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(SALES TAX INCREASE) BY EARLY BALLOT OR IN PERSON ON MAY 18TH**

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League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley

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April 2010 – SPECIAL EDITION!

President's Letter - Upcoming Events

I want to remind everyone that the League's annual meeting will be on Saturday, May 1, at Manzanita Restaurant, 11425 E. Cornville Road, Cornville, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Please respond by April 22 to Donna Pratt, or Fran Levensgood. Please also send your check for \$25 in advance to: LWV Sedona-Verde Valley, POB 966, Sedona, AZ 86339. Here are the menu choices:

MANZANITA BENEDICT – Weiner Schnitzel & Fried Egg on Top of a crisp potato pancake smothered with Swiss cheese and demi-glaze sauce. Served with a side of Fresh Fruit.

EGG CREPE – Egg, Swiss Cheese, green onion, mushrooms wrapped in a French crepe and topped with Hollandaise Sauce. Served with a side of Fresh Fruit.

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE – Cinnamon Bread, cream cheese, apples, pecans, bananas and eggs, with a touch of cream and maple syrup blended in and baked to a light and fluffy consistency. Served with a side of Fresh Fruit.

Please indicate which one you want when you RSVP. The meeting begins with registration at 9:00 a.m., followed by breakfast, a speaker and our traditional annual business meeting. There will be reports on the past year's activities, and the membership will vote on a new budget, adopt program items for the upcoming year, and elect new board members. I hope you will be able to attend. Linda Yee will be our speaker. She will give us an update on the status of the Sunrise Community Center and speak about "The Japanese American Internment of World War II."

Board of Directors Meeting: The first meeting of the new Board will take place on May 5, 2010, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Judy Miller's house which is in Cornville.

Member Information

Changes to Member Handbook: Judy Miller's new e-mail address is jdymlr@cableone.net. Please make a note in your handbook. Our handbook is now in electronic form; e-mail Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer if you would like to have a copy sent to you by e-mail.

Water Awareness Breakfast

To help welcome April as Water Awareness Month, our League hosted a very special breakfast in honor of legendary League member and "water warrior," Dorothy Hores. Barbara Litrell spoke in tribute to Dorothy's passion in her work to raise awareness of the need for water conservation and sensible water management practices in Northern Arizona. Our moderator and speaker for the morning was former State Senator Tom O'Halleran. He first presented "Water Warrior" awards to three local people who have been at the forefront of numerous battles to conserve water resources in the Verde Valley region. This year's three awardees were Yavapai County District 3 Supervisor Chip Davis, former Camp Verde Mayor Tony Gioia, and former Sedona Mayor Dick Ellis. League president Fran Levengood also presented an honorary award to Tom O'Halleran. Tom's talk was an explanation of the Verde River Basin Partnership and an appeal for public support. Federal funding is needed for scientific studies to determine just how sustainable the water supply in the Verde Basin might be, given the growing demands for water and the sad history of depletion of other rivers and watersheds in Arizona. The talk was both enlightening and sobering – a call to action for all of us to make our views known about the kind of future the Verde River is to have. For further information on the topic, visit the Verde River Basin Partnership website at www.verderiverbasinpartnership.org.

There is still time to participate in Water Awareness Month. The calendar was in our March newsletter, is posted on our website (www.sedona-verdevalley.org), and can be found at www.sustainableArizona.org.

Call to Annual Meeting 2010

League of Women Voters Sedona-Verde Valley
Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 1st, 2010, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
The Manzanita Inn
11425 E. Cornville Rd.

