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.Update on activities, events, and plans for the League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley



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The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley wishes you all a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful and successful New Year.

President's Message:

Join us for that very
Special 95th Anniversary BRUNCH

February 7, 2015

Celebrating the
League of Women Voters'

95th Birthday!

Special Guests:

Chip Davis, Supervisor, Yavapai County
Matt Ryan, Supervisor, Coconino County
Tom Thurman, Supervisor, Yavapai County
Talking about our Verde Valley Counties

Save the Date; Details to follow!

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Winter in the Verde Valley



LWVGVV PRESIDENT
ELLIE BAUER

On November 5th, the day after the fall election, League members enjoyed a tour of the Red Rock Ranger District Visitor Center with Sarah Belcher, who was the landscape architect for the center.

Following the tour, we had refreshments and a discussion about the fall candidate forums and an update from the State League by Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer. She commented that the League received more attention than usual during the 2014 campaigns. "Dark Money" has become a serious concern and leagues nationwide will be asked to push for disclosure of the entities behind dark money contributions. Some organizations are promoting the idea of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution on this matter, but the League has never taken a position regarding the convening of Constitutional Conventions.

What we can do is to write letters to editors and letters to our legislative representatives about the need for campaign finance reform and about recent developments in the area of "voter suppression."

Local league member and State league President Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer was the featured speaker at the November 19th Lunch and Learn program at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Sedona. She spoke about our current program topics -- roles and issues surrounding Federal lands in and around the Verde Valley -- and the need to confront human trafficking in Arizona. OLLI members showed interest in the League and in these topics.

Member Information

1. We are happy to welcome a new member to our League. She is actually a lifetime League member, but new to us. Her name is Mary Banvard and she lives in Sedona. We look forward to seeing her at our meetings, programs, and forums.

2. Building our Membership: We need new members in order to accomplish our often ambitious programs and projects. The Board has been discussing ways to do this.

One thing we would like to do is to hear from existing members about what caused them to join the League and why it is important to them. If you would like to submit your own story, please send it to Barbara Litrell (blitrell@aol.com).

We also would like to reach out to groups with like interests that need help with important community endeavors. One group we are considering is the Mental Health Coalition of the Verde Valley, a new non-profit that meets monthly to discuss needs, resources, and possible actions to address mental health issues in our local communities. They have a website at www.mhcvv.org, and at their January meeting will host Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher, who will speak about mental health issues.



LWVGCV CALENDAR 2014-2015

January 15

Board Meeting
Yavapai County Bldg
10 S. 6th St
Cottonwood
2:00 pm

February 7

LWV 95th Anniversary
Brunch with County
Supervisors
Time/Place TBD

March

Public Forum on Federal Lands
in the Verde Valley area

April 16

Public Forum
Speaker on Human
Trafficking in Arizona

May 16-17

State League Convention
Yavapai College
Verde Campus



The meeting is January 25th at Christ Lutheran Church, 25 Chapel Road (corner of Chapel Road and S.R. 179), Sedona.

3. If you have somehow forgotten to pay your dues for this League year (from July 2014 through June 2015), please do so now; it is very important that we have an official roster to send to national as soon as possible.

4. If you have trouble reading, downloading, or printing this online Voter, a pdf copy is available on our website at www.lwvverdevalley.com. If you need to have a pdf version mailed or e-mailed to you as an attachment, please contact Kathy Heidepriem.

Program on Issues Surrounding Federal Lands

The program on Federal Lands in the Verde Valley will take place in March. Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Kathy Davis, and Kathy Heidepriem are working on it. We hope to cover all types of federal lands in and adjacent to the Verde Valley, including both Coconino and Prescott National Forests. We want to explore the historic background of these lands, how the various entities involved in them work together, how these lands may be endangered, and how they impact local communities.

Please let us know if you are knowledgeable of or interested in this topic and can help us out -- we can be contacted by phone or via lwvgcv@gmail.com. Thank you.

Human Trafficking in Arizona

Human trafficking has recently been recognized as a significant humanitarian and public safety problem in Arizona, and there are now a number of governmental and non-governmental organizations that have been set up to try to eliminate it in our state. Human trafficking can involve trafficking for sex workers, agricultural work, domestic service, sweatshops, and other purposes.

Our league is planning to bring a speaker on this subject to Sedona for a presentation at the Sedona Public Library on or around mid-April (April 16th if possible). It will be a free public program, so anyone who has an interest is invited to attend. More information will be provided as available.

State League Convention

We are privileged to be partnering with the League of Women Voters Central Yavapai County to host the 2015 LWVAZ Biennial Convention. It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and May 17th, at the Verde Campus of Yavapai College. Some attendees will be arriving late on Friday. This is a chance for our league members to help out with an important event and learn more about how the league works. While only official local league delegates will be able to vote on the issues and

LWVGCV Board Members

2014-2015

Ellie Bauer

Ruth Kiessel

Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer

Barbara Litrell



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elections, all Arizona league members may attend to enjoy the plenary session, workshops, luncheons, and the Saturday banquet. There are nominal costs involved, but some of the money comes back to our two Leagues! Mary Chicoine and Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer are coordinating the multitude of arrangements needed for an event of this size and importance. They will begin calling for volunteers beginning in March.

Please step up and help to make this an outstanding event in the Verde Valley!

Save the Date for the
LWVAZ Convention
May 16th and 17th
Verde Campus, Yavapai College

Everyone is invited (League member and friends)!

If interested in helping, please contact LWVAZ president, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, LWVGWV president, Ellie Bauer, or Mary Chicoine.

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