



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY

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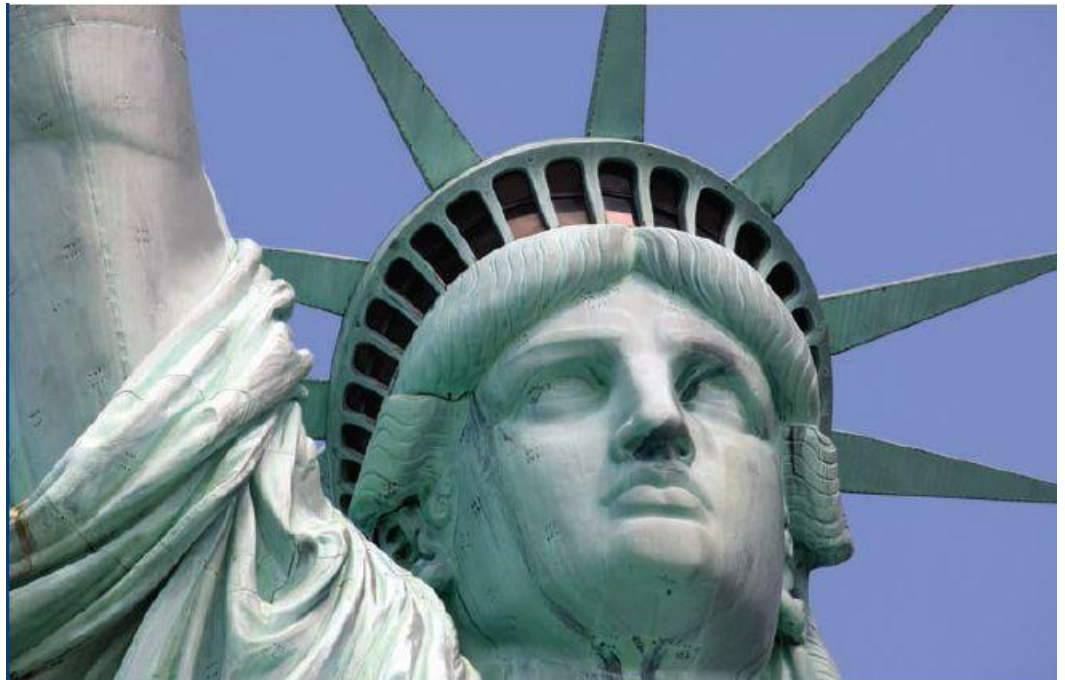
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**Time for our
League National and Local Program Planning!**
This is a great way to get up to date with current League of Women Voters positions, and think about what will be needed in the future.

Where: Las Fuentes, Lower Level Community Room

When: 9 AM coffee
9:30 AM program begins
Saturday, Febr. 1, 2014

Please bring this newsletter!

President's Message



A nonpartisan membership organization, the League of Women Voters neither supports nor opposes political parties or candidates, but encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

As the majority of the country is suffering record breaking cold snaps, we in Prescott are enjoying warm spring weather. Although it is lovely, it is unbalanced, and eventually we will need some rain and/or snow. Let's enjoy it while we can.

The busyness of the holiday season is over, and it was wonderful. Now we are refreshed and ready to do some worthy league business. The upcoming general meeting on Feb. 1st is about you and your desires for change. It is our annual Program/Study selection workshop. We will have discussions on our current positions and whether we need new ones. We will also discuss national league positions and possible new ones. Every other year we do local and state, and then local and national, so we will not be reviewing any of the state positions this year.

In this newsletter is information about the national proposal for an agricultural study. From our state president Robyn: "LWVUS Ag Study Update: The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on: 1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and 2) current agriculture finance issues, including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process." We know that GMO's is a particularly timely topic, so let's hope some of you will be willing to participate in this study.

Because of the planning for upcoming study activity, whether you wish to participate or not, your voice is needed at this meeting, so please plan to attend.

To prepare for this meeting, be sure to read our local current positions and national's positions as well. They are all in this VOTER or in your Membership Handbook, and we ask that you bring it to the meeting.. This meeting is especially good for new members, as you will realize the process we take to reach the conclusions we do. We will have refreshments to get us through the morning.

LWV is joining other groups in protests and lawsuits, nationally and state, against any of the bills that would inhibit voter access. Our battle involves the "dual voter registration" forms. AZ legislature wants to restrict those who have filled out the federal forms from voting in AZ elections. Using the AZ form would allow the voter to vote in both federal and state elections. This is a simplified summary, but explains why LWV is adamantly involved. LWV always Protects the Right to Vote!

