

The Boulder County Voter

League of Women Voters of Boulder County * April 2018



Annual Meeting Time!

Please plan to attend the LWVBC Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 12! Annual meetings are a great time to meet with and celebrate League members old and new, engage in decision-making and operations of our organization, and explore interesting and important topics together. We will begin the day with a breakfast buffet (cost: \$25/person), followed by our program.

Our two featured speakers will be Erika Blum and Victor Galvan from the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC). They will speak on CIRC's efforts to mobilize and increase voter turnout and increase the number of voters who are more informed. We will discuss how LWVBC and CIRC might work more closely together on these goals.

And, of course, we will attend to business, which includes election of officers, approval of the budget and adoption of the 2018 - 19 program. We will also take photos of our members who have not uploaded a picture for the Member Directory on the LWVBC website.

Make your reservation for our annual meeting, today! Please register online at lwvbc.org if at all possible, or use the form on page 6.

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LWVBC 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:00 – 11:30 am

Nissi's 2675 North Park Drive,
Lafayette (near 95th & Arapahoe)

April Events Calendar

April 4: CFR Team Meeting

April 5: End Gerrymandering In Colorado

April 7: New/Prospective Member Coffee

April 11: Event with Elisabeth MacNamara

April 14: Longmont Member Coffee

April 18: CFR Team Meeting

April 19: Families In Motion

April 23: End Gerrymandering In Colorado

April 26: Hunger & Democracy

President's Letter *By Peggy Leech, LWVBC President*

I encourage all of you to attend (and register for) two upcoming events, both mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. On April 11, join us to hear Elisabeth MacNamara speak. She is the former President of LWVUS and will be in town that week participating in five panel discussions during the annual Conference on World Affairs. She has graciously agreed to speak at a fundraising event for LWVBC while she is in town. Register now—the deadline is April 2. Contact Louisa Young after April 2, to see if there's still space: louisa.young@colorado.edu.



PaulP@CoCreative Journeys.com

On May 12, we will have our Annual Meeting, which will feature two speakers from CIRC (Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition). I have found CIRC to be a very impressive group, and they are finding ways to make democracy work! I always enjoy this event every year, and I hope to see many of you there.

In March, there were several events which proved to be very successful. Probably the most unusual and memorable event was the screening of the Black Panther movie in Longmont, followed by dialogue with the audience. Thanks to Shiquita Yarbrough for suggesting this to us. It was sponsored by Families of Color, and co-sponsored by YWCA and LWVBC. It turned out to be quite powerful for those who attended, with honest dialogue touching on understanding and acting on discrimination in our community; the need for healing from racism; and connecting with each other differences in a more open and inclusive manner.

We also participated in a wonderful gathering on International Women's Day. And Doing Democracy Day in Longmont was truly inspiring. There were students from various high schools and middle schools participating, and they are impressive. Rossana Longo Better did some interviews at both of these events. You can find them on our website under KGNU and News. I don't know about all of you, but I participated in the March for Our Lives on March 24 in Denver. I know there was also a march in Longmont. I was encouraged to see so much emphasis on voting, the core of democracy.

I represented the League at a workshop by Heart of Longmont, called "Why Bother?", related to advocacy efforts. I thought about this topic for a couple of weeks, and really came to the conclusion that we are doing the right thing by focusing on "Making Democracy Work for All". I will share some of those thoughts with you at the Annual Meeting. Stay tuned!

Lastly, LWVBC Board of Directors recently decided to transfer our funds from Wells Fargo to Elevations Credit Union. It was felt that a community-based financial institution would more clearly reflect the League's values, especially with the public revelations about misconduct at Wells Fargo over the last several years. Thanks to Pat Long, Treasurer, for making this happen!

To reach LWVBC President Peggy Leech, you can email her at president@lwvbc.org

Member Announcements

Informal Member Coffees from the Membership Team

Buy a cup of coffee at the counter and join us for discussion and networking!

