



The Voter

League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley

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April 2011 – Special Edition

President's Letter

The flyer for our April program "DOING Regionalism in the Verde Valley" has been distributed. It will be a very comprehensive and informative program with speakers who are knowledgeable in their area of interest. I hope that we can get a large turnout for this event.

Things are in place for our annual meeting. I've sent out the "Call to Meeting" so that everyone will be aware of our agenda. Here again, as our speakers are coming from Phoenix, I hope for a large turnout.

- Fran Levengood

Pat Beaty to Keynote Forum on Regionalism, April 29th

Pat Beaty, Senior Fellow and Project Director at the Center for the Future of Arizona in Phoenix will address "Regionalism—Its Application and Possibilities for the Arizona We Want" at the League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley public forum Friday, April 29, 9:00am to 3:00pm at Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus, 601 Black Hills Drive, Building M, Room 137, Clarkdale. The title of the forum is "DOING Regionalism in the Verde Valley". The Forum will include panels of local speakers on regionalism in the Verde Valley relating to history, culture, land use, economy, the arts, education, government, growth, open space and environment.

To further entice you to this great program, please see the preliminary agenda at the end of this Voter.

The cost, including lunch, is \$30. Pre-registration required by April 20. You may register online at

www.yc.edu/DoingRegionalism

or send payment to LWV-SVV, P.O. Box 966, Sedona, AZ 86339.



Pat Beaty, Senior Fellow & Project Director for the Future of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Annual Meeting 2011

League of Women Voters Sedona-Verde Valley

Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Olde Sedona Grill

1405 W. St. Route 89A

Sedona

9:00 am Registration and Welcome

9:30 am Breakfast & Speakers

Speakers: State Rep. Karen Fann

State Sen. Steve Pierce

Cost for annual meeting and breakfast: \$15

RSVP your attendance by May 6, 2011 to Donna Pratt

10:30 am Annual Business Meeting

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Annual Overview Report
- Approve 2010 Minutes
- Voter Service Report

- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Report from State League
- Budget Report
- Adoption of Budget
- Bylaws Amendment
- Program Report
- Adoption of Program
- Change in By-Laws
- Adoption of Change in By-Laws
- Election of Directors
- Acknowledgments and Thank You's
- Adjournment

League of Women Voters Sedona-Verde Valley: Proposed Program 2011-2012

For Approval by the membership

Recommended Program:

1. Education & Advocacy: Yavapai County and Arizona Congressional Redistricting: Importance of being heard; ensuring transparency and citizen involvement.
2. Voter Service: 2012 Election Year Planning—voter registration, education activities and candidate forums

Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with our by-laws, the following slate of nominees is being provided to the membership one month before our election meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor provided that nominees have consented.

To fill new two-year term on the Board, 2011-2013: **Rita Livingston, Ruth Kiessel, Liz Danbury, Donna Pratt**

Continuing Board Members: **Judy Miller, Kathy Heidepriem, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Ellie Bauer**

For 2012 Nominating Committee: **Fran Levengood (Chair), Angela LeFevre**

Submitted by 2011 Nominating Committee: Rita Livingston, Mary Gassaway, Fran Levengood

Proposed Amendment to LWVSVV Bylaws, required by LWVUS

(Words in **bold face** are to be deleted)

ARTICLE III. Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be **(honorary)** members excused from the payment of dues.

*(Reason for Amendment: The bylaws of state and local leagues must conform to the first three Articles of the LWVUS bylaws. At the 2010 national convention, the above bylaw was changed when the word **honorary** was deleted. This was done because delegates felt that these longtime members were "regular" members and were not given "honorary" membership.)*

Proposed Budget: For Approval by the Membership

In accordance with our by-laws, the following budget is proposed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year:

LWV Sedona-Verde Valley Proposed Budget 2011-2012 Fiscal Year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

