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Time for Voter Service

If you're interested in helping make sure as many Denver citizens as possible are able to make their voices heard in our elections – and to make sure those voters are informed by facts – Voter Service has a job for you!

A group of interested Leaguers met January 22 to plan for this year. While we don't expect to be as busy as last year (or next!), we want to develop partnerships with other groups and sites in preparation for a busy presidential election year. We're actively looking for organizations that can help us find populations with relatively low levels of registration and participation in elections. If you have connections that may be helpful, please let us know. And of course we'll be doing registration at naturalization ceremonies and other events through the year as well. (You haven't lived until you've experienced the energy and athleticism of the B-Boy Factory!) You can contact Jeanette Scotland (jscotland@gmail.com) or Anne Duncan (anned47@msn.com) to find out how to get the required training.

We're already working with the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (CCRJC) to register potential voters in Denver County jails. After a training session with representatives of CCRJC on January 30, we're moving on to more specialized training at the jails in preparation for a voter registration on March 6.

In addition to voter registration, we'll once again be putting together pro/con information on ballot issues. Already there are four initiatives on the May ballot, and there may well be more. Let us know if you'd like to investigate the pros and cons of an issue for the booklet we'll publish before the election.

Finally, we're already getting requests for speakers who can inform groups about the ballot issues. Contact Joan Friend (jfriendrd@gmail.com) if you'd like to learn how to do this very important job.

Anne Duncan
Voter Service Co-Chair

March Events

The Health of Denver Residents Now and in the Future

Monday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.
McCollum Room
Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church

Women to Watch

Sunday, March 24, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Miller Center
Montview Presbyterian Church

The Women to Watch Award Ceremony

Tenacity. Grit. Perseverance. Courage. Our Suffragette Grandmothers displayed these qualities to earn women the right to vote. Celebrate National Women's History Month this March when the Denver LWV honors women with these same qualities from our community who have faced significant challenges in their lives, but have nevertheless made strides to fulfill their personal goals and achieve self-sufficiency. We invite all LWVD members to join us at the 2019 Women to Watch event in the Miller Center at Montview Presbyterian Church (see details above). Each of the fifteen women we have selected from this year's nominees has an inspiring story of barriers faced and successes achieved. We will celebrate with them, their families and friends, as well as representatives of the organizations that nominated them for this award, at an afternoon ceremony and reception.

Sue Stark

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Denver's Health—Now and in the Future

Monday, March 4
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements
 6:00 p.m. Program Begins

McCollum Room
 Montview Presbyterian Church

We are all aware of concerns for the future of our own health, but have you seen a study of the health concerns of a broad spectrum of Denver's youth? An unusual recent study was conducted by youth through interviews with their peers. They asked about their current key issues and their concerns for what will affect the future of their health. They were also able to comment on ideas of how to mitigate their concerns through action they can take now to work towards improving their future health. The results might surprise you as their concerns are not what we were concerned about in our youth.

Abbie Steiner, Denver Public Health Epidemiologist, will present the results of this recent survey and the means by which it was conducted. The study is going to become more widespread for health assessment and for creating paths for decision-making for our future. You will get to be part of this health assessment this evening.

The second half of the evening will concentrate on a rising health concern for all ages of our Metro Denver population. A recent publication from the Colorado Health Institute, "Colorado's Climate and Colorado's Health – Examining the Connection," raises awareness of current and future health effects of climate change to our Colorado population.

Rosemary Rochford and Elizabeth Carlton are researchers from the CU Department of Immunology and Microbiology and School of Public Health. They are leading experts in the field of climate change and how it relates to health effects from our changing environment. They made a major contribution to the Colorado publication.

Come and learn what factors are in our control for the future of our health and how to increase awareness. We have all heard the warnings; now take the opportunity to identify collectively and individually how we might change our future healthcare path.

Both the youth study and the Colorado climate/health publication will be posted on the lwwdenver.org website to coordinate with the briefing.

