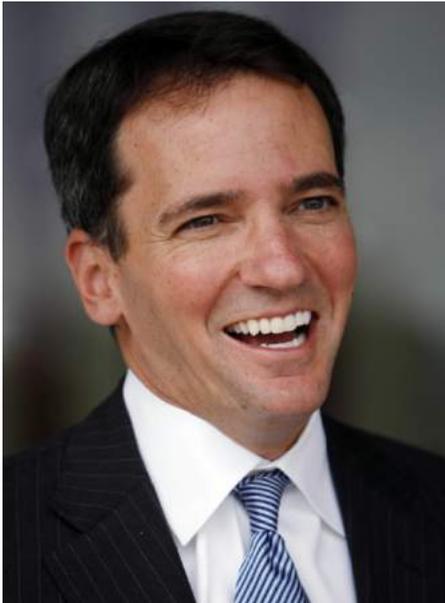




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and/or make your donation.

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Don't miss the 2017 Leadership Retreat, July 21-22, see flyer on page 4.

***Celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment
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Message from Our New President – Nancy Crow

“One hundred years ago, women and men all over this country were crusading for a noble cause: women getting the right to vote. ... Times and demographics changed. The thrilling marches became “history,” safely in the past. We accomplished many good things but quietly, unobtrusively, and the League was more an embodiment of the “Tasteful Lady” than the ground troops of Carrie Chapman Catt...” This quote is from Chris Carson, LWVUS President.

Times do change and we find ourselves in a strange place. People are confused, frightened, and angry. Many are looking to the League once again. They come to us because we are the authoritative voice on election reform. They are looking to us to make good on our mission of making government responsive to the will of the majority, not to the influence of the rich and the powerful. It is time for the League to start a new crusade for the noble cause of today. Today’s noble cause is more complicated and three pronged:

- The first is **low voter turnout**, due in part because many think that our elected representatives do not respond to the will of the people.
- The second is **income inequality** that is a result of big corporations finding an over-sized voice in our government through spending and through manipulation of the flaws in our election process.
- The third is **environmental degradation**.

The LWVCO Goals address this cause with well-defined objectives:

Goal I - Lays the foundation for the state League and local Leagues to work together. This goal calls for the League to create a strong, organized, and focused effort.

Goal II – Draws the work of the League back to the core issues of democracy. This goal focuses our efforts on voter mobilization and protection, election reform, money in politics, constitutional amendment, and redistricting.

Goal III – Speaks to environmental concerns. Because the LWVCO has a well-defined principle of sustainability, the LWVUS has encouraged us to propose a LWVUS Sustainability Action Plan as a program item at the 2018 national Convention.

It is time for us to put on our marching boots again! This time not only for women’s rights but also for the right of all to live in a country with a strong democracy and a healthy environment. We will be successful only if all three levels of the League – local, state, and national – work together with a united and focused effort. We have much work to do!!!

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LWVCO BOARD!



Back Row l to r: Ann Roux, Cath Perrone, Toni Larson, Ruth Stemler, Nancy Crow, Lisa Forbes, Bonnie Seals, Gerry Cummins. Seated: Jean McGuire and Linda Rinehart. Missing: Linda Porter, Sue Vaughan, Marlu Burkamp.



**LARA MAERZ
NEW LWVCO OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

By Barbara Mattison, Past President, LWVCO

The League of Women Voters of Colorado welcomes Lara Maerz as Office Administrator. Lara stepped into her new role May 15, 2017 and almost immediately participated in LWVCO’s Convention where she met Leaguers from across the state.

Lara has a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre, with an emphasis on Stage Production and Management, from the University of Missouri – Kansas City and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX. She has worked in theater in both Texas and Colorado, and has served as an executive assistant for nonprofit organizations in both states.

Lara prides herself on being a people person. She has strong office skills in a range of computer programs and extensive experience creating and maintaining databases, especially within a variety of customer relationship management programs.

