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Vicky McLane



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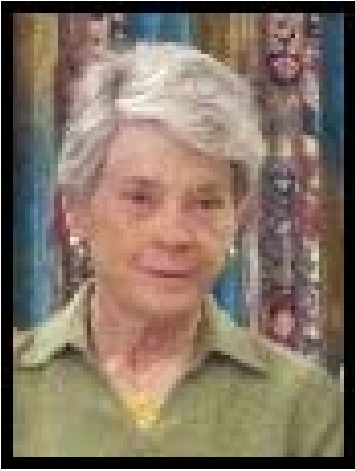
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When: Saturday, October 9, 2010
9 AM Social Time; 9:30 Program

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

PUBLIC WELCOME!

President's Message



The League's Juvenile Justice Committee hosted a marvelous panel presentation on September 11, and it was a true community event. The current Prescott Area Leadership class took advantage of the opportunity to fulfill some of their requirements, and their questions were excellent. There were a number of other interested citizens at the gathering, although it was disappointing that there were more non-members at the event than there were members. We really need to have more member participation at our monthly meetings so that we can do a solid job of voter education throughout the Central Yavapai Region.

And we need all of you to please pay your dues for the coming year - \$55 for one, \$82.50 for a couple – and if you are not able to afford that amount this year, but still want to participate in League activities, please give me a call so that we can work out a mutually acceptable arrangement. My number is 445-8511.

We have been busy registering voters for the election, and I would like to acknowledge the help of several members and friends – Betsy Barnes, Kathie Rieder, Rose Grech, Sue Lynch, Shirley and Mort Goldstein, Ann Bickford, and Wini Daniel. We have been at the Woof Down event, at Yavapai College twice, and at No Barriers/ADA at Gateway Mall. October 4 is the last day to register for the November 2 election, so we are almost finished for the next two years.

Don't miss the October 9 pro and con ballot issues presentation at Las Fuentes. Another great opportunity to acquaint a friend with the League and the outstanding programs that are offered. See you there. Vicky



League does not endorse candidates

Published in the Daily Courier, 9/23/2010

EDITOR:

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County wants to set the record straight about one of its principles. When the League of Women Voters of the United States was established in 1920, one of its founding principles was that the League NEVER supports or opposes any political candidate or party. That same principle governs the League today.

The Central Yavapai County League was therefore disconcerted to find the organization listed as supporting the candidacy of Andy Tobin in Legislative District 1. The Central Yavapai League has asked Mr. Tobin to remove the support from his website immediately and the League wants to make sure that voters understand the League's position on this matter.

Vicky McLane, President
 League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County, Prescott

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You will hear the real facts and nothing but the facts, so help us LWVCYC! A Q&A will follow this unbiased presentation and if the Pro and Con Team doesn't have the answers, we will research your question and get back to you.

League meetings are held in the lower level Community Room at Las Fuentes Village, 1035 Scott, in Prescott and the public is heartily encouraged to attend these diverse and educational meetings. Most LWV meetings are the second Saturday of the month with a social time from 9:00-9:30AM. The program is from 9:30-11:00AM.

In the meantime, check out the Arizona Republic's feature AZ FACT CHECK, keeping Arizona honest.

For more information, contact Sandra Goodwin 899-4399 or 632-8490. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning, October 9.

LWVAZ Voters Guides will be available at the meeting for you to take home and study. Take some extras to share with your friends and other organizations. In fact, we are depending on YOU to help distribute these through our Quad City area!

If you are unable to get to the October 9 meeting, the LWVAZ Voters Guide is also available online at: <http://centrallyavapai.az.lwvnet.org/files/FinalLWVGuide.pdf>

Another good discussion is available at:
<http://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/propositions/propositions>

The Arizona Republic has been covering the propositions, one at a time, beginning on Friday, September 24. You can search for back issues through the website.

Channel 8 has online videos of past discussions of the ballot propositions, as well as an upcoming hour-long broadcast on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 PM.

2010 Arizona Ballot Propositions

SUPPORTED or ~~opposed~~ by the LWVAZ

The League of Women Voters **does not support or oppose political parties or candidates EVER**. Likewise, we **never support or oppose ISSUES unless we have ‘positions’** (established by study and consensus- a process usually taking about 2 years in length). **During this election cycle, we OPPOSE four (4) issues on the Arizona ballot based on such study.**

Prop 106 - HEALTH CARE SERVICES; DIRECT PURCHASE

Opposition based on the LWV/US Position on universal health care.

