



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY

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Homeless, Hungry and Helpless in Yavapai County

Hundreds of hard working families in our area have faced foreclosures and have lost their homes. These families represent the "new homeless". Others are holding together and making their payments but can't afford enough food to feed their families. Kids go to school hungry and parents feel guilty and helpless. Family discussions explode into blaming sessions and domestic violence increases. What are we doing in Yavapai County to house the homeless, help the helpless and feed the hungry?



Please join the LWVCYC

Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Las Fuentes Resort - 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott
to learn what we ARE doing about it in Yavapai County

SPEAKERS WILL BE:

Jean Littlehale
Catholic Charities
Gerry Garvey
Coalition for Compassion and Justice
Rica Elysee
Prescott Area Women's Shelter

Fritzi Mevis
Prescott People Who Care
Robin Burke
Stepping Stones
Sue Rutherford
Trauma Intervention and Turning Point

Please Bring a Donation of Canned Goods for the Cause

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

President's Message

Photos from 2011 Annual Meeting



Your 2011-2012 Board: Vivian, Vicky, Alice, Nancy and Terri (Vicky O'Hara missing)



Many thanks to outgoing 1st Vice President and former President Sandra Goodwin

Greetings – the annual meeting went well, in spite of the weather's best efforts to the contrary. Sheila Polk's presentation was special and challenging. It reminded us of what it is that League stands for – to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government.

There is a general election in Chino Valley on May 18, and League will have moderated a candidates forum on April 25. Our appreciation to both Terri Farneti and Sandra Goodwin for setting up and moderating the forum. Both of these tasks are challenging under the best of circumstances.

League had a voter registration table at the Earth Day celebration on April 23 at the Square in Prescott. Many thanks to Terri, Alice Harris, and the Rasmussen family for staffing the table and answering questions. We will be doing voter registration at the Prescott Public Library on July 6, 13, 20, and 27, and I will be contacting members to help out. The Prescott primary election is on August 30 and the general election is November 8.

Homeless, Hungry and Helpless in Yavapai County promises to be a stimulating League program on May 14 at Las Fuentes. Sandra Goodwin has lined up a special group of speakers representing six different agencies. Please make every effort to attend, along with some canned goods for the cause!

Vicky McLane



HOMELESS, HELPLESS AND HUNGRY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY

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This long, seemingly unending economy has stretched, and in some cases obliterated, family budgets and savings. But “stretch” is the difference between some families who can still stretch and get by while others are homeless, helpless and hungry. Poverty is striking people who never thought they would ever fall into this category.

What are we in Yavapai County doing about it?

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Sue Rutherford, Trauma Intervention Program and Turning Point

This program is in response to member requests for new information about what are we doing in Yavapai County to serve the homeless, helpless and hungry. It is directly related to four of our local league positions – Juvenile Justice and Social Needs; Meeting Basic Senior Needs; Workforce Housing; and, Public Transportation. Please review these positions prior to the meeting.

Also, take this opportunity to pick up your *Little Kids – Big Kids* directory to all the services in our County, and many other handouts that will help you help others.

Sandra Goodwin

Feds OK Arizona's process to freeze Medicaid unit

Taken from The Arizona Republic by **Mary K. Reinhart** - Apr. 29, 2011

Federal health officials today approved Arizona's plan to freeze and eventually eliminate part of its Medicaid program, the first of several proposed deep cuts to take effect. As of Sunday, no new applications will be accepted for the state's medical-expense deduction program, which helps pay medical bills for people who suffer costly health emergencies. The decades-old program will be eliminated Oct. 1. Ending the program is expected to save about \$70 million next year, but the state will lose \$140 million in federal matching funds.

