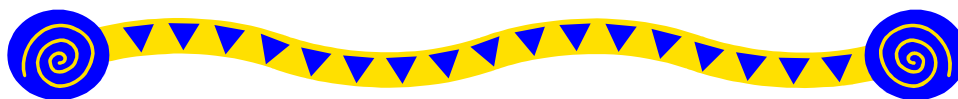


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Calendar & Comments

League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Phoenix



DATE: MAY 2010

League of Women Voters of Arizona  
State Council  
May 22, 2010

**At the Unitarian Universalist Church  
17540 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise  
Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.  
Session begins at 9:00 a.m.**

Barbara Robertson and Lucy Kalstrom will be attending as LWVMP delegates. Barbara Klein will be attending in her state position. There is room for another LWVMP delegate and members are invited to attend. In addition to the regular business, there will be workshops on How to Use ALIS, Ballot Propositions, Judicial Performance Review, Membership Recruitment Initiative and Coaches and Preparation for the LWVUS Convention.

Lunch will be a make it yourself sandwich, cookies and beverage. There will be a speaker from the O'Connor House Project following lunch.

For those staying through the State Board meeting, LWV/NWMC will provide a light supper. If you are traveling a distance, LWV/NWMC members are arranging bed and breakfast.

For further information or questions, you can contact Barbara Klein.

Registration deadline is May 12. Registration fee is \$25  
Mail your reservation check made out to LWVAZ to Bonnie Saunders, 20045 Coyote Lakes Parkway, Surprise, AZ 85374. Be sure to tell her what League you represent and whether you are a delegate, alternate or guest.

## **Help from Home on AZ Executive Branch study.**

Dear Local League Presidents, other Local League Leaders and all members,

At our last convention, the state league adopted a new study that was to be an update on reorganizing the executive branch of our state government. Our present position is in support of measures to strengthen the executive branch of the state government and to integrate its administration by centralizing authority and responsibility in the governor.

This position was adopted in 1963. Although opened for updates throughout the years, there appears to be no change to that position.

I recently agreed to lead this study and would like to do it via emails, etc. I would very much like as many leagues as possible represented in this effort. Please let me know if there are any of your members who would like to work on this. I do not believe it will be greatly time consuming and want to put together findings quickly so we can have an impact on any pending legislation being pushed, especially by the O'Connor House Project.

I am very open to suggestions about where to take this study. The only mandate that I am aware of is for us to have a position on whether or not to have a Lt. Governor position.

I researched this topic and found out that we are only one of five states that do not have a Lt. Gov. The other four are Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon and Wyoming. Twenty-five states elect Lt. Governors on the same ballot with the Governor. Eighteen states elect their Lt. Gov. separately, and ten or those have their Gov. and Lt. Gov. representing different parties. West Virginia has the state senate choose its Lt. Gov. In Texas, the person elected Speaker of Senate also holds the office of Lt. Gov.

The PEW organization rates the performance of all the states. Those states receiving the highest rating (A-) are Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Those states that received a B+ are Delaware, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, and Texas. Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, and Nebraska received B- ratings. It was interesting to note that none of states at the top of the rating scale are ones that do not have a Lt. Gov. In fact, New Hampshire was rated at the very bottom. Arizona was given a C+.

I would like to pick out a few states for us to check out how their executive branches are organized. I would also like someone to look into the pros and cons of having a Lt. Gov. In addition, I would want someone to look at job descriptions of Lt. Governors. Finally, I think we need to identify the added cost of having a Lt. Governor. Obviously, I am totally open to suggestions and am anxious to hear from you.

Please email me at

I will be away from May 20 to June 14. I would very much like to have the committee put together and have the assignments handed out before we leave. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Thanks you for your help. I think it is both timely and important that we reach consensus on this issue.  
Lois Brechner

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM 2010-2011**

Communications Coordinator	Eric Ehst
Development Director	Joanne McCarthy
Finance Coordinator	Lucy Kahlstrom
Public Spokesperson	Barbara Robertson
Secretary	Open
State & National Liaison	Barbara Klein
Voter Service Coordinator	Alice Stambaugh

### Appointments for 2010

C&C Editor	Sandy Kaszeta
Off-Board	
Constitution Day Chair	Kathy Schwarz
High School Voter Registration Project	Kathy Schwarz

## **HELP WANTED**

Annette Nunnally is taking a sabbatical for personal reasons. So, we need to find someone to step in as Administrative Team secretary. This involves taking minutes at the Ad Team meetings, distributing them to the other Ad Team members and helping to prepare the agenda. If you know someone to recommend to the nominating committee, please call Kathy Schwarz at 480.946.6103. Annette, our thoughts are with you.

