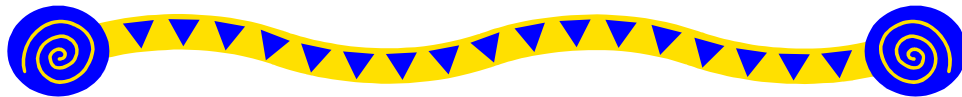


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Calendar & Comments

League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Phoenix



DATE: February 2010

*It's our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Time to celebrate*

Happy Birthday!

*February 20, 2010*

*11:30 a.m.*

*Busters on the Lake*

*8329 N. Hayden Road*

*Scottsdale*

Our speaker is Heidi Osselear, Faculty Associate from Arizona State University. She is the author of Winning Their Place: Arizona Women on Politics, 1853- 1950. See article on the next page.

The Frances Munds Award will be presented to Sandy Bahr, Chapter Director of the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club. See more information on the next page.

Consider wearing a hat in recognition of those early League members. Be creative, there might be a prize.

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person which includes lunch and birthday cake. Menu choices will be made on the day of the event. See January C & C for choices.

**Reservation deadline is February 13, 2010.** Please send your reservation in now. See reservation form at the end of this issue.

## **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker: Heidi Osselear**

Heidi Osselear is a faculty associate in the Department of History at Arizona State University. She is the author of Winning Their Place: Arizona Women in Politics 1883-1950. In her acknowledgements she states that this book started as a research paper for a graduate seminar that was taught by Dr. Mary Rothschild, a woman's historian at ASU. She acknowledges previous work done by Gayle Gullet and Rita Mae Kelly, both of ASU. Those three women worked with our League on the educational workshops at the 75th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote celebrations we chaired in 1995. This book looks back to territorial days and the fight by western women to obtain the right to vote for women. It includes information about early Arizona suffragists such as Josephine Brawley Hughes, Pauline O'Neill and Frances Munds. It continues to explore the role of women in Arizona politics up through 1950 and includes a chart of all the women who have served in the Arizona legislature until that date.

The introduction to the book was written by Janet Napolitano while she was governor. The epilogue brings us up to date and includes a great photo from 1998. That year was the year of the "fab five" when the top five state positions were all held by women: Governor Jane Dee Hull, Attorney General Janet Napolitano, Secretary of State Betsey Bayless, Treasurer Carol Springer and Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Graham Keegan. They were sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and welcomed to state service by Polly Rosenbaum, longtime legislator and state historian. Two of those names have been the recipients of our Frances Munds Award: Sandra Day O'Connor and Polly Rosenbaum.

This will be an enlightening talk regarding our Arizona history. Books will be available for signing after the event.

## **Frances Munds Award Recipient: Sandy Bahr**

This year's Frances Munds Award is being presented to Sandy Bahr, the Chapter Director for the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club. Her responsibilities there include advocating for the environment at the Arizona State Legislature and various other local, state and federal agencies, conducting research, and grassroots outreach and organizing. She has worked actively on environmental issues for the past 23 years, both as a volunteer and staff for various organizations including the Sierra Club, Arizona Audubon Council, Arizona Common Cause and the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust. She has received numerous awards for her advocacy work.

The Frances Munds Award is awarded on special occasions to an Arizona woman who has worked long and diligently on an issue of importance to Arizona and especially on an issue or issues that have an importance to the League. To quote from the nomination paper "If the Frances Munds Award most importantly recognizes a woman that perseveres for things that the League of Women Voters support in Arizona, then Sandy Bahr is deserving of this award."

Sandy Bahr has kept other organizations informed regarding her activities and environmental concerns. She has faced opposition and members of government who dismiss the environment as a concern and through it all has remained professional. She certainly exemplifies perseverance. We are pleased to announce that she is the 2010 recipient of this award.

(Barbara Klein submitted the nomination)

## **COMMUNITY TEAMS**

### **Topic: Impartial Courts**

Scottsdale Team – Tuesday, February 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. in the Gold Room at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library

Everyone attending is invited to go out to lunch following the meeting.

