

## November

- 1 **Tuesday 9:30 am**  
**Eastside Unit**  
Ward 2 Council Office  
7575 E. Speedway  
Speaker: Beth Gorman, Pima County  
"Clean Air & EPA"  
Questions: Phylis Carnahan  
Prcarnahan@yahoo.com
- 9 **WEDNESDAY 10:30 am**  
**SaddleBrooke Unit**  
Coyote Room **SOUTH**  
SaddleBrooke Clubhouse  
Speaker: Mohur Sidhwa,  
"Redistricting Issue"  
Call Linda 241.1043  
**Note change of date and site**
- 11 **Friday 11:30 am**  
**Green Valley Unit**  
Madera Room, La Vista Bldg.,  
La Posada Campus  
Speaker: Gayle Hartmann, President  
"Save the Scenic Santa Ritas-Update  
On Progress of the Rosemont Mine"  
Bring sack lunch or order sandwich  
for \$5. Call Ermaline 625.1711  
Questions: Sue 648.7969
- 19 **Saturday 9:30 am**  
**General Meeting**  
**SEE CHANGE OF VENUE AS IT IS AT-**  
Oro Valley Public Library  
1305 W. Naranja Dr.  
"Exec Branch of State Government"

## December

- 13 **Tuesday 10:30 am**  
**SaddleBrooke Unit**  
Coyote Room North  
SaddleBrooke Clubhouse  
Speaker: Sue Ward  
"LWVUS position on Arms Control"

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

**GENERAL MEETING  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011**  
9:30 a.m. Refreshments  
10:00 a.m. Program Meeting

**ORO VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1305 W. NARANJA DRIVE  
ORO VALLEY, AZ**

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING SITE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY)

### **"ARIZONA'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH: THE GOVERNOR SUCCESSION ISSUE" - CONSENSUS**

This General Meeting will focus on the LWVAZ study which was adopted at the convention in 2008. Members are now working on Consensus to adopt a position which can be used at the state legislature.

We will be directed in our study by Northwest Maricopa County member Lois Brechner, a 43-year LWV veteran with work experience running a constituent office for a New York state Assemblyman, and work with a member of the US Congress for six years as a district office manager, and a career as Executive Director of a Yonkers (NY) Rehab Center. She has held LWV offices in both New York and Arizona, including six years on the executive Board of the League of Women Voters of NW Maricopa County, and six years on the LWV State Board. She is currently heading the Executive Branch of State Government study for the League.

Please read the material on this study and bring the insert with you to the meeting. Do be sure to come to the meeting at the Oro Valley Public Library and do NOT go to the downtown library in Tucson.

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 21: General Meeting:** Program Planning/Civil Discourse

**February 17: LWVUS 92nd Birthday Luncheon,** Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park

**February 18: General Meeting:** Challenges to the Vote: Elections 2012 and Election Law

# President's Column



Recent news accounts of a chemical plant fire in Waxahachie, Texas remind us of the urgency of maintaining clean air. As I watched the Texas fire's billowing, black clouds of smoke rising into the air on the television news, I remembered the League's good work on this urgent matter.

In a recent letter national LWV president Elisabeth MacNamara reminded members that "the League has been a leader in enacting, improving and protecting the Clean Air Act for decades." Unfortunately Congress has pushed back on efforts to refine this important legislation.

During this economic downturn, we may have not focused on this matter as much as we should. I am proposing that our LWVGT units spend some time researching and becoming more informed about this issue and its impacts. LWVUS would encourage us to focus on the detriments to public health. I will be contacting our units about this.

There is information on the LWV's special website [PeopleNotPolluters.org](http://PeopleNotPolluters.org).

We warmly welcome our new members. We invite you to become involved in our many projects. Voter Service can always use your help in registering voters, working at the libraries where we have voter information desks, and providing oversight of some neighborhood and organization elections around the community.

Serving on a study committee can also be a way to meet new friends while learning more about a specific topic. You could join a group that is currently reviewing a national League study on privatization for presentation to our LWVGT next spring. Our VP Program Sue Ward would be happy to hear from you about this.

We invite you to attend our November 19 general meeting at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Drive. The topic is "Arizona's Executive Branch: The Governor Succession Issue." Note that this is the only general meeting that will not be held in downtown Tucson's Valdez Main Library. See you there!

*Carol West, President*

## FABULOUS LUNCHEON IN FEBRUARY

There will be a luncheon to celebrate "100 Years of Women's Leadership in Tucson and Arizona." The League will be honoring the Las Donas de Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson who are dedicated to the preservation of the history and culture of Tucson.