	Proposed Budget 2011-2012	Actual 3-15-11	2010-2011 Budget
INCOME			
Contributions			
Member	\$ 120.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 150.00
Non-member/Fundraising Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 350.00
Member Dues*	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 2,320.00
Special Projects			
Candidates & Issue Forums	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Political Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income			
Catered Meetings			\$ 1,600.00
Birthday Luncheon	\$ 835.00	\$ 832.00	\$ -
Annual Meeting	\$ 400.00		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 90.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 250.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From LWVAZ Education Fund	\$ 246.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,231.00	\$ 2,783.00	\$ 5,120.00
EXPENSE			
Board Expenses			
Conventions	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Fundraising	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Office/Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 95.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 150.00
Member Expenses			
Catered Meetings			\$ 1,500.00
Birthday Luncheon	\$ 780.00	\$ 779.12	\$ -
Annual Meeting	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Hospitality	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Insurance	\$ 236.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 219.00
Member Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter	\$ 65.00	\$ 47.88	\$ 136.80
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
PMP Payments			
LWVAZ**	\$ 445.00	\$ 391.50	\$ 396.00
LWVUS***	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 1,306.80	\$ 1,311.20
Program Expenses			
Candidates & Issue Forums	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 400.00
Program Issues	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Project Expenses			
Political Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 4,231.00	\$ 3,356.30	\$ 5,120.00

Notes on Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

Budgeted income and actual income includes funds donated to the LWVAZ Education Fund. Education fund monies may be used for Candidates & Issue Forums, Publications, Political Directory, and any other activities related to Voter Education.

*Member Dues - 34 Individual Members @ \$50.00/7 Family Members @ \$ 70.00
This an increase of \$5 for individual and family memberships

**Per Member Payments to LWVAZ: 41 Members @ \$10.00/ 7 Family Members @\$ 5.00

***Per Member Payments to LWVUS: 41 Members @ \$30.00 /7 Family Members @ \$15.00

Membership Information

We are happy to welcome Janet Kissinger of Camp Verde as a new member of the League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley. We hope to see her at many future League events.

REPORT FROM STATE LEAGUE

President's Perspective

This Newsletter is all about the LWV/AZ Convention on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 at the Windmill Inn in Surprise. There are reports on the budget, the nominations, the bylaws, and program items.

The plenary session on Saturday morning will deal with these reports. Immediately after lunch on Saturday, Tara Jackson of the Arizona Town Hall, will talk about civil discourse on controversial issues. In the afternoon, we will have workshops on activism, social media, fundraising, and League training. Our dinner speaker will be The Honorable Robert Brutinel, Associate Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. He will speak about our very successful merit selection of judges. After dinner, we will have a caucus on ranked choice voting and a discussion on local League activities.

On Sunday, Elaine Wiant, our liaison from the LWV/US, will conduct a workshop on nonpartisanship. Linda Valdez, columnist for *The Arizona Republic*, will speak on some aspect of immigration. Finally, we will adopt a budget and program items, elect officers, and transfer the gavel to the new president.

I very strongly urge League members to attend part or all of the Convention, if you are able to do so.

Bonnie Saunders, President, LWVAZ

P.S. If you are interested in attending the LWVAZ Convention contact Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer.

LWVUS Sets Legislative Priorities for 2011

The national League board has adopted the following LWVUS Legislative Priorities for 2011: Clean Air Defense; Health Care Defense; Money in Elections (campaign finance reform); and Voter Registration and Election Administration. The Legislative Watch List* is as follows: CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women); Climate Change; Ethics; Immigration; and Safe Drilling and Mining ("Fracking").

**The Watch List means that if an opportunity arises on these issues and does not interfere with action on an advocacy priority, the LWVUS may take action if it appears we can make an impact.*

The Board discussed many issues and the responses from members suggesting Legislative Priorities. The decisions were made based on what issues are likely to come before the 112th Congress, the opportunities to make an impact, program decisions made at the 2010 Convention, member interest and resources available to manage these priorities effectively. The Board reviews these priorities throughout the year, making changes if warranted.

