



Annual Report 2018–19





A new citizen registers to vote with the help of League volunteers following his naturalization ceremony



Rep. Jonathan Singer and LWVCO Legislative Liaison Andrea Wilkins host members of Niwot High School's LWV Club, along with LWV Boulder County members Susan Saunders and Peggy Leech

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END-OF-YEAR REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the League looks towards its centennial anniversary in 2020, 2018-19 marked the beginning of LWVCO's strategic transformation to strengthen our visibility, showcase our impacts, and plan for our second century as a statewide force with which to be reckoned. We're taking an honest look at our history to ensure we're learning from our past challenges, replicating our many successes, and strengthening partnerships to spread the League's message of democracy for all.

Four Main Areas of Emphasis: 2017-2019

BOARD GOALS: MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Goal I – Voter Service/Voting Rights

- Educate, register, and encourage a pledge to vote with high school and college students, young people, and underserved communities.
- Educate, register, and encourage a pledge to vote with those re-entering from institutions such as the penal system and/or the behavioral health system.
- Conduct voter registration with a pledge to vote at naturalization ceremonies.
- Work with coalition partners to pass a bill for universal voter registration whenever a citizen interfaces with a government agency.
- Monitor voting patterns in Colorado to detect any forms of voter suppression.

Goal II – Improving Elections (Election Reform)

- Continue to advocate for redistricting and the implementation of Amendment Y and Z.
- Work with coalition partners to educate and advocate for a transparent, easy, fully funded, and accessible 2020 census that accurately reflects the diversity of our communities.
- Educate and advocate for Colorado to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.
- Educate and advocate for improved voting methods
- Continue to educate and advocate to eliminate the influence of money in politics.

Goal III – Ensure LWVCO actively responds to the important and urgent issues in the 2019 General Assembly as appropriate to League positions and LAC leadership. Those issues may include TABOR and Gallagher revisions, immigration, health care, gun safety, the environment, school finance, and transportation.

Goal IV – Continued implementation of the 2018 LWVCO Strategic Plan:

- Communication (external and internal)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Fund Development
- Action & Advocacy
- Local League Support
- Membership
- Partnerships/Collaborations
- Technology





Redistricting and Census

The League of Women Voters of Colorado worked in coalition with many other stakeholders to develop legislation and to lobby for the measures to be placed on the ballot in 2018. The League sponsored several voter education forums statewide, it sponsored three “telephone town halls” in three sections of the state, and it provided Spanish translation campaign materials.

For over a year and a half, LWVCO worked in partnership with a broad coalition of groups from across the political spectrum to develop legislation and ballot initiatives that vest authority over redistricting the state’s congressional and legislative districts in an independent commission that includes balanced representation by Democrats, Republicans, and unaffiliated voters. As part of this effort, LWVCO engaged in ongoing and extensive outreach and coalition-building efforts, developed communications strategies, shared information, and secured support.

We joined with our stakeholder partners and affiliated groups to leverage expertise and resources to promote out voter education forums, telephone town halls, and raise awareness of the importance of redistricting reform in Colorado. We advertised the education forums in each of the targeted communities through print advertising and calls to voter in these areas via recorded voice messages. Local press was invited to attend the forums to generate additional coverage of the issue and events.

All events included LWVCO membership information and outreach to potential members. Information on LWVCO voter education efforts and online voter guides, available via VOTE411.org, was promoted so people can rely on LWVCO as the voting and elections information resource now and in the future.

This is an ongoing project starting with forums on the census and moving to following the implementation of the redistricting process.

Strategic Planning

While the undercurrent for transformation has been going on for a few years, the process in Colorado took on a dramatic turning point a year ago when the state League embarked on a strategic planning process. We have made astounding progress in many areas in a short period of time. We have moved beyond identifying priority areas to various stages of implementation including hiring an executive director, developing a communications plan, increasing fundraising efforts, and identifying more strategic partnerships.

