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Greetings!

So much going on! First - thanks to everyone who has sent in their renewals. The voice of the League of Women Voters at every level - local, state, and national - has never been more important. We are so glad you are a part of our team. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help on all of the new League initiatives! Please take a look though The Voter to get the latest updates!

Hope you all enjoyed the Labor Day weekend!

*Best,
Kelly*

Welcome New Members!

Willa Newell

Anna Swigart

Susan Waldenburg and Eric Larson

Karen Sullivan has sent out an invite for a New Member Orientation to new members and existing members who haven't had the opportunity to go through the orientation.

Please plan to attend and RSVP.



Reginald Bolding, AZ House Representative, and candidate for AZ Secretary of State was also present to speak on behalf of Az and joined us for a photo op.
 From left to right: Mary Kay Kenney, Reginald Bolding, Pinny Sheoran, Kara Pelletier, at the podium Virginia Kase Solomon, Exec. Director of the LWVUS, the interpreter, Terri Farneti, Linda Napier, and Kate Stewart.



Breakfast at the Capitol Hilton
 with LWVUS President Deborah Turner

The AZ Leaguers attend the Rally for Voting Rights in DC!

A brief, but spectacular experience!

Pinny Sheoran, President-Elect for LWVAZ was given the opportunity to have AZ front and center at this rally – and invited 5 League members to travel to DC to do so. One member from each local League board was given the chance to go. Terri Farneti represented LWVCYC, Linda Napier, LWV Northwest Maricopa, Kara Pelletier, LWV Metro Phoenix, Kate Stewart, LWV Greater Tucson, and Mary Kay Kenney, LWV Northern AZ.

It was an exciting day with many other organization’s leaders fighting for voting rights speaking.

We stayed at the Capitol Hilton, a few blocks from Lafayette Square in front of the White House.

Many thanks to the LWVUS for sponsoring our trip!

League members – make sure to take advantage of League opportunities to make the most of your membership. Be involved! We need you!

The LWVAZ Files an Amicus Brief about the Senate's Audit of the Election



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LWV of Arizona Files in Support of Public Transparency in AZ Senate's Sham Election "Audit"

PHOENIX, AZ — Today, the League of Women Voters of Arizona filed an amicus brief in support of transparency in the Arizona Senate's so-called "audit" of votes cast in Maricopa County during the 2020 Election.

"First, the Arizona Senate violated voters' privacy by granting an un reputable hired firm authority to go door-to-door asking Maricopa County residents how they voted. Now, they seek to hide records relating to their sham audit," said **Pinny Sheoran**, president elect of the League of Women Voters of Arizona. "The Arizona Senate seems to think it's fine to violate voters' privacy on the one hand but refuse to provide those same voters with transparency of their actions on the other. The Arizona Senate must comply with public records requests."

Last spring, the Arizona Senate hired Florida-based cybersecurity firm Cyber Ninjas to perform an audit of Maricopa County's election results — despite overwhelming evidence that the county's election was run accurately and securely. The League of Women Voters of Arizona has been vocal on the issue of protecting voters' privacy relating to this process since the beginning. Now, after conducting an invasive canvass of Maricopa County residents, the Arizona Senate refuses to comply with open records requests relating to their probe, citing legislative immunity.

"The 2020 Election was carried out safely, securely, and accurately because of the dedicated work of election administrators around the country, including in Maricopa County," said **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner**, board president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. "Continued baseless attempts to find fault in the election where there is none only harm voters and are especially contemptible without transparency in the process. States must focus on serving their residents rather than wasting their tax money on anti-democratic schemes."

The League of Women Voters is joined in this case by First Amendment Coalition of Arizona and represented by Perkins Coie LLP.

LWVAZ

LWVAZ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting - Thursday, September 16, 6:15 PM. Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby, authors of the book Cousins, will share their discovery of a common connection through slavery, a Black woman and a White woman discover their past--and each other. Click [To register for the LWVAZ DEI meeting](#)

LWVUS

Legislative and Litigation Priorities - Wednesday, September 15, Noon Tucson time.
[To register for the September 15 Update](#)



Did you Miss the Meeting on Effective Policing in our Communities
on Saturday, August 28th?

[Here's the Link to See what you Missed!](#)

Our Fall Forum Series gave voice to some of the electorate's concerns about community policing. Nancy Hand President-elect of our Tucson Chapter presented LWVAZ policy on community policing. Beya Thayer highlighted the extensive program developed by Yavapai County for diversion of violators in crisis due to mental illness,, family disfunction and/or drug abuse to care facilities. Dr DeLung, police trainer from Prescott Police Department, outlined his program for ensuring Police Officers provide effective community interaction while carrying out their enforcement duties.

We look forward to our upcoming Forums and invite suggestions from members regarding topics for focus. Our next proposed Forum will deal with Voting Rights and legislation advocated by LWV. ~ Gerre Carley, VP Program



Please Volunteer for this Invaluable League Activity!

We have lined up the Prescott Public Library
from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. with two locations in the library.
We need volunteers to register voters and help make the day a success.
Contact Terri Farneti with times you could help Terri.farneti@gmail.com



The U.S. League of Women Voters has developed an award-winning website to inform voters about elections, candidates, ballot measures, and more. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the site, please take a minute to view it now: www.VOTE411.org. This online site is open to the public and will replace the paper Voter Guides that have been used in the past.