Cindy Sestrich

FIRST CALL TO LWVCO CONVENTION 2019

The League of Women Voters of Colorado Convention 2019 will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver East - Stapleton. The convention meeting will convene on Friday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Saturday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. Denver can send up to ten delegates and the registration fee will be paid by Denver League. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fran in the office.

SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFER: Training sessions will be offered to all current and future local league leaders free of charge prior to the start of the Convention. There will be eight sessions offered on varied topics including Leadership Training; four on Thursday, May 30 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and four on Friday, May 31 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. More information regarding the training sessions will be presented with the Final Call in April or sooner.

Help Wanted We Welcome Your Special Skills!

- ◆ Marge Fisch needs a parliamentarian because she makes the rules as she sees fit. Job begins and ends on the morning of the Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 4.
- ◆ Peg Oldham, our Nominating Committee Chair, is looking for a few members interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Whatever your special skills, we have a spot for you. Job begins in June. Terms are normally one to two years.
- ◆ Marty Sloven needs computer help for the bulb fundraising project. No selling or purchasing flower bulbs required. The job entails about 30 hours from the end of May to the middle of June.

If any of these jobs seems interesting to you, please contact Marge at 303-322-4235 or ralphmarj@msn.com.

Marge Fisch

Implementation has begun!

At the LWVD's Annual Meeting in 2018, we approved a budget expenditure to improve the LWVD office technology. Pledges at the meeting raised the needed funds and we have begun implementation. After a search process conducted in parallel with LWVCO, LWVD has chosen to implement an association management system called Club Express. This system will help us with several of our strategic goals including improving internal and external communication, helping individuals to join LWVD more easily, and making our activities and accomplishments more visible to LWVCO.

Several other local leagues in Colorado have already implemented the system, and we will be joining them and the State office in a common system once our implementation is complete. The target date for completion of the project is August 2019. In the meantime we will be keeping you informed of the improvements you are likely to see and how you "fit in" to the new system.

Tech team — Andrea Mitchell, Peggy Pitchford, Pearlanne Zelarney, and Fran Coleman

A Goal for 2020

In September 2016, the LWVD launched the Future Fund with the purpose of creating a plan for financial security and sustainability. The goal was to raise \$100,000 by 2020. Presently the fund has raised \$58,000. Thank you to all members who have contributed and fulfilled their pledges. However, more contributions will be needed to reach our goal. Stock contribution transfers are being handled through Fidelity Brokerage Services. All contributions are tax deductible. Beginning in 2020, the Board can use 10% of the funds each year for expenses. Presently, the LWVD is financially stable and will not need to draw on these funds. The Board is comfortable in knowing we have a cushion should it be needed.

Marge Fisch, Director of Organization



A Stellar Event

The 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and the creation of the League of Women Voters will be celebrated in 2020. The State League is forming a committee to plan some events. They would like a contact from all local Leagues. In addition, Denver League might also like to plan a local event. If you would like to be part of either committee, please contact Beth Kieft at 303-478-6319, bethyj1135@yahoo.com. This would be a fun, short-term commitment.

Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

Buffalo

Mon., Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Location to be determined

Contact: Joan Friend 303-596-1022

Cheesman

Tue., Mar. 12, 9:30 a.m.

Carolyn Georgeson

790 Washington #301

303-863-8522

Tue., Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.

Marge Fisch

2700 Cherry Crk Dr. S., #101

303-322-4235

Cherrington

Thu., Mar. 14, 1:00 p.m.

Norma Heinz

617 Albion St.

303-322-9529

Thu., Mar. 28, 1:00 p.m.

Carolyn Medrick

2220 Birch St.

303-394-4508

Highland/Woodbury

Wed., Mar. 27, 5:45 p.m.

W. 29th Avenue Restaurant

5560 W. 29th Ave.

Contact Anne Duncan

773-852-3197

Observatory

Tue., Mar. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Location to be determined

Tue., Mar 26, 6:30 p.m.

Carolyn Engelken

9200 Cherry Creek S. Drive #39

303-750-0949

Whiteman

Tue., Mar. 12, 9:15 a.m.

