

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF GREATER TUCSON**

**CALL TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING**

April 8, 2011
10:30 am to 2:00 pm

The Mountain Oyster Club
6400 E. El Dorado Circle
Tucson, AZ

This is the Annual Meeting Workbook
Please Read Carefully and Bring to the Meeting

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

CALL TO ALL LEAGUERS

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson (LWVGT) has many accomplishments to be proud of this year. The Annual Meeting is a time to celebrate these accomplishments with old League friends and new League members. It is also the time to do the important business of the League: elect officers and directors; discuss and approve amendments to the Bylaws; approve the annual Budget and approve the Program for the coming year.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting. We need your participation. We look forward to seeing you on April 8th.

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The Call Staff: Carol West, Gini McGirr, Lu Kembel,
Jo Coudray & Mail Crew

DIRECTIONS TO THE MOUNTAIN OYSTER CLUB, 6400 E. EL DORADO CIRCLE

FROM THE WEST: Go East on Speedway past Wilmot. Make a left hand turn onto El Dorado Place just after the Compass Bank. The road will curve to the left. Make a right onto El Dorado Circle. From there you can proceed straight, and make a right at the cowboy bronze statue for guest parking. If possible, park here. Additional Guest parking is available to left as you drive toward the cowboy bronze statue. The front door is on the large circle drive with the cowboy bronze statue in the middle.

If these two lots are full, you will need to follow El Dorado Circle back to the right around the Club and office buildings to the larger parking lot in the rear. If you park in the rear, you can enter thorough the rear entrance.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

Annual Meeting

April 8, 2011

Agenda

10:15 a.m	Registration	Lu Kembel Marion Johnson
10:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Carol West, President
	Appointments	Carol West
	Parliamentarian: Gini McGirr	
	Timekeeper: Phylis Carnahan	
	Minutes Committee: Gini McGirr, Judy Fischer	
	Credentials Report	Lu Kembel
	Minutes of Annual Meeting – 2010	Carol West
	Adoption of Meeting Rules	
	Treasurer’s Report	Phylis Carnahan
	Discussion & Adoption of Recommended Budgets	
	Discussion & Adoption of Recommended Program	Sue Ward
	Adoption of Charter School Study Consensus	Carol West
	Nominating Committee Report	Sue Girardeau
	Election of Officers & Directors	Carol West
	Introduction of New Board Members	
	Project Reports:	
	Kenyan Women Project/Library	Sally Davenport
	Running & Winning	Shirley Sandelands
	Voter Service	Victor Bowleg
	President’s Report	Carol West
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
12:30	<i>Arizona’s Government: The Next 100 Years</i> Bruce Dusenberry, Facilitator; Panel: David Bartlett, Suzanne Lawder and Deborah Dale (See page 12)	
1:00 pm	Leaguer of the Year Award Recognition of Office Volunteers	Shirley Sandelands Carol West
	Directions to the New Board Directions to Delegates to LWVAZ Convention	Carol West
2:00 pm	Adjournment	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

ANNUAL MEETING RULES

The rules that govern the Annual Meeting are based on Robert's Rules of Order and the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Bylaws.

General:

1. Each delegate shall be a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson.
2. A member shall first state her/his name and be recognized by the President.
3. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker, unless the President extends the time.

No person shall speak twice until all who wish to speak have had the privilege of the floor. Time will also be a limiting factor.

4. When presenting a motion, members shall state, "I move that..."
5. All motions, after they have been presented and seconded, must be sent to the Secretary in writing.
6. All announcements must be sent to the Secretary in writing, in order to be announced at the close of the meeting. Only items pertaining to the League will be accepted.

Presentation and Debate of Bylaws:

Discussion and debate will follow the motion made to adopt the Bylaws change. Clarification may be asked before the motion for adoption is called. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting is necessary for adoption.

Presentation of Proposed Program

1. The program Vice-President will move the Board-recommended program for adoption. The recommended program, as presented in *The Call to the Annual Meeting* will be moved as a package. Any member wishing to have any item of the Board-recommended program considered separately may request to have that item removed for separate consideration. The president will announce that the vote is pending.

2. The mover may then make up to a three-minute statement explaining the item. There will be no debate at this time, but questions for clarification only may be asked.

