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League of Women Voters of Northwest Maricopa County

The Voter

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<http://nwmc.az.lwvnet.org/>

NWMC/LWV Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Place: Saturday, April 15 at the Briarwood Country Club, 20800 N. 135th Ave in Sun City West.

Morning Session 9:30 – 12:00 includes an overview of the important work that our NWMC League does; and an educational session on the specifics of Ranked Choice Voting. Coffee and Teas are provided.

Luncheon at noon with speaker at 1:00 pm: Ken Clark, AZ State House, will speak about Ranked Choice Voting as an option for Arizona.

Price: Morning Session is free. Luncheon and Speaker is \$21. Deadline for luncheon reservations is Thursday, April 13.

Reservations By Mail: Send check for \$21.00 made out to LWV/NWMC to: Judy Moor, see address in directory.

Reservations Online: On the internet, have your credit card ready and go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2895343> and follow instructions.

There is a small charge added to the fee of \$21.00 when you reserve online. Questions about the event? Contact Martha Thompson, Events Coordinator.

INTERESTED IN HEALTHCARE?

Concerned about repeal and replace with what?

There was a great deal of interest, enthusiasm, and energy expressed at Valerie Ellien's excellent presentation made at the unit meeting. Valerie discussed the differences between the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) and the recently proposed American Health Care Act (aka Trumpcare). Many suggestions were flowing from attendees after her very informative presentation. Therefore, to harness all that energy and those ideas, the LWV Board would like to find a member who is interested in healthcare and would like to join the Board overseeing this topic. One and all, old and new members, please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to join the Board and stay on top of such an important and timely subject while serving the League and your community. Perhaps two members would like to be co-chairs and create a committee to oversee the topic. Let's be creative! To volunteer or get more information, contact Bonnie Saunders.

Although the AHCA Legislation vote was postponed, work will continue on the issue and a knowledge of elements included in both the ACA and AHCA may be useful for understanding and reviewing implications of future healthcare legislation.

From the President's Desk:



Many League members and friends attended the two excellent meetings in March. My thanks go to Bonnie Boyce-Wilson, who arranged the meeting on the 14th, and to Vallerie Ellien for conducting the health care discussion on the 23rd.

On the 14th, Kathryn Chandler, Executive Director of Northwest Valley Connect, spoke to almost 30 League members and friends about the work that her organization does. It provides personalized support to connect seniors and people with disabilities with available transportation services. If you missed this inspiring speaker, you can hear her speak to members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13th. Her talk is worth hearing.

On the 23rd, in a remarkable feat of relevance, Valerie Ellien updated us on what has been happening with the Affordable Care Act and the American Health Care Act. She had an excellent power point presentation, a basic explanation, and a lively discussion. About 35 League members and friends attended. Her powerpoint slides have been made available for dissemination as widely as possible. She was part of a team writing an excellent explanation booklet on health care and the ACA about the time the law was passed, copies of which were sent to Leagues all across the country. It was universally praised for its comprehensiveness and readability.

The Annual Meeting: The next big event is the **Annual Meeting** on Saturday, April 15th (9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) at the Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West. We cover the usual business of the League, hear about the most important things that Board Members have done over the past year, present our "You Make A Difference" Award, socialize with fellow Leaguers, eat a delicious lunch, and hear a talk by AZ Representative Ken Clark on "The Future of Elections in Arizona." My thanks go to Lois Brechner, Jeana Petersen, and Martha Thompson, who worked on the arrangements for this meeting.

We hope to have a large turnout at the **Annual Meeting**, both our many new members, our many long-time members, and our many prospective members to whom I've been sending the Newsletter and other e-mail missives. It is on a Saturday so that members and friends who work during the week, when we often have daytime meetings, can come. It is not too late to reserve your seat at the table for this meeting -- the deadline is not until Thursday, April 13th. There are two ways to sign up: **[1]** Mail your check for \$21 (made out to the LWV/NWMC) to Judy Moor, 17480 W. Meadow Ln, Surprise, AZ 85388. OR **[2]** Go online to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2895343> and follow instructions using a credit card. This is a really good meeting to learn about the League and what has happened during the past League year.

In the March Newsletter, you will find the basic agenda for the **Annual Meeting**, the proposals for our Issues for Emphasis for the next League year, and the Nominating Slate. The Nominating Slate has been rather scrambled and will require some nominations from the floor.