Location to be determined

Tue., Mar. 26, 9:15 a.m.

Location to be determined

March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 4** Briefing -The Health of Denver Residents Now and in the Future, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 5** Voter Registration Training, 5:00 p.m., League Office
- 21** Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., League Office
- 24** Women To Watch, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Miller Center

Voter Registration Training

Tuesday, March 5, 5:00 p.m.
League Office

We have two elections this year: Mayoral and City Council on May 7 and School Board on November 5. We hope to get to some New Citizen ceremonies too. Plus, we will have an opportunity to work Mi Familia Vota registering young people in the schools around the city. So think about helping out. You will need to be trained before going out to register voters.

If you have questions please contact Jeanette Scotland at jscotland@gmail.com or 303-479-4368.

Save the Date—LWV Denver Annual Meeting

As many of you know, Park Hill Golf Club is not available for our Annual Meeting on May 4, 2019. We have found a new venue at the Holiday Inn Cherry Creek (Colorado Blvd. and Cherry Creek Drive North). We're looking forward to a great meeting and record attendance at this alternative site.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the death of League member **Ruth Cambier** in January. Ruth was on our board in the 1990s and co-founded the flower bulb sale that continues to be our main financial support. She had continued to do all the computer work related to that sale all these years. She will be missed.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Dolores Cuthbertson**, an active member of Buffalo Unit and a past editor of the *Denver Voter*. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

Drinks & Dialogue a Success

Over 30 Leaguers and guests met on February 12 at the Irish Snug pub to socialize with each other and hear Denver District Attorney Beth McCann. She spoke and answered questions for a full hour. There were lots of questions! Thanks to Jackie Denning for getting us on DA McCann’s calendar and Peggy Pitchford for securing the Irish Snug. DA McCann, the first women DA in Denver, discussed what her office is doing for juvenile offenders and the concept of restitution. She supported the Denver City Council proposal to strengthen the office of the Independent Monitor, a proposal the League strongly supported and which passed the Council unanimously Monday, February 18.

Drinks & Dialogue is a concept Patty Cordova has been promoting in Denver League to get us out in the community with city leaders in a more casual setting. Next time one is scheduled, give it a try.

Welcome New and Returning Members

- Sue Ballantine**, 238 Inca Street, 80223, sue.ballantine@gmail.com, 393-241-4843
- Marilyn Barrett**, 820 Olive Street, 80220, mbarrett@mbarrettlaw.com, 303-923-3033
- Julia Bristor**, 64 S. Jackson, 80209, juwill@umich.edu, 214-662-0672
- Lindsay Campbell**, 3333 E. Florida Ave., #122, 80210, bikesnbach@aol.com, 303-321-2880
- Margaret Hunt and Nicole Foster**, 5075 Verbena Street, 80238, margaret.hunt@comcast.net
- Jill Lamneck**, 1118 Race Street, 80206, jlamneck@yahoo.com, 720-626-4286
- Carla McConnell**, 662 Ulster Way, 80230, carlamcconnell@comcast.net, 303-888-0261
- Suzanne Strear**, 525 Castle Pines Dr. S, Castle Rock, 80108, suzel51@msn.com, 303-663-2181
- Gretchen Vaughn**, 983 S. Pennsylvania Street, 80209, Gretchen@gretchenvaughn.com, 303-217-6173

Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

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 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

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 (for Denver, State & Two residing at same address..... \$90.00
 National) Sustaining member \$125.00
 Two sustaining members at same address \$185.00
 Student \$25.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: To LWV Denver \$ _____
 To Dues Assistance Fund \$ _____

Make check payable to LWV Denver. (Dues are not tax-deductible. Tax-deductible contributions may be made by separate check to LWVD Education Fund.)

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Recent League Events



Leaguer Jane Wasson at the
 DACA film event January 22.



DACA Panel



Elizabeth Garner, Colorado
 State Demographer, at the
 February 19 briefing



Leaguer Sally Augden and speaker Tracie
 Rainey from the Colorado School Finance
 Project, February 4