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## Future Fund Closing in on \$50,000 With a \$10,000 Matching Pledge

We just celebrated 85 years of the LWVD with a gala event at the Brown Palace. Now we must look forward and begin the second year of the Future Fund. The Fund was created to give our League financial security and sustainability. The interest on the money raised for the Future Fund will be used to support new and expanded education programs for the Denver League and to fill in gaps in operational funding. In September 2016, the Development Committee set a goal of \$100,000 to be reached by 2020. We should not need any of the money prior to that date.

Currently, 45 members have contributed or pledged \$35,000. Two long-time members have created a matching challenge with a December 31, 2017 deadline. They each have pledged \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000, which will match, dollar for dollar, any new contributions received by the end of 2017. All contributions are tax deductible. With this matching challenge and our farsighted and generous members we think we can reach the \$50,000 goal.

It's also time for those of you who made pledges covering a 3-5 year period to send this year's pledge if you haven't already.

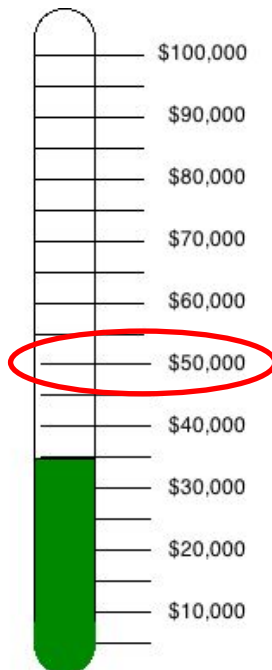
Speaking of farsighted, our committee would like to extend our reach outside

### What if You Couldn't Vote? New briefing added to calendar

Thursday, November 2, 5:30 p.m.  
Montview Presbyterian Church  
McCollum Room

**City Issues Briefing**  
Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.  
Montview Presbyterian Church  
McCollum Room

*Note these are both on Thursday!*



FUTURE FUND PROGRESS  
OCTOBER 17, 2017

of members of the Denver League of Women Voters. An interesting suggestion we received is to send a copy of our newly published *A Brief History of the League of Women Voters of Denver 1932 to 2017: 85 Years of Service, Education and Advocacy* to a few select businesses with a cover letter explaining what the Future Fund will accomplish. We ask you to think about any connections you might have that might be open to giving the League a tax-deductible donation and receiving a history book. Please contact Marge Fisch ([ralphmarj@msn.com](mailto:ralphmarj@msn.com)) with ideas. It's our future; it's your future.

*Development Committee*

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**What if You Couldn't Vote?**

Thursday, November 2  
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Appetizers  
 6:15-6:30 p.m. Program Begins

McCollum Room  
 Montview Presbyterian Church

We are pleased to welcome Anne Anderson, a Leaguer from Washington, D.C. and Chair of the LWVDC Committee for Full Rights for DC Citizens, who will inform us about those American citizens who cannot vote. LWVDC received a grant to travel to Leagues around the country to present their case advocating for voting rights for Washington, D.C., a position that the League has had since 1982. She will also discuss Puerto Rico and the other inhabited territories of the United States. Many Americans don't even know that residents of the five inhabited territories of the United States—like Puerto Rico, which has a population larger than 21 states—are American citizens, but lack the full representation provided to those who live in the states. Washington, D.C. citizens could not vote for anything until the late 1950s and their one representative has no vote on the house floor of Congress. There is no representation in the Senate. Anne will have handouts and a map of how the new state and the new District of Columbia would look. We welcome this opportunity to learn about the disenfranchisement of our fellow citizens and to offer hospitality to a fellow Leaguer.

We hope to have a good turnout, and for the occasion we will extend the social time and offer a variety of appetizers as well as a glass of wine if you are so inclined. So come at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy this special time and we will start the program when it seems appropriate.

*Marty Sloven*  
*Director of Program*

**Discuss the City's Status and Future  
 With Denver City Council Members**

Thursday, November 16  
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements  
 6:00 p.m. Program Begins

McCollum Room  
 Montview Presbyterian Church



The League is hosting four, first-term City Council members: Jolon Clark (District 7), Kevin Flynn (District 2), Stacie Gilmore (District 11), and Paul Kashmann (District 6). They will discuss the city of Denver's current issues and forecast how the city will need to prepare for the growth of our city.

Come to learn about expanding our infrastructure, incorporating transportation with walkability, affordable housing and homeless solutions, neighborhood preservation vs areas of growth, sustainability/conservation, and how to keep our workforce relevant and employed.

*Cindy Sestrich*

## The Charm of Green Roofs

The ballot initiative requiring building contractors to install green roofs in buildings with 25,000 or more square feet of roof space, whether it is approved by the voters or not, has brought to the public's attention what at first seems like a luxury item for the wealthy but is actually an affordable pleasure for people in all walks of life, especially people who work or live in tall buildings.

The technology for installing roof gardens has been proven to extend the life of a roof for many years. More immediately economical, however, is the drop in heating and cooling costs. Then, too, green roofs offer a respite for office workers or renters where the air is refreshingly far from the congested streets below. Green gardens capture storm runoff that otherwise swirls into the sewer system carrying the toxic materials that litter city streets. And last, but perhaps one of the

greatest benefits, is the reduction of carbon dioxide spewing into the air, contributing to global warming.

Numerous studies over the past ten to fifteen years have validated claims for the cost effectiveness of green roofs in urban areas. A report from [EPA Region 8](#) features excellent pictures of green roofs in our arid western region, including the green roofs at the Botanic Gardens and the REI building. As green roofs, hopefully, become more prevalent in Denver, whether as a result of voters' decisions, tax breaks or other incentives, or just wise decisions on the part of builders and building owners, it will be yet another milestone in the development of a truly livable city.