3. After the presentation of program items recommended by the Board, motions may then be made by any delegate for consideration of any items proposed to the local Board two months prior to the meeting, but "not recommended" by the Board. The mover of a motion for a "not recommended" item should say, "I move the consideration of ..." (reading the items as proposed. When a second has been heard, the mover may then make a three-minute statement why the item should be considered. This motion is not debatable, and questions for clarification only may be asked at this time. If a majority votes in favor of considering the item, the President will announce that we now have a pending motion proposing this item to be adopted.

Program Debate and Adoption

This is the time for discussion and debate on the merits of the recommended and no-recommended program, including amendments. The motions may be discussed and amended before the vote is taken. The vote will be taken first on the Board-recommended and then on the not-recommended items in the order they were introduced. A majority vote is necessary for the adoption of both recommended and not-recommended items. General rules for debate and discussion will apply.

Budget Discussion and Adoption:

Discussion and debate will follow the general rules as stated above. Questions for clarification may be asked before the motion for adoption is stated by the President. A majority vote is necessary for adoption.

Election of Board Members:

If the only nominees for Board positions are those presented by the Nominating Committee, the President will instruct the Secretary to cast the ballot for the slate presented. In any case, where there is more than one nominee for an office, election shall be by ballot, and a majority vote will determine the election.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 23, 2010
Mountain Oyster Club, 6400 East El Dorado Circle
Tucson, Arizona**

CALL TO ORDER: The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Noell Rodriguez at 10:48 am.

APPOINTMENTS: The following appointments were announced: Parliamentarian, Gini McGirr; Minutes Reading Committee, McGirr and Grace Evans; Timekeeper, Phylis Carnahan.

CREDENTIALS REPORT: Membership Chair Virginia Burkel reported total paid membership at 208; members present at 52, thereby establishing a quorum.

ADOPTION OF MEETING RULES: **A motion was made by Shirley Sandelands and seconded by Betty Bengtson that the meeting rules be adopted as printed. Motion carried.**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2009: Rodriguez announced that the minutes had been read and approved by the Minutes Reading Committee composed of McGirr and Bengtson, adopted by the Board, and filed as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Carnahan referred to the report made available for membership review. Since the fiscal year extends until June 30, it represents nine months of activity. Clarification was made regarding funds totaling \$2,035.00 raised for LWVUS Convention delegates. Because the LWVGT Board had accepted the report at its April meeting, no further approval was required.

DISCUSSION & ADOPTION OF

1. Recommended Program: Chair Sue Girardeau referred to the CALL to the Annual Meeting packet page on 2010-2011 program and reported that the LWVGT Board recommends retaining all present positions as well as an extension of the study on Charter Schools in the Greater Tucson Area. She also stated that there are no non-recommended studies. **Betty Geehan moved and Sue Ward seconded the adoption of these program recommendations. Motion carried.**
2. Recommended Budget: Chair Dorothy Boone presented the proposed Operating and Education Fund Budgets for 2010-2011 as included in the CALL packet. She pointed out the decrease in income and expenses budgeted for the Operating Budget and the slight increase in the Education Fund projections for income and expenses. **Boone moved the adoption of both budgets which were seconded respectively by Shirley Muney and Virginia Burkel. Motion carried.**
3. Bylaws: Chair McGirr reported no recommendations for new amendments at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Sue DeArmond presented the report as found in the CALL packet. With no nominations from the floor, DeArmond **moved its adoption, seconded by Lu Kembel. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.** The committee extended special thanks to those who served and all who will serve.

ELECTION AND INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS: President Rodriguez acknowledged the new and returning officers after the passage of the above motion. A round of applause welcomed the following:

Newly Elected Officers

President	Carol West	2010-2012
2 nd VP/Program	Sue Ward	2010-2012
Secretary	Grace Evans	2010-2012
Nominations Committee Chair	Sue Girardeau	2010-2011

Continuing Officers and Directors

1 st VP/ Membership	Virginia Burkel	2009-2011
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3 rd VP/Voter Service	Victor Bowleg	2009-2011
Treasurer	Phylis Carnahan	2008-2011
Hospitality	Patsy Frannea	2009-2011
Media/Community Relations	Maxine Goodman	2009-2011
VOTER Editor	Lauren Miles	2009-2011
Director at Large	Carol Dow	2009-2011
Director at Large/Government	Gini McGirr	2009-2011

PROJECT REPORTS:

Charter Schools Study Update: Chair West spoke of the progress being made by the committee as well as upcoming plans. She related information learned during interviews with representatives of traditional public schools regarding innovative efforts to improve their success. Plans are now underway to interview comparable charter schools and to learn about their requirements for accountability.

