



# The Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY

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The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County present



## PRESCOTT MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Moderated by The League of Women Voters Of Central Yavapai County

### CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Marlin Kuykendall

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**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 6:30-8:30 PM**

Candidates will arrive at 6:00 to talk informally with constituents.

**Yavapai College Performance Hall  
1100 E. Sheldon St. \* Prescott**

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## *The President's Message*



Please be sure to put the LWV Candidates' Forum for Prescott Mayor and City Council on your calendar for **Thursday, July 30** at Yavapai College. Candidates will be there at **6:00** to meet members of the public; the Forum begins at **6:30**.

About 72% of the LWVCYC comes from Prescott, but all of us in the county are affected by what happens there. Prescott's interface with other Yavapai towns is important. Let's think up some good questions and bring them along to submit to the Question Organizing Committee. It combines similar questions and tries to ensure that many various areas of concern are covered. It should be a very interesting evening.

In this VOTER, you will find a intriguing collection of facts by Norman Perry about solar power and the widely differing demands on the water supply the two forms of solar power make. They say "Life is a balance," and this shows the difficult balance we Arizonians have in trying to achieve a more sustainable form of life.

What a weekend I missed at the end of June, when I was in Colorado looking after two of my grandkids while our middle daughter and her eldest were in Russia! Sandra Goodwin and a number of LWVers put on a very successful Open Meeting Laws session, while Jo Kelleher and Terri Farneti represented us at the statewide LWV Convention. You will find more information about both of these events here in the VOTER.

It's that time of the year again: DUES time! If you haven't already done so, please send your dues check for this upcoming year. If you can contribute extra to help support our voter education activities and webpage, please include a separate check made out to LWVAZ Ed Fund. The state LWVAZ administers our tax deductible Ed Fund for us; the dues are not tax deductible since we do lobby on some issues (but never for against candidates or political parties).

Looking ahead: it should be a great year of interesting programs and community service activities. Jo Kelleher will be arranging speakers to update us on issues and positions from all three levels of the LWV, including education, environment, health care, and our traditional legislative update. The always popular "Meet and Greet" involving numerous non-profits will take place in early December.

Make it the best year ever by resolving to come to meetings and involve yourself in LWV!

See you at the Candidate Forum July 30!

Nancy Shugrue, President

**Immersed in Leadership – A Report on the 2009  
League of Women Voters of Arizona State Convention**  
by Jo Kelleher

Webster defines “leader”, among other things, as a:

- Director, commander, or guiding head
- Person who shows the way
- Horse harnessed before all others in the same hitch
- Pipe for carrying fluid or hot air in a heating system
- Section of blank film or tape at the beginning of a reel
- Dominant stem of a plant
- Conductor of a dance band

Hmm ... I have felt like all of the above at different times in my various leadership roles, and I saw examples of each at our wonderful State Conference this May.

Congressman Raul Grijalva, who spoke to us early on Saturday on the Health Care battle being waged in Congress, is our “person who shows the way”. This courageous politician, in his quiet, mild-mannered way, has stood firm for the progressive causes he believes are best for Americans. He supports a single payer system, and is working diligently to keep the idea “at the table.” Later, I was proud when the Convention attendees unanimously approved our Single Payer Resolution.

Our “directors, commanders, and guiding heads” were Bonnie Saunders and Gini McGirr, who conducted the Convention with warmth, humor, and wonderful efficiency. The convention flowed smoothly from speakers to business, to hospitality events, to workshops to great meals without a hitch. The event was a testimony to great (women!) leaders.

Tom Oliphant, the former political columnist from the Boston Globe, began his talk on Saturday night in a low-key, sort of meandering style, but that was the “leader” of the tape – soon we were on the edge of our seats, caught up in his narrative, as he recounted in intimate, personal detail, how he, Senator Ted Kennedy and others convinced a reluctant Barack Obama to run for the presidency. His “insider” tales of Washington, DC life were fascinating.