Our speaker is Lisa Schnebly Heidinger, great-granddaughter of Sedona Schnebly for whom the town of Sedona was named. Lisa's extensive accomplishments include: former KGUN-TV reporter, teaching broadcast journalism at the University of Arizona; writing for *Tucson* and *Tucson Lifestyle* magazines, *Arizona Highways*, and the *Arizona Republic*. Lisa authored her first book in 1995. She is currently working on "An Arizona Century," a geographical,

historical and cultural collection of Arizona's best and brightest people, places and events during the first century of statehood. Copies of this book will be available for purchase at the lunch and Lisa will autograph your copy.

Watch for more information on the February 17th luncheon but put it on your calendar now. You can call the League office, 327.7652, if you would like to make an early reservation.



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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 public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**

## STATE ELECTION LAW REVISIONS SOUGHT

LWVAZ president Dr. Barbara Klein noted in the September LWVAZ newsletter that she is forming a virtual committee to “review and document certain discriminatory rules in the election procedures” with the idea of recommending some changes to Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett. Secretary of State Bennett will be asked to make these recommendations to the legislature for enactment.

State Election Reform Chair Bonnie Boyce Wilson is leading the committee which includes one member from each of the Leagues in the State. All of the work will be done on line and with some conference calls. Sue Ward is our LWVGT representative on the committee.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A membership committee has been formed with members: Betsy Zukoski, Sue Ward, Catherine Rodriguez, Mary Gresham, Marty Cortez, and Virginia Burkel. Sue Girardeau is liaison member to Green Valley and Linda Huizinga is liaison member to SaddleBrooke. We can be identified by the membership applications peering out of a pocket or handbag.

Thanks to members Marty Cortez and Nelba Chavez, the idea was launched to have a Welcome Breakfast to attract new members to the League and to acknowledge the recent new members. A number of members talked about ways the League works to improve government; others mingled with guests and answered their questions.

The membership committee wants anyone who is interested in helping League grow to join us. Just let any of us know of your interest and we'll sign you up. Some activities are welcoming and signing in guests at the general meetings, planning and working on social events, e.g. the Welcome Breakfast and the Birthday Party (Oct. 28). Since our committee is new, we welcome your suggestions on attracting members. If you have had experience in that with other organizations, please send us your success stories!

The best way to retain new members is to get them involved with an activity or a committee. So, to the new members, think about finding something you'd like to do. Page 2 of the grey Membership Directory lists lots of groups where you could volunteer; just call up the chair listed and volunteer. Or email or phone one of us on the Membership Committee if you'd like to ask about a group. We look forward to hearing from you. We also welcome calls or emails from Committee or Unit Chairs who'd like more help.

*Mary Gresham, Membership Chair*

## UPDATE ON INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Commission adopted a draft of the nine congressional districts and a legislative districts map. See these at [www.azredistricting.org/maps/Draft-Maps.asp](http://www.azredistricting.org/maps/Draft-Maps.asp).

The second round of public meetings started October 11<sup>th</sup> with one in Tucson on October 24, Marana on November 4 and Green Valley on November 5. It is a hard job to make districts competitive and still keep communities of interest and geographic boundaries. After the 30-day public comment period is over, the Commission will make final adjustments to the maps and submit them to the U.S. Dept. of Justice for preclearance.



## DID YOU KNOW?

*(Since this year is the 91st Birthday of the LWV, this continuing column will be on excerpts of the "LWV Through the Decades," written by former president Kay Maxwell - #4)*

The 1950s: Organization: Delegates to the 1954 convention voted to group League program into **Current Agenda** ("CAs") government issues chosen for sustained attention and concerted action, and **Continuing Responsibilities** ("CR") positions on governmental issues to which the League had given sustained attention and on which it could continue to act. In 1951, *The National Voter* magazine was first published and in 1957 the LWV Education was established.

Issues: The witch hunt period of the early fifties inspired the League to undertake a two-year community education program focusing on the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. Next came an evaluation of the federal loyalty/security programs and ultimately a League position that emphasized the protection of individual rights. In 1955, League president Percy Maxim Lee testified before Congress against Sen. Joseph McCarthy's abuse of congressional investigative powers. *"I believe tolerance and respect for the opinions of others is being jeopardized by men and women whose instincts are worthily patriotic, but whose minds are apparently unwilling to accept the necessity for dissent within a democracy."*

Dating back to a 1920s study of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the League's concern about the depletion and conservation of natural resources was rekindled in the mid-1950s with a study of water resources.