Saturday, April 7th

10 – 11:30 am

East Simpson Coffee Shop

414 E. Simpson, Lafayette

New members and prospective members welcome!

Saturday, April 14th

10 – 11:30 am

Red Frog Coffee Shop

15 Ken Pratt Blvd Suite 200, Longmont

All members welcome!



Think Spring...think Bulb Orders from League!

We will soon have information and order packets for members who want to order Dutch bulbs (tulips, daffodils and more!) to raise money for League! It's a great way to support League and enjoy beautiful spring flowers, year after year!

The deadline for orders will be in June, for delivery by mid-October. To place your order, pick up a form from Lois in-person at upcoming League events, or watch for announcements on email and in the May VOTER newsletter. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Lois at LFLinsky@hotmail.com or 303-499-2689.



Did you know?

You can use your credit card to reload your King Soopers grocery store gift card, to support League! That way you get all the benefits the credit card offers, such as frequent flyer airline miles. It is when you reload your grocery cards that the League gets money. We sell them with a minimal balance with the idea that you will reload.



Does your team have a 4-minute spot that should be on KGNU? Let Jeanette Hillery know, or she will be trolling!

Contact her at jmnillery915@comcast.net.





“EMPOWERING VOTERS, DEFENDING DEMOCRACY”
An Intimate Gathering with Elisabeth MacNamara

April 11, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Element Bistro
6315 Lookout Road, Boulder CO



Join us for Food, Drinks and Inspiring Dialogue!

The League of Women Voters of Boulder County is welcoming former LWV National President Elisabeth MacNamara to speak about the unique role of League in this political climate, and our best opportunities to advocate in our local communities.



Supporter levels are Silver (\$45), Gold (\$75) and Platinum (\$100). This includes appetizers; cash bar available. All individual contributions over \$20 are tax-deductible and will be used to advance LWV Boulder County’s voter service and advocacy work in our local community.

Please register by Monday, April 2 at <http://lwvbc.org/>

All Aboard for 2018 Voter Registration Drives

With everyone's attention refocused on the importance of the 2018 election, our spring and summer voter registration drives (VRDS) are taking shape. Volunteers will be needed to assist at the LWVBC table in 2-3 hour shifts. All volunteers will receive a concise and fun training prior to the VRDs. Volunteers always work at the table with a seasoned League member. Specific details on the VRDs and training will follow in subsequent newsletters but please compare your calendar now with the dates that we have reserved:

- *Cinco de Mayo*, Longmont, May 5th, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.;
- *Latino Festival*, Boulder, June 18-24th (selected dates & times during the week TBD);

Farmer's Markets:

Boulder: June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, and September 8th from 7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;

Longmont: June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, and September 29th from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

Lafayette: June 14th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.;

Louisville: July 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Erie: August 16th, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.



LWV members and friends visit our booth at the Boulder Farmer's Market

Please make plans to volunteer and email Jeanine Pow (powpc@hotmail.com) with dates that you can help out.

*For Cinco de Mayo and possibly the Latino Festival, we will be collaborating with the Zonta Foothills women and their Z Club high school students to provide us with ample bilingual capability. At other booths, we plan to collaborate with several area artists to conduct postcard writing activities at the table.



Shiquita Yarbrough kicks off the screening of "Black Panther" in Longmont, hosted by Families of Color Boulder County, LWVBC and YWCA of Boulder County.

Annual Meeting Materials

The following pages (pages 6 – 11) are materials for your review, in preparation for the LWVBC Annual Meeting on May 12th. Please register at <http://lwvbc.org>, or with this form.



LWV of Boulder County Annual Meeting Registration Form

Please register online at <http://lwvbc.org>, or fill out and mail this form, along with a check payable to LWVBC, to: LWVBC, P.O. Box 21274, Boulder, CO 80308.