The program currently helps about 5,700 people, including nearly 1,000 children, who earn too much to qualify for the state's Medicaid program but rack up huge medical bills that, when subtracted from their income, put them below 40 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$360 a month. The governor also wants to freeze enrollment for childless adults and some low-income parents - ending health coverage for an estimated 130,000 in the first year -- add new co-payments and fees, limit benefits and reduce reimbursement rates to health-care providers. Those changes still await federal authorization

**Public Transit Proposal Ends
With Unanimous Rejection By CYMPO**

from Daily Courier story by Cindy Barks, 4/21/2011

PRESCOTT - The public transit proposal that a local official described as a "last effort" failed to win the support of the regional transportation planning organization Wednesday night.

In a unanimous vote, the [Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization](#)⁶ (CYMPO) board rejected the proposal that the Prescott Transit Authority had submitted for developing a fixed bus route system that would have included Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt.

The vote not only ends the current push for a public transit system, but it also relinquishes the federal transit money that CYMPO had built up over recent years. Along with the motion to reject the Prescott Transit Authority's proposal, the CYMPO board also voted to turn over about \$1 million of federal transit money to other transit systems in the state, including the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Flagstaff.

In addition, CYMPO Administrator Chris Bridges said the local organization is currently ineligible to receive more transit grant money from the Federal Transit Authority.

More than two-dozen transit supporters attended the meeting, and several voiced appeals to the board to continue the efforts toward a local bus system.

"We can't just be dead in the water," said Fritzi Mevis of Prescott People Who Care and the Coalition for Compassion and Justice.

John Silvernale of the Prescott Transit Authority said he and his brother, Steve Silvernale, had worked diligently with CYMPO to try to come up with a viable proposal. "I was astounded; I couldn't believe we fell short," John Silvernale told the board after Bridges read a list of CYMPO concerns. "It was a good fit, I thought."

Among the concerns that led to the rejection was a reported lack of compliance with federal regulations on "para-transit" (services to the handicapped). While the Silvernales proposed offering rides for the handicapped within three-quarters of a mile from all designated pick-up points on the fixed route, the system would not have provided that service along the "commuter route" between Prescott and Prescott Valley.

Bridges said that did not meet federal regulations, which require the para-transit rides all along the route.

After years of studying transit, CYMPO went to the private sector in December to see if any firms were interested in providing a public system by using federal grant money, and augmenting it with private money. Only the Prescott Transit Authority submitted a proposal, which has been under review by CYMPO for the past several months. CYMPO board member Mike Flannery said the move to go to the private sector was "kind of a last effort in order to get transit here."

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION POSITION:

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.

LWV Greater Tucson Charter School Consensus

The LWV/GT has finished its study on Charter Schools and has come to a consensus. At the state LWVAZ convention, they will be asking delegates to adopt this as a concurrence, after local Leagues do a study with material furnished by the LWV/GT. Go to the LWV/GT website at www.timetovote.info for the Executive summary and consensus questions.

LWV Greater Tucson Charter School Consensus:

- Charter schools are public schools that are privately operated. Charter schools should be held to the same high standards as all Arizona public schools. All public schools should be permitted and encouraged to innovate. They must be allowed flexibility on class size, length of school day, teaching techniques, and special subject focus (such as science, the arts, technology).
- Charter schools need more initial direction as they are started and organized to comply with legal requirements. All public school teachers must be well qualified. The curriculum must comply with the Arizona State Standards. Test score results and school ranking must be easily available to the public. Academic evaluation of charter and traditional public schools needs to be equitable.
- However, there is still insufficient oversight of charter schools. The state staff should be adequate to monitor student achievement. Schools that close must arrange for an orderly transfer of students and return to the State available money and property that has been given to them from the State's General Fund. The Arizona Constitution states that all public schools must be funded for proper maintenance, improvement, and development. It is imperative that sufficient funding be provided to assure steady progress in teaching and learning. This would better prepare students with the tools to thrive in a competitive and changing world.
- Open enrollment has given parents and students more options for school choice. However, the availability of public information must be more accessible to all. A better tracking system of students is even more important due to school choice or open enrollment.

Education Committee Forming

Alice Harris has agreed to Chair this committee. Call her to join!