**A VOTE TO CELEBRATE: PASSAGE OF THE
19TH AMENDMENT
Sunday, August 20th, 2017
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**The Molly Brown Summer House
2690 S. Wadsworth Blvd
Denver, CO 80227**

Join us at this reception with generous hors d’oeuvres and cash bar. Enjoy the “*War of Roses*” story as told by Dennis Gallagher, an extraordinary storyteller.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Colorado, a 501(c)3 organization as of July 1, 2017. Visit www.lwvcolorado.org for more details or contact the League office at 303-863-0437.

PAST PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Barbara Mattison

It has been a great honor and pleasure to have served as President of the League of Women Voters of Colorado these past two years! As a person with a number of interests and as a grandmother who babysits regularly, being President wouldn’t have been possible without the consistent support of a dedicated and hard-working Board of Directors. Each Board member carries a specific portfolio and works hard to achieve the Board’s goals. Together, this amazing 16-member Board has brought about impressive results. Thank you, all! Thank you, also, to non-Board members who chair and serve on LWVCO’s Grants, Investment, Budget, and National History Day committees and who are part of the Speakers’ Bureau. It’s evident that **League matters** to all of us.

Many League members are aware that Julie Leonard, who served as LWVCO’s Executive Director for the past six years, has resigned. Julie has been a conscientious and skilled member of our team and has often served as the “go to” person for institutional knowledge and problem solving. She has been a reliable contact for local League members with questions. Among a variety of projects, Julie worked particularly hard on collaboration to develop LWVCO Facebook guidelines, on research and preparation for LWVCO’s 501(c)3 conversion, and on research for - and presentation of - LWVCO’s budget.

Thank you, Julie, for all you’ve done for League as an organization and for League visibility in our state!



New LWVCO President Nancy Crow (r) honoring outgoing President Barbara Mattison at Convention. Barb was recognized for outstanding leadership, particularly in facilitating the incorporation of our CO position on behavioral health into the LWVUS body of positions.



Leadership Retreat 2017

Winning Strategies to Knock it Out of the Park



Friday, July 21 *Convenes at 1pm, Dinner at 6pm and*
Saturday, July 22 *Reconvenes at 8:30am, Concludes at Noon*

Baymont Inn & Suites Lake Dillon at Frisco, Colorado

Registration Fee of \$50 per person

Covers all training materials, resources, and Friday dinner

The Players (Who Should Attend)

All members and leaders, new or experienced, are invited to gain or refresh their key skills that increase membership, visibility and impact of your local League.

The Game Plan (Training Workshops)

- Get tips on using **strategic planning** to prioritize and meet your goals.
- Engage in **event planning** practice to make the most of your game plan.
- Get advice on voter service including **writing neutral candidate questions**.
- Discuss how to **meet the goals of long-standing and new members**.
- Train and practice **FACEBOOK** social media techniques.
- Converse about issues related to **League policies and procedures**.
- Receive winning ideas for **fundraising and development**.

Step Up To The Plate (Register via Online or Check)

- No limit** on the number of participants per Local League.
- Deadline for registration is **Monday, July 10th**.
- Pay with charge card** online at www.lwvcolorado.org, click on Leadership Retreat event.
- Pay with check** payable to LWVCO and mail to League office at: 1410 Grant B204, Denver, CO 80203. Be sure to include the participant name(s), local League, board position(s) and area(s) of interest along with your check registration payment.
- Book hotel room(s)** directly with Baymont Inn & Suites

The Club House (Hotel Reservations)

Baymont Inn & Suites is offering discounted hotel rooms for booking for \$105 per room, double occupancy with breakfast included. Visit www.lwvcolorado.org for the hotel contact information and reservation discount code.

Please contact the Bull Pen (League office) with your questions by calling 303-863-0437 or emailing info@lwvcolorado.org.