- **Executive Director/Governance:** the state League now has an executive director, Beth Hendrix, a first for the Colorado League. She is playing a significant role in fulfilling aspects of the strategic plan. This task force evolved into the governance task force recently and will develop a structure more in tune with the other changes occurring in the organization.
- **Communications:** a consultant is preparing a communications map for us that will improve how we “talk” to each other and external constituents and how we share information.
- **Fundraising:** our fundraising is expanding. We are contacting corporations, foundations, individuals outside the League, among others. In addition, we have received three significant bequests recently and two major grants from the national League totaling \$50,000. The grants focus on redistricting, census, and Making Democracy Work.



Legislators wear white on Feb. 14, 2019 to celebrate the 99th anniversary of the founding of the League and women earning the right to vote



Gov. Jared Polis poses with League members at the 2019 Convention

- **Partnerships:** a major part of our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion priority is expanding our partnerships. We are targeting partnerships more concertedly to help fulfill our goals of attracting more young people, people from various backgrounds and abilities, as well as to work with us to fulfill our advocacy and voter service agendas.



- One area needing additional discussion and development is local League support. While much progress has been made in this area, such as agreement on establishing a resource center, holding workshops both at local Leagues and centralized, and state board contacts, we are still working on the best way to individualize discussions and identify the needs of local Leagues.

For those of you concerned about voter service and action on issues, as I am, these two areas are being brought more formally into the strategic planning process. To date, the emphasis has been on reinforcing the League's foundation by addressing the areas above.

Now that we are successfully accomplishing our goals in these areas, we can move on to focus more on voter service and action, both core activities of the League.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

"LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization" (LWVUS). At both the national and state levels, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion are being embed-

ded in everything we do. In the world of legislation, in which the League spends a good deal of time, people need to be treated equitably. This is one of the filters through which we look at proposals and one way to include equity in our organization. Inclusion ensures there is diversity and all are treated equitably. Inclusion relies on the full participation of all. Inclusion means that the attributes of an organization are welcoming and accepting and conducive to really accepting all. The state League is exploring ways to work in partnership

with local Leagues on the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion aspects of our organization. It is an extremely important part of identifying the League as a 21st Century organization.

These areas kept the state board very busy during 2017-2019 while still ensuring the operations of the organization moved along smoothly.

Toni E. Larson

Dr. Toni Larson
President, LWVCO



LWV Boulder County member Celeste Landry attends the signing of HB19-1278—Modifications to Uniform Election Code

LWVCO IMPACTS

July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

Legislative

- Passage of Amendments Y & Z, creating independent redistricting commissions (Nov. 2018)
- Support of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (2019)
- Support of Professional Behavioral Health Services for Schools (2019)
- Support of Juvenile Justice Reform (2019)
- Support of Automatic Voter Registration (2019)
- Support of Restoration of Voting Rights for Parolees (2019)
- Support of Voting Rights for Voters with Disabilities (2019)
- Support of the Clean Campaign Act of 2019
- Support of Campaign Finance Enforcement (2019)

Programmatic

Voter Registration

- 46 voter registration drives
- 1098 new citizens were registered to vote at naturalization ceremonies

Voter Education

- 56,175 Ballot Issues pamphlets were distributed containing nonpartisan ballot information
- 95,000 people used VOTE411.org to access nonpartisan voter education
- Approximately 6% of Colorado's voters used LWVCO educational materials during the 2018 election

SUPPORT OF LOCAL LEAGUES

Grants to local Leagues

LWVCO supported our local Leagues throughout Colorado with \$14,611 in funding, a substantial increase over previous years. Many of these grants supported the implementation of Club Express, an association management software that combines membership management, event registration, and website functionalities in one software, allowing volunteers to more easily manage the operations of local Leagues.

- LWV Arapahoe-Douglas received two grants totaling \$1,748 for voter education and Club Express implementation
- LWV Chaffee County received three grants totaling \$3,048
 - Drinks & Dialogue support and replication
 - Voter education project
 - Club Express implementation
- LWV Denver received two grants totaling \$1,375 to support marketing and social media efforts
- LWV Estes Park received \$1,248 for Club Express implementation
- LWV Greeley-Weld received two grants totaling \$1,548 for voter education and Club Express implementation
- LWV Gunnison Valley received \$1,248 for Club Express implementation
- LWV Jefferson County received \$300 for voter education



Ruth Nerenberg of LWV Pueblo testifies on S.B. 01 with Senate President Leroy Garcia

- LWV La Plata County received \$1,248 for Club Express implementation
- LWV Larimer received \$300 for a voter education project
- LWV Mesa received \$500 for voter education events
- LWV Montezuma received \$300 for voter education
- LWV Montrose received \$1,248 for Club Express implementation
- LWV Pueblo received \$500 for voter education events

Colorado's Local Leagues

Adams County
Arapahoe-Douglas
Counties
Boulder County
Chaffee County
Denver
Estes Park
Greeley-Weld
Gunnison Valley
Jefferson County
La Plata County
Larimer County
Mesa County
Montezuma County
Montrose County
Pikes Peak Region
Pueblo
Routt County
San Luis Valley
Sterling Area

Counties Served

Adams
Alamosa
Arapahoe
Boulder
Chaffee
Delta
Denver
El Paso
Gunnison
Jefferson
Huerfano
La Plata
Larimer
Mesa
Montezuma
Montrose
Pueblo
Rio Grande
Routt
Teller

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019

Statement of Activities

REVENUE

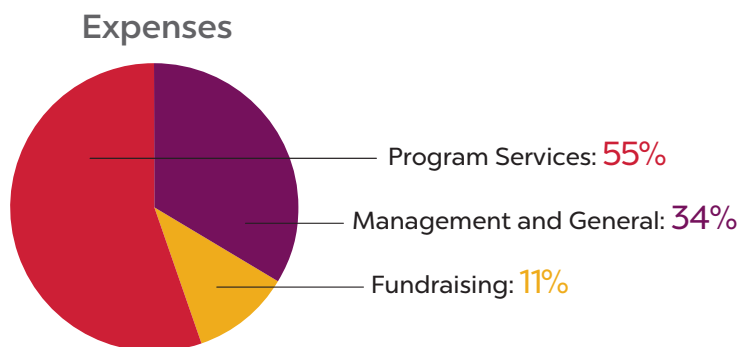
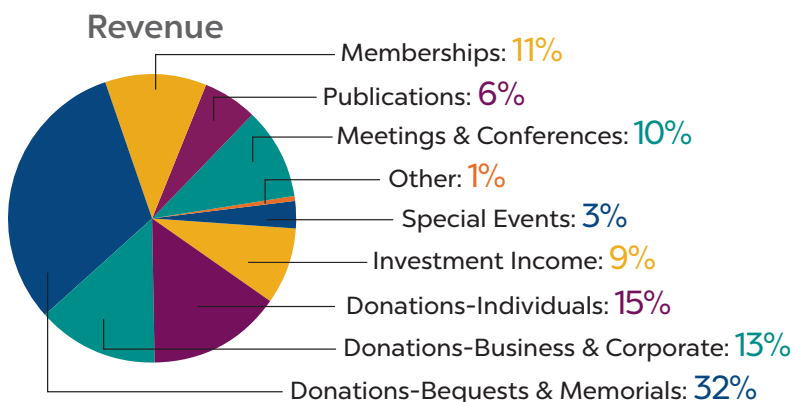
Donations-Individuals	\$36,648
Donations-Business & Corporate	32,263
Donations-Bequests & Memorials	75,786
Memberships	27,280
Publications	14,537
Meetings & Conferences	24,651
Other	1,740
Special Events	6,868
Investment Income	20,530
Total Revenue	\$240,303

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$134,826
Management and General	82,158
Fundraising	26,403
Total Expenses	\$243,387

Change in Net Assets.....(\$3,084)

Net Assets, End of Year.....\$730,852



DONORS

As a grassroots nonprofit, the League of Women Voters of Colorado is grateful to our many donors who make our work of empowering voters and defending democracy possible. The people, foundations, and corporations listed below gave their hard-earned funds to LWVCO knowing that each cent will be spent efficiently, effectively and according to our mission. We're honored by each donation and work hard to leverage every dollar entrusted to us for maximum impact.