We had wonderful attendance at our last meeting. However there seemed to be some confusion towards the end about what time we should stop. For clarification: we meet from 9:30 to 11:30, with coffee time at 9:00. There are times when we finish earlier, if we have a shorter panel for instance or less Q & A time, but the schedule is until 11:30. (Just in time to join someone for lunch!)

Since we were together in early January, I have had a successful surgery and am recovering nicely at home. I am grateful that so much can be done via computers. I plan to be at our Feb. 1st meeting. Also, if you haven't already heard, one of our dearest members, Betsy Barnes has taken ill this month. It is my understanding that she will recover. Best Wishes Betsy!

Vicky O'Hara, President

National Program Planning will be done as it was in 2012. We are being asked to choose ONE and only ONE issue or position for one of the following actions:

- review or update of an existing League position;
- new study or program item;
- concurrence with a position or statement from a local or state League;
- or NO recommendation for change in LWVUS Program.

You will need to

- specify the title of the position or issue,
- and summarize the scope of any update or new study.

- You may become an advocate for your own area of interest, and try to persuade others to support your proposal.

We are no longer being asked whether to retain or drop positions, or for suggestions at this time concerning bylaws, resolutions or budget. Our recommendations will be voted upon at the National Convention early next summer.



Local positions and program will be treated in the more traditional way, with member agreement sought to either Retain - Drop - Update - Re-study, or Change. You may also suggest a new study, but should be prepared to suggest a title, specify a scope, and suggest a chair and study committee members.

The program planning session may generate ideas for new League studies. Unlike many other organizations, in order for the League of Women Voters to take action on public policy issues, we must first study the issue and reach consensus. We study in order to educate our members and the public and we study before considering a consensus that could lead to a position and promote action.

Please review current National and Local Positions in your Membership Handbook, and also look at amplified positions in *Impact on Issues* on the LWVUS Website, <http://www.lwv.org/content/impact-issues-online-edition> Please bring this VOTER and your Member Handbook to the meeting.

Response Form: 2014 PROGRAM PLANNING League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County

National LWV Program

Select only ONE of the following:

- Review or update of an existing League position
 New study or program item
 Concurrence with a position or statement from a local or state League
 NO recommendation for change in LWVUS Program.

Specify: Title of position or issue _____

Summary of Scope: _____

Local LWV Program

Positions will be retained unchanged unless another alternative is selected by the membership.

- 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. Use back of page if you need more space. :

Other ideas for next year's programs or speakers?

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: _____

Bring this form to the February 1 meeting or, if you cannot attend, send your response no later than February 15 to Vicky O'Hara, 1739 Tatum Place, Prescott, AZ 86301 or yohara@cableone.net

LWVUS to expand Agriculture Position

In League, positions are reached only after study and consensus. The LWVUS is planning to expand its Agriculture Position, with consensus to be reported to national by April 18. There are 23 papers on the LWVUS website for background information. However, here in the LWVCYC, we do not have a study chair or committee to present the selected agriculture issues to members for study, or a meeting scheduled for discussion of the issues, so participation in the consensus is questionable by a sufficient number of members. But after the LWVUS reaches consensus based on input from those Leagues participating in the study, the new position will become that of the entire League.

Here are the consensus questions for participating Leagues:

Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector

1. *Should government financial support for agriculture be directed to:*

- a) Subsidized agricultural credit (loans) (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Disaster assistance (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) Crop insurance (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- d) Farms that supply local and regional markets (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- e) Subsidized implementation of best management practices (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- f) Commodity crop programs, e.g., corn, soybeans, sugar, cotton, wheat (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- g) Commodity livestock program (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- h) Commodity dairy program (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- i) Specialty crops, e.g. fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc. (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- j) Other production methods, e.g. organic, hydroponic, urban, etc. farms (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

2. *What changes should government make regarding direct payment programs to farm operators?*

Note: Farm operators can be anything between family farms to huge corporations.