**KATE LISTON - LWVCO WINNER
NATIONAL HISTORY DAY CONTEST**

By Sonia Koetting, CO History Day Judge

Congratulations to Kate Liston, the LWVCO's 2017 winner in the Junior Individual Exhibit category, special theme: Protecting Voting Rights, in the Colorado's National History Day Contest. Kate is a middle schooler at Southern Hills Middle School, Boulder Valley School District. Her project title: *The Pen is Mightier than the Sword: Colorado Women and the Stand for Women's Rights* is the story of Coloradan Ellis Meredith, the 'Susan B. Anthony of Colorado'. Kate received \$100 from LWVCO and a student membership. Her teacher, Zach Crandall, also received an offer of membership. Judges were Leaguers Sonia Koetting and Carol Pace.

As part of her project Kate created a social media survey that took her several days to tally. From that effort she offered a graph showing the relative significance of women's rights issues to her participants, who were of all ages. Her results clearly showed that today reproductive freedom of choice scored above all others — three times higher than gender equity in careers.

[Ed Note: A pivotal piece of writing from Ellis Meredith, *What It Means to be an Enfranchised Woman* (1908), can be found at <http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com/colosuff/doc28.htm>]



Flodie Anderson receiving the Eva Fikova Lifetime Achievement Award from Donna Shavlik (l), 2015 recipient, and Barb Mattison (r).

**FLODIE ANDERSON RECEIVES LWVCO
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

LWVCO honored Flodie Anderson with the **Eva Fikova Lifetime Achievement Award**. Flodie has demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding participation and achievement within the community and the League of Women Voters. Her dedication to important issues has been unflinching for half a century. The issues she has devoted her energies to cover the gamut of League concerns, from transportation to government ethics to voter participation. Flodie joined the Denver League in 1957 and was elected Denver Metro President in 1968. During that time she served on a Denver task force to solve public transportation problems -- work that ultimately led to the creation of the Regional Transportation District. She was a Director of the Regional Transportation District Board from 1969 to 1982, and also served as Chair.

Flodie was the President of the Jefferson County League from 2003 to 2004. Under her leadership, the Jeffco League successfully supported the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and various RTD initiatives. Flodie served as the President of the League of Women Voters of Colorado from 2005 to 2007. As LWVCO President, Flodie was asked by Colorado State House Speaker Andrew Romanoff to serve on the House Ethics Panel to review the process for addressing ethics violations and to recommend changes.

Other notable contributions include: serving as Commissioner and Chair of the Colorado Transportation Commission, helping launch the Scenic and Historic By-Ways program as a representative of that Commission, serving on the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, and chairing the Colorado Judicial Institute Board, whose mission is to preserve the fairness, impartiality and excellence of Colorado's Courts.

She is a former President of the Evergreen Area Council for the Arts and the National Repertory Orchestra. She has served on the Board of the Jefferson County Cultural Council, which advises the Jefferson County Commissioners on the distribution of funds generated by the Scientific Cultural Facilities District. In addition, she served as a docent for the Denver Art Museum for 30 years.

A member of the Jefferson County League of Women Voters describes Flodie this way: "One of the things that I most remember from our Mountain Parks Unit meetings is that when Flodie had something to contribute, everyone became quiet and listened with respect. We all knew she had given serious thought to the subject and spoke with the knowledge and wisdom that no one ever questioned."

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To get on the distribution list for The League Update, an internal LWVUS bi-weekly communication for members, contact database@lhwv.org.

LWVCO HONORS LOCAL LEAGUES AND MEMBERS AT 2017 CONVENTION

LWVCO honored a smaller local League, **LWV Pueblo**, and a larger local League, **LWV Boulder County**, with **LWVCO Community Connections Awards**. These Leagues have demonstrated exemplary actions which advocated for issues that have positively and visibly impacted and affected their local communities.

Pueblo has one of the highest rates of heroin abuse in the state of Colorado. Initiated by Dr. Michael Nerenberg, LWV Pueblo engaged several organizations in conversations about this topic. The ultimate goal was to increase treatment access and options for reducing heroin use. Groups were formed and continue to meet. These groups are treatment providers, healthcare providers, medical providers, law enforcement, and the group on which LWV Pueblo is represented, the Community, Prevention, Education and Resources Committee.

