



Making Democracy Work™

Denver VOTER

League of Women Voters of Denver

February 2020

www.LWVDenver.org
info@LWVDenver.org

1980 Dahlia Street
Denver, CO 80220

Phone: 303-321-7571

Cherrington Visits Senior Planet

For Unit's Choice. on December 12, the Cherrington Unit toured Senior Planet in Lowry before heading to lunch

Judy Rough, Senior Planet Center Manager, told us the purpose of Senior Planet is to offer technology classes

using proven, life-long learning methods to support older adults. Senior Planet started in New York City and has spread all the way to California with six locations.

The Colorado location debuted in October and was made possible by a grant from NextFifty Initiative, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS). Thanks to this funding, anyone age 60 and older may join, and members may take classes at no cost. Colorado is the only location planning to be statewide; other locations are in municipalities only. Currently, Senior Planet Colorado only offers classes in the Denver metro area, but there are plans to expand to other locations around Colorado, including Fruita, Pueblo, and the Lamar/La Junta area. Rural areas may not have a dedicated Senior Planet building but will use local partner facilities.

The building has a lounging area as well as a meeting area with a conference table, large screen monitor, and a drop-down projector screen. Cameras have been mounted on the ceiling to facilitate teleconferencing. A kitchenette is available with coffee, tea, and a few snacks. Art decorated the walls throughout the center, all by Colorado artists over 60. This art was donated for display at the center and many of the items are for sale.



The building has a lounging area as well as a meeting area with a conference table, large screen monitor, and a drop-down projector screen. Cameras have been mounted on the ceiling to facilitate teleconferencing. A kitchenette is available with coffee, tea, and a few snacks. Art decorated the walls throughout the center, all by Colorado artists over 60. This art was donated for display at the center and many of the items are for sale.

February Events

Saving Coloradoans Money on Health Care

Monday, February 3, 5:30 p.m.

Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church

State/National Program Planning

Monday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.

League Office

Climate Change and Health

Tuesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.

Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church

National Popular Vote: Separating Fact from Fiction

Thursday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.

Woodbury Branch Library, 3265 Federal Blvd

The Lowry campus also features a work room with both Apple and PC computers for members to use. We were able to look in on a class that was about to begin. Class sizes are generally limited to 12 participants. Classes are offered at the Lowry campus and a few other Denver Metro locations.

After our tour, we had a chance to look over the class schedule and to discuss possibilities regarding how LWV might partner with Senior Planet, including possibly using

the conference area. I think all of us filled out the free membership application. I was inspired to possibly take a class on making rock cairns, which will be offered in February. We then went to the Officers' Club, just around the corner, to share a lovely lunch.

Lattina Adams

Volume 2020, Issue #1
Periodicals postage paid
at Denver, Colorado

Denver VOTER
(USPS 019817)

Published twice in
 September and monthly
 January through June by:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF DENVER

1980 Dahlia Street
 Denver, CO 80220
 303-321-7571

Fax: 303-320-8557

www.LWVDenver.org
info@LWVDenver.org

A one-year subscription is included
 in annual membership dues.

Director of Organization
 Marge Fisch

Director of Program
 Marty Sloven

Director of Communications
 Pearlanne Zelarney

Treasurer
 Andrea Mitchell

Denver VOTER Editor
 Pearlanne Zelarney

Denver VOTER Assistant Editor
 Marty Sloven

Office Manager
 Fran Coleman

Postmaster, please send
 address changes to:

Denver VOTER
 LWV Denver
 1980 Dahlia Street
 Denver, CO 80220

Saving Coloradoans Money on Health Care

Monday, February 3
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements
 6:00 p.m. Program begins

Montview Presbyterian Church
 McCollum Room

Elisabeth Arenales, JD, will be the speaker at this LWVD health care briefing. Elisabeth is the Senior Policy Advisor for Health in the Office of the Governor. An attorney, she was Director of Health Programs for the Colorado Center on Law and Policy for many years, where she was considered one of the leading health care advocates in Colorado, and worked to ensure health equity for all Coloradoans. Elisabeth's presentation will be on the Governor's agenda for Saving People Money on Health Care and the achievements that have been made over the last year in legislation and activities.

