



THE VOTER



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October

**5th Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Eastside Unit**

Eastside City Hall
Will discuss State and City
Propositions.

Questions or phone Phylis Carnahan
885-3271 or
prcarnahan@yahoo.com

**6th Wednesday, 5pm
Board Meeting, League Office**

**8th Friday, 2-4pm
Pros and Cons for
the Nov. 2nd Ballot Propositions
at MountainView**

Clubhouse Ballroom
Phone 241-1043 for details

**12th Tuesday, 10am-12
SaddleBrooke Meetings**

SaddleBrooke Clubhouse HOA#1
Coyote Rm.
Contact Linda Huizinga at 241-1043

**16th Saturday, 9:30am
General Meeting**

Joel Valdez Library
Elections: Is Our
Democracy At Risk?

President's Report

Special thanks to our hard working Voter Service volunteers who are reaching the voters in many ways- sponsoring voter forums, registering voters, providing information at the county libraries and senior centers, and speaking to groups upon request. Our Voter Service volunteers provided quality training for moderators and those who wanted to host a forum. If you missed this event, I hope another can be held later in the year.

I recently attended the State Board meeting in Phoenix. I take for granted our many activities, but as I began to list them, I realized that we are a dynamic and active group. Our Kenyan and Running and Winning projects, our voter service activities, our charter school study, the high school voter registration project, and the many other things that we do have helped us become a respected community organization. People look to us for fair and impartial information on so many issues. See information on the November 2nd ballot propositions in this VOTER.

Our Women's Equality Day event was well attended. We viewed the film, "Iron Jawed Angels" and learned how hard our foremothers struggled to gain the right to vote. If you missed this and are interested in seeing the film, please let me know. We may be able to schedule another event later so others may be able to see it. If you want to see an excellent report on the August 26 event, go to our website and find the link from Fox News. You will enjoy the video.

Elsewhere in the VOTER you will find a member survey. Please take the time to complete it either online or by mail. We need to know what you like about LWVGT and what you think needs changing. We are always looking for ways to improve. You can help. It won't take much of your time, but it is invaluable for our planning purposes.

I am pleased that LWVGT was selected to participate in an LWVUS grant to support a high school voter registration project. Our voter service chair, Victor Bowleg, is in charge of this endeavor. If you are interested in helping, please call Victor at 401-2024.

The goal is to engage minority youth in the democratic process because almost half of all 18 year old U.S. citizens are still not registered to vote. Through specific activities, the entire senior class of each selected school will have the opportunity to register to vote. Findings will be utilized to develop some improved voter registration practices for local Leagues nation-wide.

Please join us for any or all of our LWVGT activities. We hope that you will bring your friends and neighbors to our monthly general meetings. We welcome guests. And we hope they will become members.

Carol West, President

Endowment Fund

After more than a year of investigation, discussions and consultation with CPAs and attorneys, LWVGT is placing the Harvey and Evelyn Lance Endowment monies with the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona (JCF). This agreement begins "The JCF hereby establishes a fund to be known as the "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON ENDOWMENT FUND" ("FUND"), which shall be a perpetual endowment fund." There will be a yearly distribution from the fund to LWVGT through the LWVAZ Education Fund, as these funds must be used for educational purposes. In the future the LWVGT members will receive a report on how these funds will be used. Additional funds can be contributed to this fund and will be tax deductible for the donors. The committee determined that it is not feasible to set up our own "foundation and endowment fund" due to legal costs, brokerage costs, etc. and we have to follow Arizona law that regulates donated funds that are designated "endowment money".

Carol West, LWVGT President, and Phylis Carnahan, LWVGT Treasurer signed this agreement on July 16th, 2010 with the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona Executive Director Carol Karsch.