Running and Winning Workshop: Co-Chair Sandelands spoke of plans for the 8th workshop to introduce high school age young women to the concept of engaging in the political process as candidates. Arrangements are currently being made to involve the Sienna High School in Vail in a Nov. 18, 2010 workshop experience.

Kenyan Women: Sally Davenport spoke of her recent trip to Kenya and of the progress being made at the women's clinic in Garissa. She showed slides of Bishara, one of our visitors in 2007, and of her projects in Mombassa to provide wells for community neighborhoods and her notable efforts to educate women in regard to the need for their active involvement in government.

Voter Service: In Chair Victor Bowleg's absence, committee member Muney spoke of various forums for candidates conducted recently and planned for the future. In anticipation of the fall elections, voter registration drives and voter education efforts will be accomplished, as in 2008, at public libraries and other appropriate venues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rodriguez spoke of the privilege she has been given to serve as Co-President and President during the past four years. She thanked board members with whom she worked and related how shepherding an organization like the League of Women Voters has rewarded her as an individual.

At 11:45, Rodriguez called a temporary suspension of the business meeting.

Following the break and subsequent lunch, Gini McGirr introduced the featured speaker, Dr. Roberto Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Mexican-American studies at the U of AZ. His very timely presentation titled "In Defense of Ethnic Studies: Running for our Lives" included explanations and visual images of the ancient pre-Mayan and Mayan concepts which had shaped the culture of indigenous people of Mexico and Mesoamerica known as The People of Corn. In a major point Dr. Rodriguez stressed the similarity of teachings then with the more familiar concepts of the Golden Rule.

Resuming again at 1:10 pm, the following awards and directions were given:

LWVGT OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD: Gini McGirr introduced loyal League benefactor, Steven W. Lynn, VP UniSource Energy Corporation and Tucson Electric Power, as the recipient of this first-time award. Mr. Lynn responded with words of thanks and appreciation for all that the organization accomplishes locally, state-wide, and nationally. An engraved award suitable for desktop display was presented, accompanied by words reflecting the importance of Mr. Lynn's support for non-partisan educational programs and ongoing League endeavors.

LWVGT LEAGUER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Nina Carter, as the 2008-2009 honoree, gave background information and identified the many contributions to our League made by the 2009-2010 Leaguer of the Year, Shirley Sandelands. An engraved plaque and words of gratitude concluded the annual presentation.

RECOGNITION OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS: A group of four office volunteers, including Phyllis Wassenberg, Marion Johnson, Nina Carter, and Lu Kembel, came forward and were recognized with gifts and a hearty round of applause. Also thanked were members responsible for our various committee responsibilities and contributions.

RECOGNITION TO THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT: Shirley Sandelands, on behalf of the current Board of Directors, presented Noell Rodriguez with two gift certificates and a dozen red roses in recognition of her excellent leadership during the past four years. Mutual thanks and appreciation were expressed.

DIRECTIONS TO NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No directions were forthcoming from the members present.

DIRECTIONS TO DELEGATES TO 2010 LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION: LWVGT delegates Lauren Miles, Sue Ward, and Noell Rodriguez, named to attend the Atlanta, GA June 11-15 convention, were encouraged to pursue a renewed emphasis on the 2008 national position on immigration in light of recently passed Arizona laws. Three members Carol West, Marty Cortez, and AZ Senator Paula Aboud each addressed remarks to the delegates and members concerning taking more active roles in making our position known and implemented, especially as this subject receives renewed national prominence.

