


# The Voter


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## **President's Message**

March has been filled with great opportunities to learn and take action on issues that matter to you. Thanks to Mike Schroeder, Andrea Houchard, Phil Terbell, and Curt Ireland, our March 9 panelists for "This I Believe: Understanding the Roots of Our Political Opinions." Each panelist gave us information about their backgrounds and education as a way of explaining how they have come to believe what they believe as it relates to economic policy, healthcare, education, immigration, and the role of government. Following the panel, we broke into small groups to discuss the same thing -- how did we come to believe what we believe. This is a great exercise for all of us to better understand how we have arrived at our opinions and political preferences today. It should also spark curiosity in our conversations with others to know more about their backgrounds and why they believe what they believe. There is an urgent need to bridge the gaps in our community, state and nation.

And on March 23rd, the member meeting was filled with animated discussion about the healthcare bill which was to be voted on that



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day but has been postponed and other issues. Join us next month on the 27th when it will be in Cottonwood.

April, too, is filled with ways to learn more and be involved. At our "Let's Talk Politics" gathering a few people mentioned their interest in the League came from their feeling like they didn't know enough about what's happening politically. I urge everyone to take advantage of the many ways to be involved in League activities. Upcoming events are outlined below.

- Barbara Litrell



### Arizona Gives Day is April 4th

Each year, the League of Women Voters of Arizona participates in the Arizona Gives Campaign. To make a tax-deductible donation, [Go to the Arizona Gives Donation Site](#)

Either type League of Women Voters into the search box or find it in "Nonprofits."

In the Comments box of the donation form you can enter League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley Ed Fund if you would like.

There are potential rewards to the receiving organizations if you donate exactly on April 4th. You can be sure to do this by using the home page option of designating the date for your donation to be processed.

Thank you for supporting the League!

### **Philosophy and Politics: Discussion of "Wealth and Inequality"**

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

League Board  
Third Thursday  
Yavapai County  
Offices, Cottonwood  
2:00-3:30pm

March 25  
1:00-3:00pm  
Political Book

League member Blair Henry will be presenting on "Wealth and Inequality" on April 6th at Yavapai College 6:30-8PM in Sedona. This event is the second of six in which philosophical thinking is applied to current political issues. The first meeting was on the "The Goodness of Government: A Justification for the State" and was lively and well attended.

### **State Convention Coming Up April 28-30**

The League of Women Voters of Arizona is holding its annual convention during the last weekend in April at the Colonnade in Surprise. The convention is where League business is done - adopting a budget, adopting program positions, approving new studies, and electing officers and directors. It is not all work for the delegates as there will be speakers, committee reports and workshops; and of course getting to know one another. It also provides a great learning opportunity for members. LWV Greater Verde Valley will have five delegates this year.

Any league member in Arizona may attend, but you need to register in advance and pay a fee. You can either stay for the weekend or commute.

Chris Carson, the President of the League of Women Voters of the United States, will be in attendance, and there is an impressive line-up of speakers and activities as well.

You can register online now by visiting [www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org); more details will be available as the date approaches.

### **Campaign Boot Camp**

**Club  
Call Barbara  
649-0135 if  
you are interested**

**April 6  
Philosophy and  
Politics -  
"Wealth and  
Inequality"  
Yavapai  
College  
Sedona  
6:30-8:00pm**

**April 17  
Voter Ed Program  
Topic TBD  
Sedona  
12:30-2:00pm**

**April 20  
Board Meeting**

**April 22  
Sister March  
for the Climate  
Earth Day**

Take the Step: Run for Office or Help Others!



# Candidate Boot Camp

Getting Over the Can't

Hosted by The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 5:30-8PM  
Yavapai College, 4215 Arts Village Dr, Sedona



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

**Confirmed Guest Speakers...and more to come...**

Coral Evans, Mayor of Flagstaff; Thom 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.

**Candidate Boot Camp Director: Kathy Kinsella**

The program is free but requires registration  
Contact Barbara Litrell, 649-0135 or [blitrell@aol.com](mailto:blitrell@aol.com)



## Correction!

Our apologies to Kathy Kinsella, who will be leading the Campaign Boot Camp in May. We had her last name wrong in previous Voters.