- a) *Eliminate* direct payments to farm operators (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) *Update* the rules for direct payments to farm operators to support sustainability (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) *Broaden* the types of farms that are eligible (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- d) *Broaden* the types of crops that are eligible (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- e) Effectively *enforce* existing rules (Yes, No, No Consensus)

3. *What changes to current crop insurance programs should government make?*

- a) Extend to more types of crops (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Link to the use of conservation practices (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) Limit insurance for the cultivation of marginal and environmentally sensitive land (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- d) Cap amount of premium subsidy to a single farm operator (see note in question 2) (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

4. *Should government act on any of the following?*

- a) Revise anti-trust legislation to ensure competitive agricultural markets (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Enforce anti-trust laws as they relate to agriculture (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) Promote alternative marketing systems, including regional hub markets, farmer cooperatives, farm markets, etc. (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

Animal Management

5. Which of the following approaches to animal management should government achieve?

- a) Transparently collect and disclose data about regulated animal feeding operations (AFOs) or aquaculture operations and about the health of animals in such regulated operations (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Apply and enforce existing clean air and clean water regulations to animal or seafood management facilities (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

6. Which of the following approaches to animal waste management should government require or bring about?

- a) Treat animal waste with environmentally sound technologies for all regulated AFOs (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Prioritize federal funds to mitigate existing environmental challenges (such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program, cost share, loans, etc.) rather than construction of new facilities (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

Research and Development

7. Which of the following approaches to research and development (R&D) should government fund or accomplish?

Note: For the purpose of these questions and some questions below, “**developed using any new technology**” or “**new technologies**” refer to any of many scientific processes for developing new crops or animals with genetic engineering, nanotechnology or other new techniques, which are not the traditional breeding or hybridization techniques.

- a) Basic research (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Independent third-party (such as an academic institution) risk assessment of products *developed using any new technology* (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) Research to assess the impacts of *new technologies* on human health and the environment, prior to their widespread adoption (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- d) Research that advances the continuation of diversified and sustainable agricultural systems (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- e) Seed banking, research, and other means that promote and preserve genetic diversity (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- f) Both transparency in the reporting of research studies related to approval of new products **and** respect for intellectual property rights of private enterprises engaged in research (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- g) Research on long-term effects of new crops, products and processes (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- h) Development of new practices and technologies to promote conservation for all types of farms (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

Food Safety

8. Which of the following approaches to food safety should government perform or fund?

- a) Clarify and enforce pre-market testing requirements for new foods and food additives *developed using any new technology* (see note below question 7) (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Require developers to monitor all food products *developed using any new technology* after releasing to the market (Yes, No, No Consensus)

- c) Withdraw marketing approval if products are shown to be unsafe (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- d) Require post-market monitoring of approved pharmaceutical applications in animal production for human health and environmental impacts (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- e) Require developers of new products to provide data and other materials to independent third-parties (such as academic institutions) for pre- and post-market safety assessment as appropriate (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- f) Limit use of antibiotics in animal production to treat and control disease (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- g) Fund independent third-party (such as academic institutions) risk assessment of long-term and multiple exposures from foods on human health and the environment (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- h) Promote crop management practices that decrease dependency on added chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, and synthetic fertilizers) (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- i) Fund, train and add personnel for assessment and compliance functions of regulatory agencies (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

Food Labeling

9. How sufficient are the following regarding current food labeling?

- a) Nutrition Facts on food labels (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)
- b) Nutrition Facts on food labels as a means of consumer education (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)
- c) Common allergen labeling (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)
- d) Health and ingredient claims that consumers can understand (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)

Comments:

10. Which of the following should government achieve regarding marketing and ingredient claims on food labels?

- a) Define (and approve for use) health and safety marketing terms (e.g. immunity support, humane, pasture-raised, natural, etc.) (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- b) Regulate the use of images or other sensory advertising (Yes, No, No Consensus)
- c) Require that ingredient marketing claims accurately represent what is in the required ingredient list (Yes, No, No Consensus)

Comments:

11. Recognizing that each food developed using any new technology can be unique, and assuming that required food labeling should be useful to consumers, should the following generalized information relating to how products or components are developed be presented on food labels?

See note below question 7. All these questions also assume some percentage threshold of new technology ingredients, such as the 0.9% used in the European Union.

- a) Contains ingredients developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory, No consensus)
- b) Does **not** contain ingredients developed using any new technology (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory, No consensus)
- c) If meat, fish, eggs, or dairy products are from animals that have consumed feed developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory, No consensus)

Comments:

Summary of PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS 2012-14 League of Women Voters of the United States

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

Voting Rights

- **Citizen's Right to Vote.** Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- **DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation.** Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.

Election Process

- **Apportionment.** Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.
- **Campaign Finance.** Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.
- **Selection of the President.** Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.

Citizen Rights

- **Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation.** Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.
- **Individual Liberties.** Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.
- **Public Policy on Reproductive Choices.** Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Congress and the Presidency

- **Congress.** Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability and effective performance.
- **The Presidency.** Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations.

United Nations

Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people.

Trade

Support U.S. trade policies that reduce trade barriers, expand international trade and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental and social goals.