DIRECTIONS TO DELEGATES TO 2010 LWVAZ STATE COUNCIL: LWVGT delegates Betty Bengtson, Dorothy Boone, and Phylis Carnahan were announced as our representatives to the May 22, 2010 meeting in Surprise, Arizona. No specific directions were given at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

_____ Judy Fischer, Secretary

Minutes Committee Members:

_____ Gini McGirr

_____ Grace Evans

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

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2012

INCOME	2010-2011	2011-1012
Dues (at \$75. single, households \$110., \$45. student	\$13,500	\$15,060
Contributions Members	1,000	700
Contributions Non-members	500	1,000
Fund Raiser	3,850	2,500
Office sales/calendar	200	200
Election services	500	500
Interest from:		
Lincoln, White, Maass & National Bank	500	300
Scholarship Fund	200	-0-
Total	\$20,250	\$20,260
EXPENSES		
Rent	\$ 7,200	7,380
Phone/Internet	1,500	1,130
Printing	300	-0-
Copy Machine	1,200	1,020
Office Supplies	500	500
Postage	600	750
Insurance, taxes & fees	2,000	1,850
Board & Committees	150	150
Program/Action	150	250
Development	300	100
National Convention (2012)/State Council (2012)	500	670
State Convention (2011)/National Council (2011)	500	-0-
Annual Meeting	200	100
National PMP (half)	2,900	3,200
State PMP (half)	900	1,600
Voter	1,000	1,000
Community Outreach	200	400
Hospitality	150	160
Total	\$20,250	\$20,260

Budget committee: Virginia Burkel, Kari Schlachtenhaufen, Carol West, and Phylis Carnahan, ex officio

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS WHERE HANDS-ON WORK TO SAFEGUARD DEMOCRACY
LEADS TO CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.**

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PROPOSED EDUCATION FUND BUDGET 2011-1012

INCOME	2010-2011	2011-12
Contributions Individual	\$ 500	\$1,500
Corporate/Non-Members	3,000	3,000
Fund Raiser	4,350	-0-
Lance (Jewish Community Foundation)	750	2,500
Kenya Project	400	400
Running & Winning	1,000	1,400
Total	\$10,000	\$8,800

EXPENSES

Voter Service		
Citizens Directory	2,200	
Voter Guide	2,300	2,000
Forums	100	200
National PMP (half)	2,900	3,200
State PMP (half)	900	1,600
Program	100	-0-
Workshops	100	-0-
Kenya Project	400	400
Running & Winning	1,000	1,400
Total	\$10,000	\$8,800

“LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON ENDOWMENT FUND”

Since July 2010, LWVGT has a **“League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Endowment Fund”** that is with the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona (JCF). The **Fund** was established with the start up money coming from Harvey and Evelyn Lance. The Lance Trust specifically placed 5% of their estate into an LWVGT **“Endowment Fund”**. The term **“endowment”** in a will or trust under Arizona Law decrees that the monies (distributed to us between July 31, 2007 and January 2011) had to be placed in an **“Endowment Fund”**. After much investigation the LWVGT Board entered into an Agreement with JCF for the administering of this money and for their returning a yearly distribution to LWVGT. The first distribution will be in August 2011 under JCF’s current policy of 4%. This annual distribution is restricted for use to **“education projects”**. There has to be an LWVGT annual reporting back to JCF of the proper use of the distributed money each year. This perpetual fund’s distribution will greatly assist LWVGT in the many education outreach projects that will be offered to the public.

This **Fund** will continue to increase in value due to JCF handling of the money and additional contributions to it that can come from League members and friends. Currently the fund is \$80,644.50. We believe that we have received the last contribution from the Lance Estate.

Shirley J. Sandelands, Past Chair LWVGT Finance/Endowment Committee
March 2011

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

BYLAWS

There are no Bylaws amendments proposed this year.

Bylaws Committee: Gini McGirr, Chair; Carol Shearer and Victor Bowleg

2011-2012 RECOMMENDED/NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson recommends retaining all present positions.

There are no Non-Recommended studies.

There was no new study proposed.

The Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the Charter School study consensus.

See LWV/AZ Charter School Position below

See LWVGT Consensus Statement below

League of Women Voters of Arizona Positions: At the program planning meeting, the members voted to retain all of the state positions. There was no new study proposed.

