



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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On December 13th, LWVCYC participated in the 9th annual Cash for College night held at Yavapai College. The event is hosted by the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County. It's an opportunity for local non-profit groups, civic groups, local colleges, and universities to present their scholarship offerings to graduating seniors. This year our Scholarship chairperson Toni Denis and League Secretary Bobbi Boyd were present at the event to speak with graduating seniors about the Elisabeth Ruffner scholarship and how to apply. We passed out over 45 scholarship information sheets. Next month the scholarship information will be sent out to local high school guidance counselors. If you know a graduating senior that would like to apply please email LWVCYC@gmail.com and you will receive a scholarship information sheet. Thanks again for supporting the Elisabeth Ruffner scholarship fund and helping a local high school senior achieve their educational goals.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LWV
2024 Only 3 Seats Left!

**AFTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

Tickets are \$45 – Paid in Advance
Limited to 30 LWVCYC Members Only

Tormé Restaurant
Barry Barbe, Chef Owner
is offering a fabulous menu to select from!

GUEST SPEAKER:
Kris Mayes, Arizona Attorney General

Mark your calendars!
You CAN reserve your seat now through Zelle:
lwvcyc@gmail.com
or pay by check and mail to:
LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304



For your End of Year Giving, please consider a donation to the LWVCYC Education Fund for the Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

<https://my.lwv.org/arizona/lwvaz-education-fund-lwvazef>



Calendar of League Events

Friday, January 12, 2024

★ **12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

After Holiday Luncheon at Torme

★ **Submit Questions you would like to have answered to lwvcyc@gmail.com**

January 12, 2024 ★ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Request to Speak training – Take Advantage of these trainings!

[Register in advance](#)

Friday, February 2, 2024 ★ 10:30 – Noon

2024 Elections Discussion

Laurin Custis, Yavapai County Elections Director
Yavapai County Administration Building
BOS Meeting Room.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (3rd Tuesday each month!)

★ **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Happy Hour at the Hilton! Please join us!

February 19-23, 2024

★ **Legislative Lobby Week!**

Lunch and Learn Sessions via ZOOM - Feb 19-22

Day at the Capital February 23rd

If you want to go, let us know -we may get a bus!

Respond to lwvcyc@gmail.com

April 2024 – A Discussion of Healthcare in the Quad Cities – more details forthcoming.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Annual Meeting

Location to be Determined.

Please take the Education Survey by January 1st!

[LWVAZ Education Study Member Poll](#)

In a recent survey conducted by the LWVAZ, members identified education as a top issue of importance. At the May 2023 LWVAZ Business Meeting, the members unanimously adopted a proposal to create a study committee representative of all AZ local leagues to update the league's education position.

As a leader in voting rights, LWVAZ strives also to be a leader in public education advocacy. Equal access to quality education for all students is crucial to preparing the voters of the future. Your feedback is important to this goal.

[LWVAZ Education Study Member Poll](#)

2024 Election Dates

Feb. 20, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE)
Mar. 19, 2024	Presidential Preference Election
July 8, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote for Primary Election
Aug. 6, 2024	Primary Election
Oct. 7, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote in General Election
Nov. 5, 2024	General Election

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 8TH!

If you haven't done the Request to Speak Training yet – sign up for the January 12th training – so you can have a voice on the many bills the League will be following. [Register in advance](#)

AZ Leg Calendar 2024

JANUARY 2023

Monday 1/8 Session Begins

Thursday 1/11 House 7-bill Introduction Limit Begins at (5:00 p.m.)

Senate dates from 2023, 2024 not yet posted

Tuesday 1/17 Senate Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)

Monday 1/23 Senate Bill Intro Set Preparation Deadline (5:00 p.m.)

Monday 1/30 Senate Bill Introduction Deadline (5:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 2023

Friday 2/2 House Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)

Monday 2/5 House Bill Introduction Deadline (5:00 p.m.)

Friday 2/16 Last day to Hear bills in Committee in Chamber of Origin

MARCH 2023

Friday 3/22 Last day to Hear Bills in Committee in Other Chamber

APRIL 2023

Friday 4/12 Last Day for Conference Committees (By Senate and House Rule)

Tuesday 4/20 100th Day of Session ???



Next Steps

- Are you passionate about issues affecting Arizonans?
- Do you want to play an active role in making positive policy changes?
- No experience? No problem!
- Front of house or behind the scenes - we have a place for you!
- Join an issue team
<https://forms.gle/u5DAnMVWsfyhKEfK9t>
<https://forms.gle/u5DAnMVWsfyhKEfK9>
- Request an RTS (Request to Speak) login
<https://forms.gle/yxnUCNhECCNK6Zoa9ht>
<https://forms.gle/yxnUCNhECCNK6Zoa9>
- Email lwwadvocacy@gmail.com to get involved in state advocacy work

2024 Advocacy Priorities/ Issue Teams

#1 Voting Rights

2 Women's Rights

3 Education

4 Climate

5 Gun Safety

6 Criminal Justice

7 Ranked Choice Voting



Use Request to Speak (RTS) to Influence the Outcome of Legislation

Request to Speak (RTS) is an online real-time system that allows the public to register opinions on bills being heard in committee. You can:

- Indicate whether you are “for” or “against” the bill.
- Write a brief comment explaining your position.
- Register your willingness to speak (testify) during the committee hearing.