This past election season, **LWV Boulder County** conducted 29 voter registration drives and held five candidate forums, including three from a Latino perspective, which were arranged by the Latino Task Force of Boulder County and co-sponsored by the Boulder League. They made 11 ballot issue presentations, and held five informational sessions advocating for Amendment 69 (Colorado Care) and three sessions advocating for Amendment 70 (Minimum Wage). They worked with KGNU, the community radio station, to produce two shows, advertising VOTE411.org and talking about the League's role in educating voters. After the election, they engaged in two programs: Community Conversations and Drinks and Dialogs. Attendance at events has been impressive due to the variety of ways utilized by the Communication Team to advertise. Membership has increased by almost 19%.

Two individuals were honored with the **LWVCO Individual Achievement Award**. The two recipients have provided innovative and effective leadership within their local Leagues.

Mary Ann Wilner (Boulder County) has led the social policy team, the Boulder County League, and the community in a successful campaign to bring a *living wage* to the City of Boulder employees and continues to lead a promising effort to bring a *living wage* to employees of Boulder County and the rest of its municipalities. She has brought visibility to the Boulder County League and made sure the League was working in coalition with a great number of activists from the wider community. As a result, the persistence and expertise on these issues have become widely recognized and sought after by the media, City Council, and the Human Relations Commission. Mary Ann's work has improved the working and personal lives of countless city employees in the Boulder community.

Jean McGuire's (Estes Park), nomination stated, "Jean McGuire has, in many ways, been the primary contributor to a resurgence of the LWV of Estes Park since she moved to town in 2013." Some of her many contributions include: Vice-President in 2013-14, President/Legislative Chair in 2014-15, Past-President/Programs Committee/League Lines/Website/LWVCO Board member 2015-16, and Programs Committee Chair/LWVCO Secretary 2016-17. Jean's effort to recruit high-profile speakers and increase publicity for events has increased the visibility and reputation of the League in Estes Park. During Rocky Mountain National Park's Centennial year, Jean was a driving force behind the idea, organization, and planning of a celebration and re-dedication of Estes Park Leagues's successful 1998 campaign to ban commercial tour overflights at Rocky Mountain National Park. Jean stepped in to organize the Estes Recycles event, consisting of a freecycle, e-cycle, shred-a-thon, and paint recycling. A final quote from her nomination, "Jean's can-do spirit, high energy level, community connections, and entrepreneurial outlook combine to raise the bar on every project she takes on."

IDEAS AND ENCOURAGEMENT ARE AVAILABLE!

By Prue Larson and Patty Schoedler, MLD Coordinators

Has your League seen a surge in interest from the public as people seek ways to make a difference in these puzzling times? Or are you wondering how to get the word out so that new folks can find you? Once new members join bringing new ideas and new passions, are you figuring out how to engage them in the work of the League? Are you listening and adapting to new times while at the same time remaining true to League's reliable traditions? Remember that coaching is available for your League leaders. The Membership and Leadership Development program (MLD) offers an experienced member from outside your own League who will confer with you on a regular basis all year long. We will cheer for your successes! We will help you develop strategies to deal with challenges you identify. *We are eager to work with you!*

Here are three important steps to take:

- Promptly this spring or summer, inform your new board or administrative team about the MLD program and gain from them a commitment to participate during the 2017-18 League year. Even if you are currently enrolled in MLD, we annually ask for a recommitment. A formal request is coming your way soon.
- Send new and also experienced leaders to the Leadership Retreat in Frisco, CO on July 21-22. This event is produced for you by the state League, but MLD coaches will be participating and we want to meet you.
- Send representatives to Denver on the day before League Day in September, to participate in MLD training. It's an opportunity to learn more about this coaching program and to enhance your connections. You're coming to town anyway, right? So come early and gain extra benefits.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LWVCO 2017 CONVENTION

Attendees: 73 voting delegates, including 10 LWVCO Board members, representing 16 local Leagues

Business Conducted:

LWVCO will become a 501(c)3 charitable organization as of July 1 and the 501(c)4 structure was dissolved!

