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GREATER VERDE VALLEY

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League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley

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## *January 2013*

***Please Renew LEAGUE Membership Now  
Anniversary Brunch February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Candidate Forums for Cottonwood and Camp Verde***



### President's Message

Some Words of Wisdom 1

Welcome to 2013!! For our League it will be fun, a variety of League happenings and even some election forums.

And this is the time for building LWVGVV. Bring a friend with you to every League event.

No solutions – only Trade-offs.

There are good reasons to believe that the best way to cope with inherently unknowable futures is to favor flexible institutions and markets. Do it!

Security has yet to win a race with creativity.

We can always do better. The question is: How and at what cost?

The messy glue of tolerance, economics, opportunity and planning – these are what hold a community together.

The mind is like a parachute. It works best when it's open.

Fondly,

***Ellie Bauer***

### Please Renew Your Membership **NOW!**

There are still a few members who have not yet sent in their dues for the current membership year. Please stay with us by sending in your dues as soon as possible. At the end of this month, we must purge our membership rolls of those who are not paid up. An individual membership is \$50.00. A membership form is attached to this newsletter in case you need one (or if you would like to pass it along to a friend). All you need to do is send in your check to:

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P.O. Box 966  
Sedona, AZ 86339

If you have any questions about your membership, please call Donna Pratt.

Thanks to all members for their continuing support for the many important tasks that lie before us.

### Help Celebrate League's 93rd Anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup>

The League of Women Voters was established on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1920, and every year leagues around the country celebrate that date with a fundraiser lunch or similar event. This year, we are planning a special brunch in Sedona with a talk by Laura Vandergrift, owner of Sedona Tours and Guide Services. Her company provides local wine tours and she has extensive knowledge of our growing local wine scene. We will also be talking a little about the impact of the wine industry on our local economy, honoring long-time members of our league, and considering what issues we'll be taking up over the next year or two. The brunch will take place on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Olde Sedona Bar and Grill at 1405 West S.R. 89A in West Sedona.

As our main fundraising activity of the year, the anniversary celebration is open to the public; feel free to invite your friends and family to join us for a fun time and a chance to learn more about the League of Women Voters. The cost is just \$15.00.

Please RSVP to Donna Pratt at [lwsvv@yahoo.com](mailto:lwsvv@yahoo.com) by February 8<sup>th</sup>, **AND** send your payment to League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley, P.O. Box 966, Sedona, AZ 86339. We need to have an accurate head count to finalize meal and seating arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Candidate Forums for Local Elections Coming Up in February

Municipal primary elections will be held in Camp Verde and Cottonwood on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We plan to hold candidate forums for both elections during the last two weeks of February. More information will be provided when available – and we always can use member volunteers for the forums!

February 20, 2013 at the Cottonwood Recreation Center from 6pm to 8 pm. The following five candidates are running for three open City Council Seats: Incumbents: Karen Pfeifer, Linda Norman and Tim Elenski; and Challengers: Randall Garrison and Darold Smith

Camp Verde candidates are as follows: Date and place to be determined.

For Mayor: Bob Burnside and Charles German

For City Council: Bradford Gordon; Robin Whatley; Jackie Baker; Jessie Jones

Next Board Meeting: The February meeting of the LWVGCV Board will take place on Thursday, February 21st, at 2:00 at the Sedona Shadows Clubhouse. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. The Sedona Shadows community is located at 6770 W. SR89A (next to Sedona Pines resort between Sedona and Page Springs). After you make the left turn into Sedona Shadows, follow the signs to the office and the meeting rooms are behind the swimming pool.

## League of Women Voters of Arizona

In her January update to the membership, LWVAZ President Barbara Klein listed some of the State issues that are being actively pursued, and mentioned those who are leading the efforts. Each of these areas can use more volunteers, so if you are interested in lending a hand and making a difference in any of these areas please contact Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, who can put you in touch.

