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LWVCYC Membership Meeting

**Program Planning
2011-12 Local and 2011-13 State**

**Renewable Energy and Water:
The Connection Between the Two
Norman Perry**

When: Saturday, January 8, 2011
9 AM Social Time; 9:30 Program

Where: Las Fuentes Village,
Lower level Community Room,
1035 Scott, in Prescott

President's Message



End of Holiday Greetings to All!

With a new year approaching, it is time to do program planning, which is the foundation of League's strength and reputation for objectivity. Program planning is followed by studies, which allow us to come to consensus, which allows us to advocate for our positions.

Program planning can be challenging, so we need all of you to come to the January 8 meeting at Las Fuentes. Diverse opinions are welcome and lead to a more thoughtful process, so bring all of your ideas with you.

Meet and Greet was a fine event with over 40 nonprofit agencies represented. A number of elected officials attended as did all three school superintendents

(Prescott, Humboldt, and Chino Valley) plus several other appointed officials. Lots of conversations took place along with lots of contacts being made. I am following up with a thank you to all of the agencies, and hopefully some of the participants will be interested in finding out more about League membership and positions. A list of the agencies is in this newsletter (Page 6).

The number of members in our local League is decreasing, so please bring friends and neighbors to the February 12 meeting.

Vicky McLane, President

eNote from a Meet and Greet Participant:

Good afternoon Josephine,

I want to thank you and the entire League of Women Voters for hosting a successful, enjoyable, and wholly valuable event last evening. I had the pleasure of going last year as well, and I can say that it is one of my favorite networking events to attend.

It is absolutely crucial to have opportunities in which non-profits, community organizations and legislators can come together to share information and communicate, and I thank you for recognizing this need and giving the community a gift by creating such an opportunity.

I look forward, as always, to attending your meetings and events in the future, and hope you and the members of the League have a meaningful, joyfully memorable and relaxing holiday season!

Best,
Claire Louge
Community Outreach Liaison
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

**PROGRAM PLANNING –
WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?
WHY SHOULD YOU COME?**

Why do you ask? The January 8 Program Planning is critical to who we are and what role we will play in our communities in the future. As a member of the League, you have a voice!

If we don't have program, it is like belonging to an organization that has no direction, no purpose, and no reason to have public meetings. Program affects all levels of League – Local, State and National. And without planning we miss the opportunity to ask ourselves, “*Are our positions current – how and when do we use them? How are our governments working and what aspects do we need to know more about? What programs or changes are needed to make this area a better place to live and work?*” Or, maybe we need a year “studying” how our state and national positions are applied locally. For instance:

Public Access Law. Are public records easily and readily accessible to the public in all our towns and county? Should we be finding out? Our results could then become part of the national Sunshine Act Day.

Hiring practices. Are they open and equal to all in our government offices? How long has it been since we took this for granted and are not up-to-date on the policies/procedures that guarantee equal opportunity? What about private companies in the area – are they practicing in good faith?

Health Care Programs. What programs and/or facilities do we have in this area for our aging population and where is the funding coming from – such as Alzheimer 's disease.

There is so much to do and we need to get going.

Without planning we can meander along and go nowhere or we can plan, we can study public policy issues, we can become visible and we can make a difference.

DON'T MISS THE PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 8, 2011! This planning determines our direction for the next year at the local level and for the next two years at the state level. Review our positions in your membership handbook and come prepared to participate.

And, at the conclusion of the planning, we will have a special bonus - a presentation by Norman Perry on Renewable Energy and Water – The Connection Between the Two. See Page 6.

Sandra Goodwin, VP/Program

HOW CAN I PREPARE MYSELF FOR PROGRAM PLANNING?

In preparation for program planning ask yourself the following questions:

- ✓ Is it timely?
- ✓ Is it of interest to our members, to other groups, and to the larger community?
- ✓ Can it be solved by government action?
- ✓ Does it meet League principles?
- ✓ Can the League make a difference?
- ✓ Does it provide opportunities for League action?
- ✓ Will it raise our visibility and credibility?
- ✓ Would we need additional funding?
- ✓ Am I willing to work on the study?