(LWVCO will be able to lobby up to 20% of budget.)

LWVCO 2017-2018 budget was approved

Officers and Directors (Terms ending in 2019) Elected:

President – Nancy Crow (Larimer)

Fourth VP (Voter Service) – Gerry Cummins (Arapahoe-Douglas)

Treasurer – Linda Porter (Jefferson)

Director (Legislative Action Chair) – Linda Rinehart (Arapahoe-Douglas)

Director (Development) – Ann Roux (Arapahoe-Douglas) (one year term)

Director (Voter Editor) – Bonnie Seals (Estes Park)

Director at Large – Ruth Stemler (Boulder)

Nominating Committee Elected:

Chair – Barbara Mattison (Denver)

Off-Board Member – Vicki Harimon (Arapahoe-Douglas)

Program Adopted:

Retain all current LWVCO positions in Government, Natural Resources, Social Policy
Delete LWVCO position on Precinct
Caucus/Assembly System

Conduct no new study or review
Implement LWVUS Campaign for Making Democracy Work® . (The core democracy issues are: Voter Protection and Mobilization, Election Reform, Money in Politics, Constitutional Amendment, and Redistricting)

Concur with the Voting Methods position of the Boulder County League

Speakers:

Make a Difference: How to Educate/Persuade Public and Educators to Preserve Natural Areas, K-Lynn Cameron, Larimer County Open Lands and Legacy Land Trust Director (retired)

Time to Step UP – Reform Money in Politics, Shirley Jin and Rionda Osman, Boulder County League

CO Legislative Wrap-up, Andrea Wilkins, LWVCO Lobbyist

Redistricting Campaign Update, Toni Larson, LWVCO VP Program and Fair Districts Campaign
Election News, Gerry Cummins, LWVCO VP Voter Service

Awards:

Flodie Anderson, (Jefferson County) – LWVCO Eva Fifkova Lifetime Achievement Award

LWV Pueblo – LWVCO Community Connection Award for smaller Leagues

LWV Boulder – LWVCO Community Connection Award for larger Leagues

Mary Ann Wilner, (Boulder County) – Achievement Award

Jean McGuire (Estes Park) – Achievement Award

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

Would you like to see more national League action on sustainability? Based on our sustainability principle, LWVUS has challenged us to develop a national Sustainability Action Plan, tying together all our national positions related to environmental (climate change), natural resources, human, and economic issues - with an overall focus on the needs of future generations. To work on this project, contact Toni Larson, toni.larson@gmail.com or 720-387-8487.

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF 2016 LWVCO GRANTS

Congratulations to six local Leagues who were awarded grants in the fiscal year 2016-2017. Project Fund Grants were awarded to the Leagues of Pueblo County and Boulder County in August 2016. Pueblo County used their \$1,500 grant to hire EasySocial to produce an integrated communication platform of three social media sites of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. There was an initial surge of visits/participation during the election cycle, but now remains stable. LWV of Boulder County used their grant of \$1,075 to pay for table fees, speakers, and materials to promote Community Conversations to include non-traditional groups.

EZ grants were awarded in August 2016 to the following Leagues. LWV of Mesa County used their \$500 in advertisements of VOTE 411 to pay for one-half cost of a four-page pack in a local newspaper. Montezuma County purchased Great Decisions materials for groups in Dolores and Mancos.

New this fiscal year was the opportunity for local Leagues to apply for an EZ grant in the fall. Two Leagues took advantage of it. LWV of Greeley/Weld used their \$300 to purchase a tall, free-standing, durable banner. Larimer County used their \$300 grant to purchase Great Decisions briefing books for a teacher at Poudre Valley high school to use in her class.



