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League of Women Voters Sedona Verde Valley

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[April 2009](#)

Water Awareness Forum - Saturday, April 18th : “Our Verde Water – Past, Present, and Future.” Room M137, Yavapai Community College (Clarkdale), 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Article below.

Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, May 16th – Breakfast at the Manzanita Inn, 11425 E. Cornville Road (Two blocks east of the intersection of Cornville and Page Springs Roads.) Barbara Litrell and Linda Yee will speak on “The Challenges of Growing Old in the Verde Valley.” We encourage all members to attend – and guests are invited too! Please contact Donna Pratt (282-6428) as soon as possible to make your reservation.

Water Awareness Program

Our Verde Water, Past, Present, and Future

The League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley is hosting a free educational forum entitled “**Our Verde Water, Past, Present, and Future**”. The forum is Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in room M-137 at the Yavapai Community College campus in Clarkdale. The campus is located at the end of Black Hills Drive, accessed from the first roundabout on SR 89A just north of the traffic light on SR 89A and E. Mingus Rd.

During the forum moderated by Tom O’Halleran, presenters Paul Handverger, John Rasmussen, Paul Miller and Dick Ellis, will be discussing and taking questions from the audience on how much water is out there, where does it come from, who owns it and where does it go.

The program begins with a brief summary of Arizona’s water laws by Tom O’Halleran. Paul Handverger will explain where our surface and underground water in the Verde Valley area comes from. John Rasmussen will describe the many studies that have been conducted on the water in the Verde Valley area that attempt to gauge how much water is there and where it goes.

Following a brief break, Paul Miller will discuss the history of water use in the Verde Valley from the ditch systems for agriculture to the claims on the water by the Salt River Project and the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Dick Ellis will conclude the presentations by talking about the politics of water in the Verde valley, Arizona and the Southwest.

Each presenter will respond to questions at the end of his presentation. O’Halleran will close the forum with a brief summary of the information provided at the forum. Handouts on water issues as well as contact information for the many groups, agencies and committees involved in the various aspect of water in the Verde Valley will be made available.

Call to Annual Meeting of the Membership

League of Women Voters Sedona-Verde Valley Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 16th, 2009, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
The Manzanita Inn
11425 E. Cornville Rd., Cornville

9:00 am Registration and Welcome
9:30 am Breakfast & Speakers
Speakers: Barbara Litrell, Executive Director of Verde Valley
 Caregivers Coalition
 AND
 Linda Yee, RN, President of the Board
 Sedona Sunrise Center for Adults

“The Golden Years: The Challenges of Growing Old in the Verde Valley”

What are the critical health, safety, welfare issues faced by seniors in Sedona and the Verde Valley? How is the community responding with resources?

10:30 am Annual Business Meeting

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Annual Overview Report
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of Budget
- Bylaws Amendment
- Adoption of Program:
- Election of Directors
- Acknowledgments and Thank You's
- Adjournment

***Cost for annual meeting and breakfast: \$20
Choice of Potato Pancake and Weinerschnitzel, Vegetarian Crepe,
or Raisin French Toast.***

***Please RSVP your attendance and meal selection to
Donna Pratt at 282-6428 or dlpratt@esedona.net by May 9, 2009.
Payment by check to LWV-Sedona Verde Valley
POB 966, Sedona, AZ 86339***

Notice to Members! The following items will be presented for member action at the business meeting. In addition, we will be reviewing and voting on amendments to our bylaws. These proposed bylaws amendments and revisions will be sent out separately.

LWV Sedona-Verde Valley: Proposed Program 2009-2010

Recommended Program (2 items)

- 1 -- Participation in LWV Arizona Health Care Initiative with an emphasis on elder health care.
- 2 -- Continuing a program of public meetings and discussions on Civil Discourse in the Verde Valley.

Non-recommended Program (3 items)

- 1 – A strategy for helping those most impacted by the present crisis and insure our educational programs survive.
- 2 – Diversity in the Verde Valley...working with the Cultural Diversity Council to increase awareness and promote dialog.
- 3 – LWVSVV as one of the organizations working on solutions to the problem of homelessness in this community.