In addition to potential new studies, it is especially important to review our current local positions before you complete the 2011-2012 Program Planning Form. You will find these local positions in your Membership Handbook, and an expanded version of the state positions will be sent out.

Local LWVCYC Program Planning Form 2011-2012

Bring this form to the January 8 meeting or, if you cannot attend, send your response no later than February 1 to Sandra Goodwin. By snail mail: 14525 Eagle Drive, Dewev AZ86327 or by e-mail: esgoodwin@commspeed.net

Retain - keep this position unchanged;

Drop - delete any part of or all of this position;

Update* - wish more current information;

Re-study* - circumstances/situations have changed/needs a new consensus;

Change *- editorial word change or other change. *

Current Local Position	retain	drop	update*	re-study*	change*
Water					
Juvenile Justice & Social Issues					
Meeting Basic Senior Needs					
Workforce Housing					
Public Transit					

***Please explain any suggested update, re-study, or change.**

If you would like to propose a NEW LOCAL study, please be as specific as possible:

Study:

Scope:

Chair and committee members:

If you propose a new study, please sign your name so we can contact you if we have questions.

SIGNED: _____

LWVAZ – State Program Planning Form 2011-2013

<u>Program Items</u>	<u>Retain</u>	<u>Drop</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Restudy</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>STATE GOVERNMENT</u>					
Arizona Election Law					
Election Laws	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Election Reform	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Legislative & Constitutional Redistricting	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative & Referendum	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
County government	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Campaign Finance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reorganization of the Executive Branch	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
AZ Corporation Commission	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Judicial					
Juvenile Justice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Judicial Selection and Tenure	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lower Court Reform					
Reproductive Choice					
 <u>SOCIAL POLICY</u>					
Human Needs					
Victimization of Children and Intrafamilial abuse					
 <u>EDUCATION</u>					
Public School Finance					
Funding Sources for public Schools					
Citizen Participation					
Charter Schools					
High Stakes Testing AIMS (AZ Instrument to Measure Standards)					
 <u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>					
Land Use					
Water					

New Study Recommendations: (Suggested scope. Use back if necessary.)

Priorities or Suggestions: _____

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND WATER - THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO

The January 8 meeting will include an added bonus of a presentation by Norman Perry on renewable energy and water – the connection between the two.

Norman Perry, a member of our League, will be speaking as Chairman of the Renewable Energy – Wind and Solar, for the Resource Advisory Council to the Arizona BLM. He will discuss the progress that the BLM is making in allowing public lands to be available for renewable energy, and the impacts that are being considered.

Norman will also discuss the water issues related to energy as a whole and renewable energy in particular as well as some of the potential economic and financial impacts renewable energy may or may not bring. A Q & A will follow his presentation and supporting statistical data will be handed out at the meeting.

List of Organizations that attended the Meet and Greet

Adult Care Services	Open Space Alliance
Adult Center of Prescott	People Who Care
Adult Center of Prescott	Planned Parenthood
AWEE	Prescott Alternative Transportation
Az C A	Prescott Community Cupboard
Better Business Bureau	Prescott Creeks
Central Arizona Land Trust	Prescott Meals on Wheels
Coalition for Compassion & Justice	Senior Corp
General Federation of Women's Clubs	Sierra Club
GFWC - The Monday Club	Stepping Stones
Honor Flight	Tis Art Center & Gallery
Hozhani Foundation	West Yavapai Guidance
Matforce & Youth Court	Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters
NACOG Head Start	Yavapai Family Advocacy
New Horizons LLC	
NorthStar Youth Partners	
Open Inn - Turning Point	

Campaign Financing: Anonymous Donors Spent \$132m On 2010 Campaign Ads

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20101210/ap_on_el_ge/us_campaign_money

NEW YORK – Independent groups that do not disclose the identity of their donors spent \$132.5 million to influence elections nationwide this year, accounting for about a third of all spending by outside groups in the 2010 election cycle, a report released Friday found.