\$5000 & UP

Ann Levy Charitable
Remainder Trust
Mary Crouch Lilly Estate
Phyllis Horney Estate
Rudy and Alice Ramsey
Foundation

\$2000-\$4999

Bobbie Heisterkamp
JEWISHColorado

\$500-\$1999

Celeste Archer
Frank Bennett
Marilyn Brown
Bernie & Mary Beth Buescher
Community First Foundation
Community Foundation
Serving Boulder Co.
Gerry Cummins
Estate of Robert K Munns
Denver Foundation
Robert Hickler
Ireland Stapleton
Pryor & Pascoe
Wendy Larson

Hogan Lovells
Roger & Barbara Mattison'
Sarah Pitts
S & D Law
Byeongsook Seo
Kay Shaw
Square State Strategy Group
Ruth Stemler
United Way of Larimer County
Kathleen Winder

\$250-\$499

Judith Beerbaum
J Fern Black
Eileen Bond
Denise Bretting
Magdalena Brown
Marlu Burkamp
Mary Butz
Amy Christiansen
Keith Connaghan
Patricia Cordova
Sandra Cummingham
LouAnne Dale
Billie Day
Jo Feder



Incoming President Ruth Stemler and Executive Director Beth Hendrix pose with Gov. Jared Polis at the LWVCO 2019 Convention

Fidelity Charitable
Jean Fredlund
Joan Friend
Jean Grattet
Vicki Harimon
Jeannette Hillery
Input-EZ
Margaret Leech
Mary Lohre
Jean McGuire
Brenda Mensink
Carol Milligan
Andrea Mitchell
Julie Ott
Martha Fay Plummer

Alice Ramsey
Janine Reid
Marcia Rodney
Susan Saunders
Patricia Schoedler
Jeanette Scotland
Stacy Scott
Mary Shafer
Susan Stark
Ann Sutton
The Benevity Community
Impact Fund
Nancy Ulrich
Rosamond Warren
Christine Watson
Rhoda Weinstein
Lynn Young



LWV Jefferson County registers voters and has fun doing it!

\$100–\$249

Anonymous
Valerie Abramovich
Arc Thrift Stores
Debra Armbruster
Karmen Artmann
David Ashmore
Cynthia Auer
Marilyn Ayers
Nancy Baker
Derrith Barling
Marilyn Barrett
Lynn Bartels
Sally Bellerue
Bemis Public Library
Dianne Berk
Marcia Bilbao
Bonita Bowman
Kathleen Brennan
Kathleen Brown
Katherine Cameron
Wendy Carlson
Jane Cates
Bonnie Clarke
Nancy Clegern
Coal Ridge Animal Hospital
Steven Coddington
Richard Collins
Karen Connor
Barbara Cristol
Sandra Cunningham
Lisa Decker
Vivian Dodds



LWVCO's 2019 Leader of Democracy Awards honored Celeste Archer, founder/director of National History Day Colorado; the Amendments Y&Z Coalition, the 300-member coalition that drafted and promoted Amendments Y&Z in 2018, represented by CU Regent Heidi Ganahl; and former Secretary of State Wayne Williams, pictured with his wife Holly Williams, El Paso County Commissioner.