Thinking of donating your car to LWVCO? Barb and Roger Mattison just did this and it was SO EASY! The form was simple. The people were extremely polite and prompt. Call or email Cinnie Auer (303-756-2943 or cauer56662@aol.com) for more information.

LOCAL LEAGUE LEADERS' BREAKFAST: WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?

By Marilyn Brown, Voter Editor

Close to forty local League leaders met early Sunday morning at Convention to share issues of interest to them and their Leagues. Topics ranged all over the map from new software for managing member relations to maintaining nonpartisanship and focus on issues in the current quadrennium. Policy statements on some of these items will be forthcoming from our LWVCO leadership shortly.

Conversion to 501c3 charitable organization status: A number of folks in the group offered ideas, including going carefully through the long IRS 1023 form being sure you declare yourself as a 'public' organization, rather than a 'private' organization on the conversion paperwork. Take this opportunity to review your bylaws in total and bring them up to date. The revised LWVCO Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws can be used as a template. *[Ed. Note: More information on converting will be forthcoming after LWVUS Council in June.]*

Boulder County League has just started using Club Express software for managing membership data and are finding it powerful and complete. Members are responsible for keeping their own contact info up to date. Dues can be paid through this software.

Vicki Harimon, Arapahoe-Douglas League, urged renewed effort to assure neutral and fair discussion of political issues in our meetings, commensurate with our League nonpartisanship policy.

The issue of whether we can wear our League pins when participating in marches not endorsed by LWVUS was raised.

Alice Reuman, Estes Park League, raised the subject of the new organization called "Indivisible," asking what our relationship to them should be. Indivisible apparently strives to employ Tea Party strategies on behalf of progressive policies and politics and has attracted numbers of young people.

Barb Whinery, Greeley-Weld League suggested that we must be very careful and balanced, making sure our positions are clear and that any websites that we link to in our communications are credible and factual.

Toni Larson, LWVCO VP, reminded us of League Update, which comes out from our national president about every two weeks, with much relevant information. If you sign up for LWVUS action alerts or anything else on the national website, you will end up on the email distribution list of this valuable update, or contact database@lww.org directly to receive it.

Lisa Forbes, LWVCO Communication Director, noted that we must reach out to people who have different frames of reference and build bridges if we hope to change mindsets.

Ruth Stemler, Boulder County League, urged breakfast attendees that despite all the cautions previously mentioned, Leagues and Leaguers shouldn't be 'too cautious' because we are entering a new period with many new members across the state that want action. Necessarily they will need some guidelines as to our positions and our processes relative to advocacy but we must be bolder perhaps than we are used to being in order to capture and convert the energy of these new, mostly younger, people to Make Democracy Work.

CONVENTION AUCTION SUCCESS!

Over 60 items were contributed by ten local Leagues. Estes Park League brought the most, including two hotel stays! Themed baskets were very popular.

\$3200 raised!

(Half will be distributed to the local Leagues who contributed items.)

La PLATA LEAGUER MAKES EFFECTIVE USE OF ELEVATOR SPEECH

La Plata County Commissioner Gwen Lachelt, also a League member, flew to Washington D.C. Monday May 1 to meet with Senator Gardner on the BLM Methane Rule, which is very important to La Plata County and the entire Four Corners. She just happened to meet Senator John McCain in an elevator, resulting in a visit with him, which may have convinced him to change his vote from support of revoking the rule, to voting to preserve the rule. Check out The Durango Herald article: <https://durangoherald.com/articles/157407-senate-defeats-attempt-to-undo-blm-x2019-s-methane-rule>

Left: La Plata League members joined 700 marchers for the Durango Climate March April 29. Left to right: Kathleen Adams, her daughter Molly, Trish Pegrum, Sally Bellerue, and Betsy Norton. The group gathered more Leaguers along the route, ending with a good representation around the League banner by the end of the march.