- Lisa Schnebly Heidinger – Leading the Independent Ballot Access effort.
- Bonnie Boyce Wilson – Mentoring that Independent Voter effort
- Maureen Schmid – Leading our Voter Protection cause and representing us on the new 'AZ Voter's Coalition.'
- Alice Stambaugh – Mentoring the above and also co-representing us on the AZ Voter's Coalition
- Anne Schneider – Leading our Money in Politics effort, right now primarily to support Clean Elections and promote federal disclosure issues (a la Citizens United)
- Barbara Robertson – Mentoring the above efforts.
- Karen Michael – Serving on an EXPLORATORY effort (with the Morrison Institute) to consider the viability of a new Citizens Initiative Review process.
- Don and Faye McIver – Willing to participate on a National Popular Vote

- committee. And separately, Don is willing to help us with some computer skills.
- Michael Harrop (a very new member) has volunteered his services to work in
- some capacity for election change such as Ranked Choice Voting.
- Valerie Ellien - Overseeing Health Care and Arizona's implementation of the new Affordable Care Act. She is attending the (newly named) 'AZ Medicare for All' coalition meetings and would like someone closer to Phoenix with whom to share some meetings.
- Kari Nienstedt - leading the LWVUS Agricultural Study efforts in Arizona.
- Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer – Mentoring and sharing responsibilities on the LWVUS 'Ag' Study.
- Open. The state board recently discussed whether the issue of STRIKER bills might be covered under our League 'principles' if not positions. We need a committee to consider this & prepare a report.

If you are interested in working on one of these issues OR some other area, LET US KNOW. Reach out!

## League Program Planning – State and Local Issues

"Program planning" is the establishment of the LWV Arizona and LWV Greater Verde Valley **PLATFORM** for the next 2 years. This 'platform' is what we stand for. For those of us who like politics and issues -- it is exciting stuff! As League members, you can **DISCUSS, INSTRUCT,** and **FIGHT FOR** the issues important to YOU and hopefully important to the LEAGUE!

When we describe League as a "nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy" this is how we do it -- Program planning (or the development of our 'platform').

So tell us what state (Arizona) and local (Verde Valley) issues are important to you -- Water – Election Reform – Campaign Finance – Housing – Education - ??? And what do you think the League should do about that issue? Educate the public and our members, work on legislation, create or change an ordinance, advocate for the issue at the state legislature, work in a coalition, other activities???

Bring your ideas or suggestions on the League's **PLATFORM** to our February 14 League's Anniversary Celebration or write it down and send it to Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, at [lwvsvv@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvsvv@yahoo.com) or LWVGVV at POB 966, Sedona AZ 86339 by February 20, 2013.

## League of Women Voters of the United States

### **New League Online Forums**

League members are invited to join the discussions in the League's new online community that was built exclusively for League members and leaders.

To get started on the forums, go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), click on LOGIN. Enter your e-mail address and password to log in. If you have not set up an lwv.org password, there is a place to register and

obtain one. Once logged in, use the Forums link in the left navigation bar or go to <http://forum.lwv.org>.

The new forums replace the old discussion lists, such as "lwv-membership," "lwv-voterservice," and "lwv-leaders." Those lists will gradually be shut down, so if you have been a member of an old list, you will need to go in and find the corresponding group in the new system. The new system provides members around the country to interact with one another on specific topics and to share their experiences. The new format allows members more control over how much they receive and how they want to respond. All messages will be archived online and are easily bookmarked for future reference, so you will not have to go searching through e-mails to find what you want.

The forums are designed as an online community similar to Facebook or Twitter. Members can create their own profiles, follow other members, and share information to build strong, a online network of fellow leaguers who share your interests.

LWVUS Technology Chair Norman Turrill is the one to contact if you have problems or questions. There is an extensive "help" section on the Forums Page of the website as well. Good luck.

<b>LWVSVV CALENDAR</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 10:00-noon	League Anniversary Brunch with speaker Laura Vandergrift on Wine Tourism  Olde Sedona Bar and Grille
February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	Meeting of LWVGVV Board of Directors  Sedona Shadows Clubhouse – 6770 W. State Route 89A
February 20, 6:00 pm Cottonwood  February (to be determined) Camp Verde	Candidate forums for municipal elections in Cottonwood and Camp Verde
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday	Municipal Elections, Camp Verde and Cottonwood
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Public Program by Verde Valley Agricultural Coalition – the Food Hub Concept
May 4 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday (a.m.)	Business meeting, elections, brunch. Sandra Goodwin of Central Yavapai League will speak on judicial review/independent judiciary.
May 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday and Sunday	LWVAZ Convention  Tucson

## **Board Members 2012-2013**

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale  
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## League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join the League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership            | \$ 50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting membership            | \$ 60.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership (2 or more) | \$ 70.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership          | \$ 85.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership            | \$ 100.00 |

Special Fund:

Dorothy Hores Memorial Fund/ LWVAZ Education Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Membership categories above \$70 are tax-deductible if the check is made out to: LWVAZ Education Fund.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day/eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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When you become a member of the local League, you also become a member of LWV Arizona and LWV of the United States. Membership is open to all women and men. **Join the League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley NOW!**