



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY

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The League of Women Voters
of Central Yavapai County

Human Services Coordination in Yavapai County

Saturday, February 11, 2012

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott

Guest Speakers:

Tracey McConnell

Grants and Operations Coordinator
Yavapai County Community Foundation

Liz Toone

Executive Director
New Horizons Independent Living Center

Debbie Stewart

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LWVCYC Website: <http://goo.gl/HxKph>

President's Message



I want to update our members on some actions that the League of Women Voters of Arizona took at their January 7, 2012 Board meeting.

First, they adopted a recommended position statement on the Executive Branch study, which will be adopted by delegates at the next State convention. To quote the key elements of the recommendation:

- A clear line of succession in the Executive Branch should be more obvious to the public
 - Support for an office of Lieutenant Governor with duties separate from those of the Secretary of State
 - The Governor and the elected office next in line of succession should run on the same party ticket
- If the Secretary of State continues to be the next in line of succession to the Governor, all partisan aspects of elections should be removed from the jurisdiction of the SOS and managed by an independent body/commission

The Board also adopted a motion to advise the LWVUS that it should make the fight against the Citizens United ruling (“corporations are people”) one of its priorities.

The State Board is asking each local League to develop a plan for registering voters in their area, in coordination with the O’Connor House Centennial Voter Engagement Project. In response, the LWVCYC Board will be asking each of its members to register five new voters. Voter registration forms will be available at the monthly meetings.

If you have any questions about any of these activities, please let me know.

Vicky McLane



Can You Register a Few Voters???
Arizona needs more Registered Voters!
Arizona needs Informed Voters!

69% of eligible Arizonans are registered. 31% are not.

The LWVAZ BOARD is asking that each League Member register five voters this winter/spring as our participation with the **Justice Sandra Day O’Connor House Centennial Voter Engagement Project** to increase voters in Arizona.

Registration Forms will be available at our meetings for each Member to pick up to use in this effort. Additionally, don’t forget that you can simply help people register on line: <http://goo.gl/A62VQ>

Re-registration is needed if a person (1) moves, (2) changes his/her name or (3) changes Political Party.

Please keep a tally of the number of people you help register, both online and through the forms, and report the tallies from now through April to Terri Farneti by email to report at our annual meeting.

**Coming Soon:
Materials for May 12 LWVUS Study and Consensus:
The impact of privatizing government services on
local communities**

Materials and other resources are posted at www.lwv.org/member-resources/privatization.

Federal, state and local governments own extensive assets and are major employers. Governments often consider selling assets, and outsourcing some functions and services to the private sector, including “core” government services such as providing for the safety, security and general welfare (public well-being) of citizens, the economy, and our country. Privatization of these government assets, services and functions has been occurring for decades at all levels of government. The consequences of “privatizing” a government service or function, in particular, may enhance the function or service. Alternatively, it may reduce or alter functions and services. Government revenues may be reduced or lost and jobs may be cut. In some instances, this may have a detrimental effect on the “common good” or public well-being.

One state, for instance, has declared as a matter of state law and policy that “using private contractors to provide public services formerly provided by state employees does not always promote the public interest. To ensure that citizens..... receive high quality public services at low cost, with due regard for tax payers..... and the needs of public and private workers, the (legislature) finds it necessary to regulate such privatization contracts throughout the state.”

The purpose of this study is to identify policies and parameters that should be considered when any governmental entity is planning to undertake some type of privatization process.

Scope of the Study

The scope of the study, as adopted by the LWVUS Board, states:

The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and the community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good.

League Principles at Work

When League members and friends contribute to the community in ways that demonstrate League Principles, we like to recognize them in the VOTER column "League Principles at Work." You can find the Principles on the inside back cover off your membership handbook. If you wish to suggest a League member to recognize for his or her service to the community, please contact Betsy Barnes at betsybarnes@cableone.net.

Lawmakers, voters out of sync on environment?

AzRep, Monday, January 30, 2012

Most Arizonans believe the state can protect water, air and other natural resources without hurting the economy and oppose efforts to weaken protections, according to a [poll](#) released Monday by Colorado College for its [State of the Rockies](#) report.

The positions [revealed by the poll](#) put Arizonans at odds with many of their [elected officials](#) in Phoenix and in Washington, where lawmakers are trying to dilute the influence of state and federal laws that regulate natural resources.

“What we read in the press and what politicians say about an ever-sharpening trade-off between environment and jobs in a deep recession do not square with views of many western voters,” said Walt Hecox, Colorado College economist and State of the Rockies project faculty director. “Instead, those stubborn westerners continue to defy stereotypes, by arguing that a livable environment and well-managed public lands can be -- in fact must be -- compatible with a strong economy.”