*Gini McGirr*

## VOTER SERVICE UPDATE

Voter registration was conducted on October 5<sup>th</sup> by Silke Hoffmann at the Direct Care Workers of Arizona Conference & Celebration Conference.

Voter registration was successfully conducted at Project MORE High School.

The SaddleBrooke Unit held a forum on October 6<sup>th</sup> with a panel speaking on the Oracle School District No. 2 Bond issue.

A City Council and Mayoral candidate forum, cosponsored with Tucson Women's Commission, was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Temple Emanu-El.

*Victor Bowleg, Chr.*

## SIGN UP FOR THE NEW LWV BOOKCLUB

The organizational meeting of the new LWV Bookclub was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the LWVGT office with Ruth Beeker as coordinator. There were four members present to talk about starting the club.

There will be another meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. and interested members are urged to attend. The book being discussed is "Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment" by Eleanor Clift.

Anyone interested in more information on the meeting, call the League office, 327.7652, and put your name and number of the Bookclub list.

*Ruth Beeker*



## RUNNING & WINNING WORKSHOP

**Running and Winning** is this month-Thursday, November 17, 2011. Any member who wants to join the Steering Committee for 2012 in preparing next year's program is welcome to come and observe at Cienega High School. You can enter the high school at the main entrance foyer where there will be a Registration Table and get guidance. The Workshop will be in session from 9:00 am to 3:15. If you plan to stay for lunch, please let Shirley S. know. The new adjustments for the young women preparing speeches should enhance their mock campaigns. We are grateful that Judge Sarah Simmons, an outstanding Tucson leader, will be our Moderator. **Cienega High School**, 12775 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Vail, AZ 85747 (Old Vail Rd. turning East off Houghton becomes Mary Ann Cleveland Way)

*Shirley Sandelands, Co-Chair*



## LWVGT ENDOWMENT STEWARDSHIP

If you are an LWVGT member who wishes to help grow the corpus of the endowment and are 70 ½ years of age or older, consider arranging a “direct current tax deductible donation” from an IRA or tax sheltered account's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the *LWVGT ENDOWMENT*. You can arrange for your 2010 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to be directly sent to the Jewish Community Foundation, (JCF) LWVGT Endowment. Taxes are not paid on the amount directly sent. For further information, please contact Lia Pierce, JCF Director of Donor Services, (520-577-0388). JCF will notify LWVGT when a gift is received and will provide the required IRS substantiation letter to the donor. Distributions each year from the *LWVGT Endowment* to the LWVGT Education Fund will support our educational and informational programs and projects.

**Shirley Sandelands, Chair.**

## SADDLEBROOKE BOND ISSUE FORUM

The SaddleBrooke Unit held a forum on the Oracle Elementary School District #2 bond issue. There were 140 in attendance at the Desert View Performing Arts Center to listen to a panel on the building, financial impact, estimates, and the general overseeing of the project.

Linda Huizenga moderated the forum and the following SB members worked to make the forum run smoothly: Laurie and Don Colen, Mary Britton, Sue Bartlett, Anne and Jerry Sandvig, Elaine and Joel Nixon, Connie and Vic Martin, Sally Sample, June Boicourt, Paulette Stark, and Harry Huizenga. Victor Bowleg, Voter Service Chair, also was there and helped process the questions.

## LWVGT COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES

The following is a guideline for the different media that the League uses to keep in contact with members. If anyone would like some item put in the *Voter*, or on the listserve, website or Facebook, this tells you what can be put on them and who to contact.

**Voter:** Any item pertaining to League interests, need it by the Friday after the board meeting, contact Gini McGirr, ginilwv@aol.com or Grace Evans, evansg3@earthlink.net. The Voter can always be found on the website.

**Listserve:** This is email announcements of current events. Needs to be submitted exactly as you want it. Send material to president Carol West, cwwfoster@aol.com, for approval at least two days before you want it on the listserve.

**Website:** This is repository of information that can be viewed and searched by anyone. Must send copy that you would like to have put on the website to the president for approval and then send to Joe Frannea, lwvgtweb@gmail.com.

**Facebook:** Content is announcements of current LWVGT events and activities, links to our and other websites. Send your submission to Patsy Frannea at lwvtucson@gmail.com and a copy to President West.

The League has two Facebook pages: Lwvgt Tucson which is the account accessible if you are a member of Facebook. You must login to see and interact with this page by becoming a “friend.”

League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Non Profit: A Facebook page that is open for anyone to view without having to join Facebook.