Two studies concerning Education may be coming up in the next year:

1. **LWV Greater Tucson Charter School Consensus**, if adopted at the May LWVAZ Convention.
2. **LWVUS Study: The Role of Federal Government in Public Education**. Four background papers for this study have been posted on the LWVUS website, with links to .pdf copies.

http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Public_Education&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=112&ContentID=16956 Ctrl + Click to follow link:

[**Role Of Federal Government In Public Education: Historical Perspectives \(4 pg.\)**](#)

[**Funding and Equity Issues \(14 pg.\)**](#)

[**Early Childhood Education, Equity and Funding \(7 pg.\)**](#)

[**Common Core Standards and Assessments \(14 pg.\)**](#)

The deadline for completing consensus by local Leagues will be the **end of November 2011**.

State Budget Cuts Hit Local Hospitals, Schools and County Services

excerpted from Daily Courier 4/11/2011

Though AZ Legislators claim they balanced the budget without gimmicks and without borrowing money, the \$1.1 billion worth of state budget cuts will shift costs to local governments and health care providers.

Health care cuts

Nearly half the state budget cuts, \$510 million, come from culling approximately 138,000 Arizonans off AZ Medicaid (AHCCS or Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System). However under federal law, hospitals must continue to treat indigent patients who no longer get state and federal aid. Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) will lose \$13 million annually because of AHCCCS cuts, on top of \$1 million in AHCCCS cuts that already took place.

About 15 percent of YRMC patients are on AHCCCS. To cover expenses, YRMC may be forced to raise bills for paying customers.

YRMC is Yavapai County's largest employer with 1,700 employees, the equivalent of 1,460 full-time jobs. It already has declined to fill 100 job vacancies. Medical related businesses across Yavapai County and the health care industry could lose as many as 600-700 jobs because of the AHCCCS cuts.

Yavapai County cuts

Yavapai County was included in a group of five "urban" counties that must give the state coffers special direct contributions, including \$1.5 million from Yavapai. It was the governor's idea to include Yavapai in that group, local legislators said.

Yavapai also is losing more than \$1.1 million in Highway Users Revenue Fund shared money that goes to road maintenance. It also now has to pay \$325,000 to help house sexually violent prisoners at the state hospital.

County property valuations are down, so to cover cost shifts, it becomes necessary to raise taxes or eliminate people, according to Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chair Carol Springer

School District cuts

The state cuts will affect different Yavapai County K-12 school districts with varying dollar amounts, averaging about 7 percent.

But the Joint Technological Education Districts (JTEDs) look like they're getting hit the worst at 50 percent, partly because the JTEDs won't get any state money for ninth graders. Local legislators said it was the governor's idea to cut ninth graders. One of the JTEDs is located in Prescott.

"When you're looking at cuts this deep, you're going to have to cut teachers," County Superintendent Carter said. Anything not required is going to be looked at for reduction or elimination so art, music, physical education and extracurricular activities are all on the chopping block. State reimbursement based on enrollment is already down because most districts have lost enrollment, while districts' health care and retirement costs are going up.

[Yavapai College](#) took a disproportionate 80% state budget cut compared to other community colleges that lost about half their state money, because of its higher property tax valuation base, said Clint Ewell, VP of finance and administrative services. YC's state cuts add up to \$3.4 million, he said. "There's not a lot more we can take," he said.

"The cuts could have been worse," said Rep. Karen Fann, R-Prescott. "The Senate wanted to cut much more from the budget than the governor, and the House came up with a number in between."

Analysis: State 'sweeps' or 'keeps' contributions

Excerpted from Daily Courier 4/11/2011

"This is the new reality," Yavapai County Administrator Julie Ayers said. "Citizens will have to adapt about the services they expect" from county government, which no longer has the money to do all of the things it did a decade ago.