U.S. Relations with Developing Countries

Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

Arms Control

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

Military Policy and Defense Spending

Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

Natural Resources

Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems.

Resource Management

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

- **Air Quality.** Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.
- **Energy.** Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.
- **Land Use.** Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.
- **Water Resources.** Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water.
- **Waste Management.** Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes.
- **Nuclear Issues.** Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

Agriculture Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

SOCIAL POLICY

Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.

Equality of Opportunity

- **Equal Rights.** Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.
- **Education, Employment and Housing.** Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

Fiscal Policy

- **Tax Policy.** Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax.
- **Federal Deficit.** Promote responsible deficit policies.
- **Funding of Entitlements.** Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

Immigration

Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

- **Income Assistance.** Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter.
- **Support Services.** Provide essential support services.
- **Housing Supply.** Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

Child Care

Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.

Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in communities.

Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

Death Penalty

The LWVUS supports abolition of the death penalty.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement and well defined channels for citizen input and review.

In considering possible new studies,
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 chair or to work on the study?

PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS

League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SOCIAL ISSUES

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2001

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the continuance and introduction of programs for children (birth to age 18) in the areas of health, mental health, care and supervision that are provided by parents, public, and voluntary agencies. These programs must be funded, timely, appropriate, coordinated, available, and accessible by public transportation.

POSITIONS: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Funding of all mandated health, inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse programs for underinsured and uninsured children.
2. Preventive and treatment programs for children in health, mental health care and substance abuse that are easily accessible, timely and appropriate.
3. Program of parent education and involvement, both in groups and individually, providing understanding of parenting skills, health and mental health of children and youth, sex education programs, educational programs for pregnant teenagers, teen development programs and classes in parenting skills.
4. Employment of at least one counselor in each school to address students' needs and act as a resource to families and staff. In addition, schools are encouraged to provide sex education programs, educational programs for pregnant teenagers, teen development programs and classes in parenting skills.
5. Programs that provide protection and services to children. Such programs must be easily accessible by citizens and professionals, provide sufficient foster home placements for children and juveniles with different needs, enforce state laws, provide shelters for youths and stipends for older teens.
6. Recreational programs and after-school programs for children. In addition, teenagers must have access to locations offering information on teenage employment, community service, shelters, mentoring programs, medical services and distribution of food.
7. Community diversion programs and counselors available to school, police departments and other public and voluntary agencies.
8. Court coordinated community programs (such as Drug Court).
9. Policies and programs which treat all juvenile offenders with special consideration to age appropriate needs for mental and physical health care and treatment, safety and protection, and education with emphasis on rehabilitative services.

MEETING BASIC SENIOR NEEDS

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2002-2003, Revised 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the continuance and introduction of programs and services for seniors in the areas of health, care giving, jobs, recreation/socialization, transportation and affordable housing to be provided by private and public entities, the goal of these programs and services should be to pursue coordination, build coalitions, educate the public, and to oversee and monitor the process and results.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Adequate services in the areas of health promotion and wellness, mental health, dental health and palliative care, accessible to all seniors.
2. Adequate funding for Medicare, AHCCCS and ALTCS to cover comprehensive health services.
3. Medicare funding to be equally distributed between rural and urban areas.
4. Incentives and funding for recruitment, training and retention of health care providers by private and/or public institutions.
5. Adequate home and community based care giving services and programs to ensure the safety of patients and the support for and oversight of care givers.
6. Programs assisting seniors to update and enhance job and business skills, providing incentives for employers to utilize, train and incorporate seniors into the workforce, and for seniors to engage in entrepreneurial pursuits.
7. Adequate funds to develop community centers for seniors as focal points in order to provide information/referral services, socialization and recreation, nutrition, education counseling, and other professional services, physical services programs, and/or transportation to community services not on site.
8. An adequately funded, reliable public and/or private regional transit system.
9. A regional housing agency providing and administering affordable housing for seniors by planning and developing new housing and rehabilitating existing housing units.
10. A continuous source of funding for housing and home repair to meet the needs of low-income elderly, rural residents.
11. A central information referral system.