When: Saturday, May 12, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Nissi's, 2675 Northpark Drive, Lafayette (near 95th & Arapahoe)

Cost: \$25.00

Deadline to Register: Tuesday, May 9, 2018

Number of persons attending: _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name of attendee (please print):

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Proposed Budget and Dues, 2018-2019

The fiscal structure of an organization supports the goals of the organization and provides confidence to the members and public that funds are being spent appropriately. The Budget Committee (Caroline Himes, Pat Long, Susan Saunders, Peggy Leech) have examined the current and prior year needs, sought input from the committee leads and developed a best estimate for income and expenditures for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year.

Several months ago, we asked members for additional special contributions to provide the first two years of funding to support a part-time consultant to take some of the administrative burden from the volunteers serving in other capacities. The members responded enthusiastically and made commitments to cover the first 2 years. The consultant began recently and is already making a very positive contribution. As mentioned at the time, we now have 2 years to find another source of funding or face the need to increase dues.

We note that the Jefferson County League raises \$8,000 - \$12,000 / year through their grocery card program. If we could do the same, we would not need to increase dues significantly to cover this administrative position. We encourage members to consider participating in the grocery card program – it costs you nothing, you can still get your credit card “points” and the LWVBC receives 5% of the amount of your purchases.

The proposed budget for 2018-19 does not include an increase in dues. Please note that the majority of member dues is paid to the national and state League offices. That requires us to continue our efforts to expand fundraising to support our goals of voter education and supporting Democracy for All.

The proposed budget includes some stretch goals for fundraising. Please know that the Board of Directors will watch the income closely to avoid over-commitment. We have a cash reserve equal to a significant portion of the expenses budgeted for the coming year, certainly much more than is needed to cover the projected deficit in the budget.

The goal of the LWVBC officers is to maintain the trust of our members while supporting the goals established by the members. We believe this budget allows us to continue to provide and enhance our program goals.

[Editor Note: The proposed budget appears on the following page, in small font. To review in electronic format, use the “zoom” tool.]