The LWV/AZ Convention: The 2017 **LWV/AZ Convention** will be held at the Colonnade in Surprise on Saturday, April 29th-Sunday, April 30th. Of course, we have to spend time on League business, but in addition to that, we have quite a few interesting speakers and workshop leaders, excellent food, and awards to deserving recipients. We will vote on issues for study and/or action for the next two years. The LWV/US President Chris Carson will give up a short talk on what is happening with the LWV/US. Susan Bitter Smith will talk about the Arizona Corporation Commission, the most important and powerful state body that most people know very little about. A state senator will talk about her work. Surprise City Clerk Sherry Ann Aguilar will talk about what happens behind the scenes on Election Day and after. A reporter from *The Arizona Republic* will talk about covering contentious elections. The Saturday evening speaker will be Jodi Liggett, V.P. of Planned Parenthood of Arizona, who is an excellent speaker.

The registration form for the **LWV/AZ Convention**, is included in this Newsletter. We have four delegates to this Convention (Susan Penner, Diane Smith, Martha Thompson, and Carol Mattoon). We hope that many more of you will be willing and able to attend as well. You will enjoy hearing from the speakers and workshop leaders. You will learn a lot about League. You will meet League members from around the state -- there are five Leagues in AZ: Central Yavapai for

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Central Yavapai County, Greater Verde Valley, Metro Phoenix, Greater Tucson, and our own LWVNWMC. I'm not sure what the deadline for registration is but you should register as soon as you can.

On Friday evening (the 28th), quite a few members will carpool to Lake Pleasant for dinner at Dillons (at 4:30 p.m.) and a cruise on the Lake (on board at 5:30 p.m.) The reservation form for that event will also be included in the Newsletter -- with instructions as to how to sign up. Should be fun -- sign up -- the more the merrier!

BONNIE SAUNDERS, President



COMING EVENTS in April

Tuesday, April 11 - New League Health Care Committee - Home of Linda Napier. Check you directory for address. For further information, call Heidi at 623-399-0154. All welcome.

Saturday, April 15 - LWV-NWMC Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Briarwood Country Club, begins at 9:30 am; lunch and keynote speaker at noon. Registration required for the luncheon.

Friday, April 28 - League of Women Voters AZ Sunset Music Cruise on Lake Pleasant - a pre-state convention event, 6-8 pm. Reservations required. See registration form on page 6.

Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30 - Arizona LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CONVENTION - The Colonnade, 19116 N. Colonnade Way, Surprise. All members are invited. Registration required. See registration form on page 5.

Phone Tree Coordinator Needed

E-mail, our usual way of communicating within the League, is an easy and inexpensive way to keep our members up-to-date on what is happening. However, some of our members do not have e-mail, others of us write the information on our calendar and then forget to check it and miss an important event. A Phone Tree is a quick and effective way to remind members of meetings, alert them of last-minute changes of scheduled meetings or events, and/or generate interest in an upcoming activity.

Therefore, we are trying to set up a phone tree committee that will consist of volunteers who will call 3-6 fellow League members each month to remind and encourage them to attend our interesting, important, and exciting up-coming events. We hope that the personal touch of a phone call from a fellow member will be a warm and welcome reminder.

Several people have volunteered to do the calling (of course, we could use a few more), but we still need a coordinator to work with the team. If you are willing to consider taking on this activity, it would be greatly appreciated. Just e-mail me at suncityarizona@yahoo.com or call [623-815-1019](tel:623-815-1019), and we can further discuss what the task entails. It is not labor intensive, yet it is a very valuable asset to our League.

A word of thanks to those who have already generously volunteered their time to offer this special, personal touch! Together we can make a positive difference!

.....Carol Mattoon

A Look at Voter Service Activities in March

I toured the Maricopa County Elections Department and will recommend we plan a tour possibly during June-July for our summer warriors. We could combine this trip with a visit to the Capitol and sign up those interested in Right To Speak (RTS). Let me know if you are interested.

CAREGIVER CONNECT EVENT. I would like to thank Susan Rhoades and Martha Thompson for joining me at our exhibitor table at this event. As sometimes happens, we had a lot of interest from our co-exhibitors. Oh by the way, ask Martha about our cookie encounter.

Saturday March 25th it was our pleasure to co-host Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes at the Maricopa County Regional Library in Surprise. A big thank you to library staff members Vincent and Liz for all their help and our own new publicity person, Jacque Rose.

