

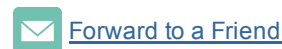


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President's Letter

Dear LWV Members,

Common etiquette says not to talk about politics, sex, religion or money in order to keep things civil. yet these are all things that affect our lives and our future. After the recent tragedies in Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas, I would say it's time we talked about all of these things. And add to that list "race". If we don't begin to learn more about each other, our values, thoughts, concerns, fears, perceptions and misperceptions, we will not bridge the gaps that are tearing the country...and the world...apart. If we are not engaged in dialogue with each other and learning about our elected representatives and what they stand for, we are missing out on a great opportunity to advance the dialogue and be part of the solution.

The League of Women Voters offers its members an opportunity to learn about issues and to ask questions. On Monday July 18, Professor Larry Gould of NAU will share with us the history of the 2nd Amendment. I heard him speak on the subject on Thursday evening in Flagstaff and the audience was visibly frustrated at the lack of action by our government,

1:30PM at Yavapai College, Clarkdale, Rm M202.

Another opportunity to learn and raise the issues is at the candidate forums beginning Saturday July 16. These are challenging times and we need to challenge the candidates. The only way to get the Arizona we want is to have legislators in office who reflect our values. The schedule is in this newsletter. Remember that ALL 90 Arizona Legislative seats are up for election. The vote is ours!

The political book club is another way to learn and exchange ideas. On August 13, 1-3PM, we will be discussing Elizabeth Warren's book, "A Fighting Chance" of which the Washington Post says, "Ultimately, the book's message is that one person can make a difference," and Booklist noted, "A passionate memoir of one woman's personal story and the larger story of corruption in financial circles and the need for reform that balances the interests of the American middle class against those of the corporate sector.... [Warren] offers a behind-the-scenes look at the political dealmaking and head-butting machinations in efforts to restore the nation's financial system." If you want to read the book and join the discussion, contact me at blitrell@aol.com.

Summertime is usually "relax" time...but not this year. The League is active and urges your participation....and and engage your friends and family too!

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Candidate Forum Season is Underway
LWV Greater Verde Valley Election Forum Schedule
August 30, 2016 Primary (Contested Races only)

**Forum: Congressional District 1, County Supervisor, District 3,
County Constable**

Saturday, July 16 – 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Cottonwood Recreation Center
150 So. 6th Street, Cottonwood
Co-sponsor: Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce

9:30 am to 11 am
Congressional District 1- Republican

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

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**Mark your
Calendar!**

League Board

Third Thursday
Cottonwood
2:00-3:30 p.m.

August 13

Political Book Club
Sedona
1:00-3:00pm

July 18

A Citizens Army or Armed
Citizens?

Sedona Campus
Yavapai College
9:00-10:30am

Clarkdale Campus
Yavapai College
noon-1:30pm

June 25-July 30

2:45 to 4:00 pm

Constable, Verde Valley - Republican

Forum: County Supervisors, District 3 – Republican

Monday, July 18 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Collective Sedona, Vista Room

7000 Highway 179, Village of Oak Creek

Forum: Sedona City Council

Tuesday, July 19 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Sedona Public Library

3250 White Bear Rd, Sedona

Co-sponsor: Sedona Chamber of Commerce

Forum: Cottonwood Mayor and Council

Wednesday, July 20 6:00 to 8:45 pm

Cottonwood Recreation Center

150 So. 6th Street, Cottonwood

Council candidates - 6:00 to 7:30 pm Mayoral candidates - 7:45 to 8:45 pm

Co-sponsor: Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce

Forum: Yavapai-Apache Nation

Saturday, July 23 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Yavapai-Apache Nation, Administrative Building

2400 W Datsi St, Camp Verde

Forum: Camp Verde Mayor and Council

Thursday, July 28 - 6:00 to 8:45 pm

The Phillip England Theater at Camp Verde Unified School District

280 Camp Lincoln Road, Camp Verde

Council candidates - 6:00 to 7:30 pm Mayoral candidates - 7:45 to 8:45 pm

Forum: Local Ballot Measures

Wednesday, July 27 - 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Verde Valley TV In-Studio video-taped programs

