



# THE VOTER

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY**

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## CREATING PUBLIC POLICY ALEC AND COMMON CAUSE





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**Saturday, January 4, 2014**  
**9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Las Fuentes Resort Village**  
**1035 Scott Drive, Prescott**

**Guest Speakers**

<p><b>Pamela Jones</b> Past President, Republican Women of Prescott</p>	<p><b>Harriet Young</b> Retired Political Science Professor, Past Vice-Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party</p>
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The American Legislative Exchange Council is America's largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state policymakers, bringing together nearly one-third of the country's state legislators and hundreds of leading industry experts and policy analysts to share ideas and experiences with their counterparts around the country, evaluate how policies work in other states and learn from others' challenges.

Common Cause strives to strengthen our democracy by empowering their members, supporters and the general public to take action on critical policy issues. With nearly 400,000 members and supporters and 35 state organizations, Common Cause remains committed to honest, open and accountable government, as well as encouraging citizen participation in democracy.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS A NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION ENCOURAGING THE INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT. IT NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR OPPOSES POLITICAL PARTIES OR CANDIDATES.



## President's Message

We are enjoying the last two weeks of the year, hopefully full of family visits, good food, (too much), and sending out the year with lots of warmth, and celebrations with friends. We'll start thinking about possible New Year's resolutions. Mine will include more attention to my health, and doing everything I can to make our local, state and national communities, warmer, kinder, safer and smarter. Sadly, 2013 lacked so much of these.

While you enjoy this special time, please remember we are kicking off 2014 with a very exciting presentation at our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our hope is to make us all wiser about two strong political groups, ALEC and Common Cause.

Our presenters are excellent. This is something you won't want to pass up and in fact, bring guests. They will be grateful.

There is a lot being planned for the coming months. Later in January we will be having our annual Meet and Greet. We invite many non-profits in the community whose functions are somehow related to positions of LWV. It is a very successful event every year, often with local and state elected officials stopping by. As gracious hosts, we all volunteer to bring a goodie; canapés, desserts, wines etc. You will be called to see if you can help. Our February meeting will be our annual program study workshop. Please put the first Saturday of February on your calendar now. This meeting is your opportunity to speak to matters that are meaningful to you. Do you have ideas for a study, or a passion for education, or do you see ways we can improve, update or drop any positions we already have? We'll have more about this as the time gets closer. But please do remember our Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for now.

In my last message I promised to tell you a little about our European/Mediterranean cruise. It was superb. We had lovely accommodations on the ship and we stopped in so many ports. The major cities of Rome, Naples, Venice and Athens all had their special charms, but it was the smaller places we enjoyed the most. Places like Sorrento, Salerno, Amalfi, Santorini, Mykonos, Ephesus, and most of all I loved Dubrovnik, Croatia. I would urge anyone who has the opportunity, to stop there. All in all it was one of our best vacations, and a wonderful time to spend alone with my husband without all the "busyness" in our lives.

Until I see you Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vicky O'Hara, President

## IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS Website	<a href="http://www.lwv.org">www.lwv.org</a>
LWVAZ Website	<a href="http://www.lwvaz.org">www.lwvaz.org</a>
LWVCYC Website	<a href="http://LWVCYC.org">LWVCYC.org</a>

## About our Presenters on January 4....

Harriet H. Young graduated in political science from Vanderbilt, earned her M.A. in History from UNC-G, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Rice University.

Her research area is legislative behavior, specializing in congressional behavior. She moved to Flagstaff from Houston in 1992 and taught at NAU in the political science department for 18 years. She developed courses in Politics and Media, Politics and Religion, and Political Corruption in addition to teaching standard courses in The Congress, The Presidency, and Political Parties and Interest Groups.

Her current research interest is the study of the U.S. Congress in the face of a shift to parliamentary style party behavior. Dr. Young enjoys foreign travel and has lived in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Adana, Turkey, and Weisbaden, Germany.



Pamela Jones holds a BA from Jacksonville University and a MBA from Duke University. She spent her professional career in hospital and medical group management. Pam's passion is politics and she served on the 2000 George W. Bush Inaugural Committee and worked as a volunteer in the East Wing of the Bush White House. She is the former President of the Republican Women of Prescott, a political organization with more than 400 members.

## Help Wanted

**Is this the year you can pitch in?**

**We have several opportunities available for anyone who would like to do a “little” to help, but not be too time committed.**

**We are looking for anyone who might like to be in touch with the local media branches, or perhaps is skilled in making flyers, party invitations, etc. If you would be willing to send out greeting cards as needed, or call someone, it would be a big help. All of these would be part of a public relations committee.**

**There is a need for observers who would be willing to sit in on a City Council, School Board or perhaps a County Supervisors meeting, then perhaps send an email to the board and/or come to a board meeting and tell us what you saw. Not all the time, but on occasion. This would help us stay up to date, and perhaps take action as a board if necessary.**

**We would also love to have helpers to set up our meetings and/or greet our guests as they arrive.**

**Please contact anyone on the board, if you can help. LWV is a participatory group; please be willing to be a part of it.**

**Vicky O’Hara, President**

## 2014 LWV Calendar

**General meetings** open to the public will be held on the first Saturday of the month, usually in the lower level Community Room at Las Fuentes.

Saturday, Jan. 4	9:30 AM	General Meeting	ALEC/Common Cause
Friday, January 10	8:00 AM	Board Meeting	
January 29	TBA	Meet and Greet	Non-Profits and Government Officials
Saturday, Febr. 1	9:30 AM	General Meeting	Local and State Program Planning
Friday, February 7	11:30AM	Board Meeting	
Saturday, Mar. 1	9:30 AM	General Meeting	Legislative Update
Friday, March 7	8:00 AM	Board Meeting	
Saturday, Apr. 5	9:30 AM	General Meeting	Poverty's Effect on Education
Friday, April 11	11:30 AM	Board Meeting	
Saturday, May. 3	TBA	Members Only	Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration