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LEAGUE DAY 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 REGISTRATION AT 8:30 a.m., CONFERENCE 8:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select Denver-Cherry Creek, Colorado Room, 455 South Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80246

Fall 2014 elections will be front and center at this year's League Day. The morning program will feature a League sponsored candidates forum for the position of Colorado Secretary of State. Following the forum Gerry Cummins, LWVCO Voter Service VP, will address the Colorado Ballot Issues. In the afternoon, Barbara Mattison, President Elect of LWVCO, will give a presentation entitled, "Behavorial Health Task Force – Where From Here?"

Other presentations in the works include:

- Informing us on methods for amending the US Constitution in preparation for the LWVUS new study and review on campaign finance
- Understanding the new LWVUS position on human trafficking
- Sharing innovative activities being conducted by several local Leagues

The 2014 registration fee remains the same as last year at \$32.00 including lunch and all materials.

All participants must complete a registration form and submit it to LWVCO before the deadline of Friday, 09/12/2014. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$109 w/o taxes. Please see hotel room article for details.

The Holiday Inn Select is located on the west side of S. Colorado Blvd, just north of the intersection with Cherry Creek Drive North. There are two parking garages accessed from the front of the hotel. The larger lot is below the hotel, accessed by a ramp on the left side of the hotel entrance; the ramp to the smaller upper lot is on the right side.

COLORADO LEAGUE DAY REGISTRATION FORM **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** NAME (Print as you wish your nametag to read) LOCAL LEAGUE **PAYMENT** Registration Fee of \$32.00 includes lunch. Payment options: Check (payable to LWVCO) PayPal (accepts all major credit cards) / Go to www.lwvcolorado.org Expiration Date _____ Credit Card (Visa or MC) # Salmon Veggie LUNCH Choice: (circle one) Chicken o Orange Chicken Salad – Romaine & spring lettuce mix, oranges & cashews, topped with grilled chicken breast, balsamic vinaigrette Roast Salmon Salad (gluten free) - Salmon filet on a bed of field greens, julienne carrots, zucchini, squash with champagne pesto vinaigrette Roasted Vegetable Sandwich (vegetarian) – Roasted peppers, tomato and squash on focaccia with cream cheese

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From the President

I hope you are all enjoying a "slower" summer schedule and that you are going to be ready for the fall League season with fresh energy.

My trip to the LWVUS Convention in Dallas in June was a great adventure. Sixteen League members from Colorado, including Toni Larson who is on the LWVUS Board, attended the densely packed days and came away with a new understanding of the League's process in making decisions. Nancy Crow has written an article in this issue with the results of our decisions, so I won't go into detail. We have some big challenges ahead as a state League in carrying out the programs that were adopted, and you will be kept informed as they move forward.



LWVCO President Bobbie Heisterkamp holds up the LWVCO delegation's sign.

Personally, I was involved in Dierdre MacNab's campaign from the floor to become president, and I came away with some interesting ideas. Florida's League has flourished under Dierdre's leadership and we can all learn a bit from that. The LWVFL Education Fund sponsors a trip to Cuba several times a year called Sisters Across the Straits. I plan to go in October to experience this opportunity. We will meet with several women's groups working to make Cuba better, and we will share what the League does in the United States. To go on the trip you are asked to join the LWV and to give a donation to the LWVFL Education Fund. Membership and fund raising both benefit.

This idea might be transplanted to Colorado and we discussed it at the board retreat on July 28. We brainstormed about what Colorado has to offer as far as an educational trip and came up with some potential ideas: water and how it impacts the state, following the path of the Colorado River, weather and several federal agencies located here (NCAR, National Weather Service and the Ice and Rock Core labs at the Federal Center) and energy (National Renewable Energy Lab). This is just a seed for thought, but isn't that what retreats are for: to incubate ideas for the future?

The board retreat was also full of ideas for the future of how we will implement the Behavioral Health Committee's report released at Council. There is a plan to use this valuable information to change LWVCO's position on health care to include behavioral health via study and consensus. It will be presented at Convention 2015, so stay tuned.

Back to summer and reenergizing....

Bobbie Heisterkamp, LWVCO President

League of Women Voters US 51st National Convention

By Nancy Crow, LWVCO 1st VP Program

Bobbie Heisterkamp, Shirley Jin, and Nancy Crow represented the LWV Colorado as voting delegates at the National Convention in Dallas, June 6-10. A major emphasis of discussion was the League's 2014 Power the Vote initiative for elections work this year and the League's commitment to continue the fight for voting rights and campaign finance reform.

A nomination from the floor for the office of President of the LWVUS presented the opportunity for a campaign for this office complete with a Meet the Candidates Forum. Incumbent Elisabeth MacNamara was elected to a third term, defeating her challenger, Deirdre Macnab, who currently serves as the President of the LWV Florida.

The following program was adopted for the next two years:

ADOPTED CONCURRENCE

Concurrence with the LWV New Jersey Human Trafficking position. "The LWV opposes all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. We consider human trafficking to be a form of modern day slavery and believe that every measure should be taken and every effort should be made through legislation and changes in public policy to prevent human trafficking. Prosecution and penalization of traffickers and abusers should be established, and existing laws should be strictly enforced. Extensive essential services for victims should be applied where needed. Education and awareness programs on human trafficking should be established in our communities and in our schools."

ADOPTED STUDY AND REVIEW

Adopted a comprehensive three-part program combining study and review of key, specific structures of American democracy, consisting of: a study of the process of amending the U.S. Constitution; a review and update of the League position on campaign finance in light of forty years of change; and a review of the redistricting process for the U.S. Congress.

CURRENT LWVUS POSTIONS

Voted to retain all current LWVUS Positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

- 1. The LWVUS should support a price on carbon emissions that will increase in stages, as part of an overall program to improve energy efficiency and to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy, fast enough to avoid serious damage to the climate system.
- 2. Be it resolved we, the representatives of local and state Leagues assembled at the 2014 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to quickly appoint the committees to review our campaign finance position and to study the process of amending the Constitution, in order to arrive at a comprehensive national action program that will support the aspirations and content of our position and mobilize our members. We call upon those committees, as well as the newly formed committee on redistricting, to move quickly, deliberately and collaboratively to produce results that will allow the League, unified and strong, to participate fully in local, state and national efforts to reclaim our democracy.
- 3. Be it resolved, we, the delegates to the 2014 Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to: strongly advocate for passage of legislation that restores voting rights in federal elections to citizens with felony convictions who have been released from prison or who have been paroled or placed on probation; use the resources of LWVUS to provide support to Leagues who are working to repeal state felon disenfranchisement laws.

2014-2014 LWVUS PER MEMBER PAYMENT

- 1. Adopted a PMP rate of \$31 for the FY 2014-2015
- 2. Adopted a PMP rate of \$32 for the FY 2015-2016

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LWVUS Convention cont'd

ELECTION OF LWVUS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1. The Officers are: Elisabeth MacNamara, president, Toni Larson, vice president, Karen Nicholson, secretary, Patricia Donath, treasurer
- 2. The Directors are: Peggy Appler, Chris Carson, Connie Feguson, Rosalee Keech, Anita Loch, Anne Schink, Linda Wassenich, and Barbara Zia
- 3. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Mary Fox, chair, Alice Giles, and Lee Luebbe

FY 2014-2016 LWVUS BUDGET WAS ADOPTED

2014-2016 LWVUS BYLAWS WERE ADOPTED

Convention speakers included <u>Houston Mayor Annise Parker</u>, <u>NPR's Wade Goodwyn</u>, <u>Steven Murdock</u> of Rice University, <u>Governing Magazine's Peter Harkness</u>, Former U.S. Election Assistance Commissioner <u>Ray Martinez</u>, <u>Ann McGeehan</u>, the former Director of the Texas Elections Division, Dallas County Sheriff <u>Lupe Valdez</u>, <u>Peter Levine of CIRCLE</u> and Patrick Bresette of Public Works.