Sue Ward, 1st VP, Program Chair

LWVAZ POSITION ON CHARTER SCHOOLS AS OF CONCURRENCE IN 1999

LIMITATIONS: Length of granted charter should be limited to 5-7 years; District schools' charter within own boundaries only; Districts' charters in compliance with USFR (Uniform System of Financial Reporting); Number of schools chartered annually (no number given).

FUNDING: Charters compliant with USFR; annual external financial review required; AZ start up-stimulus funds eliminated; granted monthly on current enrollment; transportation formula consistent among charters and tied to actual expenditures for transportation; not-for-profit basis; Non-compliance withholds funds and return of property to state.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must include in charter and submit the following: a mission statement; curriculum; a sound business plan; evaluation plan; government board recruitment and procedures; compliance with AZ open enrollment law. Maintain a proportion of certified teachers; require non-certified teachers to be similarly educated and/or experienced; require applicants (sponsors), operators, governing board members, and teachers to be fingerprinted and background checked.

OVERSIGHT: Annual financial and academic review conducted by State Department of Education; non-compliance leads to involvement by State Department of Education; immediate closure in case of fraud, illegal use of money or abuse followed by charter school to arrange transfers of students.

INPUT/INVOLVEMENT: Mechanism for citizen involvement be integral part of governing boards; information regarding schools be readily and easily available to the public.

PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL CONSENSUS - 2011

Charter schools are public schools that are privately operated.

Charter schools should be held to the same high standards as all Arizona public schools.

All public schools should be permitted and encouraged to innovate. They must be allowed flexibility on class size, length of school day, teaching techniques, and special subject focus (such as science, the arts, technology).

Charter schools need more initial direction as they are started and organized to comply with legal requirements

All public school teachers must be well qualified.

The curriculum must comply with the Arizona State Standards. Test score results and school ranking must be easily available to the public.

Academic evaluation of charter and traditional public schools needs to be equitable. However, there is still insufficient oversight of charter schools. The state staff should be adequate to monitor student achievement.

Schools that close must arrange for an orderly transfer of students and return to the State available money and property that has been given to them from the State's General Fund.

The Arizona Constitution states that all public schools must be funded for proper maintenance, improvement, and development. It is imperative that sufficient funding be provided to assure steady progress in teaching and learning. This would better prepare students with the tools to thrive in a competitive and changing world.

Open enrollment has given parents and students more options for school choice. However, the availability of public information must be more accessible to all.

A better tracking system of students is even more important due to school choice or open enrollment.

LOCAL PROGRAM POSITIONS 2010-2011

League program is adopted on three levels: national, state and local. Local program is adopted yearly at the Annual Meeting; State program at State Convention every two years in May of odd-numbered years; National program at National Convention every two years in June of even-numbered years.

ACTION may be taken by the LWV of Greater Tucson on all three levels after study or concurrence.

AMPLIFICATIONS on the following positions may be found in the History File in the office.

LOCAL STUDIES

INSIDE METROPOLITAN TUCSON – CONTINUED UPDATE

On-going process to keep members informed about all aspects of city and county government, including school districts so members are better able to act as advocates in these areas.

LOCAL POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT

A. CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT/HOME RULE

The LWVGT reaffirms the support of consolidation of city, county and town governments within Pima County into a single government for efficient and economical delivery of services. (1977, 2005)

Due to the lack of probability of it being accomplished, the LWVGT supports further functional

consolidation through the use of intergovernmental agreements and statutory change to promote greater intergovernmental agreement and statutory change to promote greater governmental cooperation in the management and delivery of services. (2008)

B. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Promotes the policy of election of Tucson Council members, supports the nomination by ward and election at-large. (1975)

C. COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT

Promotes policy in support of a modified Council-Manager form of government for Tucson. (1972, 1983)

NATURAL RESOURCES

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING

Support of comprehensive planning and zoning, with citizen input, to meet the social, environmental, physical, and economic needs of the people of Pima County. (1972, 1986, 2008)

B. WATER RESOURCES

Supports the long-range comprehensive management of Tucson Active Management Area's water resources in order to obtain a balanced water budget through the efficient utilization of:

1) the Central Arizona Project (CAP) water, 2) waste water (effluent), 3) groundwater, and 4) conservation practices. (1975, 1977)