Carol Pace

Climate Change and Health

Tuesday, February 18
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements
 6:00 p.m. Program begins

Montview Presbyterian Church
 McCollum Room

We are pleased to welcome Rosemary Rochford, Ph.D. on Tuesday, February 18, to discuss the important topic of how our health is affected by climate change. Rosemary Rochford is the Director for the University of Colorado Consortium on Climate Change and Health and is a professor in both the Department of Immunology and Microbiology, and Environmental and Occupational Health. Dr. Rochford is an expert in the field of climate change and how it relates to health effects from our changing environment. Her own research is on malaria, a climate sensitive disease.

Program Planning and Issues for Action

Monday, February 10
 9:30 a.m.

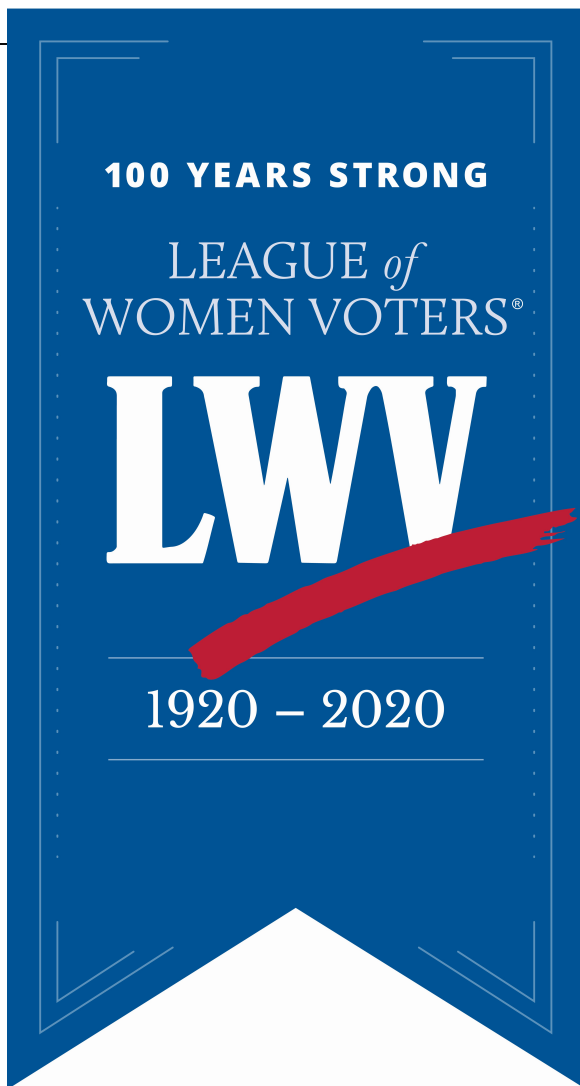
Montview Presbyterian Church
 League Office

Traditionally, we have done Program Planning annually, either looking at national positions or local and state positions. Delegates at last year's state convention voted to look at state positions every year and call the process Issues for Action.

Recently, both LWVCO and LWVUS have encouraged us not to recommend new studies, but to concentrate on action, especially in the areas related to "Making Democracy Work." We have also come to understand that any change in our positions takes a great deal of planning and communicating to get others on board.

This year, however, we have a controversy concerning a new national position recommended by concurrence on electoral systems or alternative voting methods. LWVUS sent the proposal ahead, which will be voted on at National Convention this summer. Although pleased to see a proposed position on voting methods, League Voting Methods experts in Colorado are strongly opposed to one of the bullet points in the National proposal. This bullet states that League supports electoral methods that "Require the winner to receive a majority" The LWVCO board is opposed because some alternative voting methods do not require a traditional majority.

Even though our calendar is full, we will have a short, morning meeting February 10 to discuss this issue and, hopefully, find consensus through unit meetings in February. We will need at least one briefer from each unit to attend, but we'd welcome anyone who would like to participate in this exercise. Questions? Marty Sloven (MSloven25@aol.com)



LWVD Celebrates 100 Years With a Special Spirituals Project Choir Presentation

Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.
Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church

This concert is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Denver in honor of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the 19th Amendment and the League of Women Voters. A reception will follow the concert.

There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted for the choir.

Members who would be interested in supporting this event should contact Beth Kieft at bethyj1135@yahoo.com.

2020 Legislative Conference

Friday, February 14
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LWVCO Offices
1410 Grant St., Ste. B204

Denver Public Library Central Branch
10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.

