



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS® of METROPOLITAN PHOENIX

JULY 2016 Calendar & Comments

New LWVMP phone number, again: 480-231-6426

Due to "irreconcilable differences" with Verizon, we had to get a new phone service, and could not transfer our recently new phone number. We are going with Cricket (owned by ATT). LWVMP will get \$25 off our bill if someone comes in with our coupon, so if you're looking for a phone or to change your carrier to Cricket, think of us and call Lucy at 480-861-2364. She can get a coupon to you.

LWVAZ Voter Guide: How Many Do You Want?

Our *LWVAZ Voter Guide* is famous for providing nonpartisan, balanced, and accurate information about Arizona's ballot propositions. Thirty-eight measures have been filed with the Arizona Secretary of State's office as of June 23, 2016. While not all of these will make it onto our ballots, many will.

Around Sept. 15 the Voter Guide will be available for distribution to individuals, groups, organizations, and communities. There will be thousands of guides to distribute in the State. The Guide will also be online.

You can help us help voters become better educated! LWVMP is already arranging distribution to City and County libraries and community colleges. We would love to have interested members distribute Guides to neighbors, nonprofits that you work with, etc.

So, how many would you like?

They are available in both English and Spanish. Please reply today and let your local LWV of Metropolitan Phoenix know how many Voter Guides in English or in Spanish to order for you. Please call Care Lengel at 480-231-642

Primary Election

Voter registration deadline: August 1st
Early voting begins -- August 3
Primary Election -- August 30

General Election

Voter registration deadline: October 10
Early voting begins -- October 12
General Election -- November 8

LWVMP Admin Board News

Membership roster is on our members-only website!

The link is: lwvmetrophoenix.org/members_only.html. Our membership is now at 102. We are growing very rapidly which is exciting and offers opportunities for us to undertake more ways of reaching and educating the public.

State League Contact Information -- LWVAZ

New LWVAZ State address (not an office, but a Mailbox):

928 E. Highland Ave.

F104-277

Phoenix, AZ 85016

Phone (State has taken over the old phone number): 480-966-9031

League Office Move Completed!

We are out! We have some items in a storage unit in south Scottsdale--voter registration and forum-timing materials, signs, files needed for reference, brochures, etc. Other than that, we're virtual!

Need info? Want to volunteer?

Please contact your LWVMP Board. [Board Member Contact list attached.](#)

Help A Friend

If you know a League member who has trouble with email, please give her/him a call and share our new LWV Metro Phoenix phone number. Hard copies of the contact list and calendar will be mailed soon, but we want to let everyone know.

CALENDAR & WEBSITE

Mark your calendar for all the LWVMP events the rest of this year.

Calendar of Events -- as we currently know them -- is attached.

The Calendar is constantly updated on our website at lwvmetrophoenix.org. Click on 'calendar' in the left side menu. Or click here: <http://lwvmetrophoenix.org/calendar.html>

And while on the site, read up about so many other things that LWVMP is doing or has done, and our stands on **Issues** of all kinds. It is a fabulous source of info! Put it on your favorites list" (so we encourage folks to go there)!!

Subscribing to LWVUS *The Leaders' Update* found at LWV.org:

Send an email to: database@lwv.org

with the Subject Line "Subscribe to Leaders' Update".

LWVMP Democracy in Action

1. **Petitions** --As you know, a number of Leaguers are circulating petitions like mad! Be sure to sign the Stop Corruption Now Referendum Petition before August 1.

Not sure how to sign?

Contact Rivko Knox, bvaandrck@earthlink.net, 602-942-6436 or 602-430-5287 or Ann Pyron, annepyron@gmail.com, 602.695.1280.

2. **Radio**

Exciting new project! Through Judy Levine, we have made contact with an internet radio station that operates in Phoenix and whose signal is actually world-wide. The station is **AZCMF** (AZ Community Media Foundation). It is a non-profit with an extraordinarily eclectic offering of music, talk shows, etc. -- sort of a min-NPR run mainly by trained volunteers.

Care Lengel and Judy met with Vic Aronow, who runs the station, to discuss how LWVMP can provide some programming. The station can be reached at www.radiophoenix.org. Public service announcements, ballot initiative information, voting information and even forums are being considered. If you have any experience or interest working in radio, let Care know. We will need member involvement as plans develop.

3. **Voter Registration**

We could use a point person for this type of activity, as you know. Please consider it! Available July 15th? Alice will be working at McDowell Village in south Scottsdale to help elderly residents there register or update their voter registration. This could be *your* opportunity to learn how to register folks. Contact Alice: 602-708-2259 (cell).