C. AIR QUALITY

Promote mandatory inclusion of air quality considerations in the formation and implementation of government policies and plans in any affected areas, including but not limited to, health, land use, transportation and promote improved air quality through coordinated, accountable and responsive government action. (1990)

D. ENERGY

Support environmentally sound policies and actions, with citizen input, that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation, make use of new and emerging technologies, and encourage the use of renewable resources. (2008)

SOCIAL POLICY

A. COMMUNITY PLANNING – Affordable Housing

Support of policies and actions by local government, which will ensure, through planning, an adequate supply of affordable housing, and an equality of opportunity for access to housing designated to meet human needs. (1974, 2007)

B. BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Support of a balanced transportation system subsidized by public money for the Tucson metropolitan area. (1971)

C. EDUCATION

Support schools in their search for adequate resources, changes and use of community resources to insure that all children have the help they need to succeed in school. (1991)

D. EDUCATION FINANCE

Supports the following aspects of funding for public schools: More sources of funding; continued centralized collection and distribution of funding; basic funding for the classroom; no public monies for private schools. (1994, 1995, 1997)

CONTINUED STUDY: Charter Schools in the Greater Tucson area.

This study is viable because charter schools have been in existence long enough for there to be much information available for study, and charter and traditional public schools available for comparison. It is important to see if we can make use in traditional schools, lessons learned by charters, and to see that public monies are spent for public causes.

This study was begun in 2009 and extended at the 2010 Annual Meeting for another year.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

OFFICERS	NAME	TERM
First VP/Membership	Mary Gresham	2011-2013
Third VP/Voter Service	Victor Bowleg	2011-2012
Treasurer	Patsy Frannea	2011-2013
DIRECTORS		
Government	Gini McGirr	2011-2013
Media/Community Relations	Maxine Goodman	2011-2012
Voter Editors	Betty Bengtson, Betsy Zukoski, Gini McGirr	2011-2012
Nominating Chair (Off board)	Shirley Muney	2011-2012
CONTINUING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS		
President	Carol West	2010-2012
2 nd VP/Program	Sue Ward	2010-2012
Secretary	Grace Evans	2010-2012
PRESENT OFFBOARD CHAIRS (Appointed for one year 2010-2011)		
County Book/Kenya	Sally Davenport	
Charter Schools	Marion Pickens	
Running & Winning	Shirley Sandelands	
Communication	Betsy Zukoski	
Citizen Directory	Sue DeArmond	
Forum Coordinator	Shirley Muney	
Speaker's Bureau	Martha Binns	
Administration		
ListServe Coordinator	Janet Goodhue	
Member Records	Lu Kembel	
Mail Crew Coordinator	Jo Coudray	
Office Volunteers	Marion Johnson	

Nominating Committee: Sue Girardeau, Chr., Sue DeArmond, Sue Ward, Shirley Muney, Patsy Frannea

Did you know?

Preserving the environment has been one of the League's high priorities.

Membership is open to everyone – men and women.

Government at all levels must be accountable and accessible to its citizens.

Democracy is strengthened through the efforts of citizens concerned with the general welfare.

To vote is not only a right but a duty of citizenship.

WHEN WOMEN TAKE ACTION, FEAR FAILS!

(Note: Judy Carran is a proud member of the SaddleBrooke Unit of the LWVGT. There was an incident last Fall at an Illinois candidate forum where a moderator was considered unpatriotic for following the agreed upon format of the meeting which did not include the "Pledge to the Flag." A member of the audience insisted that the pledge be said. Judy's opinion piece relates to that incident but also points out the good things about the LWV.)

"People! The men who are urging women to "flood the polls" are the same type who attacked, beat, jailed, and abused women who marched for the right to vote. DO NOT LET HATE TAKE BACK OUR RIGHTS.

The weak and afraid always scream loudly. Hate is their tool. We are all aware that now in the USA, a few are screaming to make the many fearful. But when women take action, fear fails. If you think of yourself as a women who has the ability and the right to make her own decisions, or if you love and support such women, check out the League of Women Voters (LWV) website. (www.lwvgt.org) If you believe good overpowers evil, put that belief into action. Be emotional. Do something! Use the web to send a message to your state and federal legislators. Send a quick note to your newspapers.