The main reason that the LWV/AZ opposes Prop 106 is that it would violate the recently passed federal health care law, which supercedes state law and would lead to federal law suits. Allowing people to ignore a national mandate to buy health insurance would encourage them to rely on the ER or to buy health insurance only when they think they need it.

Prop 107 - PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OR DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITION

Opposition based on the LWV/US principle of equality of opportunity.

The main reason that the LWV/AZ opposes Prop 107 is that it would turn back the clock to a society of “good old boy” networks where women and people of color routinely face discrimination. Furthermore, the LWVAZ stands for openness and honesty in the political process. We believe in transparency in all aspects of government, and dislike this overt effort to confuse voters into thinking that they are voting against discrimination when they really are voting for discrimination.

Prop 301 - LAND CONSERVATION FUND; REVERSION (Growing Smarter Act) -

Opposition based on LWV/AZ for the idea of voter-protected funds, our position on land use and natural resources, and our position on adequate funding of public education.

The main reason that the LWV/AZ opposes Prop 301 is that the original proposition was voter protected. The current proposition would transfer the balance of the Land Conservation Fund into the General Fund. Voters established the Land Conservation Fund in 1998 when they approved the Growing Smarter Act (referred to the ballot by the AZ Legislature). By diverting dollars from this fund, the Legislature hurts both conservation efforts and education -- dollars from the Fund go into the Trust, whose prime beneficiary is public education.

Prop 302 - EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT; HEALTH; REPEAL (FIRST THINGS FIRST) - Opposition based on LWV/AZ support for the idea of voter-protected funds and our position on human needs social policy.

The main reason that the LWV/AZ opposes Prop 302 is that the original proposition was voter protected. The current proposition would shift to the General Fund all of the money in "First Things First" statewide grants to programs, which increase the quality of early childhood development and health services for children up to five years of age. The initiative, which was passed by the voters, enacted its own funding mechanism (a tobacco tax of \$0.80 per pack), which has never been collected into Arizona's general fund and as such never been calculated into the state's general budget or caused its current budget problem.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration closes	October 4, 2010 at midnight
Early Voting Begins	October 7, 2010
General Election	November 2, 2010, 6 AM to 7 PM

Arizona Ballot Propositions

This page is provided for your convenience to mark your choice after studying each proposition. It may be detached from this booklet and taken to the polling place on Election Day.

Proposition		YES	NO
106	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to health care services (refers to mandatory enrollment in health care programs)		
107	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to preferential treatment or discrimination prohibition (restricts affirmative action programs)		
109	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to hunting and fishing (shifts power to the Legislature from Game and Fish Commission)		
110	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to state trust lands (refers to land disposal and exchanges)		
111	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to the executive department (replaces office of Secretary of State with office of Lieutenant Governor)		
112	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to initiative petitions (changes deadline for filing initiative petitions to six months before vote)		
113	Proposed amendment to the constitution by the legislature relating to the right to vote a secret ballot regarding employee representation (refers to union formation)		
203	Proposed by initiative petition relating to the medical use of marijuana (regulates dispensing and recommendation of marijuana and qualification of users)		
301	Referred to the people by the legislature relating to the land conservation fund (fund sweep of "Growing Smarter" Land Conservation Fund affecting state trust land conservation and public education funding, elimination of grant program to preserve land near urban areas)		
302	Referred to the people by the legislature relating to early childhood development and health programs (repeals "First Things First" Early Childhood Development and Health Program and sweeps funds)		

