

League of Women Voters of Northwest Maricopa County

THE VOTER

October 2018

From the President's Desk: Bonnie Saunders

This is already a very busy fall and probably will get busier! Most of our energy is focused on encouraging citizens to vote in this election and on educating citizens so they can cast an informed vote. Please note all of the Voter Service events that are noted below. I want to thank all of the people whom I have listed as helpers at various events, many of them helping at several. Check out the full list of LWV/NWMC Meetings during the League year of 2018-2019 on a separate page in this Newsletter. Print it out and keep it so that you won't forget to come to our meetings.

LWV/NWMC Voter Service Events, Fall 2018

Get Out the Vote Event:

Friday, October 5th & Saturday, October 6th, noon-4:00 p.m., UU Church

Our main focus this year is women and voting. We have a lot of events happening that will register voters, women and men, but we especially want to encourage women to vote. To that end, members will gather at the UU Church to write postcards to 1,000 women who did not vote in recent election. We have made sure to include Republicans, Democrats, and Independents; however, the list is otherwise a random subset of the several thousand women who did not vote in that election.

So I encourage all members, who are able to do so, to come to the Church to help us with these postcards, for any amount of time, anytime between noon and 4:00 p.m., on either 10/5 or 10/6. Do you have an hour to spare during that time? If so, we hope to see you.

LWV/NWMC Kick-Off Events

There are two **Kick-Off Events** this October -- in order to accommodate members who are employed, members who do not drive at night, members who are really busy during the week, and/or members who want to hear different stories at different events.

The first will be the **Kick-Off Breakfast**, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 13th at the home of Linda Napier, who knows how to have a party. Board members will provide delicacies for this event. Bonnie Saunders will ask members to tell the

group stories about how and why they first joined the League of Women Voters and what has been the most important aspect of their membership. Bonnie will also talk about the history of the League, which will be 100 years old in 2020.

The second will be the **Kick-Off Evening Event**, starting with Martha Thompson's delicious pizza at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th at the UU Church. Again, Bonnie Saunders hereby asks members to tell the group stories about how and why they first joined the League of Women Voters and what has been the most important aspect of their membership. Again, Bonnie will also talk about the history of the League, which will be 100 years old in 2020.

Come to either or both of these fun events and bring all of your friends and neighbors who are interested in the League and its activities.

Voter Registration Events

Wednesday, September 19th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., GCC

Lynne Leonard, Linda Napier, Bonnie Saunders, Becky Saylor

Tuesday, September 25th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., GCC

Susie Bowman, Jacquie Rose, Bonnie Saunders

Friday, September 28th, 8:00-11:00 a.m., Valley Vista H.S., Dysart Faculty In-Service Day

Kathleen Long, Sherry Robinson, Bonnie Saunders, Martha Thompson

Saturday, September 29th, 9:00 a.m.-noon, GCC

Charles Merritt, Judy Moor, Sherry Robinson, Bonnie Saunders

Candidates Forums (Voter Registration forms will be available)

Tuesday, October 2nd, 6:00-7:00/7:15 p.m., Peoria School District Adm Ctr,
6330 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale

Lois Brechner: Moderator; Lynne Leonard, Jacquie Rose, Charles Merritt.

Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Dysart School District Office,
15802 N. Parkview Place, Surprise

Lois Brechner: Moderator; Lynne Leonard, Jacquie Rose, Charles Merritt, Kathleen Long.

Ballot Propositions Explanations (Voter Registration forms will be available)

Thursday, September 27th, 6:00 p.m., LWVNWMC Meeting, UU Church

Presentations by Martha Thompson and others.

Wednesday, October 3rd, noon: NOW meeting, UU Church

Presentation by Lynne Leonard.

Thursday, October 4th, 2:00 p.m., Royal Oaks

Linda Napier, Susan Penner, Bonnie Saunders, Becky Saylor.

Monday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m., Buckeye

Linda Napier, Bonnie Saunders

Important Dates to remember for the mid-term election:

Last date to register to vote: October 9th

Early ballots mailed out: October 10th

Last day to mail ballots back safely: October 31st

Election Day: Tuesday, November 6th

Debates: Statewide Offices: sponsored by the Clean Elections Commissions in October

Secretary of State: Wednesday, October 3rd, live 5:30 p.m., repeated 10:00 p.m. on PBS/Ch8.

Gubernatorial: Thursday, October 4th, live at 5:00 p.m., repeated 10:00 p.m. on PBS/Ch8.

Legislative Districts: For dates and times, go to web

page: <https://www.azcleanelections.gov/debates>.