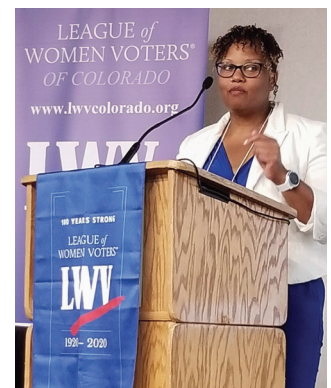
Douglas County Libraries
Kathleen Doyle
Denise Duffy
Mary Anna Dunn
Rosanne Elkins
Lynne Ellison
Jodi Foran
Pamela Forcey
Constance Fox
Bonnie Funk

Deborah Gard
Garfield County Clerk
Ann Garstang
Barbara Grant
Marjorie Gray
Louise Haggerty
Elsie Haley
Barbara Hancock
Mary Harlow
Leanne Harper
Ellen Harriman
Diana Haskell
Wanda Hawman
Deborah Hayes
Luanne Hazelrigg
Norma Heinz
Suzanne Helburn
Carolyn Hess
Carol Hildebrand
Chyrl Hofsetz
Loretta Hogg
Jessica Hoke
Carol Newman Holitza
Patricia Horoschak
Pamela Hovik
Evie Hudak
Nancy Jackson
Elizabeth Janney
Marcia Johnson

Virginia Johnson
Steve Kaeuper
Phyllis Kerns
Ann Klaiman
Merlin Klotz
Sonia Koetting
Celeste Landry
Carol Lassen
June LeCrone
Lois Linsky



Former Colorado First Lady Dottie Lamm and LWVCO Board Director of Development Barb Mattison at the 2019 Leader of Democracy Awards Celebration



LWV Boulder County member Shiquita Yarborough addresses the LWVCO 2019 Convention

Jeanne Lipman
Mary Lonergan
Michelle Lyng
Judith Macomber
Linda Mahan

Penelope Maller
 Christina Manthey
 Bennet Manvel
 Sue Ellen Markey
 Cheryl Martin
 Joan McConkey
 Barbara McCornack
 John McKune
 Victoria McLane
 Patricia Mesec
 Julie Meyers
 Marjorie Miller
 William Moninger
 Mike Moore
 Douglas Moran
 Mary Dee Morrow
 Vincent Murphy
 Ruth Nerenberg
 Peg Oldham
 Javier Ortega
 Elizabeth Pace
 Ross Park
 Gary Paterson
 Albert Pelzer
 Sonya Pennock
 Margaret Perkins
 Margaret Pickett
 William Pilkenton
 William Pinkham
 Douglas Porter
 Cecelia Prouty
 Mandy Riggs
 Vicki Robbins
 Katelyn Roberts
 Beatriz Roederer
 Rollie and Josie Heath Family
 Cordelia Rosenberg
 Kathleen Rust
 Barbara Rutstein
 Robert Ruyle
 Marie Schaffner
 Kathleen Schmidt
 Mirella Schrebier
 Sandra Schuster
 Schwab Charitable
 Gordon Seals
 Bette Seeland
 Lucinda Sestrich
 Way Shen
 America Sherwood
 Norma Shettle
 Martha Sloven



LWV Arapahoe-Douglas
 member Keith Ayers registers
 new citizens to vote at USCIS
 naturalization ceremonies

Kathleen Smith
 Paul Smith
 Robin Starr
 Barbara Stevens
 Ruth Rebekka Struik
 Lisa Stubbs
 Linda Templin
 Pauleta Terven
 The Colorado Health
 Foundation
 Carol Tone
 Teresa Urbanowski
 Sandra VanDehey
 Susan Vaughan
 Deborah Vink
 Diane Vliem
 Ellen Waterman
 Gaythia Weis
 Barbara Whinery
 Lynn Whitman
 Thomas Wilberding
 Mary Ann Wilner
 Susan Windels
 Loraine Young
 Diane Young
 Mary Zinn
 Liz Zornes

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 Jean McGuire, *100th Anniversary Celebration*

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 Beth Sale, *Office Manager*
 Andrea Wilkins, *Legislative Liaison*

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