Contacts: Eleanor Coup and Suzanne Lennon

Phoenix Team – Wednesday, February 10, 2010

9:30 a.m. at the The Terraces, 7550 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix

Turn west on Morten for the entrance and parking

Contact: Jeanine Starrett

East Valley Team- Thursday, February 25, 2010

11:30 a.m. in the Library of Desert Palm United Church of Christ

1230 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe. See article about location

Bring a brown bag lunch.

Contacts: Karen Michael and Sandy Kaszeta

## **FEBRUARY LOCATION FOR EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY TEAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETINGS**

The February 25 and March 25 meetings of the East Valley Community Team and the Administrative Team will meet in the Library of Desert Palm United Church of Christ, 1230 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe. The church is located on the north side of Guadalupe Road between McClintock and Lakeshore Drives. From the parking lot facing the building, the Library is the left door. There will be a sign on it. Just inside the door turn left and you are there. Community Team members, you may bring your brown bag lunch with you.

## **IMPARTIAL COURTS**

The topic for the February Community Teams will be on impartial courts. This will include sort of a “catch up” to find out where we are, what attempts there might be to modify merit selection of judges and what we might do to help Pinal and Yavapai counties as they approach the population limit that would allow them to move to a merit selection of judges.

## **Sunshine Week**

Sunshine Week is March 15-19. Please take a few minutes at the February Community Team meetings to brainstorm some suggestions for our League to do. See the National website [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) for more information about the goals of Sunshine Week.

**FIRST NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center. Budget, program, bylaws will be adopted and the election of Administrative Team members will be held.

Program planning was done during January, but the budget committee, nominating committee and bylaws committee will soon begin work. More information will be available in the next two issues. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please notify the Ad Team at [lwvmp@lwvaz.org](mailto:lwvmp@lwvaz.org)

**OFFICE UPDATE**

As this is being written in late January, Jan Gdovic, our office manager is still working out of the office on S. Rural Road. We do not know when we have to vacate the office or when the renovations on the building begin. The Administrative Team continues to look for an appropriate new location. We recognize that there are lots of empty offices available and there should be some 'good deals' out there. However, we have limited resources and many of the available locations are still more expensive than we can afford. Please be patient with us and if you have a lead on a good location, please contact Lucy Kahlstrom at 480.861.2364. The Administrative Team authorized Jan to arrange for a post office box for our mail. In the meantime, to be sure that checks don't 'get lost in the mail' if we have to vacate on short notice, please mail all checks to our treasurer Lucy Kalstrom. See her address elsewhere in this issue.

**SAVE THE DATE**

March 8 is International Women's Day. Phoenix College will be hosting a program that evening. More details will be available in next month's issue.

### **3 events on Women and Pay Equity**

February 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 10:00 am is the **S.H.E. Counts Rally** on the AZ State Legislature Senate Lawn (1700 West Washington Phoenix) The S.H.E. rally – S= Safety, H= Health and E= Economic Security of Arizona women. Special Guest, Lilly Ledbetter (courtesy of AAUW – Scottsdale). Rally is sponsored by multi groups including: Fresh Start, AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence, AZ Women’s Education and Employment, Inc, ASCC, Southwest Human Development and YWCA.

February 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am (Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center (7700 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale) – ½ hour following Rally. **Fair Pay Matters Luncheon with special guest Lilly Ledbetter** to speak. Tickets are \$65 and seating is limited. Registration forms available at [www.aauwscottsdale.org](http://www.aauwscottsdale.org) or call 480.275.4040 for more information.

April 5, 7:00 pm Barnes and Nobel, Shea and 101. AAUW is sponsoring a Pay Equity public forum. More details to follow.

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### **Courtesy in the Age of Modernity**

We should all keep three small practices in mind.