Our “horses leading the hitch” were our great workshop presenters: Elaine Wiant, LWVUS Secretary/Treasurer on “Calendar and Planning”, Gini McGirr, Sally Davenport, and Guest (soon to be a member!) Beth Matthias-Lohry of the Pima County Library on “Advocacy/Project Planning Using the Smart Chart”, and Shirley Muney on “Planning and Producing Forums.” Ladies, the horse analogy is meant with the greatest of respect! These are the “work horses” of the League: they do the research, gather the evidence, try out procedures and fine tune them until they work, then write training modules and give them to all of us, not in a “telling” manner, but “leaders in the hitch”, pulling us along with their wisdom and experience. Terri and I left with an outline of a Calendar for the Central Yavapai County League for 2009-2019, great ideas for using the Smart Chart, and tips on improving our forums.

David Fitzsimmons, Editorial Cartoonist for the Arizona Daily Star, closed the convention, and was our “conductor of the dance band”. His job was to give us the gift of laughter after two days of hard work, and he certainly measured up. Drawing wonderful caricatures of several convention attendees all the while he was speaking, he regaled us with tales of Arizona political nonsense and life in the media world, and shared personal stories about coping with life-threatening illness. His messages were sarcastic, iconoclastic, poignant, and all hysterically funny. Over the years, David has offered his professional talents to the League free of charge. He received the Carrie Chapman Catt award for his service to the League.

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As I thought about Diane Humetewa, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and our Saturday luncheon speaker, I had to visit Webster again. Diane is of course a leader, but in a very special way – the word I looked for was courage, “the attitude of facing and dealing with anything dangerous, difficult, or painful, instead of withdrawing from it.” Diane, the first Native American to become a U.S. Attorney, has been a tribal liaison and a victim-rights specialist. Her charge is to prosecute all federal and tribal land crimes in the state of Arizona, including drug and immigration crimes. The magnitude of this task is overwhelming, and yet Diane finds time to address civic action and community partnerships such as Weed and Seed. Her obvious caring for victims and for struggling communities was inspiring.

Finally, you will all be happy to hear that our friend Barbara Klein received the Skeet Blakeslee Award as Leaguer of the Year. Thinking of Barbara and all the wonderful leaders in the League brings me to my last leader image – “the dominant stem of a plant”. Leaders like Barbara, with the courage of their convictions as they educate and advocate for issues like the National Popular Vote Act and the Single Payer Health Care System assure that the League of Women Voters will always be a “dominant stem” in the growth and development of our nation and its people.

### **LEGISLATION THAT COULD AFFECT VOTING**

The legislature just passed a number of bills that have not yet been signed by the governor. **One of those bills changes the early voting start date.** It is my understanding that this would go into effect for the November election as long as the Department of Justice grants pre-clearance of this change. The date would change to **October 8<sup>th</sup> from October 1.**

Also, the governor is still pushing for **a statewide polling place election to take place in November.** That would mean all **jurisdictions holding November elections would be required to change from vote by mail to a polling place election. This would include Yavapai County.**

Also, our Elections Department cannot mail every single ballot on a single day. So, if asked, it would be more appropriate to say “Ballots are mailed out the week of ...”. This way they won’t get a ton of phone calls on Tuesday of that week asking “where’s my ballot?”.

We will keep you informed as the legislation progresses or dies.

Sandra Goodwin  
Director - Voter Service

**STATISTICS RELATED TO  
RENEWABLE ENERGY  
– SOLAR JULY 2009**

By Norman Perry

The following statistics relate to the Arizona BLM Solar Energy Applications, Rev. June 16 2009 and general data related to solar energy. (Excluding wind)