4. **Know your Community--Be a Spy!**

An essential tool of democracy, and often a first step, is to observe those who govern. We are lucky in the U.S. that we are allowed to do this! You wonder "how did things get so bad?" Take a look at the policy-making process. LWV Scottsdale Team has been observing Scottsdale City Council meetings, which as one leader Judy Levine notes "are extremely interesting, with all the drama and plots of a good movie. No doubt other cities' Council meetings are equally engaging." Think about it! You, too, can arrange to observe any government body meeting. Always more fun with a friend. Go together, and wear your League button! Call any Board member for further information/training.

5. Votes for Women!

19th Amendment Votes for Women Anniversary Arizona 2016

August 26th, 5:30-7:30pm, Central High School Auditorium in Phoenix

August 26th marks the 96th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. Here in Phoenix a coalition of women's groups will be hosting a grand celebration to honor the suffragists who came before us and to inspire women to get involved in the political process.

League is involved and will have members in costume providing historical color and helping to raise money for the Women's Suffrage Memorial in Virginia. See more information here: <https://suffragistmemorial.org/memorial-surroundings/>.

It is expected that at least 600 women will attend. Last year there was a waiting list. Mark your calendar and get your tickets as soon as they go on sale.

6. Running and Winning Event, September 13

This very successful program encourages high school girls to consider public service/politics as a career. The girls are able to talk in small groups to past and current women in elected offices and they prepare their own mock campaigns in the afternoon. The issue this year will be "cyberbullying" and social network regulation. Coronado High School. in Scottsdale. If you are interested in helping on that day, please contact Loree Janusz, our local League liaison for the event, at 480-483-3424. Event is co-hosted with AAUW.

Team Meetings

East Valley Hosting Book Group -- All are Welcome!

Meeting: Thursday, September 29th, at 11:30 a.m. (brown bag)

Marge Thornton's home, 400 E. Alameda, Tempe, 480-966-6053 for more info.

The book is *Notorious RBG* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik. RBG stands for Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Supreme Court Justice.

Scottsdale

Meeting: July 14th, Panera Bread, Gainey Ranch. Call Alice for info: 602-708-2259.

We will discuss City Council member interview questions, and update everyone on the Running and Winning project we're involved in.

East Valley

No meeting scheduled at this time.

Team Meetings, cont.

Phoenix Community Team Meeting

Meeting: Wednesday, July 13th at the Terraces Cafe, 10:00 am, 16 St. between Glendale Ave. and Northern (turn west on Morten: 7550 N. 16th St.).

"A Mid-Summer Day's" League Meeting -- coffee, tea, or early lunch. Fun plus focus, i.e., planning for the 2016-17 year. All ideas welcome.

- * What do Phoenix Team members want to work on, learn about or read?
- * How about a Phoenix-based book club?
- * Want to help create a questionnaire for the City of Phoenix Council race? Or for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and Row Officers?
- * Would you like to conduct community survey's on some of the major issues in the upcoming election?
- * Want to hear about the LWVUS Convention (June 16-19)?
- * Are there City of Phoenix issues regarding development/zoning/policing that need to be studied?
- * Or do you like the idea of different speakers at each meeting, on different topics? And if so, which ones?

FINISH YOUR BALLOT!

On Friday, June 24, 2016, the Judicial Performance Review Commission (JPR) voted that almost all judges up for retention election this November in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties, and all appellate judges, meet Judicial Performance Standards. A majority of the Commission voted that two judges do *not* meet standards (see below.) More than half of the JPR Commission are public citizens volunteers, including Metro Phoenix Leaguers Barbara Robertson and Care Lengel, while up to 6 attorneys and 6 judges also serve.

Vote Results on two 2016 Judges the majority JPR voted did not meet standards:

Hon. Jo Lynn Gentry, Maricopa County Superior Court, received 14 "meets standards" votes vs. 17 "does not meet standards" votes.

Hon. Carmine Cornelio, Pima County Superior Court, received 4 "meets standards" votes vs. 27 "does not meet standards" votes.

For those interested in additional information, the full Vote by JPR Commission is available at <<http://www.azcourts.gov/jpr/News-and-Meetings/ItemID/141>> and complete 2016 survey results on all judges up for 2016 retention will soon appear at <<http://www.azcourts.gov/jpr>>

The Life of Betty Nering Honored

League member Barbara Sherman writes:

Shortly after we moved to Tempe in 1964, I found myself following Betty Cutler Nering to a LWV meeting. We became fast friends, carpooling to meetings. Actually, Betty became a very important friend to our whole family.

Two groups to which Betty was dedicated were the League of Women Voters and the Unitarian Universalist Church. The church recently honored her lifelong support. It is appropriate for us who knew Betty to also honor her 50+ years of membership by contributing to the LWV of Metropolitan Phoenix in her name.

Please send checks to LWVMP, 1155 S. Power Rd. Suite 114-58, Mesa, AZ 85206, and write "Betty Nering" on the memo line. Betty passed on May 14, 2016 at the age of 93.