1. When sending email to a group of emails (especially groups that have not already shared their OWN email with others) put the recipient addresses in a Blind Carbon Copy (Bcc). You can put your own address in the ‘to’ box or (when appropriate) send the email to the office. This will not allow those on the email to respond to anyone but you (keep that in mind for information that **must** be shared). Please remember just to be careful not to share email addresses of others when not necessary.
  2. Similar to the issue above, remove people’s addresses when forwarding messages. All you need do is either cut and paste the important part of the message into the new email OR after hitting forward, cut out all the information in the message that includes the recipients’ address, etc.
  3. Having virus scan or mal-ware protection on your computer does not just protect your own computer and data. It helps all those that you email.
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## A Tragic Mistake

League of Women Voters of United States responds to the Citizens United Decision of the Supreme Court.

"The Supreme Court has made a tragic mistake. Their decision announced today in *Citizens United v FEC* is constitutionally irresponsible and will surely bring about an anti-democratic revolution in how we finance elections in this country. Today, basic pillars of American democracy have been undermined – that elections should not be corrupted by vast corporate wealth and that the voters should be at the center of our democratic system. ....

..... "Congress and the President enacted campaign finance laws over a series of decades for a reason – to protect our democracy from the perverse influence of big money in our elections. IN making this decision, the Court has ignored the best interests of the American public and our representative form of government."

For more information and the full Press Release visit [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

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Three LWVMP members, **Kate Samsa, Lucy Kahlstrom and Barbara Klein** took part in the now-completed election procedure review process held by the Secretary of State (**Ken Bennett**). Klein and LWVAZ president, **Bonnie Saunders** send a letter to the Arizona Republic which was published January 15 and praised the SOS for his work including different partisan groups, all elections officers, technical experts and good-government groups such as our own, especially in this time of terrible partisanship and disruption in Maricopa county politics.

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**Arizona Progressive Lobby Day** has been **CHANGED to Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held on the AZ Capitol lawn. Barbara Robertson will be there to represent the League. Please come to show your support and hear from leaders as well as join other progressives in the capitol. You may reserve a free lunch. Look for more details in upcoming announcements.

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TIP – Keep your calendar handy when reading your C & C.

[The administrative team would like to give a special thank you to **Sandy Kaszeta** for her continued work on the C & C which she took on as a 'temporary' job. We all appreciate her work. ]

## LEAGUE GIFTS

Look for our new promotional League gifts at upcoming League activities. Being bought as gifts for speakers, they will also be sold at conventions and elsewhere. You got the first look on January 30 at the carabineers and the pens should be here to have them at the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Taking a cue from the many delights we heard about our pens, we will once again have bel arte gunmetal pens. These will have two lines of description, one saying "League of Women Voters" and the other with the website address of [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org). They will sell for \$6.00 and each comes with a special gift box. This may be the last order of these particular pens, so get one if you want one.

The new item is a small carabineer (clip) with an attached compass. These are great for clipping on frequently need items, like attaching keys to pocketbooks. They will be available in red, blue, black and pewter. These, too, will be sold at conventions as a fundraiser. The following will be inscribed on each "True North LWV.org". The price for these will be \$4.00

## Tempe Candidate Forum

The North Tempe Neighborhood Association is hosting a candidate forum for Tempe City Council candidates on February 8, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center, 1555 Bridleweath, Tempe. (south from McKellips between Hayden and Scottsdale Roads)

Our League will be providing some assistance. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Schwarz at 480.946.6130.

Tempe residents are invited to come and learn about your city council candidates.

## 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RESERVATION FORM

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Reservation deadline: February 13, 2009

There will be room for **55** people. So, send in your reservation right away to guarantee a place. Send your check made out to **LWVMP** and your reservation form to:

Lucy Kahlstrom

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Here is my reservation for the February 20, 2010 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Names of guests \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	8	Tempe Candidate Forum
	9	Scottsdale Community Team
	10	Phoenix Community Team
	20	90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
	22	March C & C deadline
	25	East Valley Community Team Administrative Team Both at 1230 E. Guadalupe Road
MARCH	8	International Women's Day
	9	Progressive Lobby Day

**Watch for more information:** A **tentative trip to visit the Audubon Park** is being planned for mid-March during Sunshine Week. Once arranged, the details will be emailed to all and there will be more information in next month's issue.



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

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