



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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It's time once again for league membership renewal. Annual dues cover the period July 1, 2022 – June 2023. Those members submitting their dues before July 1 will be automatically entered into an early bird raffle: a \$100 gift card to Farm Provisions restaurant. Please send your dues in early to join the raffle. Raffle winner to be announced in the July Voter.

As a member of LWVCYC, you automatically become a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWVAZ). You can learn more about LWVAZ from the web site www.lwvaz.org and LWVUS from the web site www.lwv.org. Our local league's website is www.lwvcyc.org. We are also on Facebook, please like us!

We hope you enjoy your continued association with the League as it works to inform and influence public policy decisions. During the year you will be receiving email updates with the monthly issue of the Voter, describing upcoming events. Feel free to call with questions or suggestions.

Please mail in your dues payment with the renewal form. We no longer have a PayPal link for dues payment. **Mailing Address:** LWVCYC, P.O. Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304

Donations are also welcomed to support your league's work to ensure our elections are free, fair, and accessible. This year the VOTE411.org committee kicked off; it is the league's one-stop-shop for election-related information and provides nonpartisan info to the public. The local team is busy pulling together local election information. If you are interested in helping to provide the public with nonpartisan local election information, please send an email to lwvcyc@gmail.com and you will be contacted by the VOTE411 team.

Tax Deductible donations can be made to the Education Fund or to the Elizabeth Ruffner Scholarship fund to help a local graduating high school senior. Make checks payable to LWVAZ Education Fund. Please write either CYC fund or Ruffner Scholarship on the check notation line. Education Fund donations can also be made directly through PayPal by following the donations tab on our website: LWVCYC.org

Reminder: Annual dues cover the time period July 1 2022 – June 2023:

- \$60 One member
- \$90 Two members same household
- \$50 Friends of the League
- \$75 Friends of the League family membership

Thank you for renewing your annual membership with the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County. We are looking forward to another exciting year and are glad you will continue to add your voice to our League.

Sincerely,

Kelly Boryca
Vice President, Membership
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Bobbi Boyd
Scholarship Director
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League of Women Voters announces Winner of the Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Prescott, AZ. The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LWVCYC) is pleased to announce this year's Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship of \$500 to Ms. Nicole Shaver.

Nicole is a 2022 graduate of Bradshaw Mountain High School graduating in the top 10 of her class with a 4.3 GPA. She managed this while leading her volleyball team to a Regional Championship, and working at Chick Fil A. Nicole will be continuing her athletic and academic career at Quincy University in Illinois. She plans to encourage her new friends to register to vote, and to vote in upcoming elections. Follows is an excerpt from her excellent essay:



LWVCYC President Kelly Boryca, Nicole Shaver, and Scholarship Director Bobbi Boyd

To get youth started, schools should strongly encourage registering for voting during the school day. Having students register in school can give them guidance and assurance that they are participating in the democratic process in the right way. Nowadays, many teens feel uncomfortable when they feel alone. If the registration process was at school, the youth would become more confident and want to be a part of the voting process with all their other peers. The High School Voter Registration Project is a nationwide effort to encourage young people--especially young minorities--to register to vote. According to their research, supporting high school students to start the process of registration is more effective than later in life to reach out to all minorities. Multiple youth registration starts at college campuses which miss 43% of Americans between the ages of 18-29. For this reason, it is essential for the democratic process to start at the high school level in order to reach as many youth as possible. To sum up, to engage young people to become a part of the democratic process, influencers need to utilize their platforms to spread awareness and voting registration needs to target high school students to start the process.

The LWVCYC received eight applications with noteworthy insights about getting youth civically engaged. Here are several quotes from the teens that represented recurring themes:

- Numerous students have no idea how our government runs until they get into their senior year of high school, where many are the age to vote. If there is no knowledge, there is no participation.
- Not being well informed stops young people because they are unsure of some stuff and become afraid to vote.
- Young people believe that their vote does not matter since they are a small majority of the entire population.
- I did not think about registering to vote or consider why it is important until Yavapai County Recorder's Office representatives spoke to us about voting registration, how the democratic process works, and why being involved is important.
- Discuss political topics with young people, as it gives us a glimpse into the world of the democratic process and enables us to begin thinking for ourselves and what's important to us.

Elisabeth Ruffner was a long-time supporter of the League of Women Voters and a 23-year member of the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County (LWVCYC). Elisabeth believed in strong civic engagement and helped establish Prescott Good Governance in the 1970s. In 2015, she and Sandra Day O'Connor were inducted in the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. Elisabeth was a member of LWVCYC from July 1996, until her passing in 2019. As

a tribute to her memory, the LWVCYC has designated a portion of its Education Fund for an annual scholarship to be awarded in her memory.

The LWVCYC hopes to offer a \$1,000 scholarship in future years. If you would like to donate to the LWVCYC restricted fund towards the Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship, visit <https://my.lwv.org/arizona/lwvaz-ed-fund-donation-form>, select Central Yavapai County and designated fund and write in Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship.

Hello Leaguers,

On Thursday, May 26th this Olli Program is being offered by Citizens Water Advocacy Board and is **FREE** to the public. Since the LWV will be reviewing our state policies on water this program is a good introduction to members in the Prescott Active Management Area about our aquifer and its increasing overdrafts. They can attend in person or on zoom.