## Monthly Membership Meetings

Our monthly membership meetings give us a chance to come together to talk politics, community issues, and to learn about what's going on with the League of Women Voters nationally, statewide, and locally. These round table discussions are on the fourth Thursday each month from 8:30-10:00am - alternating between Sedona and Cottonwood.

Sedona

April 27

Member Meeting  
Yavapai County  
Building,  
Cottonwood  
8:30-10:00am

April 29

Book Club  
Sedona  
RSVP 649-0135

April 29-30

LWVAZ Convention  
Surprise, AZ  
Register at  
[www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org)

May 3, 7, 10

"Campaign Boot  
Camp" - Running  
for Office  
Led by Kathy  
Kinsella  
See Flyer

May 8

New Member  
Orientation  
5:00-7:00pm  
Sedona  
Light Supper  
and Discussion  
RSVP 649-0135  
or [blitrell@aol.com](mailto:blitrell@aol.com)

June 3

LWVGCV Annual  
Meeting - Luncheon,  
Elections, Speaker  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Elks Lodge

The April meeting will be on Thursday, April 27th, at the Yavapai County Offices in Cottonwood - 10 South 6th St., in the Verde Room on the second floor.

## **New Members**

Welcome new members -- we are now 122 strong, both men and women! Please come to our meetings and events so that we can all get to know one another. There is a **new member orientation meeting every other month**. Current and prospective members are also welcome to attend. The next new member meeting is Monday, May 8th, from 5:00-7:00pm at 75 Lolomi Drive in Sedona. RSVP to Barbara at blitrell@aol.com or by phone at 649-0135. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bella Berly  
Carolyn Bills  
Pat and Mike Bower  
Ron Burkey  
Michael Cosentino, Jr.  
Roni Cowell  
Wendy Fickbohm  
Wendy Harford  
Louise Jaskulski  
Gail Kennedy  
Helen Knoll  
Barry Maketansky  
Connie Patrick  
Holli Ploog  
Michelle Wheatcraft  
Robin Cameron

## **Political Book Club**

The LWVGCV book club meets monthly to discuss a book of interest determined by the group. The next meeting is April 29th, 1:00-3:00 PM, at a member's home. (The book is still to be decided upon but info will be sent out shortly).

Call or email Barbara (649-0135 or blitrell@aol.com) if you are interested in the book club. League members only, please.

## **Voter Education Program**

**Sedona**

**November 16**

**11:30am-1:00pm**

**Review of 2017**

**Looking ahead to  
2018**



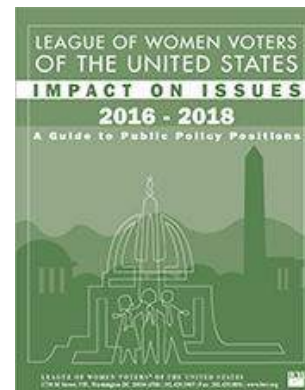
### ***Mission Statement:***

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

Our next monthly voter education program will take place in Sedona on April 17th, 12:30-2PM at Yavapai College, 4215 Arts Village Drive. Stay tuned for the topic!

## **[From the League of Women Voters of the United States](#)**

**Impact on Issues:** The national league's 2016-2018 guide to public policy positions -- "Impact on Issues" -- is now available at <http://lwv.org/content/impact-issues>. Revisions or additions to these positions happen every two years at the LWVUS Convention. This document includes all current national league public policy positions. You can read it online, download it, or order a printed or Kindle copy from Amazon. Take a look at it if you are interested in where the League stands on the issues.



**People's Climate March:** The LWVUS is excited to participate in the 2017 [People's Climate March on April 29 in Washington, DC](#). We will march to advance solutions to the climate crisis and demand answers from members of Congress. If you are planning to attend the March in Washington, please let the League know by filling out [THIS FORM](#). We hope to see you in DC on April 29 or at a Sister March! Questions may be directed to Emily Yost ([eyost@lwv.org](mailto:eyost@lwv.org)).



\*\*\* There will be a Sisters' March in Sedona on Saturday, April 22, Earth Day.\*\*\*

The league is supporting this march, so watch for more details and participate if you can.

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