LWVGT first received a distribution from the Lance executor July 31, 2007 and the last distribution was on July 30, 2009 with a total to date of \$72,940. There is a possibility of a

future small distribution from property to be sold. LWVGT receives five percent of his estate. To date \$61,340 of the total that was originally placed in the Education Fund has been moved to the endowment fund. The balance of \$11,600 will be moved to the endowment fund when the Certificate of Deposit matures on January 13, 2011

LWVGT received *pro bono* legal advice from Sally J. Simpson, Simpson Law Office and information from Jane Espinoza, Controller, Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona. The committee members greatly appreciated their willingness to answer many questions.

If you wish more information please contact Carol W., Phylis C., or Shirley S. Information about the JCF can be found at www.jcftucson.org

Many thanks to the Finance/Endowment committee members of Noell Rodriguez, Phylis Carnahan, Sue DeArmond, Virginia Burkel, Dorothy Boone and Carol West for their conscientious questioning, investigation of foundations, laws and efforts to correctly handle the "endowment" that Harvey Lance left to the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson.

Shirley J. Sandelands, Chair LWVGT Finance/Endowment Committee

UPDATE ON NEW AND OLD STUDIES

At the LWVUS convention in June, two new studies were adopted for the next two years, although it depends on funding and committee and staff time.

The recommended study was on "Federal Role in Public Education. Seventy one (71) Leagues recommended this study. This would focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of government. Hopefully, it will consider civic courses.

A non-recommended study was adopted by the delegates from the floor on Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector. (We know here in Arizona about private prisons)

Committee members will be picked from members across the country to work on these programs.

The LWV/AZ study on The Structure of the Executive Branch of State Government in Arizona. This was adopted at the 2009 state convention. A Committee has been working on this study and has come up with some background material that will be sent to the local Leagues for a study meeting and will have the consensus questions. If possible, this could be done by the 2011 convention.

Since this is a study of a Lt. Governor, it is a timely subject as this is on the Nov. 2nd election ballot. But what ever comes out of the election, we will still need to have a position on this.

-Gini McGirr



Mission Statement

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

League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Operating Budget August 2010

Proposed Budget 2010-2011

INCOME

	Budgeted	Income Year to Date	Income August	Balance
Dues	\$13,500	\$900	\$510	\$12,600.00
Contrib-Members	\$1,000	\$3,030	\$3,030	(\$2,030.00)
Contrib-Non-Members	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500.00
Fund Raiser	\$3,850	\$811	\$755	\$3,039.00
Office Sales/Calender	\$200	\$5	\$5	\$195.00
Election Services	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500.00
Interest (Lincoln,White Maass & National)	\$500	\$3.36	\$1.19	\$496.64
Scholarship Fund	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200.00
Total Income	\$20,250	\$4,749.36	\$4,301.19	\$15,500.64

EXPENSES

	Budgeted	Expenses Year to date	Expenses August	Balance
Rent	\$7,200	\$1,127.50	\$563.75	\$6,072.50
Phone/Internet	\$1,500	\$250.08	\$123.56*	\$1,249.92
Printing	\$ 300	\$338.21	\$338.21	(\$38.21)
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,200	\$160.56	\$80.28	\$1,039.44
Supplies/Calendars	\$500	\$113.87	\$113.87	\$386.13
Postage	\$600	\$70.40	\$70.40	\$529.60
Insurance/Taxes/Reg fees	\$2,000	\$1,273.00	\$0	\$727.00
Board & Committees				
Administrative	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150.00
Program/Action	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150.00
Development	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300.00
National Council/Convention	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500.00
State Convention	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500.00
Annual Meeting	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200.00
National PMP (half)	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$2,900.00
State PMP (half)	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$900.00
Voter	\$1,000	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$895.00
Community Outreach	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200.00
Hospitality	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150.00
General Meeting space	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expense	\$20,250.00	\$3,438.62	\$1,059.82	\$16,811.38

Maass Fund \$1,029.80
 White & Lincoln Funds (restricted) \$6,424.05 & \$19,900.00
 Money Market \$5,017.87
 Checking Account \$10,188.13
 Total Cash \$15,206.00
 *Credit from Qwest for \$21.58