LWVBC 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET				
Category	TOTAL ACTUAL 2016-2017	TOTAL BUDGET 2017-2018	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 28, 2018	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019
INCOME	\$ 26,197	\$ 30,265	\$ 40,620	\$ 41,845
Contributions	\$ 6,463	\$ 4,750	\$ 22,587	\$ 14,500
Foundation Campaign			\$ 19,294	\$ 10,000
Members	\$ 5,149	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,071	\$ 4,000
Non-members	\$ 1,315	\$ 750	\$ 222	\$ 500
Dues	\$ 11,043	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,355	\$ 12,500
Grants	\$ 2,075	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 4,000
Investment Income	\$ 1	\$ 15	\$ 43	\$ 45
Cert of Deposit Interest		\$ 13	\$ 40	\$ 40
Bank Acc Interest	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 5
Proceeds fm Activities	\$ 6,614	\$ 10,500	\$ 4,536	\$ 10,800
Bulb Sales		\$ 1,000	\$ 632	\$ 600
Grocery Cards	\$ 3,529	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,125	\$ 4,000
Meetings	\$ 2,316	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,536	\$ 3,000
Duck Race	\$ 770	\$ 1,000		\$ 700
Money Making Events		\$ 2,500	\$ 137	\$ 2,500
Other Income			\$ 105	
Category	TOTAL ACTUAL 2016-2017	TOTAL BUDGET 2017-2018	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 28, 2018	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019
EXPENSES	\$ 17,458	\$ 30,017	\$ 18,579	\$ 44,176
Activities	\$ 3,731	\$ 7,150	\$ 4,010	\$ 8,360
Advocacy Materials		\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 50
Education Costs	\$ 3,731	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,010	\$ 8,310
Events/Meetings	\$ 2,026	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,258	\$ 4,000
Filming		\$ 1,000	\$ 158	\$ 1,000
Issue Teams	\$ 120	\$ 1,000	\$ 433	\$ 1,000
Voters Services	\$ 1,586	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,160	\$ 2,310
Community Engagement	\$ 896	\$ 4,850	\$ 1,926	\$ 7,000
Affiliate Organizations		\$ 300		\$ 300
Latino Engagement	\$ 205	\$ 1,000	\$ 647	\$ 2,000
Misc Strategic Plan	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Networking/Public Relations	\$ 191	\$ 600	\$ 321	\$ 2,000
Youth Engagement & Intern	\$ 300	\$ 2,750	\$ 758	\$ 2,500
Delegate Expenses	\$ 1,702	\$ 4,800	\$ 225	\$ 2,000
National	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 1,502	\$ 500	\$ 225	\$ 2,000
Workshops	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ -	
Operating Costs	\$ 2,809	\$ 2,292	\$ 1,881	\$ 2,552
Bank Checks and Charges	\$ 64	\$ 100		\$ 100
Liability Ins	\$ 558	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 650
Licenses and Taxes	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 20
PO Box Rent	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 76	\$ 80
Supplies & Stationery	\$ 447	\$ 400	\$ 260	\$ 400
Telephone	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ 102
Website Expenses	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,000	\$ 834	\$ 1,200
Organizational Expenses	\$ 791	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,200	\$ 14,060
Admin Consultant			\$ 775	\$ 11,000
Admin-Equip & supplies			\$ 519	\$ 100
Annual Mtg Packets	\$ 107	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 100
Technology Improvements		\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Fundraising expense	\$ 116	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Membership Team Expenses	\$ 567	\$ 1,250	\$ 384	\$ 1,250
Training				\$ 500
President	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10
Treasurer	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 23	\$ 50
PMP Assessments	\$ 7,321	\$ 8,190	\$ 8,190	\$ 9,854
National PMP	\$ 4,720	\$ 5,040	\$ 5,040	\$ 6,064
State PMP	\$ 2,601	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,790
Voter	\$ 207	\$ 350	\$ 147	\$ 350
Newsletter	\$ 207	\$ 350	\$ 147	\$ 350
Difference (revenue - expenses)	\$ 8,739	\$ 248	\$ 22,041	\$ (2,331)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 League of Women Voters of Boulder County (LWVBC)

The Financial Review Committee has reviewed:

1. The implementation of recommendations from the Audit Report of FY2015-16
2. The record keeping of LWVBC which includes revenue and expenditures, beginning and ending cash balances and the FY end bank statement/reconciliation
3. Changes in recording keeping for FY2017-18

We find that the books are an accurate reflection of the financial condition of the LWVBC for the FY2016-17 and of its operations and cash flows for that fiscal year. We commend the Treasurer for her commitment to accuracy, clarity, transparency and compliance with recommended best League and general accounting practices.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Leonard
Frank Ventura

3/5/2018

Net Worth end Feb 2018 - As of 2/28/2018

Account	2/28/2018 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD fall	3,043.79
General Fund ECU	39,622.54
General Fund WF	6,569.09
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	49,235.42
TOTAL ASSETS	49,235.42
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	49,235.42

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LWVBC Program Planning Report for 2018

Program Planning sessions were held in Boulder and Longmont and attended by 42 members.

LWVBC voted to support three initiatives to LWVUS:

- 1) The US League program focus of continuing the Campaign for Making Democracy Work. We offered no recommendation for another program item to national. We also agreed to retain all national positions. We included a request for a caucus at national convention to clarify and streamline the policy of how/when local leagues may publicly advocate to their federal representatives on federal issues that agree with national positions, but on which national has not yet publicly advocated.
- 2) LWVBC Voting Methods team to work with locals from other states to request a caucus on voting methods at 2018 convention for the purpose of educating all LWV members on this topic.
- 3) Agreed with the proposal from several Illinois local leagues to abolish the Electoral College with the understanding that it not preclude work on the National Popular Vote Compact.