1. The average household uses 0.25 acre feet of water per year.
2. An acre foot of water is equal to 325,800 gallons.  
Therefore the average household uses approx. 81,000 gallons of water per year or 225 gallons per day.
3. A MEGAWATT (MW) is equal to 1 million watts.
4. A GIGAWATT (GW) is equal to 1 billion watts or 1,000 MEGAWATTS.
5. Arizona has a population of 6 + million and is expected to double by 2025.
6. Arizona uses between 7 and 8 gigawatts of electricity a year and this is expected to double by 2025 to 13 to 15 gigawatts. This number does not take into account any energy increase that might be occasioned by vehicles that depend on electricity.
7. As of June 2009, the Arizona BLM had received applications for the use of 709,488 acres of Public Lands for the production of solar energy. The acres requested per MW vary widely between applicants. These acres and megawatts do not include any wind generated energy.
8. The applicants estimate that their energy production on these Public Lands will be 35,433 megawatts (20,000 megawatts more than Arizona's anticipated needs in 2025).
9. 34,433 megawatts are planned to use trough technology.
10. The BLM – Washington D.C. office wrote on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 that each megawatt of "standard wet trough" production capacity will require 13 acre feet of water per annum or 4,200,000 gallons a year. If the applicants use the 'wet' technology as currently shown on their applications, then the water consumption is calculated to be approximately 144 billion gallons per year. Compared to the estimated 6 million household using approx. 2 trillion gallons of water in 2025
11. There is an alternative 'dry' process that could cut the water consumption down by 90% to approx. 14 billion gallons per year, but this process is more expensive.
12. The parabolic trough and photovoltaic processes will require that the areas be fenced off from any other uses. Wind farms can still allow wildlife and cattle to graze below the turbines.
13. Arizona supply companies, such as Arizona Public Service and Salt River Project, were authorized by Executive Order in December 2008 to apply for the use of Public Lands for the generation of renewable energy. No Arizona energy supply company has applied for the use of Arizona Public Lands for this purpose. When APS was asked in May to explain this, they stated that they did not get the tax breaks that the Spanish owned company Abengoa received so it was easier for them to buy from that company than to produce the energy themselves. This might be something that individuals might discuss with their Arizona Corporation Commission representatives.

**STATISTICS RELATED TO  
YOUR WATER FOOTPRINT**

In Arizona almost everybody is very interested in water, how it is used, where it comes from, who owns it etc.

A recent study was completed related to the water that we, as individuals, consume in the products we use. Below is a list of items and the amount of water that is used until the product arrives in your hands:

Microchip	8 gallons	Apple	18 gallons
Pint of Beer	20 gallons	4 oz. wine	32 gallons
16 oz. Diet Coke	3 gallons	4 oz coffee	37 gallons
7 oz orange juice	45 gallons	Diaper	214 gallons
1 lb chicken	467 gallons	1 lb cheese	599 gallons
Hamburger	634 gallons	Cotton T-shirt	719 gallons
Ream of white paper	1,321 gallons	1 lb beef	1,857 gallons
Pair of leather shoes	2,115 gallons	Pair of jeans	2,866 gallons
Midsized car	39,090 gallons		

The average person in the developed world drinks a gallon of water each day but "eats" another 800 gallons. The developed world uses four times more water per person than the rest of the world.

Guess how much water it takes to grow one almond, a cantaloupe, or a pound of tomato paste? It takes 1 gallon, 25 gallons, and 55 gallons respectively.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL AND COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM



Your League, Access 13, Prescott Area Leadership and Yavapai College will sponsor a candidate forum for the Prescott City Mayoral and Council contests on Thursday evening, July 30, 6:30-8:30 P.M. Yavapai College Performance Hall.

### AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please e-mail me if you can volunteer for this event – you would be needed at 5:30 to help set up – candidates are to arrive at 6:00. Volunteers are needed to distribute and pick up question cards, staff a voter education/registration table (August 3 is the last day to register for the September primary\* so we need to remind people and encourage registrations), hand out League membership information and programs, etc.

### ALSO

PLEASE run off copies of our flier and give them to your friends, neighbors, church and other organization contacts etc. If you need a flier, email Public Relations Director Monika Bishop at [dizzymroe@yahoo.com](mailto:dizzymroe@yahoo.com) or [mmbishop@cableone.net](mailto:mmbishop@cableone.net). We are a small League and it takes all of us to make it run. Thanks for all the help you have given in the past and for any time you can give on Thursday, July 30.

Sandra Goodwin, Director  
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#### IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

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[www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org)

LWVUS Website  
[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

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

[LWVCYC@hotmail.com](mailto:LWVCYC@hotmail.com)

**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 agenda and/or to receive the pre-board packet, contact the President a week in advance.

### LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2009 - 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$55/Yr Individual Membership [or] \_\_\_\_\_ \$82.50/Yr Household Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution (not tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Education Fund (tax deductible)

Dues cover membership through June 30, 2008. Both new and renewal members include this form with a check. NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ or RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in the LWV is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWVUS

These dues cover payment for local (\$19.20), state (\$9), and national membership (\$26.80).  
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