9:00 am	Registration and Welcome
9:30 am	Breakfast & Speaker
	Speaker: Linda Yee, RN, President of the Board Sedona Sunrise Center for Adults

Update on Status of Sunrise Community Center
"A True Story: The Japanese American Internment of World War II"

Cost for annual meeting and breakfast: \$25

***RSVP your attendance by April 22, 2010 to:
Donna Pratt or Fran Levensgood***

10:30 am Annual Business Meeting

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Annual Overview Report
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Report
- Adoption of Budget
- Program Report
- Adoption of Program
- Election of Directors
- Acknowledgments and Thank You's
- Adjournment

LWV of Sedona-Verde Valley: Proposed Program 2010-2011 For Approval by the membership

Recommended Program (3 items)

1. Small group to review legislation for NSA to determine if the League has grounds to join the coalition in support of the Red Rock National Scenic Area (NSA).
2. Cottonwood annexation issue and the State Lands process for land annexation.
3. The continued need to be involved in regional issues such as annexations, state parks, land use and to advocate public participation.

Submitted by Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Program Development Chair – on behalf of the Board of Directors

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following slate of nominees has been developed by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be taken from the floor provided that nominees have consented.

To fill new two-year terms on the board, 2010-2012: Judy Miller, Ellie Bauer, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Kathryn Heidepriem

For 2011 Nominating Committee: Rita Livingston (Chair), Mary Gassaway.

(Continuing Board Members: Fran Levengood, Pat George, Liz Danbury, Donna Pratt)

Submitted by 2010 Nominating Committee: Judy Miller, Kathryn Heidepriem, Donna Pratt

Proposed Budget: For Approval by the Membership:

LWV Sedona-Verde Valley Proposed Budget 2010-2011

Fiscal Year July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

	Budget 2009-2010	Proposed 2010- 2011 Budget
INCOME		
Contributions		
Member	335.00	150.00
Non-member	50.00	350.00
Member Dues*	2,945.00	2,320.00
Special Projects		
Candidates & Issue Forums	0.00	50.00
Program Issues	0.00	0.00
Political Directory	0.00	0.00
Other Income		
Catered Meetings	1,600.00	1,600.00
Birthday Luncheon**	0.00	
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00
Fund Raising		250.00
Interest	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	4,930.00	4,970.00
EXPENSE		
Board Expenses		
Conventions	250.00	350.00
Fundraising	150.00	75.00
Office/Postage	100.00	75.00
Bank Charges	132.00	132.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	69.80
Member Expenses		
Catered Meetings	1,267.00	1,500.00
Birthday Luncheon	0.00	0.00
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	25.00	25.00
Insurance	219.00	236.00
Member Directory	75.00	25.00
Newsletter	26.00	50.00
Support Services	0.00	0.00
Website	200.00	200.00
PMP Payments		
LWVAZ***	504.00	396.00

LWVUS****	1,635.00	1,311.20
Program Expenses		
Action Items	0.00	0.00
Candidates & Issue Forums	347.00	400.00
Program Issues	0.00	100.00
Project Expenses		
Political Directory	0.00	25.00
TOTAL	<u>4,930.00</u>	<u>4,970.00</u>

Notes on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

Budgeted income and actual income includes funds donated to the LWVAZ Education Fund. Education fund monies may be used for Candidates & Issue Forums, Publications, Political Directory, and any other activities related to Voter Education.

*Member Dues - 48 Individual Memberships @ \$45.00/8 Additional Family Members @ \$20.00

**Birthday Luncheon Actual Income includes \$752 raised for the LWVAZ Education Fund through the silent auction.

***Per Member Payments to LWVAZ: 48 Members @ \$9.00/8 Family Members @ 4.50

****Per Member Payments to LWVUS: 48 Members @ \$29.80/8 Family Members @ \$14.90

Submitted by 2009 Budget Committee: Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Liz Danbury, Mary Gassaway

LWVSVV Board Members 2009-2010

Francine Levensgood, VOC (Chairperson)

Pat George, Camp Verde

Liz Danbury, Sedona

Mary Gassaway, Clarkdale

Donna Pratt, Sedona

Off-Board: Robyn Prud'homme Bauer
Representative to LWVAZ

Off-Board: Kathy Heidepriem
Newsletter and Website

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

If you have problems reading this e-newsletter, please contact Kathy Heidepriem. The Voter is also available on our website at www.lwvsedona-verdevalley.org