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Seeds are planted in Oro Valley



On August 28th, the CYAC (Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission) attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Convention's Youth Program held in beautiful Oro Valley. It was a great opportunity for our youth: Rachel Valentine, Parker Kleck, Shaylor Dowling and Sirilak Saengsawang to network and brainstorm with other Arizona youth regarding current issues impacting our communities.

They heard from New Global Citizens, an organization that provides students with a global perspective, an opportunity to create change and the skills needed to make those ideas a reality. Jennifer Vollman of New Global Citizens spoke about the many global issues affecting our world. Issues such as poverty, infant mortality, infectious diseases, economic and environmental sustainability as well as armed conflict. Some of these issues trouble us right here at home in the Verde Valley.

Later in the conference, the different delegations networked and spoke about each council's numerous projects and aspirations for the future. In particular, the Tolleson Teen Council, 40 members strong, was a big inspiration. After the networking session, the CYAC came together to brainstorm. These active discussions laid the groundwork for ideas to be set in place this upcoming year. Go CYAC!



Overall, the day, complete with the Parade of Flags, a speech from Senator Jeff Flake and lunch with Mayor Diane Joens and councilman Dowling, was a success...Let's hope for new growth for Cottonwood this upcoming year from the many seeds that were planted in the minds of our youth.

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