After a slight delay caused by traffic, Mr Fontes held our attention with a walk through the history of voting and some interesting thoughts on constitutional law. He previewed the elections departments proposed program of all mail-in ballot elections complimented by centralized voting stations, a major improvement for Maricopa County voters which will result in a significant increase in voter participation and reductions in election costs. "He is a gift to the people of Maricopa County" said Diane Smith.

For those who were unable to attend you will have another opportunity to hear him speak at the LVWAZ Convention, Saturday, April 30th in Surprise.

Another activity of Voter Services -- We verify elections: Charles Merritt, Darnell Kirksey, Diane Smith and I will be busy Monday the 27th at Marley Park HOA Annual Meeting and Elections.

.....Susan Penner, Voter Service Co-



Health Care Law Update

Members of the LWV-NWMC were given a clear, timely and straight-forward look at current healthcare legislation by our own Valerie Ellien at the unit meeting on Thursday, March 23rd. Valerie discussed the existing Affordable Care Act, the biggest changes made by the legislation and the elements that might disappear under the proposed American Health Care Act legislation.

Using power point slides, Valerie compared many elements of the two pieces of legislation including the subsidies to individuals, consumer protections, and reforms to Medicare. Although the vote on the AHCA was postponed on March 24th, further action on the legislation remains a possibility.



Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes discusses the future plans for voting procedures at meeting co-sponsored by the Library in Surprise and LWV-NWMC.



2017 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CONVENTION

APRIL 29/30, 2017 - The Colonnade, 19116 N. Colonnade Way, Surprise,, AZ 85374

Mail in REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Local League _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate your registration status:

Local League Delegate (2 days) _____ LWVAZ State Board Delegate (2 days) _____

Alternate Delegate (2 days) _____ Member Non-Delegate (1 day) _____

MEALS: All meals are Colonnade Buffets that include coffee/tea/dessert

Continental Breakfasts both days

Saturday Lunch: Soup & Salad Bar

Saturday Dinner: Penne Pasta or Cheese Tortellini with choices of 2 sauces, 2 meats, Caesar Salad and Tiramisu

Sunday Lunch: Deli Sandwiches

Any deviation on meals would be due to allergy or health reason and needs to be known in advance (please indicate here) _____

_____ \$110.00 Both days: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, Saturday Dinner plus Registration

_____ \$ 80.00 Saturday Only: Breakfast, Lunch, Saturday Dinner plus Registration

_____ \$ 40.00 Saturday Dinner Only

\$ _____ TOTAL REGISTRATION & MEALS enclosed check

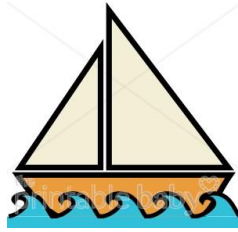
Hopefully local leagues can determine DELEGATES and plan to have treasurers send in payments as soon as possible.

Each Delegate needs to fill out a form and send to Patsy whether you pay or your local pays for you.

Check made to LWVAZ and mail along with this registration form to ...

Patsy Frannea, 8002 N. Sendero de Juana, Tucson, and AZ 85718

Or Register and pay online using a credit card at www.lwvaz.org



Arizona League of Women Voters

Friday evening the 28th of April, 2017

6-8 PM

SUNSET MUSIC CRUISE

ON

LAKE PLEASANT

Live Music and Snacks “Stinson Brothers Band”

Cash Bar onboard (cash only on board. No outside food or drinks)

\$21 per person – so far about 20 people have made reservations.

Bonnie Saunders will book the reservations. E-mail Bonniesaun@aol.com to tell her that you want to go. Then send a check for \$21 (made out to Bonnie Saunders) as soon as possible – if you don't have her address, she will send it to you when you send her the e-mail. Deadline: April 8.

We plan to carpool to Lake Pleasant from the Hampton Inn area about 4:00 p.m., eat dinner at Dillon's about 4:30 p.m., and board the boat about 5:30 p.m. for the Cruise that leaves the dock at 6:00 p.m.

Bonnie will make all of the parking and Dillon's reservations also. There is golf cart transportation from Dillon's to the dock.



Please Adopt Me!

I will get you to our meetings ON TIME. I help others find our meanings. I will fit in your trunk or the backseat of your car. I am very quiet, you won't even know I'm in the garage. I don't take up any room because I fold up flat and lean right up against a wall. Call Susan at [419-340-1116](tel:419-340-1116) and pick me up! New members-- good way to volunteer.

PLEASE: I need a home

Looking for a CRAFTY person to update my information and see that I get to meetings/events on time. Please contact Susan [419-340-1116](tel:419-340-1116).