Education Fund

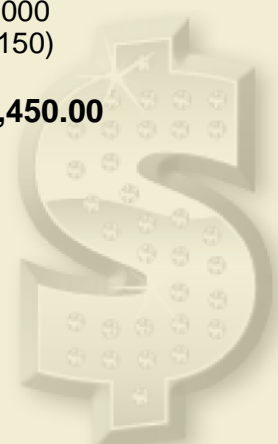
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Income		Proposed Budget 2010-11	Income Year To Date	Income Balance August
Contributions - Individual	\$ 500	\$0	\$0	\$ 500
Corporate/Non-Members	\$3,000	\$700	\$700	\$2,300
Fund raiser	\$4,350	\$0	\$0	\$4,350
Lance Endowment Interest	\$ 750	\$ 72.65	\$ 72.65	\$ 677.35
Kenya Project	\$ 400	\$0	\$0	\$ 400
Running and Winning	\$1,000	\$110	\$110	\$ 890
Total Income	\$10,000.00	\$882.65	\$772.65	\$9,117.35

Expenses		Proposed Budget 2010-11	Expenses Year To Date	Expenses Balance August
Voter Service				
Citizens Directory	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$2,200
Voters' Guide	\$2,300	\$0	\$0	\$2,300
Forums	\$ 100	\$0	\$0	\$ 100
PMP National (half)	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$2,900
PMP State (half)	\$ 900	\$0	\$0	\$ 900
Program	\$ 100	\$0	\$0	\$ 100
Workshops	\$ 100	\$0	\$0	\$ 100
Running and Winning	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Kenya Project	\$ 500	\$650	\$650	(\$150)
Total Expenses	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,450.00

Running & Winning	Library Project	Kenya Project	Voters Guide
\$746.18	\$700	\$191.00	\$100
Total of four projects	\$1,737.18		
Other cash	\$1,764.80		
Lance CD	\$11,600		

New Balance \$15,101.98



LWVGT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009-2010

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carol West	President
Virginia Burkel	1 st VP (Membership)
Sue Ward	2 nd VP (Program)
Victor Bowleg	3 rd VP (Voter Service)
Grace Evans	Secretary
Phylis Carnahan	Treasurer

ELECTED DIRECTORS

Lauren Miles	Voter Editor
Patricia Frannea	Hospitality
Gini McGirr	Government
Maxine Goodman	Media/Community Relations

OFF BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Marion Pickens	Charter Schools
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Jo Coudray	Mail Crew Coordinator
Marion Johnson	Office Volunteer

League of Women Voters Membership Survey

October 2010

This is a short membership survey to discover what we, the members, think the League of Women Voters should be about and why we are here. It is based on the outcome of numerous board and committee discussions, meetings with community advisors and a strong sense that we particularly need to know better our members opinions in regard to the following questions.

PLEASE RESPOND

You can mail your responses on the enclosed sheet from the Voter or reply on line on the Voter insert at lwvgt.org or timetovote.info. To answer on line, copy the survey, answer questions and paste into an e-mail and address the e-mail to lwvgt@aol.com. **If we don't hear from you, you will receive a follow up phone call.**

I VISION and PURPOSE - The mission of the League of Women Voters is to educate voters and empower citizens to be active participants in their government.

- 1) Are we living up to that vision? Y__ N__ Please check.
- 2) How might we do more to accomplish our purpose?

II EXPECTATIONS

1. What were your expectations when you joined the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson?
2. Have we met those expectations? Y__ N__ Please check.
If YES, in what way? _____
If NO, how might we do better? _____

III COMMUNICATION and OUTREACH

VOTER The Voter is the one substantial and necessary means that the League uses to convey information to every member.

- 1) Do you read your Voter in hand ---, on line --- or at all ---? Please check.
- 2) Does the Voter provide information that you expect and consider useful? Y__ N__
- 3) How might the Voter be improved?