Either one can be found by Google or other search engines. Current events and announcements on both of these Facebook pages are up to date. Or you can go to the LWVGT website and find the link to Facebook.



## THIS IS GREAT NEWS

### Nobel panel honors 3 women for activism, push for peace.

Africa's first democratically elected female president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberia, peace activist Leyma Gbowee from the same African country and democracy activist Tawakkul Karman of Yemen were honored "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

Our League honors them also.

## MEET A MEMBER OF THE LWVGT BOARD SUE WARD

Sue Ward was born and raised in Washington State. She earned a Bachelor's Degree at Whitworth University in Spokane, and served in the Peace Corps in Southern Peru before coming to Tucson to earn her Master's Degree at the University of Arizona. Her degree is in comparative politics and international relations. She has lived in Tucson for 44 years.

Sue worked for 23 years with the UN Association of Southern Arizona, retiring in 2006 to care for her 97 year-old mother. She serves as an overseas polling station supervisor and human rights inspector for the U.S. State Department and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Her most recent assignment was

monitoring the election in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

From 1987 to 2006, Sue led tours to countries in Asia, the former Soviet Union, Scandinavia, and the Baltic States for UNA-SA. She loves Asia and is currently considering leading tours again. She was an election specialist for the City of Tucson from 2003 to 2007, and was a delegate for the UN Association of the USA to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

Sue loves teaching and leads discussion groups on foreign policy for the Tucson Great Decisions Associations at local retirement homes. She also teaches with the Oasis adult education

program.

The LWVGT has benefited by her membership for 23 years. She is a former President of the League of Women Voters of Arizona and is currently 2nd VP for Programs with LWVGT.



*Sue Ward*

## MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

On October 13th, 16 prospective members and 17 members of the LWVGT attended a Welcome Breakfast. Five members gave brief presentations about League activities, history and current projects. Guests made comments such as, "I will be joining." and "I've wanted to know about the League and I now know more." Based on those statements, the goals of the breakfast were met. In addition, visitors were able to meet each other and members as they all enjoyed the good food which included home baked spinach quiche, fruit bowls, and pastries.

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

A large crowd attended the general meeting to hear how things are done at the state legislature. Former state legislators Jennifer Burns and Phil Lopes and Arizona Republic columnist Linda Valdez touched on the budget, ideology, redistricting, term limits, strike everything bills, lobbyists, staff and possible ballot measures. Pertinent questions made for a lively session.



## FRANCES MUNDS, ARIZONA WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LEADER

Arizonans can thank Frances Willard Munds for her persistence in working for the vote for Arizona women, which culminated in the November election of 1912 - eight years before the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave all American women the right to vote

Frances Willard was born in California and later moved to Arizona Territory where her family operated a ranch in Verde Valley. Miss Willard worked for several years as a schoolteacher before marrying John L. Munds, who served for a time as Yavapai County Sheriff. They had three children.

In 1898 Frances Munds was elected secretary of the Territory of Arizona Women Suffrage Organization. She went to the territorial legislature to lobby for women's issues. The political relationships she established with the male legislators served her well. The 1903 territorial legislature passed a bill granting women the vote, but it was vetoed by the governor.

By 1909 statehood was imminent. Munds went to work. She struck a deal with the Western Federation of Miners. The labor union would support women's issues, and the women would support miners' issues.

During Arizona's 1910 Constitutional Convention, a proposal for women's suffrage was introduced, but it was defeated by the all-male convention.

After Arizona became a state, the State of Arizona Women Suffrage Organization elected Munds as chair. She asked to re-organize the group. Foremost in her priorities was getting the vote for women.

The women used the newly approved state initiative to put suffrage on the first Arizona election ballot. In 1912, Munds organized a petition drive to collect the 3,342 (male) signatures needed. She got support from 95% of the state's labor unions. The women had to convince the men to vote for suffrage.

At the time Arizona had three political parties: Progressive, Democrat, and Republican. The Progressive Party came out in favor of the vote for women, and Munds force the issue with the other parties, who then "reevaluated" their positions to favor women's suffrage. When the election results were counted, the voters had passed the suffrage initiative by a three-to-one margin.

Munds, age 48, served one term in the Arizona Senate and was the first woman to be elected to the Arizona Legislature. She died in 1948 and was named to the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 1982.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have recently joined the League: Dorothy Riley, Paulette Schlusberg and Phyllis Farenga. Please welcome them at the monthly meetings and other events.

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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  
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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  
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Shirley Sandelands, Chr. Endowment

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