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The Denver Women’s Chorus and LWVD Celebrate Voting Rights for Women

The weekend of January 24, LWVD had the honor of joining with the exceptional [Denver Women’s Chorus](#) to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment at their “Make Them Hear You” event. Cindy Sestrich,

Nancy Ulrich, and I each gave a short speech at each concert about League, our achievements and legislative challenges, as well as our ongoing work in voter registration, candidate forums and pro/con ballot education efforts.



What a delightful and inspiring experience! The choral selections, all by women composers, followed the history of the women’s suffrage and women’s rights movements from the late 1800’s through the women/human rights marches held since 2016.

Behind the choir was an excellent photo montage of our historical leaders in action. Throughout the presentations, there were reminders that full women’s suffrage to include not just white women but women of color and immigrant citizens from non-European countries was not achieved until 1965 with the Voting Rights Act.

Especially meaningful was the operetta-like piece composed by Joan Szymko, “Lifting as We Climb,” based on a poem by Ellen Hagen. Along with the choir, we heard the

March Events

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suffragists come alive in the words of Susan B. Anthony, Frances E.W. Harper, Sojourner Truth, Carrie Chapman Catt and others. This wonderful event concluded with Coretta Scott King’s reminder that freedom is never really won; you earn it and win it in each generation.

Your vote matters.
Our voices matter.
Sue Stark



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March is Women's History Month, and the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling was a pivotal event in women's history in the United States. Since 1983, LWVUS' public policy position "affirms the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices." In early March, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a case out of Louisiana that may radically overturn that right and women's access to basic healthcare.

A panel of speakers will address the national legal landscape; advocacy regarding legislation being proposed in Colorado; challenges facing the providers of affordable family planning and reproductive healthcare; and the impact of losing these rights and services, particularly on poor women and women of color. We will hear from representatives of the ACLU, Cobalt (formerly NARAL), Planned Parenthood, COLOR (Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights), Soul 2 Soul Sisters, and the Colorado Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights.

Remember: reproductive rights aren't an issue for women only. Invite the men in your life to this briefing.

Sue Stark, LWVD member

What It Took To Win the Right for Women To Vote: **An Illustrated Talk**

Tuesday, March 17
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements
 6:00 p.m. Program begins

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How did the 19th century Evangelical Movement, the Abolition Movement, the Temperance Movement, the Natural Health Movement, and two wars move the nation closer to allowing women to vote? Who were the leaders and why were they suited to the task?

With which pro and con suffrage beliefs do you agree or disagree? Where are we today in achieving the ambitions articulated in the 1848 demands of the first Woman's Rights Convention? Why does it matter?

Please wear white, the color of the suffrage movement.

Ruth J. Abram, LWVD member

Editor's Note: The presenter is activist and historian Ruth J. Abram. Ruth founded the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, the National Women's

Agenda and Coalition, the Institute on Women's History, and the traveling exhibition and book "Send Us a Lady Physician: Women Doctors in America, 1835 – 1920." In 2014, she founded Behold! New Lebanon, the nation's first living museum of contemporary rural American life.



Spring Calendar for LWV Denver

Thu., Feb. 27, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Woodbury Library 3265 Federal Blvd.	National Popular Vote: Separating Fact from Fiction (see article in February Voter)
Mon., March 2, 5:30 p.m. McCollum Room	Are Women at Risk? Reproductive Rights/Reproductive Justice
Tue., March 17, 5:30 p.m. McCollum Room	What It Took to Win the Right for Women to Vote Member Ruth Abram
Fri., March 27, 7:00 p.m. Montview Presbyterian Church	LWVD Celebrates 100 Years Spirituals Project Choir Presentation
Friday, March or early April After 2:00 p.m.	Tour of Veterans Hospital
Mon., April 6, 5:30 p.m. McCollum Room	Follow-up on Denver 2018 Sales Tax Increases
Tue., April 21, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall	Saving Coloradans Money on Health Care
Thu., April 23, 5:30 p.m. Reivers Bar and Grill	Tentative - Drinks and Dialogue
Sat., May 2, 8:30 a.m. Holiday Inn, 455 S. Colorado Blvd.	Annual Meeting
Mon., May 18, 5:30 p.m. McCollum Room	Legislative Wrap-Up




 A red, tilted rectangular box containing the word "Membership" in white, sans-serif font.

Welcome New Members

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Spread the Word about the 2020 Census



Questions Asked

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Why we ask this question: This helps us count the entire U.S. population and ensures that we count people where they live most of the time as of Census Day (April 1, 2020).

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020, that you did not include in Question 1?

Why we ask this question: The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone just once and in the right place. We want to **ensure** that everyone in your home who should be counted **is counted—including newborns, roommates, and those who may be staying with you temporarily.**

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home? (mark ONE box)

Why we ask this question: This helps us produce statistics about homeownership and renting. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help with administering housing programs, planning, and decision-making.

4. What is your telephone number?

Why we ask this question: The Census Bureau asks for your phone number in case there are any questions about your census form. We will only contact you for official census business, if needed.

5. What is Person 1's name?

Why we ask this question: The Census Bureau asks a series of questions about each member of your household. This allows us to establish one central figure as a starting point.

6. What is Person 1's sex?

Why we ask this question: This allows us to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. This data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Why we ask this question: The U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults. (Read more about Counting Young Children.)

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Voter Service Has Been Busy!