FAIR DISTRICTS COLORADO: END GERRYMANDERING

By Toni Larson, LWVCO VP, Program

A coalition of people and organizations invited the League to join their efforts to place one or more proposals on the 2018 Colorado ballot that would improve and strengthen the legislative and Congressional redistricting processes in the state. The League agreed to join the effort called *Fair Districts Colorado*, embarking on another major project under the rubric *Making Democracy Work*.

Currently, the way in which redistricting is conducted in the state is different for legislative districts versus Congressional districts. In 1974, largely through the efforts of the League of Women Voters, an independent commission was established to redraw the district lines for the 65 state House of Representatives Districts and 35 state Senate districts after each census. At the time we thought that the General Assembly itself had to draw the Congressional district boundaries. A recent court decision has confirmed that states can set up commissions to draw the boundaries for Congressional districts as well. The proposals being worked on by the Fair Districts Colorado coalition would set up one commission for both processes.

There are several defining details regarding the proposed structure of the commission. Among the most important is equally divided membership – four Democrats, four Republicans, and three to four unaffiliated members. The district maps would be drawn by the commission's nonpartisan staff. Each map would have to be passed by a supermajority of the commission. Principles, such as following current legal requirements, protecting county and city integrity, compactness, communities of interest, equal population, and no discrimination for or against parties, are being followed in the drafting process. You will find when you look at the recently adopted LWVUS redistricting position (2016) that the working principles follow the League criteria rather closely. And, in line with closely held priorities of the League, the commission will be subject to transparency, citizen participation, notice, timelines, and open meetings and open record laws.

This work started in early 2017 and promises to continue through the November 2018 election, the earliest time this kind of proposal can be placed on the ballot in Colorado. We are working with former and current legislators, a former Secretary of State, Democrats and Republicans, nonprofit organizations, and for profit business to build a broad-based coalition. We may first attempt to get the proposal referred by the legislature to the ballot; however, be prepared for a petition drive, probably starting sometime in early 2018.



Mary Lonergan, Jeffco League, assists a new citizen to register to vote. As of May 18 the League had registered 121 new citizens at seven naturalization ceremonies or at least 30% of the new citizens. Members of the Arapahoe-Douglas, Jefferson, and Larimer County Leagues have participated and raved about how much fun this project is. Barb Mattison and Gerry Cummins organized the ongoing project.

SIM GRANT: INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE

By Carol Pace, Denver League

Colorado continues to move forward with an ambitious \$65 million SIM grant (State Innovation Model) to integrate behavioral and physical health care in 400 primary care practices. Now in year two, this grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has enabled recruitment of the first 100 practices and is now contracting with a second 150 practices. Practices are geographically distributed and are composed of a diversity of public, private, family practice, pediatrics, and other primary care settings.

Practice transformation strategies incorporate a value-based payment system from insurers and a health care provider mix that includes behavioral health professionals. Consumer input will be gathered as clients experience this new health care model. Leaguers Carol Pace and Linda Rinehart serve in roles on the Advisory Board and Consumer Engagement Workgroup, respectively.

Additional SIM information may be found at www.colorado.gov/healthinnovation, including a public comment option and newsletter sign-up.

The Mesa County League of Women Voters is mourning the loss of Lorna Naegele, their coordinator for the past four years, who died earlier this year. Lorna was a champion for the environment, conservation, and social justice, and the independent voice of the League of Women Voters.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Interested in the League of Women Voters? Please join us!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All persons 16 years of age and older are invited to join as voting members. Those under 16 are welcome to join as associate members.</i></p> <p>Find a local League in your county or area by checking the LWVCO website at http://lwvcolorado.org/lwv/local-leagues/ or contacting the LWVCO office.</p> <p>If there is no local League in your county, we invite you to join LWVCO as a member-at-large (MAL). Annual dues are \$60. Please make your check payable to LWVCO or join online.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Mail the above form, with check, to: LWVCO, 1410 Grant Street B204, Denver, Colorado 80203-1855 or pay online at http://lwvcolorado.org/lwv/join/</p>											