

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



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AUGUST 2016

President's Message

August begins our election process here in Arizona, with the primary on August 30. Some local elections will be decided in this primary, so your vote is very important.

The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley has made a bold move to declare August as Voter Rights Month in Sedona and the Verde Valley and we will mark the occasion with a Voter Rights Film Series August 15-17 and a "Happy Hour" Celebration of Women's Right to Vote on August 18.

Special thanks to everyone involved in Voter Registration



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the Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood and Camp Verde, and hosting 9 Candidate and Local Ballot Measure Forums, the focus in August will be on voting itself, that most precious and fundamental right of our American democracy. Early ballots are in the mail and early voting will continue until the August 30 primary at the polls when a number of races locally and throughout Arizona will be determined if there is no challenger from the opposite party to go on the November ballot.

The League has partnered with the Sedona International Film Festival to show three important films on August 15-17 at Mary Fisher Theatre followed by a discussion lead each evening by NAU Professors Andrea Houchard and Harriet Young. The Series will include "Iron Jawed Angels" on Monday, Aug. 15; "Recount" on Tuesday, Aug. 16; and "Selma" on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Each film will be shown at 7 p.m. on the respective evening, and tickets for each film will be a special encore price of \$7.

"Iron Jawed Angels" tells the remarkable and little-known story of a group of passionate and dynamic young women, led by Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and her friend Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor), who put their lives on the line to fight for American women's right to vote. **"Recount"** follows the bizarre 36-day struggle from Election Day 2000 to the Supreme Court decision to determine which candidate won Florida — and the presidency in Bush vs. Gore. In **"Selma"**, Golden Globe nominee David Oyelowo shines as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who rallied his followers on the historic march from Selma to Montgomery in the face of violent opposition — an event that became a milestone victory for the civil rights movement.

On August 18, 4-6PM, the League invites all members of our community to celebrate our democracy, our citizenship, and our right to vote at a **"Happy Hour"** honoring the American Suffragettes who fought over 70 years for women to have the right to vote. Their victory came about when, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee passed the proposed 19th Amendment to the US Constitution by a one-vote margin becoming the 36th state to ratify the measure and clearing the way for

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

League Board

**Third Thursday
Yavapai County
Offices, Cottonwood
2:00-4:00 p.m.
No Meeting August**

August 3rd

**Conversation on
"The Role of Media
in the Current
Political Climate"**

August 11th

East Tennessee who was opposed to the the Amendment but he had an 11th hour change of heart when his mother, Phoebe Ensminger Burn, sent him a note which is in the Tennessee state archives saying ""Hurrah, and vote for suffrage! Don't keep them in doubt. I notice some of the speeches against. They were bitter. I have been watching to see how you stood, but have not noticed anything yet...be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the 'rat' in ratification." He defended his vote the next day saying "I know that a mother's advice is always safest for her boy to follow," he explained, "and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification." The story also emphasizes that every vote matters and one vote can change history.

The August 18 "Happy Hour" will be 4-6PM at Vino di Sedona, 2585 SR 89A in West Sedona. The program will include "Voices of Women Celebrating Women" featuring singer Katherine LaTorraca, artist Jennifer Epperson, author and performer Shaeri Richards, poet Elizabeth Oakes. There is no charge for the event and food and drinks will be available at Happy Hour prices. For more information, contact Barbara Litrell 649-0135 or blitrell@aol.com

This summer is not a slow time for the League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley!

The following is a link to an LWV Arizona Public Service Announcement about voting; we encourage you to view it and pass it along to your lists and Facebook pages. This year is all about the VOTE. Thanks --



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[Voter Services and Elections](#)

**Yavapai College
Sedona
12:30-2:00pm**

**Clarkdale Town Council
Candidate Forum
6:30-8:00pm
St. Thomas
Episcopal Church**

[August 13th](#)

**Book Club
1:00-3:00pm
Sedona
RSVP B. Litrell**

[August 15th](#)

**Critical Arizona
Issues: Water
Sedona 9:30am
Clarkdale noon**

[August 15-17th](#)

**Voting Rights
Film Festival
Mary Fisher
Theatre**

**"Iron-Jawed
Angels"
Aug 15
"Recount"
Aug 16
"Selma"
Aug 17**

[August 18th](#)

**Happy Hour to
Celebrate our
Democracy
Vino di Sedona
4-6pm**

[August 30](#)

**Arizona Primary
Elections
By mail or at your**

OLLI Lunch & Learn, Thursday, August 11, from 12:30 to 2:00PM in Room 34 of Yavapai College's Sedona facility.

CLARKDALE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM on Thursday, August 11th, from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Both forums are open to the public, no need to RSVP -- just show up and meet the candidates before you vote!

Links to Videos of July Forums:

If you missed the July candidate forums - or need to refresh your memory before voting), a number of them are available on you tube:

[COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL FORUM](#)

[COTTONWOOD MAYORAL FORUM](#)

[VERDE VALLEY CONSTABLE FORUM](#)

[YAVAPAI COUNTY DISTRICT 3 FORUM](#)

[CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 FORUM](#)

[SEDONA CITY COUNCIL FORUM](#)

[CLARKDALE PERMANENT BASE ADJUSTMENT](#)

[CAMP VERDE 2016 GENERAL PLAN](#)

[Clarkdale Mayor to Discuss Water Issues at August Forum on Critical Arizona Election Issues](#)

[Sept - Oct](#)

Three Week Series
"What's on the Ballot?"