Colorado Delegation to LWVUS Convention 2014 Front row left to right: Christina Manthey, Nancy Sipkin, Shirley Jin, Bobbie Heisterkamp, Toni Larson, Marge Fisch, and Linda Mahan

Back row left to right: Sandy Brooks, Pat Mesec, Nancy Crow, Sarah Pitts, Ruth Stemler, John Valdez, Frieda Holley, Ceal Ruffing, and Catherine Decker

MONEY IN POLITICS

By Shirley Jin, LWV/Boulder County Campaign Finance Committee Chair

Money in politics is now so vast a corrupting influence that it is causing the decline of our democracy. Decisions are often made in favor of wealthy special interests and for corporate interests rather than the people. In June, LWVUS convention delegates chose campaign finance reform as a priority for advocacy. With local Leagues cooperating for action throughout the country, the League is uniquely suited to the task of educating people about the need for reform.

The LWV of Boulder County Campaign Finance Reform committee is proposing that each Colorado local League form its own committee, and that a member of each committee participate in a statewide conference call to discuss plans, tactics and activities. Our website, <a href="https://www.ncg.ncbi.nlm.ncb

The LWVUS task force on campaign finance reform is creating a tool kit for local Leagues. In the meantime, several resources are linked at http://lwvbc.org/pfccomm.html (scroll down to "LWV Toolkit").

Please notify Shirley Jin at shirleyjin1430@gmail.com when your committee is formed and provide the name and email address of the contact person.

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Throughout its 85-year history, the League of Women Voters of Colorado has played a vital role in lobbying for government and social reform legislation. In 2013 several bills passed that fall under League positions. Two of these are The Dream Act, offering in-state tuition to undocumented students who have attended a Colorado high school for three years and graduated in good standing, and The Civil Union Act, a law that provides thousands of committed couples in Colorado with critical legal protections. LWVCO donations support the Legislative Action Committee, our advocacy corps at the Colorado legislature; our staff lobbyist Christine

Watson; and The Legislative Letter, published every two weeks during the legislative session.

Thank you!

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Elizabeth Black Joanna McLean Donna Willis Your generous support makes it possible for the LWVCO Education Fund to continue to print and distribute Your Voice, Your Vote so Colorado voters can actively participate in our democracy; to partner with LWVUS to make VOTE411.org a leading source of nonpartisan information about candidates and issues in the state; and to produce the popular Ballot Issue pamphlets which appear in print in English and Spanish and on the LWVCO website in an audio version. Each June, the Education Fund also hosts the annual Leadership Retreat, a national model for bringing

local League leaders together to share ideas and

Robert Rennick

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take new skills back to their Leagues.

Thank you!

Mary Zinn

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STATE AND LOCAL LEAGUE CONNECTIONS

Recommendations for Local Leagues from the Behavioral Health Task Force

By Barbara Mattison, Chair, LWVCO Behavioral Health Task Force, and LWVCO President-elect

The Behavioral Health Task Force Report, accepted by the LWVCO Board and presented at Council in Grand Junction, CO, in May 2014, contains the following education and advocacy recommendations for local leagues:

- Put the Behavioral Health Task Force 2014 Report on each local League website and/or provide a link to the report on the LWVCO website: http://www.lwvcolorado.org/behavioral-health.html.
- Collaborate with other organizations to create a list of local Behavioral Health Resources. Put the list on local League and other websites. Develop and circulate printed copies.
- Name a liaison to the LWVCO Behavioral Health Task Force (eleven local leagues have Task Force representatives).
- Use the report as the basis for 1) briefings to local league membership; 2) presentations to the public; and 3) development of, or participation in, local or regional behavioral health coalitions or action groups (e.g. Community Conversations on Mental Health, presentation of Mental Health First Aid course, etc.).
- Engage with local community behavioral health centers to understand: a) whether affordable programs and treatment are available, and b) what programs are still needed.

Working on behavioral health issues at the local level is critical; this is where services are delivered, community attitudes are developed, and where League leadership and education can make a positive difference for citizens. Nine local Colorado leagues have begun, or are planning, local action on the above recommendations. Some of these local League actions include: placing the behavioral health report on the local league's website and publicizing this to the community; scheduling behavioral health briefings and public meetings; participating in a local Conversation on Mental Health; participating on a county public health committee working to provide behavioral health services for low income citizens; and cooperating with a local behavioral health center to publicize the center's satellite locations.