WATER

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 1999 and Revised in 2006

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the effective use of water and effluent, controlled development and use of alternative water sources (all sources other than ground water) increased water conservation and education and cooperation of communities in Central Yavapai County.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Public and private accountability of water usage and conservation.
2. Acquisition and development of water and sewage systems by local government.
3. Taxes and cost reduction incentives, which result in water conservation and effluent reuse.
4. The study, development of alternative water sources when effective use of available effluent has been made.
5. Public education that communicates the need for conservation and the results of regional water studies.
6. The regulation and effective use of effluent for recharge and direct public use.
7. Measures that stress or require water conservation in the planning and conversion of developments.
8. The cooperation of communities within Central Yavapai County.
9. The attainment of safe yield in the Prescott Active Management Area no later than 2025.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2006, Revised 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports affordable housing for the workforce that provides vital community services in the areas of education, health care, public safety and retailing.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County supports continuance of existing development policies and introduction of additional new development policies that result in:

1. timely decisions on new development to minimize financing costs
2. local officials working with developers on development agreements that include incentives for diversity of zoning
3. variety in housing density and a reduction of exclusionary zoning which limits buyer's choices
4. diversity of zoning that includes rental housing
5. housing within redevelopment projects
6. annexation development agreements which feature inclusive zoning
7. aggressively seeking companies whose wage rates relate to housing costs in the quad-city area

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the establishment of an affordable and accessible regional public transportation system to serve the needs of residents and visitors in Central Yavapai County.

Positions: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. A public transportation system which meets the needs of "transportation dependent" residents and visitors, such as disabled, homebound, low income workers and residents, non-driving seniors and youth. In addition, the system provides options for workers, shoppers, tourists and students.
2. A public transportation system based on existing research results, environmental impact, demographics, population density, community support and cost/benefit analysis.
3. A regional transportation authority.
4. The establishment of a regional transportation system beginning with intercommunity service between the quad cities, to be followed by expansion of intra-community service and eventually extending the intercommunity corridor within Central Yavapai County.
5. A transportation system which stimulates economic development through improving mobility of workforce, creating jobs, reducing traffic congestion, improving traffic safety, extending longevity of road infrastructure, increasing consumer activity, improving access to educational opportunities, attracting retirees and enhancing community business image.
6. A regional public transportation system which is funded by all appropriate federal, state and local grants and resources including use of lottery money, a dedicated tax, fare box recovery, advertisement and public/private partnerships.
7. An accessible and affordable regional public transportation system, the accountability of which is reviewed periodically against updated research, environmental impact, ongoing cost/benefit analysis, ridership and community support.
8. A public transportation system that is integrated with other aspects of the inter-modal transportation network, such as carpools, agency vans, bike lanes, and park and ride facilities.

ALEC Links American Legislative Exchange Council

Following our January LWV meeting, members asked for further information about ALEC:

ALEC Quote:

• "Our members join for the purpose of having a seat at the table. That's just what we do, that's the service we offer. The organization is supported by money from the corporate sector, and, by paying to be members, corporations are allowed the opportunity to sit down at the table and discuss the issues that they have an interest in." -Dennis Bartlett, ALEC, 1997

- See more at: <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/american-legislative-exchange#sthash.gqY863JR.dpuf>

The organization and its areas of interest and sample legislation:

<http://www.alec.org/task-forces/>

Task Forces

- Civil Justice
- Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development
- Communications and Technology
- Education
- Energy, Environment, and Agriculture
- Health and Human Services
- International Relations
- Justice Performance Project
- Tax and Fiscal Policy

Videos on YouTube with Bill Moyers:

“The United States of ALEC”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0CaOhS7wJg>

And a followup: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Hmhdv_OSvA

Specific information about ALEC activities in Arizona:

New Report Exposes Extreme ALEC Agenda in Arizona

"ALEC in Arizona" identifies seventeen bills introduced in the 2013 session that appear to reflect ALEC model legislation. These bills would defund Arizona's public school system ([SB 1409](#) and [HB 2617](#)), eliminate collective bargaining rights ([HB 2330](#)), undermine the Affordable Care Act ([HB 2588](#)) and make it more difficult for Arizonans to sue corporations using class action lawsuits ([SB 1452](#)).

<http://www.prwatch.org/news/2013/04/12045/new-report-exposes-extreme-alec-agenda-arizona>

The 50 page report in its entirety:

http://www.prwatch.org/files/ALEC_In_Arizona_2013.pdf

Goldwater Institute: Report on links to ALEC in Arizona

http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Goldwater_Institute#cite_ref-report_1-7



2014 *Calendar of Events*

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.

Please note the rescheduling of the Meet and Greet to February 27!

Saturday, Febr. 1	9:30 AM	General Meeting	Local and State Program Planning
Friday, February 7	11:30AM	Board Meeting	

Thursday, Febr. 27	4 – 6 PM	Meet and Greet	Non-Profits and Government Officials
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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 th anniversary celebration

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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.

HALF-Price Sale
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Dues cover membership through June 30, 2014. Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2013-2014 cover payment for local (\$14.30), state (\$13), and national (\$29.70) memberships.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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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: _____

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OR

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