The analysis by the office of New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio aimed to quantify how federal campaigns had been affected by the Supreme Court's so-called Citizens United ruling. The ruling, handed down in January, cleared the way for companies and unions to spend unlimited funds to influence elections, often using money from anonymous donors.

Groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees took advantage of the new rules, spending tens of millions on campaign ads in races across the country.

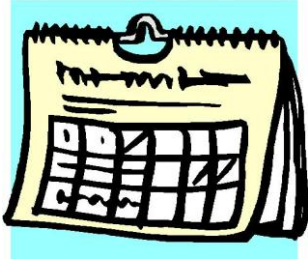
Other groups formed specifically to make use of the new rules spent lavishly as well, including the Republican-leaning American Crossroads and Crossroads Grassroots Policy Strategies, which were formed with help from former President George W. Bush's top adviser, Karl Rove.

De Blasio's office analyzed aggregate spending data filed to the Federal Election Commission, along with independent expenditure records. The office also conducted a more in-depth analysis on the ten costliest Senate races in 2010.

Among the findings:

- Anonymous or unlimited corporate spending allowed by the Citizens United ruling represented 15 percent of all federal political spending in 2010.
- Spending allowed by Citizens United accounted for \$85 million in all 2010 Senate races, \$40 million of which went to the ten costliest contests.
- Ads paid for by groups soliciting anonymous donors were more likely to be negative than those paid for by groups that disclose their donors. Seventy-five percent of the ads paid for by anonymous donors were negative, as opposed to 54 percent of ads by groups that name their donors.
- Heavy spending by groups under Citizens United did not necessarily guarantee victory. In three of the most expensive Senate races, candidates won despite a heavy onslaught of Citizens United spending directed at them.

Those included Nevada, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid defeated Republican Sharron Angle; California, where incumbent Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer held off a strong challenge from Republican Carly Fiorina; and Connecticut, where Democratic Attorney General Richard Blumenthal defeated Republican Linda McMahon to claim the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Chris Dodd.



Calendar of Events

2010 -2011

Wednesday, January 5
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV
**PROGRAM PLANNING &
RENEWABLE ENERGY UPDATE**
Las Fuentes

Wednesday, January 26
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV
TO BE ANNOUNCED
Las Fuentes

Wednesday, February 23
SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Las Fuentes

Wednesday, March 30
SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV
ANNUAL LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING
Las Fuentes

Wednesday, April 27
SATURDAY, May 14

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV
POVERTY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY
Las Fuentes

To be scheduled

Board retreat

Let's all make a special attempt to increase our membership. Show your friends our newsletter. Invite them to come with you to meetings!



IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS Website
www.lwv.org

LWVAZ Website
www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC Website
<http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org/>

We recommend that you check these out monthly, or more often. Lots of good information! Bookmark them to save on typing, or go to lwvaz.org, where there are links to click on. Or Google LWVCYC!

Our website includes current and past VOTERS, Pros and Cons of Ballot Initiatives, Directory of Elected Officials, and other great material.

Reminder – Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. Regular meeting times will be on the calendar.

To request placement of an item on the Board agenda and/or to receive the Board agenda packet, contact the LWVCYC President a week in advance.

LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
2010-2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please check type of membership:

_____ \$55/Yr Individual Membership

_____ \$82.50/Yr Household Membership

Plus

\$_____ Contribution to League (not tax deductible)

\$_____ Contribution to Education Fund (tax deductible)

Please make donations to **LWVAZ Education Fund** by *separate* check, to preserve tax deductibility. This supports our Webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Dues cover membership through June 30, 2011.

Both new and renewal members, please include this form with your check. Thank you!

New: _____ Renewal: _____

Membership in the LWV is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. These dues cover payment for local (\$15.30), state (\$10), and national (\$29.70) memberships.

OR

Be a "Friend" of LWVCYC:

_____ \$50/Yr Individual or _____ \$75/Yr Household

Please mail this form and all checks to:

LWVCYC
PO Box 11538 Prescott, AZ 86304-1538



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