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November is the Culmination of Voter Service Activity

Voter Registration Rocks

Thanks to the efforts of many people, voter registration has been very active. We had seventeen events by mid-October. Through the LWVUS, we benefited from a partnership opportunity with the Jonathan Rose Companies. The Rose Properties gave us two grants to register residents in two of their communities on National Voter Registration Day, September 25. At Juanita Nolasco Residence we registered 15 people, and at Grand Lowry Lofts we registered three people. We will follow up by distributing our ballot issues so people can be informed as they vote. Also on National Voter Registration day, University of Denver Libraries set up a table for us to register people; four people used paper registrations and more were directed to use electronic registration at govotecolorado.com.

In addition, we have gone to the Denver Mental Health Center Dahlia Campus almost weekly for their farmer's market. To register young people we have gone to Emily Griffith's High School, Regis College, Concorde College and the BBoy Factory Dance Event (more on that later). The many people who have helped out include: Anne Duncan, Marcia Helfant, Joan Friend, Catie Cheshire (Student Intern), Sheila and Stu Bernhard, Peg Oldham, Nancy Banks, AJ Grovert, Ann Kusic, Carol Jansch, Carol Pace, Elizabeth Brown, Enid Brodsky, June Mullins, Leona Lazar, Marcia Doty, Nancy Nicodemo, Marquis Price, Nancy Ulrich, Paula Kauffman, Sheila Porter and Christy Murphy. Some



November Briefing

Use-of-Force in Denver Law Enforcement

Wednesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.
McCollum Room

of these registrars are members of the National Council of Jewish Women and Park Hill Indivisible who have helped out at more than one event. Thanks to all.

Phyllis Zumwinkel set up a voter registration event at her retirement residence in September and we registered eight new voters that evening.

Perhaps the most novel event took place at the BBoy Factory where Leaguers were privileged to be entertained by a large group of young men who engaged in a hip-hop dance competition. Owner Ian Flaws invited us to register these 17- 35ish year-olds to vote as part of his business's commitment to community. Some of us have regained our hearing; all of us have enduring memories of the modern world.

Pros and Cons Team

The Denver community as a whole owes a huge thank you to the following people who researched, wrote, edited and created our *Ballots Issues 2018 : Pros and Cons* brochure on

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Use-of-Force in Denver Law Enforcement: The Issues and the Reforms

Wednesday, November 14

5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements

6:00 p.m. Program Begins

McCollum Room

Montview Presbyterian Church

“Only 9 of the 100 largest American cities’ police departments did not kill anyone in 2015 or 2016” (Source: Campaign Zero Use of Force Project) *Denver was not one of those nine.* The police killed over 600 people in America in the first seven months of 2016, with black people three times more likely to be killed than white people. According to Campaign Zero, Denver ranked 28th highest in per capita police shootings. It has been found that clearly defined use-of-force policies reduce officer-involved shootings. When policy is vague there are more use-of-force complaints.

In Denver, the Office of the Independent Monitor provides fair and objective oversight of the Denver Police and Sheriff Departments. The Monitor’s mission is directed at transparency and accountability of Denver’s Department of Safety personnel and the policies that govern them. At this briefing, Independent Monitor Nick Mitchell and Deputy Independent Monitor Suzanne Iantorno will talk about use-of-force issues in Denver, the elements of an effective use-of-force policy, the development of the new Denver Police Department Use-of-Force Policy, and reforms undertaken by the Denver Sheriff Department.

Peg Oldham

Communications Intern

Hi, I’m Catie Cheshire and I’m LWV Denver’s new Communications Intern. I am currently studying Communication and Politics at Regis University and will graduate in the Spring of 2020. I’ve absolutely loved my experience with the Denver League so far and I can’t wait to continue growing with all of you. I’m from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the local League there was so great that I knew when the time came for me to do an internship, I wanted it to be with the local League here. Helping educate voters and making democracy more accessible is basically the dream job and that’s what I get to do every day in this position!



Catie at a Denver Decides forum where she served as a timekeeper

the nine Denver City and County ballot issues: Bobbie Heisterkamp, Mary Ann Thompson, Frank Bennett, Andrea Mitchell, Marge Fisch, Neal Zelarney, Susan Stark, Nancy Banks, Anne Duncan, Kali Fajardo-Anstine and Pearlanne Zelarney. We've printed 3000 color copies to distribute city-wide. Denver is very lucky to have such a team of dedicated, hard-working, capable and generous people.

VOTE411.ORG



Anne Duncan made sure we were live on VOTE411.org by October 9 with all of the local information needed. Entering your address on the website and pressing the 'Enter' or 'My Races' button will get all your voter information. In case you are not aware, this is your League membership money at work. The LWV/CO buys the program and local Leagues research and enter the data voters see. It is one of the more popular websites that people use when search-

ing online for a voter guide. That is one reason why *The Colorado Independent* has partnered with the LWV/CO to use our data on their website and to give a link to VOTE411.org. (www.coloradoindependent.com/voter-guide/). Thanks to Anne for all her hard work in entering the data.