Members of the Denver League will be joining History Colorado and the Colorado Women's Vote Centennial Commission to provide opportunities for voter registration at its "Bold Women. Change History" speaker series at History Colorado Center. The series features scholars, authors, and history-makers who illuminate the rich history of voting rights, the inspirational contributions of women in Colorado and the nation, and the amazing innovations that happen when we knock down barriers and prohibit discrimination.

Voter Service braved a snowstorm February 12 to get to History Colorado and help voters register online, update current registration, and provide information about the upcoming primaries and caucuses. We were also able to hear a wonderful talk by Carol Anderson, Emory University historian and author of the critically acclaimed *White Rage*, on the long struggle of African Americans to get – and keep – the right to vote.



The next date in the series, which continues until September, is March 11, when Liette Gidlow will speak about the problem of low voter turnout and the connections between women's suffrage and the Black Freedom movements of the fifties and sixties.

If you're interested in joining us for any of these events, please contact Jeanette Scotland (jscotland@gmail.com) or Anne Duncan (anned47@msn.com).

The Denver League is looking to start a **Voter Registration Team** to carry out the work of registering Denver voters in 2020. An initial meeting will be held at the League Office on Monday, March 2 at 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. to engage with members who are interested in identifying voter registration locations and for making necessary contacts to carry out such plans. New ideas are also welcome. Several other groups have asked to be a part of our efforts, including Moms Demand Action, a grassroots movement fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. So come join us for a brief and productive meeting. Just come! Then attend the briefing on Reproductive Rights immediately following at 5:30 p.m.

Jeanette Scotland and Anne Duncan
Voter Service Co-Chairs



Voter Service Training, February 18.

There will be Voter Registration Training on March 5 at 1:30 p.m. and March 16 from 4:30 p.m. at the League Office. People trained will be able to register voters for all of 2020, including new citizens. Healthy snacks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please let Anne Duncan know at anned47@msn.com, Jeanette Scotland at jscotland@gmail.com or Fran Coleman at info@lwvdenver.org.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to Leaguer **Mary Alice Behrns** whose husband Robert died in January.

Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

Buffalo
Mon., Mar. 9, 5:30 p.m.
 Location to be determined
 Contact: Joan Friend
 303-596-1022

Capitol Hill
Sat., Mar. 28, 10:00 a.m.
 LWVCO Office
 1410 Grant St.

Cheesman
Tue., Mar. 10, 9:30 a.m.
 Andrea Skeen
 8300 Fairmont St., #V102
 303-860-1286
Tue., Mar. 24, 9:30 a.m.
 Ann Kusic
 Senior Planet
 7588 E. Academy Blvd.

Cherrington
Thu., Mar. 12, 1:00 p.m.
 Twyla Boe
 9355 E. Center Ave. 9C
 303-344-5430
Thu., Mar. 26, 1:00 p.m.
 Senior Planet
 7585 E. Academy Blvd.
 Call Peg Oldham for info 720-220-3988

Highland/Woodbury
Wed., Mar. 25, 5:45 p.m.
 West 29th Restaurant and Bar
 5560 W. 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge
 Contact Anne Duncan
 773-852-3197

Observatory
Tue., Mar. 10, 6:30 p.m.
 Brookdale University Party Room

2020 S. Monroe St.
Tue., Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m.
 TBD

Southwest Denver
Tue., Mar. 24, 9:30 a.m.
 TBD

March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 2** Voter Registration Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
League Office
- 2** Reproductive Rights Briefing, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 3** Colorado Presidential Primary
- 5** Voter Registration Training, 1:30 p.m.
League Office
- 7** Colorado Caucuses
- 16** Voter Registration Training, 4:30 p.m.
League Office
- 17** What It Took To Win the Right for Women To Vote: An Illustrated Talk, 5:30 p.m.
McCollum Room
- 27** Spirituals Project Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Tour of the VA Hospital

We are putting together a tour for 10 people to tour the VA on a Friday afternoon after 2:00 p.m. in March or early April. If you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible since space is limited. If there is enough interest, we may try to schedule another tour later in the spring. Sign up at the League Office, info@lwvdenver.org or 303-321-7571. Thanks! See you on the tour.

Jeanette Scotland and Nancy Ulrich

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8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Why we ask this question: These responses help create statistics about this ethnic group. This helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

9. What is Person 1's race?

Why we ask this question: This allows us to create statistics about race and to analyze other statistics within racial groups. This data helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

10. Print name of Person 2.

Why we ask this question: The 2020 Census asks information about each member of your household. This question identifies the next person to refer to in the ensuing questions. This process repeats for each person in your home.

11. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?

Why we ask this question: This question helps ensure that the Census Bureau is counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place. If you have questions about whether or not to include someone, visit Who To Count.

12. How is this person related to Person 1?

Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

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Andrea Wilkins, LWVCO Legislative Liaison, and Toni Larson, LWVCO Director of Legislative Action, at the "What's Ahead for the 2020 Legislature" briefing

Board Highlights, February 20

- Heard updated plans for our 100th Anniversary event, the Spiritual Project Choir on Friday, March 27. Special flyers are available and are included in the Voter
- Approved plans for Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 2, again at the Holiday Inn at 455 S. Colorado Blvd.
- Learned of the many voter registration training sessions and events being planned by our Voter Service co-chairs
- Approved \$574.00 plus \$10/month for service for some technology updates: QuickBooks Online, a Dell Laptop, Windows 10, and a mobile hotspot