[Sept 10th-Oct 10th](#)

Voter Registration Campaign

[September 19th](#)

Critical Issues Program

[September 27-Nov 1](#)

OLLI Course: "The Informed Voter"
Registration Required

[October 14th](#)

Sedona Women's Civics Challenge

[October 17th](#)

Final 2016 Critical Issues Voter Education Program
"Women's Reproductive Rights"

[November 8th](#)

General Elections
National
State
County
Municipal
Ballot Issues

[November 21st](#)

Member Program -
A Conversation about
League Positions

[December 19th](#)

Holiday Gathering



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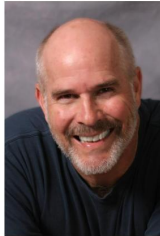
DEMOCRACY WORK®

The Future of Water in the Verde Valley: We know the problem; what can we do about it?

A concise examination of what we must do to meet the future water demands of a growing population, including a menu of options that will allow our economy to prosper, while at the same time stewarding a healthy Verde River.

Monday, August 15, 9:00AM-10:30AM or 12-1:30PM

Featured Speaker : Doug Von Gausig



A third-generation native Arizonan, Doug is currently Mayor of the Town of Clarkdale. He graduated from ASU with a B.S. in Biology and then joined the U.S. Air Force, serving 6 years as a pilot. He has served on the Boards of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, the Verde River Basin Partnership and is the immediate past President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. He also served as a Vice-Chair of Arizona Forward and is a member of the Arizona State Committee in Trails (ASCOT). Doug graduated as a fellow of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy in the fall of 2011. Doug is also Executive Director of the Verde River Institute, which strives to promote policy solutions for Verde River issues.

The League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley is pleased to partner with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) to offer this free series of 10 Voter Education Programs addressing Critical Arizona Election Issues. Each meeting takes place twice!

August 15: 9-10:30AM, Yavapai College Sedona, Rm 34

August 15: Noon-1:30, Yavapai College Clarkdale, Rm M202

Open to the public, no charge. Contact Barbara Litrell 649-0135, blitrell@aol.com Future Meetings: Sept. 19, Oct. 17

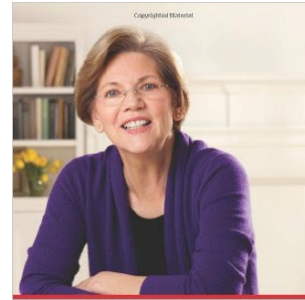
Member Information

Just a REMINDER - it is time to renew your membership in the League of Women Voters! A renewal notice was sent to you in early July. If you missed the notice you can go to the website - Click on Join and download the form. Complete and mail it in today! THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS!

If you have problems reading this newsletter, or if your email version is incomplete, you may access it via our website, www.lwvverdevalley.com. If you need to have a copy mailed to you, please contact Kathy Heidepriem at wm@lwvverdevalley.com.

Book Club

On August 13, 1:00-3:00 PM, the LWV Political Book Club will meet to discuss Elizabeth Warren's book, [A Fighting Chance](#). If you have read the book and would like join the discussion, contact Barbara at



A Fighting Chance

ELIZABETH WARREN



VOTER REGISTRATION

Let people know that if they have an AZ driver's license they can register to vote or make any needed changes at:

<https://servicearizona.com>

OR call your County Recorder's office:

Yavapai: 928-771-3248

Coconino: 928-679-7860

FOR FURTHER INFO: AZ Secretary of State

www.azsos.gov

OR VISIT:

[Press Release: LWVUS celebrates court ruling against North Carolina Voter Restriction Laws](#)

We won!

On Friday (July 29th), a federal appeals court sided with the League in our lawsuit against the state of North Carolina and overturned one of the worst voter-discrimination laws in the entire country. This is an overwhelming victory—not just for the League but, far more important, the hundreds of thousands of voters in North Carolina whose right to vote had been imperiled by the new law.

And it's a measure of the tremendous impact committed supporters like you are having in our ongoing campaign to protect voters' rights. Thank you for standing with us!

The court barred North Carolina from requiring photo IDs and ordered the state to restore a week of early voting and pre-registration and maintain same-day registration and out-of-precinct voting.

In finding that the new law would disproportionately impact communities of color, the judges noted in their decision that *"we can only conclude that the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the challenged provisions of the law with discriminatory intent."*

Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters, applauded that statement: *"We are grateful to the Court of Appeals for seeing this bill for what it was: a race-based, chilling attempt to silence the voices of eligible voters."*

The North Carolina law was one of many passed in states across the country shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the heart of the Voting Rights Act back in 2013.

[Friday's decision was the third major victory for voters' rights in recent weeks](#), following similar decisions against anti-voter laws in Wisconsin and Texas.



League of Women Voters Greater Verde Valley
hosts

Candidates Forum:

Clarkdale

Town Council

August 11, 2016

6:30 to 8:00 pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
9th and First South Street, Clarkdale

Candidates:

**Richard Dehnert, Scott Buckley &
Tommy Nester (write-in candidate)**

and I hope you feel a real sense of pride in contributing to this victory for democracy!

Thanks again for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Jeanette Senecal
Senior Director, Elections and e-Democracy
League of Women Voters of the United States

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