



THE VOTER

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Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LWVCYC

2024

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:

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Engaging Young Voters

by Rome Bassett, winner of the 2023 Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Many young people don't vote, in fact it is estimated that only about 50% of people from ages 18-29 voted in the 2020 election. This is a serious issue in today's society that needs to be worked towards improving. This specific age range is not being as accurately represented in the government as they could be if they had more voter participation. The problem does not lie completely with these young adults but rather with the education and how the campaigns reach out to them.

A shocking 22% of new voters say that they don't vote because they simply don't know how. The solution to solving this problem is as simple as educating these young people. Action can be taken at all stages of the education system. Teachers can start teaching civic knowledge and skills as early as elementary school. When it all comes down to it, voting is just a habit. This is why there isn't as much of an issue with older groups of people, because they have had time to develop the habit. The same opportunity should be given to young people. In high school many students are required to take a Government or Civic class where there is a perfect opportunity to inform young voters. Activities such as registering to vote, holding mock elections, or holding Q&A's with local representatives would help young people become educated and develop real civic skills. Another very important thing to remember is that voting doesn't necessarily start when someone turns 18. Pre-registration is a very valuable thing that could help create habits out of young teens. Not all students will be 18 while in a government or civic class but being able to pre-register will help get them on the right path to becoming lifelong voters.

Outside of schools, campaigners can also do a better job at reaching out to young people. Many young adults don't get contacted by a major party either by text or by mail. Reaching more people through these avenues will only increase voter participation. Perhaps one of the most

influential ways to encourage young people to vote is through the use of social media. In the last few years social media has taken the world by storm and has revolutionized so much of how society functions. Social media is used heavily by this age range and is an excellent way to reach out to encourage them to vote. Doing simple things like creating a hashtag that encourages people to vote and sharing it could help the hashtag become a trend and go viral. Young people love participating in social media and posting selfies so why not extend that activity into the voting sphere of influence.

Encouraging young adults to vote is very important and vital to building a better and more represented nation. Action can be taken in schools and as well as by campaigners through the use of social media to work towards this outcome. At the end of the day, voting is very habit oriented. If young people vote now they will create a habit to become lifelong voters and become involved in the democratic process. There is no greater service a person, especially a young person, can do to help their country move forward than by voting.



**Please consider a donation to the LWVAZ Education Fund
with Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship fund designated.**

<https://my.lwv.org/arizona/lwvaz-ed-fund-donation-form>



Calendar of League Events

Sunday, December 3rd

Request to Speak Training by Zoom
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[Register in Advance](#)

Saturday, December 9th

Membership Meeting, Prescott Public Library
Founders Suite

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **RSVP by Dec. 8th**

Dec 11, 2023, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn about League In Action/ Outreach circle
and how LWVAZ plans to utilize this
resource. [Register in advance](#)

Wednesday, December 13th

Cash for College - Yavapai College Walraven
Gym 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

Promoting the Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship
Contact Toni Denis to volunteer 928-848-2753

December 17, 2023 – 2-3 pm.

AZ Legislature 101: By the Book and Behind the
Scenes. [Register in advance](#)

Friday, January 12, 2024

After Holiday Luncheon
Torme Restaurant

Guest Speaker: AZ Attorney General, Kris Mayes
RSVP Soon!

January 12, 2024, 5-6 p.m.

Request to Speak training. [Register in advance](#)

January 2024 Program - TBD

Update on Prop 211 with Terry Goddard will be
rescheduled.

**Please take the Education Survey by
December 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.

If you see it . . . Share it!

The LD1 Legislative Summit last week was
discovered by one of our members on the
electronic sign at Yavapai College. This
fortunate incident alerted our members to
an important summit that included all three
of our Legislative District representatives. If
you see something you think could be of
benefit to our league members, send an
email to LWVCYC@gmail.com.

NATIONAL ROSTER EMAIL VERIFICATION 12/20/23

In preparation for the busy election work
year in 2024 - we would like to verify
members' emails.

On December 20 we will send an email
entitled "*LWVCYC Email Verification*" to the
email in the national roster. Please reply
that you received the email.

Thank you for adding your voice and
making our League stronger.

Arizona for Abortion Access Campaign and Your Involvement

About the Campaign

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. This ballot committee is supported by the ACLU of Arizona, Affirm Sexual and Reproductive Health, Arizona List, Healthcare Rising Arizona, Reproductive Freedom for All Arizona (formerly NARAL Arizona), and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona. Together, these organizations represent hundreds of thousands of Arizonans in every community and from every walk of life.

These trusted institutions have worked extensively together protecting and expanding abortion access over the years. They have now partnered to begin collecting signatures to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment will protect abortion access in Arizona and ensure every person can make this deeply personal decision with dignity.

About the Initiative

The “Arizona Abortion Access Act” would enshrine the fundamental right to abortion in Arizona’s constitution. If passed, this measure would ensure freedom for a person to make their own decision on abortion. This is a deeply personal decision that most Arizonans believe should be made without interference from the government.

[Arizona for Abortion Access Website](#)

[Petition I-05-2024 Arizona Abortion Access Act](#)

The League’s Role

The League of Women Voters of Arizona has a key role as a member of the field committee organized under the auspices of Health Care Rising (HCR). We have committed to obtaining a minimum of 10,000 signatures supporting the Arizona for Abortion Access ballot measure. The deadline for submitting signatures to the Arizona Secretary of State is July 3, 2024. Our goal is to submit our petitions to the campaign by June 30, 2024, to allow time for the campaign to quality-check the petitions.

What You Can Do Now

Please consider becoming a signature gatherer for the “*Arizona for Abortion Access*” (AAA) campaign to help get reproductive rights on the ballot next November. First, you should watch the training video at this [LINK](#).

Next, reach out to Loraine West (loraine_west@yahoo.com) or Terri Farneti (terri.farneti@gmail.com) to arrange a time to sign out a petition and receive supplies (long clipboard, pen, list of do's and don'ts, and information on how to get your petition notarized).



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!

*Your Membership Is Through June 30th!



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Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Voting Member(s)

Non-Voting Member(s)

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership

\$_____ Associate/ Friend of the League

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership

\$_____ 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)