(Source LWVUS Leaders' Update)

LWVSVV CALENDAR	2010-2011
Date	Event
April 21 st , Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	LWVSVV Board Meeting Oak Creek Valley Clubhouse
April 29 th , Friday, morning/afternoon	Spring Educational Forum on Regionalism Verde Campus of Yavapai College, Clarkdale
May 14 th , Saturday, 9:00-11:30 p.m. State Legislators Karen Fann and Steve Pierce will be our speakers	LWVSVV Annual Meeting and Elections Buffet Breakfast Olde Sedona Bar and Grill, 1405 W. 89A Sedona, AZ \$15.00 per person, meeting and meal
May 17 th , Tuesday	General Elections, Camp Verde and Cottonwood, if necessary
May 19 th , Thursday	Community Conversation on the Economy of the Verde River Verde Campus of Yavapai College, Clarkdale
May 21-22, Saturday-Sunday	LWVAZ Convention Windmill Suites, Surprise, AZ

LWVSVV Board Members 2010-2011

Francine Levengood, VOC
President

Judy Miller, Cornville
Secretary

Liz Danbury, Sedona
Treasurer

Donna Pratt, Sedona
Membership

Robyn Prud'homme Bauer, Clarkdale
Representative to LWVAZ

Kathy Heidepriem, Sedona
Newsletter and Website

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale

Off-Board Voter Service
Mary Gassaway

Off-Board Voter Registration
Evie Rowland

The League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley in cooperation with Yavapai College
presents

A Public Forum: "DOING Regionalism in the Verde Valley"

Yavapai College - Verde Valley Campus
601 W. Black Hills Drive - Building M, Room 137, Clarkdale, Arizona
Friday, April 29, 2011, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Forum, including Lunch \$30.00

Forum Objectives:

1. Define regionalism--its scope, application and possibilities.
2. Examine examples of regional challenges and successes.
3. Inspire regional action in response to an array of issues.

AGENDA

- 9:00 Registration (Coffee - Tea - Water - Muffins)
- 9:30 CALL TO ORDER
- 9:35 Welcome to Yavapai College - Tom Schumacher, Executive Dean, Verde Valley Campus
- 9:40 Opening Remarks & Keynote Introduction - Chip Davis, District 3 Supervisor, Yavapai County
- 10:00 Keynote Speaker: *Regionalism--It's Application & Possibilities for the Arizona We Want* - Pat Beatty, Senior Fellow & Project Director, Center for the Future of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ
- 10:30 Forum Expectations - Peggy Fiandaca, President, Partners for Strategic Action, Fountain Hills, AZ
- 10:45 am MORNING PANEL - "*History, Economy, Community Planning & the Arts*"
Guest Moderator: Dan Engler, Editor, Verde Independent & Bugle
- *Preserving the History of the Region* - Janeen Trevillyan, Sedona Historical Society
 - *Growing a Wine Industry* - Tom Pitts, President, Verde Valley Wine Consortium
 - *Beaver Creek Vision 2020* - Kala Pearson, Beaver Creek Regional Council
 - *Regionalism and The Arts* - Virginia Pates, Yavapai College Art Department
- 11:45 am Questions & Answer Session
- Noon BUFFET LUNCHEON (*Oriental Green Salad - Teriyaki Beef - Sweet & Sour Chicken - Fried Rice - Iced Tea, Lemonade, Iced Water - Dessert*)
- 12:30 pm Luncheon Speaker: "*CommuniversiTY--New Regionalism in Education*" -
Dr. James Horton, President, Yavapai College
- 1:15 pm AFTERNOON PANEL - "*Government, Land Use, Growth & the Environment*"
Guest Moderator: Lu Stitt, Feature Writer, Red Rock News & former News Ed., Cottonwood Journal Extra
- *Municipal Growth/Expansion* - Russ Martin, Town Manager, Camp Verde
 - *A Nation Within* - Courtney Scott, Executive Director of Administration, Yavapai-Apache Nation
 - *Connecting Trails & Open Space* - Bob Rothrock, President, Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute
 - *State & Federal Land Stewardship* - Diane Joens, Chair, Stewards of Public Lands & Mayor, City of Cottonwood
- 2:15 pm Questions & Answer Session
- 2:30 pm Best Practices for Regionalism - Peggy Fiandaca, President, Partners for Strategic Action
- 3:00 pm ADJOURN
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