Polling firms, one that does work primarily for Republican interests and one that conducts research for Democrats, interviewed 400 people in each of six Intermountain states: Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

Support for protection of public lands, air, water and other natural resources was strong across all of the states. The polls found a deep concern for the health of resources, combined with a desire to make those resources - especially forests, rivers, lakes and public lands -- available for the public for hunting and recreation. The numbers were high enough in many categories that the pollsters said support for resource protection crosses [party lines](#) in ways many seemingly hot-button issues do not.

Here are some highlights from the Arizona survey.

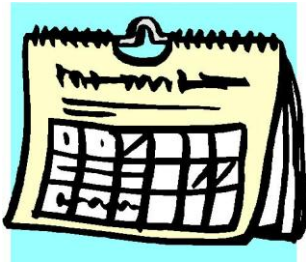
- 78 percent of those surveyed said it's possible to protect land and water and have a strong economy with good jobs without having to choose one over the other.
- 50 percent of Arizonans, the highest percentage among the states, said the state should do more to protect water, air, wildlife and other natural resources. Of the rest, 39 percent said the state is doing enough and just 7 percent said the state should do less.
- 75 percent of Arizonans in the poll consider the loss of fish and wildlife habitat a serious problem.
- 79 percent consider pollution of rivers, lakes and streams a serious problem.
- 84 percent say funding cuts to programs that support state parks, and the protection of natural areas and water quality are a serious problem.
- 70 percent say the impact of mining on land and water is a serious problem in Arizona, significant because of recent debates over uranium mining near the Grand Canyon and copper mining northeast of Tucson.
- 81 percent believe that inadequate water supplies pose a serious problem.

The pollsters also asked whether, even with all the budget problems facing the state, Arizona should still find money to protect land, water, wildlife and state parks. Nearly 90 percent of those surveyed said yes.

And the survey asked if reducing environmental regulations is a good way to create jobs. [Republican lawmakers](#) have tried to portray such regulations as job killers and have vowed to roll them back, but 63 percent of Arizonans surveyed disagreed with that approach. About the same number said such regulations are important safeguards and health and safety and not burdensome to the economy.

“I’m not surprised with the [poll results](#),” said Richard Mayol of the Flagstaff-based Grand Canyon Trust. “In spite of what we hear from many Arizona elected officials, in my thirty-five years conducting and evaluating public [opinion research](#) in Arizona, it has always come across loud and clear that my fellow Arizonans see themselves as conservationists and demand clean air, clean water and protections for the remarkable public lands that make our state so unique.”

You can find the full poll [here](#).



2012 *Calendar of Events*

Saturday, February 11,

**Human Services Coordination in Central
Yavapai County**

Tuesday, February 21

LWVCYC Board, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, February 28

Republican Presidential Preference Primary

Saturday, March 10

Eye on the Legislature, with Mary Jo Pitzl

Tuesday, March 13

LWVCYC Board, 5:30 PM

Saturday, April 14

Annual Meeting and Talk on Alternative Energy

Tuesday, April 17

LWVCYC Board, 5:30 PM

Saturday, May 12

**LWVUS Study and Consensus: The impact of
privatizing government services on local
communities**

To be arranged

LWVCYC Board Retreat

Week of July 30

Possible Candidate Forum

Tuesday, August 28

Primary Election

Tuesday, November 6

General Election

Membership

Welcome to new Member:

Sandra Halldorson
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SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarship fund is available to new and not so new members.
If you know someone who would like to join the league and pay the membership dues with the help of the scholarship fund let her/him know.
Alice Harris, Membership

**IMPORTANT WEBSITE
REFERENCES**

LWVUS Website
www.lwv.org

LWVAZ Website
www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC Website
<http://centralvavapai.az.lwvnet.org/>
OR: <http://goo.gl/HxKph>

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, 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

2011-2012

Dues cover membership through June 30, 2012.
Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS.
Dues for 2011-2012 cover payment for local (\$15.30), state (\$10), and national (\$29.70) memberships.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Note type of membership, and make check to “LWVCYC”:

_____ \$55/Yr Individual Membership

_____ \$82.50/Yr Household Membership

Plus suggested donation:

\$_____ Contribution to League (not tax deductible)

\$_____ *Contribution to Education Fund (tax deductible)

*Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund must be made by separate check, to preserve tax deductibility. This supports our Webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

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

New: _____ Renewal: _____

OR

Be a “Friend” of LWVCYC:

_____ \$50/Yr Individual or _____ \$75/Yr Household
(open to businesses and individuals)

Please mail this form and all checks to:

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