurry to buy one! They may go fast! And the odds are pretty good!



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valuable information?**
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lwvgt.org](mailto:eNews@lwvgt.org) to stay in touch!



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