

# The Voter

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*Constantin Querard Speaks on the  
National Popular Vote  
at State League Convention in Surprise  
April 29-30 2017*

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.

## President's Letter

In this Year of Civic Engagement, our League is organizing programs that inform all of us and our community members about issues that sooner or later end up on a ballot - check out

all the great information in this newsletter and let's have an active, engaged month together. It's exciting that our membership has grown to over 130 -- more and more people say they want to learn about the issues and get involved. The League provides a great way for everyone to do that - we're non partisan (we don't support candidates or parties) but we ARE political -- we study issues, develop positions on issues, and then advocate for or against legislation related to those issues. The League is marching towards its 100th anniversary in 2020 and it's stronger than ever across the country and here in the Verde Valley. All are welcome.



**LWVGVV Leader Elected  
Co-President of State League**

The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley is proud to announce that one of our own, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, currently Vice President of our local League, was elected Co-President of the League of Women Voters Arizona at the statewide League Convention held on April 29-30. Robyn has been a member of League for over 40 years serving in leadership roles in California and in Arizona. Congratulations Robyn!

**Annual Meeting June 3 - Reserve Today**

***Join us for: ANNUAL REPORTS, PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR, ELECTIONS, AWARDS, LUNCH, A DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, AND A RAFFLE!***

On Saturday, June 3rd, League members and friends will gather at the Sedona Elks Lodge from 11:30am to 1:30pm for this very important annual meeting, where we will chart our way forward for the upcoming League year (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018). All members who are able to attend should plan on doing so; it is your opportunity to get to know the League better, meet your colleagues, and let your voice be heard.



**LWVGVV PRESIDENT**

**Barbara Litrell**

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Our guest speaker will be Harriet Young, Ph.D, a retired professor of Political Science at NAU.

Her topic is "**Why We Have Polarization and How Can We End it?**" The word is out that she will engage us and make us think; don't miss this opportunity to hear from Dr. Young.

Friends, relatives, and people who have an interest in the League of Women Voters are welcome to attend but cannot participate in the voting portion of the business meeting.

Please RSVP by contacting League President Barbara Litrell at [blitrell@aol.com](mailto:blitrell@aol.com) or at 928-649-0135. The cost is just \$22.00, which includes lunch. You can help us fundraise by participating in the raffle when you get there



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### May Voter Education Program : Immigration and Politics



**May Voter Education Program**  
**Monday, May 15, 12:30-2PM**  
**Yavapai College Sedona, Rm 34**

### **"The Politics of Immigration"** **Guest Speaker: Stephen Nuño**

The United States has struggled over the topic of immigration since its founding and immigration policy continues to be a ubiquitous part of the political landscape. The 2016 presidential election illustrated the importance of immigration and the powerful rhetoric that can be deployed to garner votes. Stephen Nuño will explore the history of immigration policy in the United States, look at the incorporation of immigrants into American society and assess how our national identity has been shaped in large part by the duality of our rhetoric of openness to immigrants and the struggle to limit migration flows into the country.



**Stephen A. Nuño, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor/Graduate Coordinator**  
**Politics and International Affairs**  
**Northern Arizona University**

Stephen Nuño is an Associate Professor studying Political Behavior, Race and Ethnic Politics, Latino Politics, Mobilization, and Partisanship at Northern Arizona University. He is a Research Associate at the Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University and also a contributor for NBC News-Latino, where he focuses on national stories that have an impact on the Latino community. He has written over 200 pieces for NBC. He has also written articles for Reuters, The New York Times, Talking Points Memo, MSNBC, and The Monkey Cage Blog for Washington Post. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles, an all-boys Jesuit college preparatory high school. He has a B.A. in political science from UCLA, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from UC Irvine in political science.

The program is free, open to the public and is a partnership with OLLI  
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### Candidate Boot Camp: Getting Over the

May 3rd  
**Candidate Boot Camp**  
**1st Workshop**  
**5:00-7:30pm**  
**Yavapai College**  
**Sedona**

May 8th  
**New Member Gathering**  
**4:30-6:30pm**  
**Open to all Members**  
**Call 649-0135 to RSVP**

May 10th  
**Candidate Boot Camp**  
**2nd Workshop**  
**5:00-7:30pm**  
**Yavapai College**  
**Sedona**

May 15th  
**Voter Ed Program**  
**"The Politics of**

## **"Can't"**

**Hosted by The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley**

League members (and friends, and anyone who is interested), please consider attending these three workshops on running for elected office.