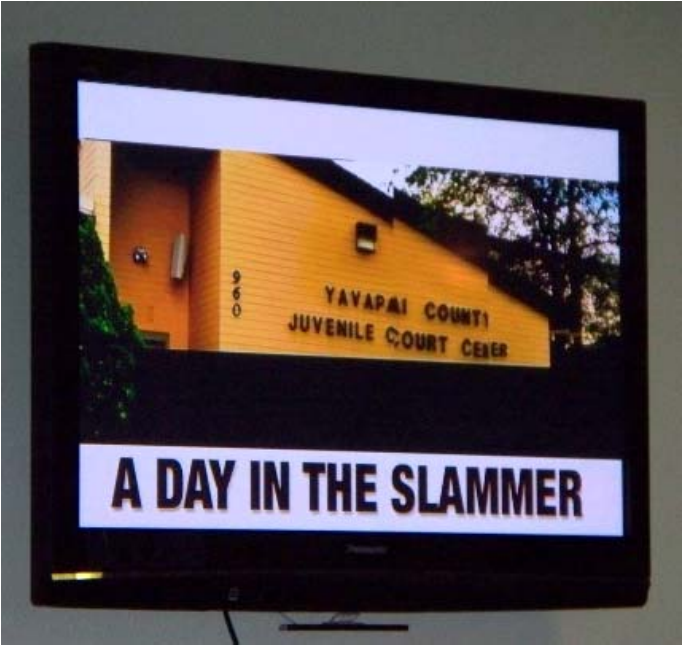
September 11 Meeting: Current Trends in Juvenile Justice



League Presenters Kathie Rieder and Dottie Morris with speakers Gay Lockling, Deputy Director, Yavapai Juvenile Probation, Ethan Wolfinger, Juvenile Court Judge, and Paul J. Gabaldon, Yavapai County Juvenile Detention Manager.



Kathie and Dottie with Monika Bishop, filming for future broadcasting on Access 13.



Dottie filmed and put together this entire outstanding video, with commentary and even background music. It is available to other interested groups.



League members and visiting Prescott Area Leadership participants enjoy socializing before the meeting.

If you weren't there, you missed a great meeting!

Bits and Pieces

Interesting watching:

A non-partisan 9-minute animated primer: "Health Reform Hits Main Street"

<http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>

Written and produced by the Kaiser Family Foundation. Narrated by Cokie Roberts, a news commentator for ABC News and NPR and a member of Kaiser's Board of Trustees.

Factual Website

A new website launched by the government to provide individuals with information on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and how it will impact consumers:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/>

10/10/10 -- Global Day of Climate Action

On October 10, 2010, thousands of communities across the globe will be taking action to address climate change -- celebrating what people can do right now to make an impact, garnering media attention for climate action, and sending a strong message to decision-makers at all levels that it's time for them to do their job, too.

LWV Westchester County, NY **Pledge version of the list of 10 Things**

On October 10, 2010, I will join citizens from around the world in doing 10 things to reduce my carbon footprint. I will:

- Use less stuff and reuse and recycle what I can.
- Keep the thermostat lower in winter, higher in summer.
- Insulate my home.
- Drive less; walk and bike more.
- Change my light bulbs to CFL or LED lighting.
- Stop using products with hazardous chemicals.
- Turn off the water when I am brushing my teeth and washing the dishes.
- Ask my elected officials what they are doing to lower carbon emissions.
- Vote for candidates who promise to put a price on carbon.
- Spread the word among my neighbors and friends.



Have you heard something that DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT COULD BE TRUE? Check it out on FactCheck.org . Here is one recent article:

MISLEADING ONSLAUGHT BY 60 PLUS

Conservative group launches \$5 million attack against Dems.

September 17, 2010

Summary

The conservative 60 Plus Association has launched a flurry of ads against 16 Democrats, many of them in tight House races. The group is spending more than \$5 million – from donors whose identities it doesn't have to disclose – to run the ads saying the lawmakers "betrayed" their constituents by voting for the health care overhaul signed into law earlier this year. That's a matter of opinion, of course. But most of the ads also make statements that can't be backed up, lack important context or are wrong.

- Some of the ads say that the law means "seniors could lose their doctors" or that it "threatens seniors' ability to keep their own doctor." But what the ads are talking about here has nothing to do with the new health care law. Some doctors have said they may stop accepting Medicare patients because of scheduled payment cuts set in motion by a 1997 law, cuts that are unaffected by the new statute.
- All of the ads say that the new law cuts \$500 billion from Medicare. It's true that the law would restrain future growth of the program, but this isn't cutting from existing spending. And the amount is spread over 10 years, totaling about 7 percent of what Medicare was projected to cost over that decade.
- Many of the ads feature seniors saying the law will "hurt the quality of our care." But the law specifically forbids cuts in the basic package of Medicare benefits, and even adds some new features, such as wellness checkups. It also closes the "doughnut hole" gap in the prescription drug benefit.