LWVBC Voting at Annual Meeting: Our members agreed to retain all local positions and to propose no new studies. To achieve important outcomes for 2018-19, members suggested the following efforts:

- Voter Service: improve voting rates; improve voters being informed; get out the vote; expand voter education, forums, VRDs, and ballot issues. Partner with New Era; educate public about new primary system. Explore purchase of improved data software to better evaluate our efforts.
- Voting Methods: support state legislation; continue education efforts.
- Money in Politics: LWVBC will participate in Boulder city's commission. Identify publicize businesses that are members of ALEC and request their membership removal. Educate members and community about ALEC. Inspire local Leagues to support Denver's effort on ballot issue; support bills in legislature; hold educational events.
- Redistricting: Inspire local Leagues to support; hold educational events; help with petition signatures for Fair Districts Colorado initiative to pass.
- National Popular Vote Compact: Education.
- Social Policy: Immigration: Support state bill for expanded resources and access for illegal residents to get and renew Drivers' License. Living Wage: Longmont next. Food Security: Educate community and lobby Boulder County government. Affordable Housing: Seeking more members for this effort.

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- Health Care: Concerns about CHIP and support single payer efforts.
- Schools: Follow local board elections and civics education in our schools.
- Action and Advocacy Work: Consider creating Action or Quick Response team? Prepare *Action Alerts*; Partner with other Issue Teams and *Making Democracy Work* efforts e.g. redistricting, National Popular Vote compact.
- Follow City of Boulder issues that may come up.
 - a. Support the appointment of non-citizens to advisory boards and commissions.
 - b. Electing non-citizens to office. The Board will look at existing positions to evaluate if/when/how LWVBC can respond to this.

**League of Women Voters of Boulder County
Nominating Committee
15 March 2018**

Members: Carolyn Elliott (chair), Hugh Haskell, Marion Read, Rionda Osman, Susan Saunders.
Ex-officio: Ruth Stemler, Peggy Leech.

Summary: We place in nomination for election at the Annual Meeting, May 12, 2018:

Elected Officers:

President	1-year additional term, 2018 – 19	Peggy Leech
Treasurer	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Pat Long

Elected Directors:

Communications Director	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Elizabeth Crowe
Membership Director	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Ruth Stemler
Governance/Ldrshp Dir	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Caroline Himes
Youth Engage. Director	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Shiquita Yarbrough
Events Director	2-year term, 2018 – 20	Kay Palmer Marsh

2018-2019 Nominating Committee (off-board):

Carolyn Elliott (Chair), Hugh Haskell, Marion Read: 1-year term, 2018-19

Continuing on Board by Virtue of election at the 2017 Annual Meeting:

Secretary	2-year term, 2017 – 19	Annie Lessem
Action Director	2-year term, 2017 – 19	Mary Ann Wilner
Fund Development Dir	2-year term, 2017 – 19	Louisa Young
Voter Service Director	2-year term, 2017 – 19	Susan Saunders

In Memoriam...



Dr. William (Bill) T. Hall died on March 3, 2018 in Wheatridge, CO. Bill had been a member of the LWV since 1982, 35 years. Bill lived in Broomfield, CO and was a 3-year member of LWVBC. Bill served as President, Vice-President and/or Treasurer of the Peoria, IL League. Upon moving to Colorado Bill was soon recruited to be the Secretary of LWVBC. In Bill's brief tenure with LWVBC he offered several innovative ideas! Bill had to resign from his board position due to illness. Bill is survived by his wife Carla (also a former League member), a son and daughter, his sister and four grandchildren.



LWVBC has also learned of the death of Gwen Ball. Gwen joined the Boulder League in 1956. During her membership, she had served on the board of directors in various positions, including secretary, treasurer, voter service, and unit coordinator. The memorial service for Gwen will be on April 21, 4:00 p.m. Boulder Library, Boulder Creek Room.



Erie candidate forum volunteers



Social Policy Team Leader power!

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