Fee: \$45 for members and guests, includes lunch

Join us to learn about the League's 2020 legislative priorities and celebrate 100 years of empowering voters. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the LWVCO offices. League members and guests are welcome to join in celebrating the League's 100th birthday, as we walk to the Capitol for the reading of proclamations honoring the League's 100 years. Afterwards, at 11:00 a.m., at the Denver Public Library, the conference will begin. The afternoon will include Complete Count Committee training (2020 Census), speakers on Voting Methods, Vision 2020 (TABOR recall legislation) and more.

You may register at LWVCO.org.



Membership

Continuing Resolutions for 2020

Usually new year resolutions start to fade away by the second month of the year. But, if you are reading this February Voter and marking your calendar with LWV dates and times, then you are keeping the first two resolutions suggested in the previous Voter. How are you doing with a few of the other suggested resolutions? Are you planning to invite someone to join you at a League event? He or she could be a League member you haven't seen recently or a newer or prospective member.

Let's all resolve to wear our League of Women Voters pins to 100th anniversary events and take a few "Informed Voters Make a Difference" pamphlets to hand out! Both the pins and pamphlets are available in the office and at our events.

Patty Cordova, Membership Chair

Welcome New Members

Patricia Farrell, 1200 S. Oneida St, #10-107, Denver, CO 80224 triciabug56@gmail.com, 303-501-9499

Sharon I. Schneider, 2143 Trenton St, Denver, CO 80238, sharon.i.schneider@gmail.com, 224-422-8799

Lea Ratliff, 740 S. Washington St, Denver, CO 80209, leacasperson@gmail.com, 303-257-8813

National Popular Vote: Separating Fact from Fiction

Thursday, February 27

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Woodbury Branch Library

3265 Federal Blvd.

Come join LWVD and Colorado State Senator Mike Foote to learn more about the campaign to ensure that every person's vote for the presidency is equal.

Senator Mike Foote was the legislative sponsor of the National Popular Vote bill, SB 42, which passed the Colorado House and Senate, and was signed into law by Governor Polis in March 2019. In August 2019, opponents of the bill turned in sufficient signatures to the Secretary of State's office to place a repeal of the bill on Colorado's November 2020 ballot. Colorado voters will be asked to confirm that they are committed to a popular vote for the presidency.

The National Popular Vote would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill ensures that every

vote, in every state will matter in every presidential election.



The National Popular Vote bill has been enacted by 16 jurisdictions possessing 196 electoral votes and will go into effect when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes—that is, enough to elect a President (270 of 538).

In 2018, Mike Foote was elected to represent Senate District 17, which covers eastern Boulder County. He currently serves as Chair of the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee and is a member of the Appropriations Committee, Transportation and Energy Committee, and the Committee on Legal Services. He formerly served six years in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Bring friends and neighbors to hear information on this important topic. Refreshments will be served.

Finance/Fundraising

As we begin 2020, we find LWVD is in a comfortable financial position. Our new status as a 501(c)3 organization has allowed our members to deduct the majority of their dues and contributions. Two events just completed have helped our bottom line. The New Years' Day celebrated non-party added \$2700 and will help our projects for this busy Voter Service year. Thanks to all of you who made these end-of-year contributions.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote, the future looks bright for the League. In 2016, we established the Future Fund for the purpose of securing our financial future. The funds raised by and for the Future Fund will be used to cover material shortfalls in operating funding as well as to fund new and expanded programs. Our goal was to raise \$100,000 by 2020. Presently, we have raised \$62,000. Beginning in 2020, the guidelines allow the Board to spend up to 10% each calendar year for these purposes. We welcome additional contributions and thank all members who have contributed in the past.

In March, a donor brunch is being planned for all members who have made contributors during 2019. Information will follow next month.

Marge Fisch, Director of Organization



Spread the Word about the 2020 Census

When Is the 2020 Census?

In March, most households in the U.S. will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You are encouraged to respond as soon as possible. You have three options for responding: online, by phone, and by mail. Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important. The Census Bureau will begin following up with homes that have not responded in May 2020.

What Happens to My Answers?

Your personal information is kept *confidential*. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes. They combine your responses with information from other homes to produce these statistics, which never identify your home or any person in your home. Learn more about how they protect your information at 2020census.gov.

What Won't Be Asked?

The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security number
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your bank or credit card account numbers

New Website

The U.S. Census Bureau recently launched an update to 2020census.gov that includes content in 59 languages, including language assistance guides and videos that explain how to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail when it becomes available in mid-March. People can respond to the census online and by phone in 13 languages. The expansive site includes in-depth information in both English and Spanish.

Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

Buffalo

Mon., Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Location to be determined

Contact: Joan Friend

303-596-1022

Capitol Hill

Sat., Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m.

LWVC Office

1410 Grant St.

(Note new location)

Cheesman

Tue., Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Alice Silver

675 S. University Blvd. #301

720-344-6947

Tue., Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.

Carolyn Georgeson

790 Washington #301

303-863-8522

Cherrington

Thu., Feb. 13, 1:00 p.m.

Pat Horoschak

350 S. Poplar

720-737-8795

Thu., Feb. 27, 1:00 p.m.

Andrea Mitchell

36 S. Garfield

303-277-0527

Highland/Woodbury

Wed., Feb. 26, 5:45 p.m.

West 29th Restaurant and Bar

5560 W. 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge

Contact Anne Duncan

773-852-3197

Observatory

Tue., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Brookdale University Party Room

2020 S. Monroe St.

For a ride contact jscotland@gmail.com

Tue., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Marcia Helfant

8300 Fairmount Drive, N104

303-722-0053

Southwest Denver

Tue., Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.

Peggy Pitchford

2661 S Zurich Ct.

303-638-5534

February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	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

- 3** Saving Coloradoans Money on Health Care
5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 10** Program Planning, 9:30 a.m., League Office
- 14** LWVCO Legislative Conference and League's 100th Birthday
- 17** President's Day, Office Closed
- 18** Climate Change and Health Briefing
5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 20** Board Meeting
- 27** National Popular Vote: Separating Fact from Fiction
5:30 p.m., Woodbury Library, 3265 Federal Blvd.

Open and Welcoming, But Needs a Rug

Many members have commented on the open and welcoming renovated space of the offices. Outdated files have been removed to create room for present and future material. The table and chairs in the back room with the previously donated rug serve as a great meeting area and is used daily. An area rug of 6'8" x 6' for the entry room would complete the process. If you have one available or might like to purchase one, please contact Fran. *Marge Fisch, Director of Organization*

Community Events

Cafecito Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Style

On December 20, at the Governor's Mansion, Rosemary Rodriguez and Denise Maes were honored for creating Cafecito in 1994 by over 300 Latina women, Gov. Polis and several Leaguers. This vibrant Latina networking organization led former State Representative Fran Coleman to the Denver League as our Office Manager. Consequently, some Leaguers have attended Cafecito meetings and have met key Latina leaders from the Denver Metro area. Cafecito provides an opportunity for new Latina residents of Denver and its surroundings to connect with other Latinas and to obtain news of recent job openings and events of interest to the Latina/o community.

Jeanette Scotland



Fran Coleman, Jeanette Scotland, Michelle Warner, Marilyn Barnett, Anne Duncan

Her Flag

Her Flag is a nationwide collaborative art and travel project by artist Marilyn Artus, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 72-years-long nonviolent fight that opened voting for women in the United States. Marilyn is traveling the path of ratification through the capital cities of the 36 states that ratified the 19th Amendment. Marilyn is collaborating with a female artist and performer in all 36 states that started in June 2019 and ends in August 2020. Each artist has created a stripe that will be stitched into the flag onsite in their capital city. This project will arrive in Denver, Saturday, February 1, 1:00 p.m., at RedLine Contemporary Art Center, 2350 Arapahoe Street.

Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

League of Women Voters of Denver
1980 Dahlia Street
Denver, CO 80220-1239

JOIN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY!

Name(s) _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

ANNUAL DUES: ☐ Regular member \$60.00
(for Denver, State & ☐ Two residing at same address \$90.00
National) ☐ Sustaining member \$125.00
 ☐ Two sustaining members at same address \$185.00
 ☐ Student \$25.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: ☐ To LWV Denver \$ _____
 ☐ To Dues Assistance Fund \$ _____

Make check payable to LWV Denver. (Dues are not tax-deductible. Tax-deductible contributions may be made by separate check to LWVD Education Fund.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



League of Women Voters of Denver
1980 Dahlia Street
Denver, CO 80220-1239

Periodical Postage
Paid in Denver



38 Leaguers attended
and ate well at the
January Potluck.



Board Highlights, January

- As the board does each month, they reviewed the treasurer's report and discussed the benefits of the grocery card program for fundraising.
- Peg Oldham has agreed to chair the nominating committee.
- They discussed how to support new members.
- Received a report on the plans for the 100th Anniversary event. Donations have already covered our costs (room rental, etc.).