Speaker's Bureau

Joan Friend now leads a team of people who speak at various community events and to our own members. At last count she had 15 events scheduled in October. The team members include Carol Pace, Andrea Mitchell, Bobbie Heisterkamp, Nancy Banks, Mary Ann Thompson, Marcia Helfant, Peggy Pitchford, Anne Duncan, Sarah McCarthy, Marge Fisch, Nancy Ulrich, Jean Grattet, Jeanette Scotland, Toni Larson and Peggy Gonder (Adams County League).

The Voters Service teams will continue to work until Election Day, November 6. Be sure to vote – and ask friends to do the same.

Jeanette Scotland and Anne Duncan
Co-Chairs of Voter Service

New Ideas, New Members

As League approaches its 100th anniversary in 2020, changes are being recommended at the National level. These are included in a document called "Transformation Roadways." The LWV of Denver board selected three areas that required renewed emphasis for the next few years.

1. **Membership** - The Board would like to make it easier to become involved in LWVD and make the experience as enriching as possible to those who choose to join us.
2. **Group Affiliations** - Other organizations and coalitions share our mission and are supportive of many League positions. These organizations represent an opportunity to reach more people with our message. We need to locate these groups and partner with them on our briefings, voter service activities and wherever appropriate.
3. **Communications** - Ensure that the League has the robust technology and communication to effectively attract members and supporters to accomplish our important core work.

Do you belong to an organization that might like to partner with us on one of our upcoming programs?

Do you have skills that would help us with membership?

Do you have expertise with various social media or other communicating avenues?

As a member, your involvement is always welcome.

Marge Fisch, Director of Organization
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Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

Buffalo

Mon., Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.
 Location to be determined
 Contact Joan Friend
 393-596-1022

Cheesman

Tue., Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m.
 "Unit's choice"
 Contact Cindy Sestrich
 303-832-6739
Tue., Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m.
 Susan Stark
 310 Bellaire Street
 303-333-4094

Cherrington

Thu., Nov. 8, 1:00 p.m.

Pat Horoschak
 350 S. Poplar St.
 720-535-1625

Thu., Nov. 29, 1:00 p.m.
 Elsie Haley
 1215 Milwaukee St.
 303-321-0729

Highland/Woodbury
Wed., Nov. 7, 5:45 p.m.
 W. 29th Avenue Restaurant
 5560 W. 29th Ave.
 Contact Sally Augden
 303-455-5800

Observatory
Tue., Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.
 Phyllis Zumwinkel
 Heritage Room, Brookdale Resi-

dence
 2020 Monroe St.
 303-756-0095
 Residents of the facility have been invited to a ballot issue presentation by Carol Pace

*Observatory has a new time:
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Tue., Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.
 Marcia Helfant
 8300 Fairmonut Dr., NI04
 303-722-0053

Whiteman

Tus., Nov. 20, 9:15 a.m.
 Joyce Solomon
 4855 W. Yale Ave.
 303-935-7741

November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	

- 6** Election Day
- 12** New Member Meet and Greet, 5:30 p.m.
The Pinnacle Tower I Club Room, 2990 E. 17th Ave.
- 13** Board Meeting, 3:30 p.m., League Office
- 14** Use of Force Briefing, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 22-23** Office closed for Thanksgiving



NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER “MEET AND GREET”

Monday, November 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The Pinnacle Tower I Club Room, 2990 E. 17th Ave.

5:30-6:00 – Gather for refreshments and socializing

6:00-6:30 – Introduction of board members and other leaders

6:30-7:00—Q & A

Our Social Media Presence

Hi, everyone! If you have any form of social media, please follow League of Women Voters Denver. We are found at [@lwvdenver](#) on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We've been trying to ramp up our social media presence to share information about the midterms, what we're up to, and our advocacy. Your "follows" and interactions help bring us closer to our goal as a League! For our Instagram, I would love to interview and take photos of as many members as possible to showcase who we are in the "Humans of New York" style. Please email me at cinabq@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this fun project, or, stop by the League office on Thursday mornings and we can do a photoshoot there!

Catie Cheshire
Communications Intern



Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

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Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

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(for Denver, State & National)	<input type="radio"/> Two residing at same address.....	\$90.00
	<input type="radio"/> Sustaining member	\$125.00
	<input type="radio"/> Two sustaining members at same address	\$185.00
	<input type="radio"/> Student	\$25.00

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Ballot Issues Briefing—Standing Room Only!

Over 90 mostly non-Leaguers attended the briefing on October 15. Thanks to Gerry Cummins, Bobbie Heisterkamp, and Peggy Pitchford for presenting and Marcia Verba for getting the crowd in the door with great publicity.



HELP GET OUT THE



MAKE SURE EVERYONE YOU KNOW
 HAS A PLAN FOR NOVEMBER 6.

VOTE411.org