The State of Arizona is struggling with budget problems, and the process of providing a balanced budget is having a direct - and negative - impact on the Yavapai County budget. The county used to receive state dollars under several programs, but much of that money's been "swept," a euphemism for "kept," instead of being given to the counties as it had in the past.

The Legislature says "it has balanced the budget for the first time in five years without gimmicks," said Ayers, "but I find that a little disingenuous. I think this" - shifting the costs to the counties - "feels like a gimmick." "A Yavapai County citizen is also a State of Arizona citizen," she said, and if a state fiscal burden is transferred to the counties, the same people will ultimately have to pay for it.

"Sweeps are not a gimmick," counters Rep. Karen Fann, R-Prescott. "I personally oppose any sweeps but nonetheless, they are legal and allowed. I have discussed this with a number of my fellow Representatives who agree, and we hope to get a bill passed in the next couple of years to not allow this to happen in the future."

"It's smoke and mirrors, and passing the buck," said County Supervisor Tom Thurman, District 2. "They solved the problem on the back of the taxpayers."

One example: Highway User Revenue Funds, which the county uses to repair roads. The state now holds that money instead of disbursing it. In 2011-12, that amounts to more than \$1.1 million Yavapai County will not receive.

Another: Funding for the Restoration to Competency program, which deals with prisoners found incompetent to stand trial. It used to be paid by the state, but in 2011-12, Yavapai County will have to pick up the cost, to the tune of \$1.3 million.

Or the County Assistance Fund (better known as Lottery Funds), which used to dump \$550,000 annually into the county's coffers, but no longer - it's been swept.

All told, Yavapai County will take on \$5.9 million in obligations formerly paid by the state for fiscal year 2011-12. Ayers said that limits the size of the revenue box the county has to work with. "We cannot raise property taxes more than 2 percent, even if we wanted to," she said. "And the maximum we're allowed to have (by law) as our county sales tax is a half-percent," a limit which has already been reached.

"We don't have the flexibility to generate revenue for ourselves," she continued. That means cuts in services are inevitable. Fann said that extends to the county level as well. "Unfortunately, with the serious budget issues facing our state at this time," she said, "every entity is feeling the cuts."

Ayers pointed out that the protracted economic downturn has begun to really hurt. "This has gone on much longer than anyone anticipated," she said. The county has cut staff size, benefits, and it's been years since anyone's seen a raise. But you can only double- and triple-up on jobs for so long, she said.

Add that to slumping tax revenues since 2007, because people simply aren't spending as much. There is light at the end of the tunnel, as the economy is expected to turn around eventually and tax revenues will increase as consumers open their wallets. Thurman said he's looking to the construction industry as a bellwether. But there's little hope the state will restore the money it is now "sweeping" from county budgets.

"Once it's gone, it's gone," Thurman said.

Proposal Transforms Role of Government

Taken from APRIL 6, 2011 Wall Street Journal By [JONATHAN WEISMAN](#)

House Republicans laid out a blueprint for a dramatically smaller federal government Tuesday, diminishing Washington's role in health care and other areas in a budget they said would spend \$6.2 trillion less over 10 years than what President Barack Obama has proposed.

Under the House GOP plan, authored by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R., Wis.), the government would still add \$5 trillion to the federal debt through fiscal 2021. It says that is less, however, than the \$9.4 trillion Mr. Obama's budget would add to the debt over that period. The debt currently tops \$14 trillion.

The plan would transform almost every corner of the budget but defense, which emerges largely unchanged.

People who retire after 2021 would no longer have access to Medicare as a government-run, fee-for-service health care program. Instead, these retirees would choose from a menu of private insurance plans, which would be reimbursed by the government at a level that wouldn't rise each year as quickly as health-care costs are expected to.

John Rother, the chief lobbyist for the seniors group AARP, called the plan "indefensible," saying the changes to Medicare would shift an intolerable burden to senior citizens. "They essentially end Medicare as we know it," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, the budget committee's top Democrat. "They don't reform it. They deform it."

