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Water: How Are We Doing?

The topic of the presentation at the March 24 General Meeting is "Water - How Are We Doing?" It will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts in Surprise.

Our panelists will be Jim Holway and Joanne Toms. Jim Holway was elected to the Board of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District in November 2010. He is Director of the Western Lands and Communities Program, a joint venture of the Sonoran Institute and the Lincoln Institute for Land and Policy. Prior to joining the Sonoran Institute in 2009, Dr. Holway held many positions in the field of sustainability.

Joanne Toms is Environmental Program Manager for the City of Glendale Water Services Department - Conservation and Sustainable Living Division. Prior to working for the City of Glendale, Joanne was a Park Ranger for the City of Phoenix and the National Park Service. She has a BS in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and an MS in Water Resource Management.

We are also hoping to have on the panel Brandon Loomis, the head environmental reporter at the Arizona Republic Newspaper. He did the series that ran this fall - As the River Runs Dry.

We hope to inform you and answer some of your questions about current water issues in Arizona - climate change/drought, infrastructure, costs, and future planning. Hope to see you and your friends there.

Darnell Kirksey
Diane Smith

Unit Meeting - Civic Engagement

March 15th at 1 pm - Home of Barbara Knutson
Join us for a brown bag lunch and conversation at noon

Speaker: Tammy Waller

Director of K-12 Social Studies & World Languages, K-12 Academic Standards
Arizona Department of Education

The speaker will address the relevance of school involvement in Civic engagement, the type of things schools can be doing (i.e. the six proven practices) and the importance and need for professional development at all grade levels. She will discuss teaching methods which facilitate students involvement and interest in social studies. The 3rd Annual Civic Learning professional development conference will be held on March 4, but it is only one effort coming from her office. Tammy has been a social studies classroom teacher for many years and was one of our conference scholarship recipients last year from Dysart Unified School District.



P resident's Message: Like February, March will also be a busy month! We have a **Unit Meeting on March 15th** -- see Barbara Knutson's note on the meeting on civic engagement elsewhere in this Newsletter. Closer to the date, I'll send out a reminder with directions to Barbara's home.

The **General Membership Meeting will be on March 24th** -- see the article by Diane Smith and Darnell Kirksey on that meeting on water on the first page of this Newsletter.

Each year in March, the Coyote Lakes Community holds a **Community-Wide Garage Sale. For many years, I have been willing to open my garage and sell your/our stuff to benefit the LWV/NWMC.** Some years, we make as much as \$300 and sometimes as little as \$50 but since there is no overhead, whatever the amount that we get is all profit for the LWV/NWMC.

This year this sale will be on **Saturday, March 19th** from about 7:00 a.m. to about 11:00 a.m. I will need one or two members to help set up starting about 6:30 a.m., one or two to help with the actual sale, and one or two to help pack up starting about 11:00 a.m. Members can come for any amount of time, from one hour to two hours to the entire time. All help will be greatly appreciated. It's an easy way to do a short-term task for the local League and we have a lot of fun doing it. Suggested items for sale:

My Spring Break is the week before the sale so I will be willing and able to accept donations for this sale during this week -- **however, please e-mail me or call me before you come because I will be out of the house at least part of Tuesday and part of Thursday. I will be happy to receive items that will fit into my car at the Unit Meeting on March 15th.**

In cooperation with the **SC/WV NOW**, here is information on that organization's next meeting: **What:** Program on diversity, featuring the film "*Real Women Have Curves*," followed by discussion.

When: Wednesday, March 2nd, 1:00 p.m.

Where: UU Church, 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise.

March is Women's History Month, celebrated by the **SC/WV NOW** and co-sponsored by the **LWV/NWMC**.

Featured Speaker: Dawn Osan Hokaj, a retired U.S. Air Force Captain and former F-16 pilot, who is now a mission planner/navigator at NASA for two of its research aircraft, will speak on the

Theme of Women's History Month: "**Women with Wings**"

Additional Speaker: Vivian Wood, a U.S. Marine Corp Sergeant during World War II, will give background information on women pioneers in flight.

When: Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Where: UU Church, 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise.

Cost: \$15, including refreshments.

Proceeds go for a scholarship for a deserving young woman to attend college. For more information, call [623-972-6273](tel:623-972-6273) or visit website: aznow-scvv.org.

Please note that the date for our **Annual Meeting** has been changed to **Saturday, April 2nd** at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West. More information on that very soon.

.....BONNIE F. SAUNDERS

PLEASE NOTE: Items for the APRIL newsletter should be contributed no later than March 25th to Joye Kohl, editor, (joyebk - AT - gmail.com). Thank you.