Clarkdale: Approval of an adjustment to the Permanent Base budget

Camp Verde: Approval of the 2016 General Plan

[Upcoming Voter Education Program: The Second Amendment - Citizens' Army or Armed Citizens](#)

[throughout the Greater Verde Valley](#)

[July 18-28](#)

[Candidate Forums National, State, County, and Local Races](#)

[August 15th](#)

["Critical Election Issues for 2016" Water Issues](#)

[August 18th](#)

[Women's Right to Vote Celebration Vino Di Sedona 5:00-7:00pm](#)

[August 30th](#)

[Primary Election](#)

[November 8th](#)

[General Election National State County Municipal Ballot Issues](#)



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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK[®]

A Citizens Army or Armed Citizens? The Second Amendment from Madison to LaPierre

Monday, July 18, 9:00AM-10:30AM or Noon-1:30PM



Featured Speaker Larry Gould, PhD

Professor Emeritus of Criminology
and Criminal Justice, NAU

Executive Director
Western Social Science
Association

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

**July 18: 9-10:30AM, Yavapai College Sedona, Rm 34
July 18: Noon-1:30, Yavapai College Clarkdale, Rm M137**

**Open to the public, no charge. Contact Barbara Litrell 649-0135,
blitrell@aol.com**

Future Meetings: August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Member Information

Welcome New Members:

John and Jean Biggers, Ellen Ferreira, and Suzanne Burkey! Thank you for joining the League, and we hope to see you all soon at our meetings and events.

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Dues Due Now: The League fiscal year ends on June 30th, so dues for July 1 through the end of June 2017 are due now. (Some people who have joined recently will not need to pay until next year.) Notices will be sent out soon; please respond promptly when you receive yours. Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 966, Sedona, AZ 86339. The amount depends on the category of membership you choose. Thanks!

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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

FOR FURTHER INFO:**AZ Secretary of State**www.azsos.gov**OR:**

Voter Registration

We will be offering Voter Registration opportunities to citizens throughout the Verde Valley up until July 30, leading up to the August 30 primary. We'll resume the registration effort in September to help people who decide they want to vote in the November general election, and people who wish to change their name, address, or party affiliation. Many helpers are needed to make these drives as effective as possible. Contact Barbara Litrell (blitrell@aol.com or 649-0135) if you would like to help out by joining the Voter Registration Team. You will be able to choose from available times and places that are convenient to you.

From LWVAZ:

The Clean and Accountable Elections initiative has ceased collection of signatures. Here are comments from Samantha Pstross, Executive Director of Arizona Advocacy Network:

" It is with a heavy heart that we pull the plug on the [The Arizona Clean and Accountable Election Act](#). We will not have the signatures needed by the July 7th deadline.

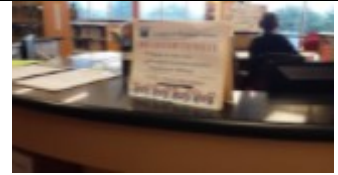
Thank you so much to all of our supporters! Your work is never in vein and this is not the end. While we are devastated that this crucial initiative will not become law this year, we will continue to fight against corruption and work towards good government that is truly of, by, and for the people.

We encourage everyone to continue supporting the effort to repeal sb1516. Go to [Stop Corruption Now AZ](#) to find out how you can help."

As of July 14, 2016, The Stop Corruption Now AZ has halted collection of signatures for the referendum on SB1516 sighting the inability to collect enough signatures by August 5 to get it on the November 2016 Ballot.

For election information in your community and around the country, visit VOTE411.org.





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We register.....



We vote!

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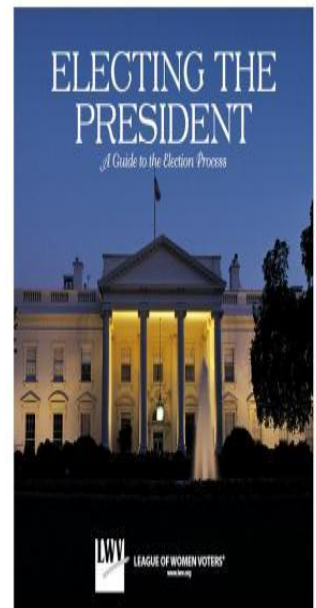
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