LWV/US Convention, July 2018 in Chicago

Carol Mattoon attended this Convention, along with about 1,000 other League members from around the country. She said that the long days were exhausting but she learned a lot about a lot of issues. The LWV/AZ was a finalist in a LWV/US award for Carol's excellent Voters Rights Summit in January 2017. Carol and Michelle Dorsey, President of the LWV/MP, produced a health care caucus, which was attended by 92 delegates, a good turnout. Here is a part of Carol's report from that Convention.

"I will give a more formal report on the many other activities and speakers later, but wanted to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your voting delegate. I took my task very seriously and tried to be an informed voter, although I must say, I was not always with the majority. I know, surprise, surprise. I was very disappointed that when it came to voting on resolutions and "vote to move" issues, much of the discuss was squelched, cut short, or totally eliminated because they wanted to rush the sessions to make time to go to the immigration march. Although this was a worthy cause, I felt you spent a lot of money to send me to do League work; and personally I feel to vote intelligently, we needed to hear pros and cons of items put forth. To me it is ironic that one of the League of Women Voters main goals is educated voters, yet within the League when voting on national issues, presenters, supporters and those against, were not given time to give reasoning behind their stance so that we could all become better educated before voting. But I was outvoted on this!

"It was a very informative and packed convention with many excellent caucus, interesting people, and exciting projects being undertaken across the county, maybe some of which several of you will want to undertake! I'm bringing back materials. Thanks again for sending me! Carol"

1 Carol Mattoon



1 Arizona Delegates



LWVNWMC MEETINGS, 2018-2019

Focus: Women and Making Democracy Work: Educating Voters and Promoting Voting

At the UU Church, 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise (except where noted otherwise)

Thursday, September 27, 2018 -- Forum on the Ballot Propositions.

6:00 p.m. -- Panel Discussion moderated by Martha Thompson.

Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th -- Postcard Writing Blitz!

12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. each day -- Attach address labels and stamps to postcards.

Write messages urging 1,000 women, who did not vote in a recent election, to vote in 2018.

Saturday, October 13, 2018 -- Kick-Off Breakfast and Talk on LWV History since 1920.

9:30 a.m. -- Delicacies. 10:15 a.m. -- Talk. **At the home of Linda Napier.**

Thursday, October 25, 2018 -- Kick-Off Evening Event and Talk on LWV History since 1920.

5:30 p.m. -- Pizza. 6:15 p.m. -- Talk.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 -- Persuasion, Empowerment, Motivation.

Tentative motivational speaker: Jevin Hodge?

5:30 p.m. -- Pizza. 6:00 p.m. -- Talk.

Thursday, November 29, 2018 -- I am Woman! Watch Me Vote! -- How women candidates did.

5:30 p.m. -- Appetizers, chocolate, and beverages. 6:00 p.m. -- Discussion.

Friday, December 14, 2018 -- Holiday Party **At the home of Linda Napier.**

4:00 p.m. -- Appetizers. 5:00 p.m. -- Skit or game show. 6:00 p.m. -- Dinner.

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 -- Program Planning in advance of LWV/AZ Convention 2019.

12:00 Noon -- Brown Bag Lunch, with tea and cookies provided. 12:30 p.m. -- Discussion.

A Saturday in January 2019: TBA -- Michelle Dorsey: UN Conference on the Status of Women

6:00 p.m. -- Pizza. 6:30 p.m. -- Talk.

Maybe Joint Meeting with NOW, AAUW, ERA and 19th Amendment Groups??

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 -- Impact of Climate Change on Health Care.

12:00 Noon -- Brown Bag Lunch, with tea and cookies provided. 12:30 p.m.: Talk.

Darnell Kirksey and Linda Napier will find Speaker(s).

Thursday, February 28, 2019 -- Medicare for All -- based on Caucus at LWV/US Convention.

5:30 p.m. -- Pizza. 6:00 p.m. -- Talk. Linda Napier will find Speaker(s).

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 -- Some Aspect of Education.

12:00 Noon -- Brown Bag Lunch, with tea and cookies provided. 12:30 p.m. -- Talk.

Thursday, March 28, 2019 -- "A Backpack Full of Cash" The Real Cost of Privatizing Education.

5:30 p.m. -- Pizza. 6:00 p.m. -- Movie.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 -- Annual Meeting -- Adrian Fontes (if available).

9:30 a.m. -- Business Meeting. 11:30 a.m. -- Social Hour. 12:00 Noon -- Lunch.

1:00 p.m. -- Talk on Voting Practices or Related Topic .

At Briarwood Country Club, Sun City West.

May 18th-19th, 2019 -- LWV/AZ Convention. **Place TBA.**