Studies show that one major reason for low voter turnout for local and state elections is that people don't have enough reliable information from trusted sources. This is what the League of Women Voters is all about—informing voters about elections, candidates and issues!

In 2020, VOTE411 served 6.1 million users, including over 450 leagues in 44 states. Arizona's site had 58,000 visitors. We hope to increase user numbers dramatically as more people become familiar with VOTE411.

The LWVAZ Advocacy Committee is providing guidance with the on-going construction of the Vote 411 site for each local league. We need CYC members to step up and help us launch this site so that voters in our county will have access to the most current information for our upcoming elections, candidate responses to questionnaires, and ballot issues.

Training will be available, and we'll work as a team to accomplish our goals. Many of our tasks will be completed during the month of September, with some follow-up later.

How can you get involved? Help us in one or more of these areas:

- Identify sources for trusted election and voting information
- Select elections to be covered (city, school board, etc.)
- Reach out to candidates with preliminary letter to confirm contact info
- Prepare candidate questionnaires and outline procedures
- Develop analysis of local ballot measures
- Obtain other digital media to expand voter education
- Follow up with candidates to complete questionnaires

We need to begin collaboration on this project very soon.

Members may participate for a few hours or a few weeks...whatever you are able to give. Please reply so that we may set up a Zoom meeting to discuss further and answer questions. Don't delay. We need you to make it work!

Please contact Joyce Haas at jbsail@gmail.com or 928-642-0298. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm for voter education.

An Opportunity to Attend a Zoom Meeting from Another AZ League!



Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Issues and Perspectives

Free and Open to the Public

WHERE: To view the program on September 18, copy this link and paste it in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87895992004?pwd=MTYyQW5lTytMT3RzNTNVcEd0MFNPUT09> – Passcode is 117693

Or watch the livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/lwvgreatertucson>

WHEN: Saturday, September 18, 2021 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson welcomes a panel of experts from various fields to discuss this often misunderstood, always interesting, end-of-life options, also known as death with dignity.



Margot Champagne, a longtime member of the LWV, practiced law in Washington, DC for 30 years and now resides in Phoenix working as an attorney part time. She will talk about the history of the grassroots right-to-die movement in Arizona, including The Million Geezer Marches on the Capitol and writing the LWVAZ White Paper of 2013 on MAID.



Val Lovelace, the founder and Executive Director of Maine Death with Dignity, formerly It's My Death, led the grassroots coalition that led to the success of MAID passing in Maine in 2019. She will explain the details of the law, qualifications and safeguards, the myths, the language and the status of the 50-state campaign led by Death with Dignity National Center.



Rep. Deborah Armstrong, a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives since 2012, sponsored the MAID bill that passed in June 2021. She serves as a senior advisor to End of Life Options New Mexico. She will cover the coalition that worked for ten years to pass the law, the power of storytelling and educating voters and lawmakers alike.



Monsignor Jeremiah McCarthy, on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Tucson, is a renowned moral theologian. He is currently teaching classes at Oblate School of Theology in Texas. He will discuss the Diocese's stand on end-of-life issues, medical ethics and the moral dilemmas faced by terminally ill Catholics.

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

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87895992004?pwd=MTYyQW5lTytMT3RzNTNVcEd0MFNPUT09> –

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Good News from Co-Treasurer, Kate Robbins

The website is updated so dues can be paid on the site vs writing and mailing a check!

Non-Dues donations to the local league can be made in one of 3 ways:

1. Operational Donations:

The local league operating fund. This is a taxable donation and funds are used for operational and educational expenses in the normal course of league programs. Checks would be made payable to LWVCYC .

2. Non-Taxable Education Fund Donations:

The Unrestricted Ed Fund is a fund from which the local league can withdraw for any form of public education or other purpose allowed under the tax laws.

The Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship fund is a restricted single purpose fund. Starting 2022 we will be awarding a \$500 scholarship each year. The scholarship will be awarded to an area high school senior based on submission of an essay on a voting/public policy related topic. A committee of League members will read the submissions and select a winner. This fund was started a few years ago, but the details were not finalized until recently.

Checks would be made payable to LWVAZ - ED Fund and then either Scholarship or general written on the memo line to indicate your preference.

3. Donations on our web site:

We have now re-vamped the LWVCYC web site and donations through pay-pal will be routed to the correct fund, based on your selection. Ed fund Donations will be routed to the LWVAZ ED Fund page, where you will indicate the fund preference.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org

LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC www.lwvcyc.org

- ★ We recommend you check out these websites —lots of great information to help you with learning about the League of Women Voters.
- ★ Our website includes current and past Voters, an Elected Official Guide and more!

We are also on Facebook and Twitter
—if you'd like to follow us!



Help us **Get out the Vote for 2021!**

Join the Board as Voter Service Director!

Become a Voter Registration Volunteer



LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2021-2022

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 16 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2021-2022 cover payment for local (\$15.00), state (\$13), and national (\$32.00) memberships.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note type of membership, and make check to "LWVCYC" - or pay online with Pay Pal at LWVCYC.org

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership _____ \$40/yr for members under 40

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership _____ **Free** for students under 26

Plus, suggested donation:

\$ _____ Contribution to our local League (not tax deductible)

\$ _____ *Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund (tax deductible)

* Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund must be made by separate check, to preserve tax deductibility. These donations support our webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Please include this form with your check New member _____ or Renewal _____

Please mail this form and all checks to: LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please drop your check in the mail along with the form above.