We encourage you to use this powerful tool to make your voice heard at the legislature.

If you do not have an RTS account, please complete this form, and a league volunteer will register your account at the Capitol. We will create your account with a generic password. Once you receive an email from us that your account has been set up, we advise that you change your password immediately. Please note that you cannot register online for RTS.

If you do not have an RTS account, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/kf1Tetzhnbsz9vTEA>

The 2024 legislative session starts on Jan 8, 2024. Be prepared!

More Ways to Get Involved in League!

If you are interested, please email lwvcyc@gmail.com

Legislative Lobby Week February 19 - 23, 2024

- Mon - Thurs Virtual lunch and learn programs via Zoom.
- Friday In person at the Capitol
 - Planning events and assisting day at the Capitol.
 - Planning topics for lunch and learn.
 - Suggesting and contacting speakers.
 - Providing tech support.



We need more League Member Support for the Arizona Access to Abortion Signature Gathering Effort!

Arizona for Abortion Access is a coalition of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations working to ensure Arizonans can make the decisions that are best for them and their families — free from government interference.

Please contact Terri Farneti terri.farneti@gmail.com or Loraine West Loraine.west@yahoo.com

to get your petition, clipboard, pen and help get your friends and neighbors to sign it!

If you haven't watched the training presentation – here it is:

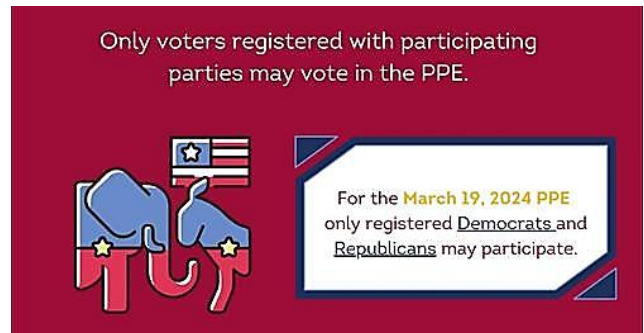
[Petition Gatherer Training](#)

WHAT IS A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION?

- The Presidential Preference Election (PPE) is an election in which voters can choose who they would like to be their presidential candidate in the upcoming General Election. Arizona only holds a PPE once every 4-years and sometimes the political parties choose not to participate if they have agreed on a candidate to represent them. The Republican party has not held a PPE since 2016. Party winners of the Arizona PPE are officially determined at the party's national convention.

WHY CAN ONLY DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS VOTE?

- The PPE is not a primary election. This means Arizona's open primary law does not apply to the PPE. Therefore, only voters registered with the participating party may vote on that party's ballot. Since only the Democratic & Republican Parties are participating in the PPE, only Democrats & Republicans can vote in the PPE. Independent/Other/Unaffiliated voters may change their voter registration to a designated party by February 20, 2024. After the election, voters may change their registration back to Independent if they so choose.



WHO CAN VOTE:

- Only voters registered with the participating parties can vote in the PPE.
- The Democratic & Republican Parties are the only ones participating in the PPE.
- This means only voters registered as Democrats or Republicans can vote in the March 19th PPE.

For more election information, visit:

AZ Clean Election: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/.../Presidential...>

Yavapai PPE Explanation Video: <https://youtu.be/4DdNNH5sX6g>

General election information: Yavapaivotes.gov

Our Greatest Achievements in 2023 from the LWVUS

Some people refer to the years without midterms or presidential elections as “off-years.” The term implies that these years — like 2023 — lack the activity or urgency of their counterparts.

With 2024 looking us right in the eye, we’re not going to deny that national election years are extraordinarily busy. But as 2023 showed, our “off-years” aren’t nearly as “off” as the nickname suggests.

In fact, in 2023, Leagues across the US worked diligently to achieve a remarkable number of wins in litigation, voter registration, civic engagement and education, and more. Below are six of our greatest accomplishments.

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/our-greatest-achievements-2023>



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2023-2024 LWVCYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address _____

Member information – Note type of membership and make check to LWVCYC.

Voting Member(s)

Non-Voting Member(s)

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership
_____ \$90/yr Household Membership

\$_____ Associate/ Friend of the League
\$_____ Contribution to our local League operations

Local League membership dues and donations are **not** tax deductible. Your support helps our Voter Service and local program activities! Please include this form with your check(s). Membership can also be renewed using Zelle at lwvcyc@gmail.com or through PayPal at our website, LWVCYC.org using the join/donate tab.

Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund and Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Fund. Make check out to LWVAZ Education fund with notation as to where it is to be used. Contributions to 501 (c) 3 funds are tax deductible and must be made by **separate check** to preserve tax deductibility. Thank You

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund 501(c)3. *The funds you contribute under this program will be used for the Scholarship program.*

Make Ruffner Scholarship Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC-Scholarship**

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund 501(c) 3 *The funds you contribute to the League of Women Voters Education Fund under this program may be used to support the charitable and educational activities of our League.* Make Education Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC General**

You may also make donations to the Education Funds through PayPal or Zelle by following the donation link on our website: LWVCYC.org

For Membership Use: Date received: _____

Membership / Renewal form (05/12/2023)