Note: This is a summary only. The full article with analysis, images and citations may be viewed on the FactCheck.org website: <http://factcheck.org/2010/09/misleading-onslaught-by-60-plus/>

An Arizona Gem: PBS Channel 8

Go to Channel 8 or online <http://www.azpbs.org/vote2010/> for broadcasts and rebroadcasts of Clean Election Debates and discussions of Ballot Propositions. Coming up:

Wed, Sept. 29, 7pm - **Treasurer Debate** (Non Clean Elections Debate)

-Candidates: Andrei Cherny (D) and Doug Ducey (R)

Mon, Oct. 4, 7pm - **Corporation Commission Debate**

-Candidates: David Bradley (D), Jorge Luis Garcia (D) and Brenda Burns (R), Gary Pierce (R)

Wed, Oct. 6, 7pm - **Mine Inspector Debate**

-Candidates: Joe Hart (R) and Manuel Cruz (D)

Tue, Oct. 12, 7pm - **The Ballot Propositions**

Seven of ten propositions appearing on the November 2nd general election ballot seek to amend the Arizona Constitution. Find out what those amendments would do in a one-hour Horizon special that examines the pros and cons of the ballot propositions.



(Supporters of the [DISCLOSE Act](#) failed to overcome a Republican filibuster on Thursday September 23 in the Senate. The bill had passed in the House of Representatives last June.)

OBSTRUCTIONIST POLITICS PREVAILS OVER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Voters on the Losing Side of Political Gamesmanship

September 23, 2010

Washington, DC – **The League of Women Voters of the U.S. issued the following statement by national League President Elisabeth MacNamara on the obstructionism that prevented the Senate from beginning debate on the DISCLOSE Act today. The DISCLOSE Act aims to restore transparency to U.S. elections after the Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision.**

“Voters lost and special interests won today. It is sad to see Senators cling to partisanship and obstructionism once again, instead of working together to find a middle ground on the DISCLOSE Act. This is a failure for which voters will have to pay this November and in elections to come. We were particularly disappointed that Senators Brown, Snowe and Collins, each of whom understands the importance of reform and of fair elections, chose not to stand up for their beliefs.

“In the wake of *Citizens United*, the DISCLOSE Act is essential. It requires CEOs to stand by their ads, and exposes special interest groups behind last-minute attacks. It stops manipulation of elections by fly-by-night hit groups, and prevents U.S. corporations controlled by foreign – or even hostile – governments from pumping secret money into our elections.

“How can individual voters compete with organizations that not only have vested interests in Washington, but millions of dollars to make sure those interests are protected?

“The bottom line is that voters deserve to know who is paying for election advertising. This is not only common sense – it is crucial if voters are to remain the cornerstone of our democracy.

“We would like to know what these opponents have to fear from disclosure of election advertising. Furthermore, what is to prevent them from falling victim to the deceitful advertising which they are refusing to bring into the sunlight?

“The League will continue to fight for enhanced disclosure. Our democracy belongs to the voters -- not special interests.”

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy

Membership

Time to pay 2010-2011 dues: \$55 for singles, \$82.50 for two members in one household.
Send your check to LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304-1538



Calendar of Events

2010 -2011

Thursday, Aug. 25

Board Meeting: 5:30, Nancy Shugrue

SATURDAY OCT. 9

**PUBLIC MEETING – 9 AM - LAS FUENTES
PROS AND CONS OF BALLOT ISSUES**

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

Tuesday, November 02

AZ General Election

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**PUBLIC MEETING - LAS FUENTES
“GOING SOUTH”**

Wednesday, Nov. 24?

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 08

MEET AND GREET WITH NON-PROFITS

Wednesday, December 29

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

PROGRAM PLANNING

Wednesday, January 26

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

LWVUS STUDY

Wednesday, February 23

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY MARCH 11

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Wednesday, March 30

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY APRIL 9

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. .

Wednesday, April 27

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY May 14

POVERTY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY

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**

**League of Women Voters
WEBSITES**

**LWVUS Website
www.lwv.org**

**LWVAZ Website
www.lwvaz.org**

**LWVCYC Website
<http://centralvavapai.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.

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.

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**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**