



President's Letter - February 2020



Congratulations to all of you who have worked to increase membership this year. Membership in LWVCO is up 9% from last year to 1,829 members. We have 48 student members across the state in 11 local Leagues. Well done and keep recruiting!

It was very nice seeing many of you at Legislative Day. Our attendance was good – more than 100 local League leaders. Andrea Wilkins, Toni Larson, Beth Hendrix and Cameron

Manning planned a day of learning and networking and a fun 100th birthday celebration. Proclamations were read in the House, Senate and the Governor's office. Governor Polis attended our conference to congratulate us on our work and cut the birthday cake. Our [YouTube site](#) will include video recordings of the sessions if you were unable to attend. Thank you to those who made the trip.

Please check out our [Colorado #ShelsMe campaign on our website](#). This is a social media campaign initiated by LWVUS. Eight diverse Colorado League leaders from around the state have already been profiled. Hannah Rain Crowe, Boulder County League member, is leading this project. Plans are to expand #ShelsMe. [Contact the office](#) to get involved.

Our work is certainly cut out for us in 2020! Educating and empowering voters will be a top priority with Voter Services. Other priorities include the census, observing and participating in the implementation of Amendments Y and Z (redistricting), National Popular Vote passage by the voters, TABOR reform with Vision 2020 and much more. Toolkits for use by local Leagues have been placed in the Document Library under the Members tab on the [LWVCO website](#). If you have questions about the toolkits, contact [Jean McGuire](#). If you're have trouble logging in, contact [Cameron Manning](#).

LWVUS has made People Powered Fair Maps (PPFM), redistricting, a national focus for our organization in all 50 states. In Colorado we are ahead of the game because of the passage of Amendment Y and Z in 2018 and observing and participating in the implementation in 2021 will be a priority. If you have questions about PPFM, contact [Toni Larson](#).

Very exciting LWV 100th Anniversary and 19th Amendment celebrations are going on around the state of Colorado. These events are bringing new members and collaboration

opportunities to enhance our future. LWVCO board members have been honored to attend. Thanks for asking us! The Colorado celebrations have been many, varied and innovative. Highlights include a fundraiser to commission a mural depicting the 19th Amendment, an original play about the suffragists written by a professor at Colorado Western University, a film and discussion on the unfinished efforts to achieve women's equality, a celebration with a local history museum, a discussion on ground level ozone in the Grand Valley, a successful membership drive, presentations by local historians and even a visit from Eleanor Roosevelt where she will give her perspective on women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment.

Club Express implementation continues with LWV Colorado leading the way nationally. Six Colorado local Leagues and our state office are live: Boulder County, Denver, Greeley/Weld, La Plata County, Larimer County and the Pikes Peak Region. Six additional local Leagues have a test website and are working on going live: Arapahoe/Douglas Counties, Chaffee County, Estes Park, Gunnison Valley, Montrose/Delta County, and Mesa County. Thanks for all your work!! LWVUS has recognized our decades-long administrative burden and signed a national contract with Club Express. More details are to be available soon from LWVUS. Please contact [Rionda Osman](#) for technical assistance and more information.

Spring is in sight! Don't forget to recharge your batteries!

Thanks for all you do,

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