Submitted by Mary Gassaway, Program Development Chair – on behalf of the Board of Directors

LWV Sedona-Verde Valley Proposed Budget 2009-2010

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010

	<u>Budget 2008-2009</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2009-2010</u>	
INCOME			
Contributions			
Member	\$ 300.00	\$ 335.00	
Non-member	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Member Dues	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,945.00	51x\$45/10x\$65 member count
Special Projects	\$.00	\$.00	
Other Income			
Catered Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	
Miscellaneous	\$.00	\$.00	
Funds from LWVAZ Ed Fund	\$ 422.00	\$.00	
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TOTAL	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 4,930.00	
EXPENSE			
Board Expenses			
Conventions	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	
Fundraising	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	
Office/Postage	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	
Miscellaneous	\$.00	\$.00	
Member Expenses			
Catered Meetings	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Hospitality	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Insurance	\$ 217.00	\$ 219.00	
Member Directory	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
Newsletter	\$ 50.00	\$ 26.00	
Support Services	\$.00	\$.00	
Website	\$ 160.00	\$ 200.00	
PMP Payments			
LWVAZ	\$ 486.00	\$ 504.00	51x\$9/10x\$4.50 member count
LWVUS	\$ 1,512.00	\$ 1,635.20	51x\$29.20/10x\$14.60 member count
Program Expenses			
Action Items	\$.00	\$.00	
Candidates & Issue Forums	\$ 270.00	\$ 192.00	
Program Issues	\$ 100.00	\$ 121.80	
Project Expenses	\$.00	\$.00	
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TOTAL	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 4,930.00	

Submitted by 2009 Budget Committee: Pat George, Robyn Bauer, Liz Danbury

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 the remaining one year of a current vacancy on the Board, 2009-2010: **Liz Danbury**

To fill new two-year terms on the board, 2009-2011: **Pat George, Donna Pratt, Fran Levensgood**

There is one two-year Board of Directors position for which we do not have a candidate.

2010 Nominating Committee: **Judy Miller (Chair), Kathy Heidepriem**

Continuing Board Members: **Mary Gassaway, Rita Livingston, Mike Ward**

Submitted by 2009 Nominating Committee: Liz Danbury, Carol Johnson, Ruth Kiessel

State League

We are still in need of League members to participate in a health care committee for LWV Sedona-Verde Valley! We are looking for at least 2 more members. The work should be quite straightforward since specific tasks are being assigned to each League in Arizona. We will want to present at least one significant public forum on this issue and will need additional volunteers at that time. If you are Interested – email Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer at rcpbauer@gmail.com.

May 29-31 is the LWV Arizona State Convention. It will be held in Tucson. Speakers include political commentator Tom Oliphant and Diane Humetewa, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. LWV Sedona-Valley can send two delegates to the convention. If you are interested in seeing how our state organization operates – email Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer at rcpbauer@gmail.com

Member Information

Handbook Correction: Fran Levensgood's first name should be Francine, not Frances.

Note: Since we intend to revise the by-laws at the annual meeting, a new electronic version of the handbook will be distributed shortly thereafter. So please look through the handbook as soon as you can and let us know if your contact information is not correct. Contact Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer or Kathy Heidepriem if we need to make a correction.

Newsletter: If you have problems reading the e-newsletter and would like to receive it as an attachment or by regular mail, please contact Kathy Heidepriem. A PDF version can be read and downloaded at www.lwvsedona-verdevalley.org; however, most telephone numbers and e-mails have been removed from the online version.

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.



[League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley Board Members 2008 -2009](#)

Kathryn Heidepriem, Sedona

Pat George, Camp Verde

Mary Gassaway, Clarkdale

Donna Pratt, Sedona

Rita Livingston, Sedona

Mike Ward, Sedona

Liz Danbury, Sedona

Carol Wirkus, Sedona

Off-Board Representative to LWVAZ
Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer

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