The federal portion of Medicaid, the health-care program for the poor, would be converted to a block grant to states, which would shrink over time, saving \$750 billion over the next 10 years from projected costs.

The plan would convert the federal food stamp program to block grants, with eligibility contingent on holding a job or entering job training. It would eliminate the federal housing giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, trim the federal work force by 10%, freeze federal worker pay through 2015 and raise their contributions to their retirement plans. The budget would also cut Pell grants back to the 2008 levels, and require Congress and the president to formulate a bipartisan plan to put Social Security on a long-term, sustainable path.

Under the plan's strict spending caps, environmental spending would drop over the next decade from \$40 billion annually to \$26 billion. Transportation spending would fall from \$85 billion annually to \$69 billion.

The document instructs the House Ways and Means Committee to consolidate individual income tax brackets and lower the top rate from 35% to 25%, while eliminating or trimming enough tax loopholes to maintain current tax revenue. The corporate tax rate would also fall to 25% from 35%.

A bipartisan group of senators continues to negotiate a deficit-reduction agreement based on President Barack Obama's debt commission. That panel envisioned less-dramatic domestic spending cuts, mitigated by more defense cuts and some increases in tax revenue.

Erskine Bowles, the co-chairman of the debt commission, said no deal could be done unless both parties agreed to sacrifice some of their priorities. By protecting defense and tax cuts, the Ryan plan moves away from that idea, he said.

"If you're going to get bipartisan support, there's going to have to be shared sacrifice in every corner of the budget," he said.



ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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.

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- **Land Use.** Action to achieve a physical environment beneficial to life, support statewide land use planning, support measures to preserve open space and natural habitat, policies which assure the quality of the environment for people of all economic levels, encourage increased coordination and communication among land use agencies, support public input into all stages of planning and decision making.
- **Water.** Support equitable utilization and conservation of water resources, prevention of harmful contamination of surface and groundwater supplies, coordination at all levels of government in planning for and managing water resources, public education on water conservation.

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- **Water.** Encourage and support the effective use of water and effluent, support controlled development and the use of alternative water sources (all sources other than ground water), increase water conservation, and increase education and cooperation of communities in Central Yavapai County.

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

Repeal of Clean Elections Goes to 2012 Ballot

Arizona voters will decide in the fall of 2012 whether to keep or gut the state's 13-year-old Citizens Clean Elections law. The ballot measure will be called the "Stop Public Money for Political Candidates Campaigns Act," not mentioning "Clean Elections."

Sponsored by Senate Majority Whip Steve Pierce, R-Flagstaff, Senate Concurrent Resolution 1025 would ban the use of public money for Clean Elections candidates who agree not to take the usual campaign contributions in exchange for getting public money, mostly through a 10 percent surcharge on all civil penalties and criminal fines. Clean Elections candidates demonstrate public support for their campaigns by gathering a certain number of \$5 contributions.

The ballot measure would eliminate the dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$640 that taxpayers can get for Clean Elections Fund donations. It will also ask voters to get rid of the voluntary \$5 Clean Elections contribution that state income taxpayers can check off on their income tax returns.

That would leave the fund to survive solely on common donations and the \$5 donations that candidates must collect from supporters, which currently make up only about 1 percent of the money in the fund.

Politicians should get contributions from people who support their ideas, not automatically from the government, Pierce stated. He claimed that the quality of legislators has gone down because of the Clean Elections law.

Supporters of the Clean Elections law say it keeps elected officials from owing favors to wealthy special interest groups. They claim that repeal will give powerful corporate interests even more power in the state house.

New polling released by the Arizona Advocacy Network and Public Campaign showed broad support for the Clean Elections system. In this poll, voters overwhelmingly supported Clean Elections by a five to one margin, or 77% to 14%, with support strong among Democrats (80%), Republicans (74%), and Independents (79%). Nearly two-thirds of Arizona voters opposed repealing Clean Elections. Forty-five percent of Independent voters would be less likely to support a candidate who favors repeal of Clean Elections, with Republicans (47%) and Democrats (64%) agreeing. (The full poll is available at www.publiccampaign.org/polls/arizona2011.)