*Carol Andersen  
720-692-0407*

### NOTE:

The League of Women Voters Denver Board voted to support Initiated Ordinance 300 at the October board meeting.

## "Drinks and Dialogue: Voter Suppression-Fact or Fiction" with Secretary of State Wayne Williams

The evening started with people gathering at Bogey's on the Park and socializing. Patty Cordova introduced Secretary Williams, who spoke about voting in Colorado and the duties of his office. He reassured us that there was little or no fraud in our state and that the number of registered voters continues to grow. A lively question and answer period closed the successful and fun event. We hope to do it again in another part of town.



## Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

### Buffalo

#### No meetings in November

Members to attend evening briefings  
For info contact Joan Friend  
303-596-1022

### Cheesman

#### Tue., Nov. 14, 10:00 a.m.

Light Rail ride to airport & circle back  
Contact Cindy Sestrich for details  
303-832-6739

#### Tue., Nov. 28, 9:30 a.m.

Andrea Skeen  
8300 Fairmont Dr. #V102  
303-860-1286

### Cherrington

#### Thu., Nov. 9, 1:00 p.m.

Pat Horoschak

350 S. Poplar St.  
720-535-1625

#### Thu., Nov. 30, 1:00 p.m.

Twyla Boe  
9355 E. Center Ave. Apt.9C  
303-344-5430

### Highland/Woodbury

#### Wed., Nov. 8, 5:45 p.m.

W. 29th Avenue Restaurant  
5560 W. 29th Ave.  
Contact Sally Augden  
303-455-5800

### Observatory

#### Tue., Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.

See article below

#### Tue., Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Catherine Decker

3223 So. Milwaukee St.  
303-757-6203

### St. Vrain

#### Wed., Nov. 29, 9:15 a.m.

Margaret Velarde  
506 Olive Way  
303-377-8989

### Whiteman

#### Tue., Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.

Peggy Pitchford  
2661 South Zurich Court  
303-936-3656

#### Tue., Nov. 28, 9:30 a.m.

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## November 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		

- 2** Washington, D.C. Briefing, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 14** Board Meeting, 3:30 p.m., League Office
- 16** City Issues Briefing, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 22-24** Office Closed for the holiday

## Observatory Unit Members' Choice of Action Nov. 14

On November 14, Observatory Unit will take action on two topics: Health Care and Guns in Society. We will get an update on these issues and then take individual action by writing post cards or calling officials on our cell phones. We will urge action based on our individual stands regarding these two issues. Others are welcome to join us if interested in pursuing political action. The meeting will be at the home of Carol Jones, 3004 S. Kearney, at 7:00 p.m.

### Included in this VOTER:

#### LWVD's Ballot Issues Pros and Cons

Thanks to Carol Andersen, Frank Bennett, Betsy Daniel, Marge Fisch, Jeanette Scotland, Peggy Pitchford, and Pearlanne Zelarney for all their hard work on the ballot issues.

We also want to thank Nancy Ulrich for handling our part of the Denver Decides forums and Marcia Verba for publicity.

## Welcome New Members!

**Cynthia Brown**, 5317 S. Ingalls St., 80123, ccwb5454@comcast.net, 303-954-8530

**Lena Brown**, 7693 Grizzly Ct., 80125, lenawilmoth@hotmail.com, 832-914-3202

**Kalani Fogleman**, 633 Pearl St., #104, 80203

**Chris Humphries**, 4451 S. Ammons, #1-307, 80123, 720-261-5839

**Debra Johnson**, 7215 Bayaud Ave., 80230, djstinkbug@aol.com

**Mary Sue Kessler**, 2825 Xanthia St., 80238, marysuekessler@me.com, 937-681-9504

**Mark Mehringer**, 8998 E. 25th Dr., 80238, mehringer@gmail.com

**Jennifer Robins**, 400 S. Lafayette St., #601, 80209, jrobins@ucmo.edu, 720-550-0481

**Merna Saliman**, 701 Pearl St. Apt. 3, 80302, 816-809-3500

## LWVD History Book Available

"A Brief History of the League of Women Voters of Denver 1932 - 2017: 85 Years of Service, Education and Advocacy" has just been published and fills Bobbie's front hall. Every member of the LWVD has a free copy waiting at the office. Some members who attended the gala birthday party already have received theirs. If you do not have one of these astonishing books,



Bobbie Heisterkamp's front hall.

stop by the office (1980 Dahlia Street) Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or attend a briefing. If you truly are unable to get to the office, call Kali and leave your name and mailing address. The League will send you one using media mail.

*Bobbie Heisterkamp*

## Another Bulb Sale Completed

Thanks to an amazing crew of volunteers, we were able to count and package over 15,000 bulbs in just two days. We can't thank those hard-workers enough, some who helped set-up and worked both days in an extremely hot greenhouse. Yet more volunteers were willing to come on Friday but weren't needed.

*Marty Sloven, Bulb Sale Chair*

### Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

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### JOIN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

- ANNUAL DUES:
- Regular member..... \$60.00
  - Two residing at same address ..... \$90.00
  - 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.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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## Election Checklist

- Carefully read the enclosed League's Pro/Con brochure on the ballot issues
- Visit [Denver Decides website](#) to view School Board candidate introductions
- Visit [Denver Decides website](#) to view School Board candidate forums
- Review League positions on Initiated Ordinance 300 — Support
- Review League positions on Referred Questions 2A-2G — Support
- Sign up for Ballot Trace on the [Denver Elections Division website](#)—the award-winning mail ballot Tracking, Reporting, And Communication Engine