The Task Force Report also contains broader behavioral health Policy and Practice recommendations. Current action includes publicizing these recommendations statewide through distribution of the Task Force report to media and to state officials and legislators. Go to the link above and to pages 29-30 of the report to see all Task Force recommendations.

MLD brings Shur Fellows to training in September

By Margie Beal, State MLD Coordinator

Training for Membership Leadership Development (MLD) coaches will be held September 19, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Select Denver-Cherry Creek. This logistics coincide nicely with League Day, held at the hotel the following day. We are pleased that Lottie Fox and Therese Hansen, CO Shur Fellows (national coaches) will be able to join us for the day. The morning session will be devoted to coaches, both old and new, to provide them with additional tools to use with their local Leagues. After a lunch buffet, the afternoon will be spent with anyone who is interested in finding out more about the program, is a local League contact, or just curious. We are fortunate to have the support of the LWVCO Board and are able to have this program free of charge for all who would like to attend.

A registration form has been sent out to all of the local Leagues and coaches. If you did not receive one, contact Julie Leonard in the LWVCO office. Deadline for registration is September 1. We need to have a solid number so that we can feed everyone and have a chair to sit on. See page nine of the Voter for overnight information. If you have questions, contact Julie at the state office or Margie Beal 303-748-1637, or i mbeal@msn.com. See you there!



Reminder!

Get the LWVCO Voter in your inbox and not your mailbox to receive your League news faster and save LWVCO money.

Contact Julie Leonard, info@LWVCO.org, to receive your Voter electronically.

VOTE411 Update

By Karen Connor, State VOTE411 Coordinator

First of all - Thank you local League contacts for all you are doing to make this a great site for voters!

Local Leagues have been entering their local data; all of the data for statewide candidates has been entered; and all statewide candidates have received an invitation to participate as long as their e-mail addresses are correct. Locating e-mail addresses for U.S. Congressional candidates is not easy since their e-mails are not on the Federal Election Commission website. As a result, I may be asking our local Leagues to contact these candidates if they are in the district(s) of the local League. We will be going live with U.S. candidates and statewide candidates September 1. Local Leagues will be responsible for going live with their local candidates. I will let local Leagues know as soon as the state level has gone live so Leagues can follow up with local candidates. Local Leagues should contact Karen Connor at 970-275-1314 or kconnor1941@gmail.com with any questions or clarifications they need.

Ballot Issues 2014

By Gerry Cummins, 4th VP Voter Service

At this writing, there are two initiatives that have qualified for the ballot.

- Amendment 67, <u>Definition of a Person and Child</u>, would include the words "person" and "child" in the Colorado Criminal Code and wrongful death statutes to include unborn human beings. *(constitutional)*
- Amendment 68, <u>Horse Racetrack Casino Gambling</u>, would permit casino gambling at horse racetracks in Arapahoe, Mesa and Pueblo Counties and distribute revenue from the new casino gambling tax to K-12 education. *(constitutional)*

Two other groups have submitted signatures for issues that have yet to be validated. They are:

- <u>Labeling of Genetically Modified Food</u> which would require foods be labeled that are genetically modified or produced by genetic engineering. *(statutory)*
- <u>School Board Meeting Requirements</u> requires that local school boards or representatives negotiate collective bargaining agreements in open meetings. *(statutory)*

Four topics relating to oil and gas issues submitted signatures. All four have been withdrawn following an agreement between Governor Hickenlooper and Congressman Polis. A task force of 18 stakeholders will be appointed to propose legislative recommendations for consideration in the next General Assembly.

Leader of Democracy

By Cinnie Auer, LWVCO Director, Development

Carlotta Walls LaNier, the youngest member of the "Little Rock Nine" was recognized at an evening reception in June as LWVCO's first recipient of the Leader of Democracy award. On September 25, 1957, Carlotta and eight other black students led the way to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, challenging prevailing attitudes and breaking down barriers for future generations of black students in America. Her compelling story about getting through the doors of Central High involved angry mobs, racist elected officials, and intervention by President Eisenhower and the Army's 101st Airborne division to escort the students into the school. Entry into the building was

the first of many trials that Carlotta endured. Guests at the event were held in rapt attention as Carlotta recounted her engrossing story of how she and other Little Rock Nine members became an important part of American history through their actions.