VOTER SERVICE is one of the very significant and active parts of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson

We register voters ____, hold candidate forums ____, distribute voter information guides to ballot propositions ____, train forum moderators ____ and assist organizations to set up their own candidate and issue forums ____. We also send speakers on request to provide information about the League of Women Voters ____, ballot propositions ____, league studies and positions on governmental issues ____.

1. Do you attend and/or participate in any of the above? Please check those you do or are interested in doing.
2. What else might we be doing in the voter service area? _____

MEETINGS In order to better communicate with our members and the general public we hold a variety of public meetings.

1) What meetings do you attend? Please Check

- monthly information meetings
 units
 study committees
 forums
 special member gatherings (such as 90th Anniversary of Woman's Right to Vote, LWVUS president visit____), Annual Meetings, ____ Christmas party, ____ other, please name _____.

2) Should we be offering other kinds of meetings. Please suggest including best days, times, locations.

ACTION Once the League reaches consensus on a local study and takes a position, we are able to take action in this regard. See your local membership booklet to see these positions.

- 1) Do you think we should be more involved in the action side of our program? Y__ N__
- 2) If so, on what positions should we act.

IV OTHER We encourage any other comments or advice -

Return Survey To:
League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson
2424 East Broadway, Suite 110
Tucson, AZ 85719

UNIT MEETINGS

Eastside Unit, Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 9:30 am Eastside City Hall

Shirley Sandelands will provide information on Propostion 111 Lt. Governor, Secretary of State.

Carol West and Phyllis Carnahan will answer questions about the other propostions. Questions or phone Phyllis Carnahan 885-3271 or email: prcarnahan@yahoo.com

SaddleBrooke Unit

The SaddleBrooke Unit started in January, 2010 and now boasts of 29 members! We are very active with four events coming up. September 17th we will host our LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara for lunch, Sept. 24th a Candidates Forum for the state legislature candidates is planned . September 28th we will enjoy a potluck luncheon and view the movie, "The Iron Jawed Angels" where members are encouraged to give a donation to the LWVGT's operating fund. Reservations are still available. October 8th we will have the PROs and Cons for the Nov. 2nd Ballot Propositions 2-4 pm at the MountainView Clubhouse Ballroom given by Gini McGirr and other LWVGT members.

Our unit would not have been off to such a success without the support of Leaguers Gini and Gordon McGirr, Sally Davenport, Carol and Neil West, and Carol Shearer who have provided mentoring and programs. We are very grateful. You are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at the SaddleBrooke Country Club, at the end of SaddleBrooke Blvd., Coyote Rm. North at 10 AM. We adjourn for lunch at the grill next door. Linda Huizinga, Coordinator 241-1043, lindahuizinga8@yahoo.com

Green Valley Unit, Friday, October 22, 2010 at 12:00 pm

The Green Valley unit meets Friday, October 22 at Noon. The meeting is a special celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote: the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. August 26, 1920.

WHERE: The Madera Room of the La Vista Building on the La Posada campus. The lunch is catered by the La Posada kitchen.

MENU: Oriental Chicken Salad: Garden Fresh Greens, sliced grilled chicken, julienne carrots, water chestnuts, toasted sesame seeds and crispy wontons topped with homemade oriental dressing. Coffee, iced tea, lemonade, warm rolls and a house dessert. Vegetarian option available

COST: \$15.00. \$1 extra for glass of white or red wine.

MAKE OUT CHECKS TO: League of Women Voters-Green Valley unit

SEND CHECKS TO:

*Ermaline Hannum,
241 W. Placita de los Anillos
Green Valley AZ 85614*

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

*PROGRAM: League memories from long-time members
Comments from invited LWV guests
Viewing: part of the DVD: "Iron-Jawed Women"*

*MORE INFORMATION: Sue Girardeau
mgirardeau@aol.com*



CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools were created in 1994 to (1) improve student learning and (2) provide parents a choice. It was also to bring innovation to the schools. Each charter school has its own mission or focus. Most focus on academics although some focus on other things such as basics, fine arts, performing arts, math or science. Some are programs for at risk students.