COMING EVENTS IN March & April
Mark your calendar!



- Tuesday, Mar. 2nd** - T-shirt orders due to Carol Mattoon
- Tuesday, Mar. 15th** - Nominations due to Valerie Ellien for You Make a Difference Award
- Tuesday, Mar. 15th** - Unit Meeting - Civic Engagement; brown bag lunch at noon; meeting at 1
- Saturday, Mar. 19th** - Garage Sale - 7 - 11am, Home of Bonnie Saunders
11:30 am - Patty's Party - Lunch and "FixIt" Movie
- Tuesday, Mar. 22th** - 2016 Presidential Preference Election
- Thursday, Mar. 24th** - General Meeting - 9:30 am. Speaker on Water Issues
(Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85378)
- Saturday, April 2nd** - Annual Meeting at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West.
- First week in April** - Prop 123 Public Information Meeting - UU Church
- Tuesday, April 19th** - 7 pm Movie Night at the UU Church - "FixIt" Health Care Movie

**You Make A Difference:
Final Call for Nominations**

Each year a member is selected to receive the "You Make A Difference" award in recognition of their special contributions to the League of Women Voters. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the LWV/NWMC on April 2nd. **Please submit your nomination for this award by March 15.**

Please include your specific rationale for why you believe your nominee deserves this special honor. Previous winners are not eligible for the award again (check your directory for the list). Your nomination must be in a written form and needs to include your name, even though all nominations will be kept confidential.

Please e-mail or mail nominations to Valerie Ellien -- **vellien-AT-msn.com** or mail to her home address (see directory for address).



**Community Conversation
on Economic Justice**

March 16, 2016 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier new Parish Center,
Anderson Hall (4715 N Central Ave, Phoenix)

The Ryle Fund: Working for Dignity and Justice. Last year more than 500 people showed up for the first "Community Conversation on Economic Justice." A second seminar will convene March 16th.

The growing problem of economic injustice threatens our state and the country. The Ryle Fund invites Arizonans to join in to this informed and lively discussion with nationally recognized leaders and writers.

The speakers will include Washington Post columnist and author E.J. Dionne, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, and Dana Wolfe Naimark. A Q&A session will be included.

Admission is free, A buffet reception with the speakers will follow. There is no charge for this event, but an RSVP is requested. RSVP at rylefund@outlook.com.

VOTER SERVICES

Ballot Power

March 29th from 8:30-9:45 am
Estrella Conference Center
Estrella Mountain Community
 (3000 N Dysart Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392)
Free and open to the public

Topic: ***The Importance of Women Being Involved in Politics.***

A program for Women's History Month. There are six panelists including our own Charles Merritt representing LWV-NWMC. There will be a Q and A at the end.

Susan Penner will have a table set up for voter registration. For those interested in attending, you may want to carpool. call: [623-935-8480](tel:623-935-8480).

LWV-NWMC Voter Services

will continue the campaign to alert and educate voters by continuing to release election information monthly.

March Notice: Early Voting Dates and Voting Day Reminder

April: Permanent Early Voting List (PELV).

If you have experience with the media and would like to help develop timely messages contact Susan [623-584-6818](tel:623-584-6818)

Prop 123

Prop 123 Public Meeting

First week of April
Unitarian Universalist Church
 (17540 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85378)

Free and open to the public

The meeting provided by the LWV-NWMC will be a non-partisan examination of and opportunity to learn more about the background, the premise of Prop123 and the choice before voters. An extremely complex ballot issue, the presentation will present the multiple arguments both in favor of and against Prop 123. Time will be provided for questions and answers and the League handout will be available.

Just a Reminder--

Be thinking ahead about a donation you might make for the upcoming Annual Meeting auction in April. Some of the past silent auction items which have been contributed include: special jewelry, gift cards, collector's items, party or dinner certificates. Check your storage area for that special treasure you're ready to part with. Perhaps you have a unique talent or skill that can be offered.

The money raised will help support our valuable programs and activities.

Presidential Preference Election - March 22, 2016

What is a presidential preference election (PPE)? The PPE election is solely for voters registered within a specific political party to specify their preference for a candidate of their political party for the Office of President. The PPE is not a primary election. The primary election will be held on August 30, 2016



Get-Out-The-Vote T-Shirts

Be Heard! Your VOTE is Your VOICE
Last day to Order, Wednesday, March 2

To help encourage citizens to get educated about the candidates and proposals, and then let their voices be heard by getting-out-and-voting this year, our League has designed and is placing an order for T-shirts for us all to wear and help spread the word. We will be walking billboards for the cause. We can wear them to the grocery store, to exercise, to meetings, registering voters, etc. For instance, when Leaguers attend events, they can make their presence known by all wearing the same shirts. And when registering voters, this makes Leaguers easy to recognize. Many of us have found that our "message" T-shirts are an excellent way for folks to initiate a conversation with us.