Special thanks go to our patron sponsors, to those who donated inkind assistance, and to Patty Cordova for sponsoring the event at The Pinnacle condominiums. Thank you to all who attended.

Right: Carlotta Walls LaNier and the Little Rock Nine arrive at Central High School, 1957.



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Staying Overnight for League Day?

Double bed hotel rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Select Denver-Cherry Creek at the rate of \$109.00 per night not including the 14.75% tax. Up to 4 persons may share one room. To make your reservations, please visit http://tinyurl.com/LeagueDayHotel or call Alex Stevens at 303-388-5561, ext 7105. The special rate code is LWV.

Please be aware of the cancellation policy: If you cancel before 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 19 no charge will occur. Failing to show or call prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday will result in one night room charge to your credit card.

Any questions or concerns regarding your room reservation, please contact Cath Perrone at <u>pcperrone@yahoo.com</u> or Alex Stevens at the hotel direct at 303-388-5561, ext 7105.

LOCAL LEAGUE ACTION

LWV Estes Park on Parade

By Diane Burkepile, LWV Estes Park

Having floats in the Rodeo Parade in early July is a fun event for LWV of Estes Park. This year we had a float with people representing various ages, from the Suffragettes to those not yet able to vote. That was followed by a LWVEP & Community Recycling Committee float which always gets a laugh from the crowd as we pass. Jean Weaver, who we call Mrs. Recycling, and a friend were in the manure spreader with a sign that says "The Original Recycling Machine." At four different places along the parade route, loudspeakers announced us as the League of Women Voters of Estes Park; this was followed by words about our mission and an announcement that men are welcome to belong. This helps explain why three men are on tractors, pulling the floats.

Bobbie Heisterkamp, State President, and local President Jean McGuire carried the banner in front of the floats.

Right, left to right: LWVCO President
Bobbie Heisterkamp, past President
LWV of Estes Park Diane
Burkepile, "future voters"
(grandchildren of Sue Magnuson,
immediate past president of
LWVEP, not pictured), and Jean
McGuire, President of LWVEP.

Far right: First Recycle Machine (manure spreader) Randy Maharry, LWVEP member and owner of manure spreader, Jean Weaver aka "Mrs. Recycling," LWVEP President Jean McGuire

Local Leagues Receive Project Fund and EZ Grants

By Liz Nick, Committee Chairperson

The LWV of Colorado is pleased to announce grants awarded to nine local Leagues. Three of the Leagues received Project Fund Grants, and six Leagues received the EZ grants.

Project Fund Grants:

- LWV of Arapahoe County, \$1500, for their Voter Education/Voter Advocacy Project, to cover costs of meeting venues in both Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for forums, ballot issues presentations, publicity and materials.
- LWV of Denver, \$1500, for their special project in voter education and fundraising, to help defray some of the costs of a Good Government Friendraiser to be held at the Governor's Mansion, December 2014.
- LWV of Greeley-Weld, \$1000, for their membership project to train members in technology and to create League materials.

EZ Grants:

Four Leagues, Boulder County, Gunnison Area, Larimer County, Mesa County, were each awarded \$500 for Vote411 advertisements this election cycle. LWV of Montezuma County received a grant of \$300 to purchase Great Decisions Materials for the towns of Dolores and Mancos. LWV of Montrose-Delta County received a grant of \$275 for a fall 2014 contest involving three local high schools.

We congratulate all League members who provided the information required in the applications. We look forward to their written reports next April, detailing the outcome of their projects.





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Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, promotes informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Join the League

Any person of voting age may join the League of Women Voters (LWV).

For information or to find the local League nearest you, contact the LWV of Colorado.

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Calendar

2014

August 26 Women's Equality Day

September 1 Labor Day

(office closed)

September 15 Board meeting,

LWVCO office

September 19 MLD Training

September 20 League Day

October 18 *Voter* Deadline

November 4 Election Day

Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving

Holiday (office closed)

December 5 Lobbyist Workshop