Charters for these schools may be obtained in one of three ways; through local school boards, by the State Board of Education or the State Board for Charter Schools. Charters in Arizona are granted for 15 years. They are supposed to be reviewed every five years and monitored regularly by the sponsoring board. From the very beginning of charter schools, the league has been in favor of more oversight and also for shorter charters.

Charter schools are not subject to many of the same regulations as the traditional public schools. The reasoning here is that it will make the schools shift from a rule-based to a performance-based system. Charter

schools must, however, be in compliance with the federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and statutes relating to health, safety, civil rights and insurance.

Charter school teachers do not have to be certified. They are supposed to be "highly qualified" in the areas that they teach. This is highly subjective. It also means that they have not been trained at colleges of education where they would study how to teach. The schools are required to publish information on the qualifications of their teaching staff. Parents can check these out. Teachers are required to have background checks and fingerprints taken. Special education programs must be supervised by a certified teacher.

Charter schools do not have the same requirements for land and space. They are located in places where the traditional public schools could never be located, such as in storefronts and in industrial and commercial areas.

-Joyce Steiner, Education Committee



RUNNING AND WINNING REPORT

Cienega High School, Vail District, will be the site of the eighth **Running and Winning** Workshop on December 9, 2010. The R & W committee is meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of Sept., Oct. and Nov. at 1:00 pm at Martha Cooper Library to prepare for the day. We are continuing to co-sponsor with the two branches of AAUW (Tucson and Casas Adobes), University of Arizona Graduate women. We hope to have members from LWVGT'S Green Valley unit participate this year. Cienega Principal Tricia Pena and staff are a pleasure to work with and the school has excellent facilities. Our first letters announcing the date have been sent to the Pima County-Tucson elected women and we have started our list of participants.

-Shirley Sandelands, Co-Chair R & W

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Every year the LWVGT looks to make improvements. One focus for 2010-2011 year is to attract new youth members who are high school and college aged. Programs such as Running and Winning do a good job of getting the Tucson League's name out to young women and men who may not know about the LWV yet. However, getting these teens and twenty somethings to join the League is another story. How can we get these people eighteen and over to become members? To volunteer? To actively participate in community events? To vote? Perhaps social networking sites such as facebook or twitter could help introduce us to potential members.

Your ideas are needed and requested. Every Tucson League member's input on how to help our local League grow will be considered. Please send all ideas, questions, comments, etc., to Lauren Miles at Lamilies88@comcast.net Please include "Youth membership" in the subject line.

- Lauren Miles

ATTENTION ALL NATIONAL MEMBERS - URGENT!

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson cordially invites you to join our local Tucson League as well as the National League. We would love to have you as part of our local membership. In December, 2010 Nationally Recruited Members no longer will appear on our Local League rosters and any new National Members will no longer be made known to us. This means you would no longer receive any local materials or information. We do not want to lose any of you from our rosters, so when you renew your membership, please join LWVGT and be a part of our wonderful Local League. Remember, it is only \$60.00 a year! Hope to see you soon at one of our many exciting events.

- Virginia Burkel, Membership.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON
July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Fax:** _____

_____ **\$60.00/Yr Individual Membership** _____ **\$90.00/Yr Household Membership**
_____ **\$30.00/Yr Student Membership**

\$_____ Contribution (not tax-deductible) \$_____ Education Fund (tax deductible)
(Note: Education Fund donations must be made by separate check.)

**For dues and Non tax-deductible Contribution payments please make checks payable to LWVGT .
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Mail all checks to LWVGT, 2424 E. Broadway, Suite 110 ,Tucson, AZ 85719 .
If you need further information, call (520) 327-7652.**