## **VOTER ID OPTION #3**

As of this spring (2010), there is another NEW rule for Voter ID at the polls. We have all finally learned the rules basically saying “show 1 from list one or show 2 from list two”. Now there is a Rule #3. Previously, certain photo identifications (such as military ID or passports) have not been accepted because they do not contain an address. Now the voter can use one of these Photo ID’s with one more ‘address’ verification ID that is from list two.

(Just a reminder: List #1 was ID that contained a photo and your current address. List #2 was any ID that contained your current address but no photo such as bills, insurance cards, etc.)

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

## **NEW MEMBERS**



## PHOENIX TEAM UPDATE ON EDUCATION

Members of the Phoenix Community Team reported that they had an excellent speaker at their April 14 meeting. The speaker was Andrew F. Morrill, Vice president of the Arizona Education Association. A long time teacher in the Marana Unified School District, he is now in his second term as AEA Vice President and will assume the presidency in July of this year. Mr. Morrill compared the League's education position with that of the AEA and assured League members that we have a lot in common. "Equal access to quality education for all is an important concept. The nation and state should improve ALL local schools.

Arizona is now 50<sup>th</sup> in per pupil spending. The Arizona constitution speaks strongly about public education and that it should be as 'free as possible'.

The federal government role should be to basically ensure a level playing field. Currently they tend to focus on education emergencies or causes, e.g., GI bills, Sputnik which led to the Defense Act and civil rights crises." Mr. Morrill suggests the federal government should:

1. "Support the profession of teaching with standards and investment in the skills needed for good teachers.
2. Guarantee money for Title I and IDEA.
3. Provide equal access to educational services and support. Schools should adopt adequacy and equity standards and states should have to submit a plan for such to get federal dollars.
4. Support State led public education based on standards.
5. Fund high quality educational research and disseminate the results.
6. Support educational innovation."

There is no evidence that the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND has helped children to have broad knowledge. It has narrowed the curriculum to reading, writing and math. The goals for NCLB are

1. "Close gap between rich and poor schools
2. A quality teacher in every classroom.
3. Focus on literacy."

He then explained Race to the Top. "It's a financial mechanism to bring about reform. The federal government would design the goals and there are several options if a school does poorly:

1. Close the school.
2. Fire staff members and replace them.
3. Turn the school into a charter school
4. Transform the school in other ways."

The talk also touched on explaining the P-20 council established by former Governor Janet Napolitano and reorganized by Governor Jan Brewer and some of the problems it is encountering.

This report was prepared from notes taken by Rivko Knox. For more information, please contact Rivko.

## **THREE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AS FIFTY-YEAR LEAGUERS**

At the Metro Phoenix Annual Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Harris, Doris Krigbaum and Jane Rein'l were honored for being members of the League of Women Voters for 50-years or more. Carol and Jane were present and accepted their 50-year pins, a letter from LWVUS President Mary Wilson and a certificate of recognition from LWVUS. Doris will be presented her awards in the near future. All three have been active in the Metro Phoenix League or its predecessors during this time and presently attend meetings of the East Valley Community Team.

Carol Harris joined the League in 1960 and was involved with the publication "Mesa, Gateway to the Valley". She served as League president in the early 1990's during which time a health care study took up much time and included a consensus. In 1992 the national convention voted to accept the position taken here. At the 1994 national convention AZ joined with MN on getting a position adopted regarding violence against children. Campaign finance reform and the National Voter Registration Act (resulting in the Motor Voter legislation) were focused on in the early 1990's.

Doris Krigbaum was president of the Phoenix League in the early 1960's. In 1964 a record-number 47,000 copies of the voter's guide were distributed. That year a new format was introduced at "Meet the Candidates Night", one in which voters were able to speak personally with candidates. League members answered questions about voting and demonstrated how to use voting machines. For three months prior to the election the AZ Republic ran a League-prepared column "You and Your Vote". This was very well received.

Jane Rein'l has been a faithful League member since 1957. She was a delegate to the State Convention shortly after joining the League and has been active in numerous roles over the years. She has personally registered hundreds, if not thousands, of voters and could probably challenge any other League member for having the greatest number! Jane served as East Valley Unit leader for many years and also opened her home for League meetings and events over the years.

We are proud to have these women as part of our League. It is our hope that all 50-year members will contribute their League experiences to LWVUS's Story Bank so Leaguers 50-years from now can better understand 'how it was back then'. To find out more about the Story Bank project, go to [www.lwv.org/storybank](http://www.lwv.org/storybank)

Report by Karen Michael

## CALENDAR

MAY	6	Sue Gordon Memorial Luncheon
	18	Remember to Vote
	22	State Council
JUNE	11-15	National Convention
	19	Administrative Team meeting 9:30 a.m. League office



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### **Our Mission Statement**

*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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