If you visit the League (LWV) website, you will see that before any forum hosted by the LWV, the candidates all agree to a format. When a candidate does not negotiate in good faith and then attacks the League for not beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, it is a planned the attack. It says much about his character.

Before the last election a forum moderator was surprised by the uncivil act when a man in the audience shouted. Perhaps she made the mistake of not reading the format and agreements before she began. This does not make her or women unpatriotic. In my experience, women believe in dissent through decency and decorum.

Our League of Women Voters is a direct descendant of the women who devoted their lives in securing the right of women to participate in the political process. I am a member of the group because I enjoy women who support the American ideals of equal justice for all citizens and speak on those issues after a research process and a consensus. Women volunteer their energies to study, organize, and present forums on issues of concern to the public in an unbiased manner. Women in the League are strong, intelligent, courageous people who are willing to look at both sides of an issue and take a stand. If you support this concept, take action to keep America a free and open democracy in which we can all enjoy peace and respect.

-- Judy Carran

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM: "ARIZONA'S GOVERNMENT: THE NEXT 100 YEARS"

Participants at the 97th Arizona Town Hall held in November 2010 at the Grand Canyon will present the program. Chairman of the Arizona Town Hall Board Bruce Dusenberry will facilitate the panel discussion. Three attendees at the event will serve as panelists; David Bartlett, Suzanne Lawder, and Deborah Dale, all from Tucson, will share their impressions and recommendations from the event.

Two times a year the AZ Town Hall convenes a diverse cross-section of residents from all over Arizona to meet for three days of facilitated discussions designed to seek consensus on a topic of importance to Arizona – in this case, a "snapshot of Arizona Government Systems." This is civil discourse in action.

Since 1962 Arizona Town Hall has served as a "think tank" for Arizona leaders. Town hall recommendations are a valued resource for policymakers because they do not represent any particular group or political perspective. The town hall educates people about the multiple facets of complex issues and fosters personal and professional leadership skills.

The town hall has successfully implemented many changes beneficial to Arizonans through the years, including positive changes to juvenile court, founding of Arizona Department of Revenue, founding of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and recommendations for changes to Arizona's tax structure.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER TUCSON
ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 8, 2011**

The Mountain Oyster Club, 6400 East El Dorado Circle

Check in 10:15 AM - Annual Meeting 10:30 AM – Lunch Noon

\$28.00 Per Person

Please RSVP with your reservation and check no later than Monday, April 1st.

Name: _____ Number attending _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

Additional Guest Names: _____

Please choose one of the following menus for your lunch preference:
(Mark the number of orders on each line if more than one reservation)

_____ Prime Flat Iron Steak
With Red Wine Mushroom Sauce
Chef's Vegetables & Accompaniment
Chocolate Mouse Torte

_____ Santa Fe chicken Salad
Mixed greens with jack cheese, black beans
Corn, chips and grilled chicken
Chocolate Mousse Torte

_____ Chef's Vegetarian Choice
Chocolate Mousse Torte

Please send your check and this reservation form by April 1st to: LWV/GT, 2424 E. Broadway, Suite 110, Tucson, AZ 85719. Phone 327.7652

The Mountain Oyster Club, established in 1948, is a private club composed of members united in the interest of preserving Southwestern heritage and "Old Pueblo" tradition. Their foundations in this way of life vary, but this society of Westerners remains dedicated to western traditions, art and the western way of life. (See www.mountainoysterclub.com)

A few years ago, the Mountain Oyster club moved from downtown Tucson to this location which was originally built in 1936 for Florence Pond as her home called Stone Ashley. Ms. Pond sold the property in 1947 and it was renovated and became the El Dorado Guest Lodge. It later became the Palm Court Restaurant, then Charles Restaurant in 1979, was used for offices for a time, and then a French restaurant named Stone Ashley. While many changes have taken place over the years, you still enter the property by way of the tall Italian cypress lined road and through the original paneled front door of the Pond Mansion.

If possible, park in the Guest parking area in the right of the front circle drive or the parking lot to your left as you drive down El Dorado Circle toward the Club.

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