**When:** Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 5:30-8:00pm

**Where:** Yavapai College, 4215 Arts Village Dr, Sedona

**What:** May 3: Why Run? Motivation, Qualifications, Campaign Team

May 10: Presenting Yourself, Your Message, Your Materials

May 17: Money: Raising it, Budgeting It, Reporting It

### **Great Line-up of Guest Speakers:**

Coral Evans, Mayor of Flagstaff

Tom Thurman, Yavapai County Supervisor

Heather Hermann, Sedona School Board

Jon Thompson, Sedona City Council

Teresa Jones, Campaign Finance Supervisor, AZ Secretary of State's office.

..and more

**Candidate Boot Camp Director: Kathy Kinsella**

**The program is free but requires registration**

**Contact Barbara Litrell, 649-0135 or blitrell@aol.com to reserve a space**

If there is space available, you may be able to attend individual workshops without committing to the whole series.

## **Member Information**

New Member Gathering on Monday May 8th: Every other month there is a special meeting for new members to learn about the background of the League, what we do generally, and plans for the near future. It's also an opportunity to meet other members. Anybody who is thinking of joining and would like to learn more can come, and current members are also invited to

**Immigration"**

**12:30-2:00pm**

**Yavapai College**

**Sedona**

**May 17th**

**Candidate Boot Camp**

**Third Workshop**

**5:00-7:30pm**

**Yavapai College**

**Sedona**

**May 18th**

**Board Meeting**

**3:00-4:15pm**

**Yavapai County**

**Offices**

**10 S. 6th St**

**Cottonwood**

**May 25th**

**Membership Meeting**

**"Let's Talk Politics"**

**8:30-10:00am**

**Sedona Community**

**Center**

**2615 Melody Lane**

**May 27th**

**Political Book Club**

**1:00-3:00pm**

**Call 649-0135 for information**

**June 3rd**

**LWGVV**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**11:30am-1:30pm**

**Elks Club**

**Sedona**

add themselves to the mix. Everyone gets a chance to talk about the issues most important them. A light supper is served before the meeting. Please RSVP to 649-0135 or [blitrell@aol.com](mailto:blitrell@aol.com) if you would like to attend. Please do!

Members, please be sure to attend our annual business meeting on Saturday, June 3rd!

Phone Calls: Board members are reaching out to our membership with get-acquainted phone calls. We have grown by over 200% in the last year and you are a part of that, so thank you! We want to make sure that we are connecting with you and that you are getting what you hoped to out of your League membership.

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### **LWV Political Book Club**

The next meeting of the member book club will be on Saturday, June 1st. The book decided upon is "Generations: The History of America's Future," by William Strauss and Neil Howe. The authors examine generational patterns throughout America's history and speculate about what may be in store for the future. The book, initially published in 1991, is generating renewed interest in today's political and cultural climate.

The same authors wrote "THE FOURTH TURNING: What the Cycles of History Tell Us About America's Next Rendezvous with Destiny" in 1997, which seems to include a summary of GENERATIONS and then move forward from there. There was interest from some club members on this book as well.

Since both books are covering the same territory with one more current than the other, **feel free to read whichever one you prefer and that should make for lively discussion. Same authors, same general topic, one written in '91, one in '97.** Our general discussion will be about their understanding of our history and how it works with what we see around us today and where we are going..

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**June 8th  
Philosophy and  
Politics  
"Socialism and  
Capitalism"  
6:00-7:30pm  
Sedona Public  
Library  
3250 White Bear**

**June 15th  
Board Meeting  
2:00-3:30pm  
Yavapai County  
Offices  
10 S. 6th St.  
Cottonwood**

**June 19th  
Voter Ed Program  
"Education in  
Arizona - How  
Did We Get Here?"  
12:30-2:00pm  
Yavapai College  
Sedona**

**June 22nd  
"Let's Talk  
Politics"  
8:30-10:00am  
Yavapai County  
Offices  
10 S. 6th St  
Cottonwood**

**July 1  
Political Book**

If you have an interest in either or both of these books, and would like to join the discussion, contact Barbara Litrell at [blitrell@aol.com](mailto:blitrell@aol.com) or 649-0135. Members only, please!

### **From the National League:**

"(Last week) was National Volunteer Week, and the LWVUS thanks all of those who work tirelessly on behalf of the League to engage Americans in our democracy. "You are powerful, passionate, and more needed than ever.

"As you work to leverage our unique strength, remember: there is power when we speak with one voice at all levels. Leagues are encouraged to use LWVUS positions and priorities to act on the pressing issues facing our communities, and are not required to ask for permission to use existing national positions to bring about change at the state or local level (or in turn, to use state positions to take local action).

Some of the LWV's current priorities are: protecting voter rights, health care, redistricting, money in politics, climate change, and as always, voter education. For more guidance on taking action, review a 2016 [webinar presentation](#) on using national positions for local action, and refer to [Impact on Issues](#), [Taking Action in the Community](#)" section for more."

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Strauss&Howe  
"Generations"  
Note Change  
of Date!  
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