The shirts will be a quality white T with patriotic red and royal blue printing. They will have one design on the front and a different design on the back along with the League of Women Voters name.

Front: Back:



~League of Women Voters~



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To place your order for one or more of these super cool shirts, fill in the coupon below and send or give it to Carol Mattoon, 19402 N. Willowcreek Circle, Sun City, AZ 85373, or call 623-815-1019.

Please place order by March 2, 2016

Name _____ Organization _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Size and number of shirts wanted:

50/50 blend: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2-3 X (\$3 more) _____
 (\$10 each) (\$10+3=\$13)

100% Cotton Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2-3 X (\$3 more) _____
 (\$11 each) (\$11+3=\$14)

Total number of shirts _____

Total cost _____

Please make checks out to LWV-NWMC

Do you know what Single Payer/Healthcare for All is???

Two opportunities to learn more and see the latest movie explaining many aspects of it

With "Single Payer/Medicare for All" being mentioned in most of the presidential debates, and being front and center in the some, and with all the media attention on the subject, many voters are questioning what it really is. Therefore, since most people have no idea what it is, the LWV-NWMC is hosting a showing of the fact-based documentary "**FIX IT** Healthcare at the Tipping Point", see details below. Since many differences of opinions are being expressed in the media, some lies, some truths, this movie provides an excellent opportunity for all us to learn more about the facts of the issue.

This new powerful 38-minute documentary takes an in-depth look into how our dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians, and negatively impacting on the nation's health. It makes a compelling case for scraping our complex, expensive system for a single-payer, improved Medicare for All system, with savings for families, business, and the U.S. economy.

This very interesting film covers many perspectives/aspects of the issue and reaches across the political and ideological divide to expand support for major healthcare reform. It was two years in the making, with more than forty voices advocating for reform, including: economics, health policy experts, physicians, nurses, patients, activists, business and labor leaders.

YOU WILL HAVE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO VIEW THE MOVIE, SEE BELOW:

What: **Patty's Party - Lunch and a Movie!**

"FIX IT-Healthcare at the Tipping Point"
Everyone welcome! Invite a friend!

Where: Patty Lang's
 13303 W Prospect Dr., Sun City West
 (close to the Safeway store)

When: Saturday, March 19th

Time: 11:30 to 1:30

Bring : About **a cup** of something already to throw in a salad (not lettuce)
 Ideas for things to bring: **Just about anything:** cherry tomatoes, celery, green onions, strawberries, blueberries, croutons, lunch meat , chicken, frozen peas or corn, radishes, cooked pasta, apples, nuts, seeds, fennel, mint, basil, zucchini, canned beans, salmon canned or fresh (cooked of course), cheese. Most stores have vegetables cut up ready to throw in a salad.

Why: Our health care system keeps getting more and more expensive. Premiums, co-pays, drugs are going sky high, yet we rank 37th in the world for health care. Insurance companies instead of doctors dictate treatment. Businesses are going under due to insurance costs. A major illness can bankrupt a person even when they have insurance. Come learn about the solution to this multi-faceted issue.

RSVP: Carol Mattoon suncityarizona@yahoo.com or 623-815-1019

~ OR ~ **Join Linda Vitale for "Movie Night" at the**
 Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts, Surprise
April 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome



BUDGET

League of Women Voters of Northwest Maricopa County

Fiscal year budget 2015-2016 & 2016-2017

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>PROPOSED 2016-2017</u>
Dues	\$3,180.00	\$3,005.00
Contributions	350	350
Withdrawal from Savings	1219	836
Fundraising/Annual Luncheon	1125	1020
	\$5,874.00	\$5,211.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
PMP National	1813.5	1776
PMP State	760.5	734.5
Newsletter	25	0
Membership	475	200
Action	0	0
Voter Service	100	150.5
State Conv/Council	300	600
Board/Committee Expenses	300	700
Parties	200	200
Fundraising/Annual Luncheon	700	650
National Convention	1000	0
Website	200	200
	\$5,874	\$5,211

Nominating Committee Slate

2nd V.P.: Lois Brechner

Secretary: Judy Moor

Co-Voter Service: Susan Penner, Charles Merritt

Nominating Committee Chair: Diane Smith

Nominating Committee Member: To be nominated from the floor.