The House and Senate also passed S.B. 1167, legislation that will make legal challenges to unconstitutional referenda far more difficult, making legislative ballot proposals subject to different standards and scrutiny than citizens' initiatives. The measure includes an emergency provision requiring immediate enactment upon the governor's signature so that it will apply to the Clean Elections repeal.

Membership

From time to time our League members and friends contribute significantly to the community in ways that illustrate the LWVUS Principles. The next Voter will begin a column called "League Principles at Work" that will tell of members' and friends' service to the community. It could be someone who has been elected or appointed to a position, or has received an honor, or achieved a goal that enhances the betterment of the greater community we live in.

If you know of a League member or friend listed in our membership directory who deserves to be recognized, please send the name and descriptive information to Betsy Barnes. She will submit a brief article of recognition to the Voter editor.

Remember: to be recognized the achievement must fit within the guidelines of the League Principles, found inside the back cover of the handbook.

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New Members

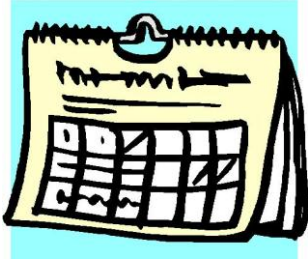
NANCY AND MIKE BEST 522 Grove Lane, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323
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Mike and I have been married for 44 years in June. For 42 of those years we lived in and around the Long Beach - Cerritos area of California. Mike worked for 32 years in the Long Beach - Los Angeles Harbors as a electrical Engineer on the Container Cranes. I have served on 2 different school boards: one in Long Beach and the other was the Norwalk-La Mirada School districts. And I was very proud to be a "Children's Advocate" for the county of Los Angeles for more than 7 years.

In 1997 we adopted a daughter - Shelley, and that's when I left the advocate's office, to stay at home and be a mom again. We have 4 other grown children: 2 girls and 2 boys with families of their own. Shelley is 13 years old now and having fun being a teenager.

Mike is running for Chino Valley Town Council and having a great time getting to know the people in our new area; we have lived here for about 1 1/2 years and just love it. Right now I am volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce in Chino Valley. We both are looking forward to getting involved with the LWV, here in the beautiful Prescott, AZ area. We both are retired and ready to get back to work.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center
4PM, Wednesday, May 18, 2011
AT THE ROUNDABOUT
Prescott Lakes Parkway
Prescott, Arizona
PUBLIC WELCOME



Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, May 14

HOMELESS, HELPLESS, HUNGRY
9 AM, Las Fuentes

Saturday, June 11

Board retreat at Vicky McLane's home
 Board Meeting, 1-2 PM (Call if you are coming to observe)
 Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 27

Tentative 2011-2012 Schedule:

Week of Aug. 1

Candidate Forum, Prescott City Council

Saturday, September 10

LWVAZ Concurrence: Charter Schools

Saturday, October 8

Saturday, November 12

LWVUS Study: The Role of Federal Government in Public Education

Week of Dec. 5

Non-Profit Meet and Greet or Luncheon-Program Planning

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Presidential Preference Primary

Saturday, March 10, 2012

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

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 12, 2012

Week of July 30, 2012

Candidate Forum

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Primary Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

General Election

City of Prescott Primary Election:

First Day for Candidates to File

Aug. 30, 2011

Last Day for Candidates to File

May 2, 2011

Last Day to Register to Vote

June 1, 2011

Early Voting Begins

August 1, 2011

Ballots Mailed to Registered Voters (for Elections by Mail)

August 4, 2011

By August 12, 2011

General Election

November 8, 2011

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

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. 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
2011-2012

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 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. These dues for 2011-2012 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



**League of Women Voters
of Central Yavapai County
P.O. Box 11538
Prescott, AZ 86304-1538**

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.