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Click here to sign up! <https://www.campusce.net/prescottolli/Course/Course.aspx?c=12261>

Interlude: "Water: What the Science Tells Us About the Future (Zoom)

Using The AZ Department of Water Resources recently published data, Dr. Kroopnick has run models of the wells in the Prescott Active Management Area (PrAMA) showing what has happened to water levels since the Groundwater Management Act was established in 1980. The model project out the aquifer levels for various locations in the quad cities area over the next 100 years. Students will learn about the growing overdraft in the aquifer and its effect on thousands of wells in the PrAMA. Bring your questions. The program will be compilation of video, power point and in person presentation.

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Item: SU-22 Interlude Water Z

Fee: \$0.00

Days: Th **Dates:** 5/26/2022 - 5/26/2022

Sessions: 1 **Times:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Room: Zoom **Building:** WebLive

Instructor: Ellie Laumark

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We need your help gathering Signatures for Arizona Fair Elections!

The **Arizona Fair Elections Act** will take down barriers to voting for all Arizona citizens, make the vote-by-mail list permanent again, reduce the influence of money on our elections and bar legislators from overriding election results. [Learn more.](#)

The League of Women Voters of Arizona supports this initiative, and league members are encouraged to collect signatures! The deadline for getting signatures submitted is July 7th!

We are now **collecting signatures** to put this citizen initiative on the ballot in the November 2022 general elections.

This ballot measure would let voters expand it

Mary Jo Pitzl

Arizona Republic

Lawmakers aren't the only ones with lots of ideas on how to change Arizona elections. A citizen initiative circulating in the state has proposals of its own — nearly three dozen of them — and most are diametrically opposed to where Republicans are headed.

The "[Arizona Fair Elections Act](#)" would expand voting access and reverse a number of laws enacted in recent years, from tighter controls on citizen initiatives to elimination of the Permanent Early Voting List, which critics saw as an attempt to limit the state's popular early voting program.

It includes provisions to avoid a repeat of the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, including preventing the kind of ballot review that was commissioned by Republicans in the state Senate, along with blocking lawmakers from substituting their own slate of presidential electors if they disagree with the voters' choice.

The initiative is circulating as the Legislature has stalled on a rash of election-related bills this year. Only one measure out of the more than 100 bill introduced has been signed into law so far, but it won't take effect until after this year's elections. It tightens proof of citizenship for people registering to vote.

The act, if it makes the ballot and is approved by voters, would create same-day voter registration, extend the deadline to return early ballots and boost funding for the state's public campaign-finance system. It would restore the Permanent Early Voting List, which lawmakers abolished last year, and reverse the "ballot harvesting" law that prevents voters from allowing a non-family member to drop off their ballot.

The list goes on, proposing numerous election-related changes in an all-or-nothing format that Joel Edman acknowledges could force some hard decisions for voters on whether to accept all of the nearly three dozen provisions to get the changes they really want.

"On the other hand, there's something in there for just about everybody," said Edman, treasurer of Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections, the committee formed to back the effort.

Before voters would face any decision, however, proponents of the initiative will need to collect 237,645 valid voter signatures by July 7. If they qualify, the measure will appear on the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

The campaign is sponsored by Arizona Deserves Better, and the political arm of the Arizona Democracy Resource Center. Both groups work on election and voting issues.



WE HAVE PETITIONS!

GET A CLIPBOARD AND GATHER

SIGNATURES!

Call Terri Farneti @ 928-533-5297 to get them.

If any League member is a notary public, that would be great!!

Voter Registration!

Dear LWVCYC members,

LWVCYC is applying for booth space at the Prescott Farmers' Market for the summer season (May - October) to register voters. In the application I need to list name, phone number, and emergency contact information for anyone who will work at the booth. The market is held Saturdays from 7:30am - 12pm. I suspect a weekly booth would not be very productive. The voter registration deadline for the August primary is July 5 and for the general election is October 11. We may want to do a booth, for example, on a Saturday in June, July 2, a Saturday in August and one in September, and October 1 and/or 8.

If you are likely to sign up for a shift at the LWVCYC voter registration booth at the Prescott Farmers' Market, please send me your name, phone number, and emergency contact name and number.

Thank you!

Loraine West, Director of Voter Services
LWVCYC
loraine_west@yahoo.com
703-419-5313 (cell)

Advocacy this Summer! Sign up to help with VOTE411!

The LWV VOTE411.org site will focus on local, state, and federal election information for August 2nd and November 3rd. This summer, our league and the State Advocacy Committee will continue to engage in Voter Education and Voter Registration. The LWVCYC VOTE411 team will be working on mayoral and council elections in Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt. We will also focus on positions open on the School Board.

If you are interested in remaining engaged this summer, send your name to the LWVCYC email: lwvcyc@gmail.com. We will continue the monthly Voter and will have Voter Education and Registration events that will need participants.

Your involvement this summer will help the League of Women Voters continue to Make Democracy Work!

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org
LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org
LWVCYC www.lwvcyc.org

- We recommend you check these out —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 2022!



And promote **VOTE411.org**

Thank you for your Membership!



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LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Name: _____

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

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Renewal information – Note type of membership and make check to LWVCYC

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership _____ \$40/yr Individual Members under 40

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership _____ \$50/yr Friends of the League

Plus, suggested donation:

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

Local League donations support our webpage and Voter Service activities.!

Please include this form with your check(s).

Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund and Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Fund must be made by **separate check**, to preserve tax deductibility. Make check out to LWVAZ Education fund with notation as to where it is to be used: Thank You

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

Make Education Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line - **General**

\$ _____ Contribution to LWVAZ Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund (tax deductible)

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

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

THANK YOU.

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It's Membership Renewal Time!

We prefer checks, but you can pay using PayPal on our website: LWVCYC.org