

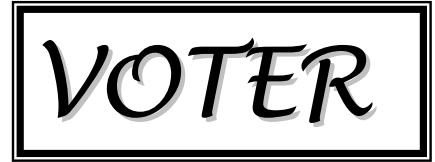


June 2018

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
Serving Montrose and Delta Counties



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OUR OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019 LEAGUE YEAR

At our annual meeting held at Vista Charter School on May 10, new officers were elected, a budget was approved, an enlightening tour of the school was provided, conversation flowed, and fresh ideas were put forth for the new League year.

President – Jan Edwards

State Liaison/Veep – Gretchen Nicholoff

Secretary – Nancy Ball

Treasurer – Barb Krebs

Webmaster/Communications – Tanya Ishikawa

Voter Service – Rod Britten, Jan Edwards, Barb Krebs

At Large Board Member – Susan Chandler Reed

LWVCO EZ Grant Millennial Voter Registration Committee Chair – Cheryl Gibson

Needed: Membership Chair; Program Chair; *Voter* newsletter editor. Please consider stepping up to fill one of these positions. If interested, contact Nancy Ball at 249-8963.

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LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS

Welcome New Members, Sue Hansen and K.J. (Kay) Heinschel



Born in Oklahoma into a military family, Sue lived in many states and Germany throughout her childhood. She earned her BA degree in Psychology and Spanish, and upon graduation moved to Grand Junction. Sue worked most of her career in the healthcare industry, in sales, operations and management. Following her marriage to Kay Heinschel in 1987 (they met at the Red Barn!) came a move to Philadelphia where she built a diagnostic ultrasound business that performed onsite diagnostic exams. After selling her business, she used those skills and experience to consult with and train other businesses and organizations. Sue has decades of experience in communication, leadership development, behavioral profiling and business growth. She has facilitated the Montrose U-Leadership Program (formerly Uncompahgre Valley Leadership Program) since 2007.

Always acutely tuned in to local issues and solving problems in a bipartisan or non-partisan manner, Sue decided to “put her money where her mouth was” and get involved in local government. She is currently appearing on the ballot for the June 26 primary election, running for Montrose County Commissioner.

Having utilized the LWV ballot issues pamphlets for many years, Sue said she believes in the League’s mission and that is why she has joined.



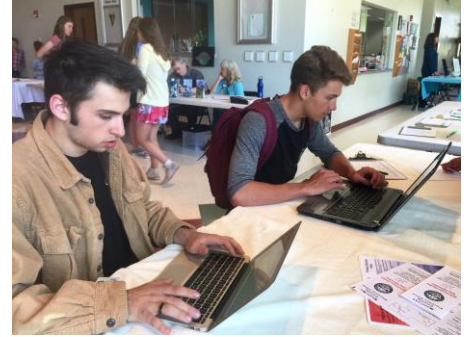
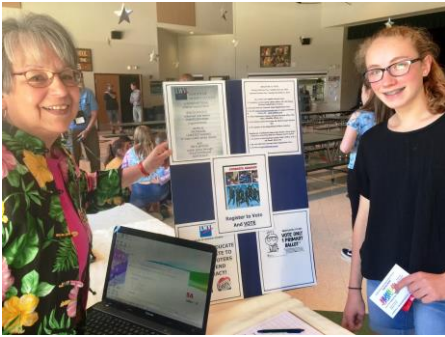
Although a native Coloradoan, Kay was raised in Wyoming. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in mechanical engineering and in the role of registered Professional Engineer he has worked throughout Asia and into India and Europe. He’s worked with utilities such as Colorado Ute, contractors such as United Engineers, and finished his career with Air Products and Chemicals. He has two children and five grandchildren.

He is a volunteer for the Telluride Adaptive Ski Program and serves on the committee for judge retention and review for the 7th Judicial District. The committee is responsible for the write-ups on the judges which appear in the Ballot Information Booklet commonly known as the Blue Book.

Kay too has respected and utilized the LWV ballot issues pamphlets for many years and believes in the League’s mission.

UPDATE ON OUR MILLENNIAL OUTREACH

RIDGWAY YOUTH VOLUNTEER FAIR – MAY 8



By Caroline Evans

LWV's Tanya Ishikawa, in conjunction with the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce, gathered more than a dozen local volunteer organizations to participate in the Youth Volunteer Fair which was attended by 180 students at Ridgway Secondary School, on Tuesday, May 8. Several youth joined Jan Edwards and Caroline Evans at the LWV table to sign-up to volunteer this summer for the League. Youth volunteers will join League members in contacting future voters to preregister and/or register to vote.

High school seniors who are currently eligible or will be by November 2018, used LWV member computers and their own iPhones to pre-register and register on the Colorado Secretary of State website. Prior to the Youth Volunteer Day event, Social Studies Teacher Craig Spearman taught an American Government unit focusing on civics, voting rights and responsibilities.

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION, SCHOOL TOUR, AND "WHOOPIING OUT" MAY 10 AT VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL



Senior Nick Grater successfully completes the final credits for his GED and is congratulated

Nancy Ball and Barb Krebs registered several eligible students and annual meeting attendees received a heartwarming tour of this excellent facility. Yea for the devoted counselors, teachers, staff and determined students!!!

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AT PEAK ACADEMY 'S ESL CLASS – MAY 17

Cheryl Gibson and Barb Krebs spoke of the importance of voting, the particulars of the June 26 primary election, where to gain information about candidates and issues, and registered one voter.

LWV Moderates DMEA Board Candidate Forum on May 15



From L to R: Kyle Martinez, Chris Hauk, Bill Patterson, Ed Ulibarri

Thank you to Tanya Ishikawa for serving as moderator, Rod Britten as timekeeper, Jan Edwards as greeter, and Nancy Ball as roving mic person at the Montrose forum.

PRIMARY ELECTION – JUNE 26

UNAFFILIATED VOTERS: LET'S MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS.

SEND IN ONE BALLOT

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT OR REPUBLICAN BALLOT

VOTE ON ONE

Recent changes in Colorado law now allow unaffiliated voters to vote in a primary election.

Here's how it works:

1. You received two ballots in your packet, one Democratic ballot and one Republican ballot.
2. Choose **ONLY ONE** of these ballots and fill it out. Discard the ballot you won't use.
3. Return your **ONE** voted ballot in the return envelope.

Important things to remember:

- Sending in two voted ballots will disqualify all of your votes.
- Your vote in this election will not affiliate you with a political party.

Visit WWW.UCHOOSE.CO.GOV for more information

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UNAFFILIATED VOTERS VOTE ONLY 1 PRIMARY BALLOT*

* Unaffiliated/Independent voters may get a packet with more than one ballot. If you vote and return multiple ballots, the law states that **NONE** will be counted.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LASIMER COUNTY
The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates or parties.

Ballots will be mailed during the first week in June, and unaffiliated voters will receive both a Dem and a Rep ballot. **Be sure to remind any unaffiliated friends and family members to vote and return just one ballot.** And be sure to VOTE!

Spread the Word!!!

EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, IMPACT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLORADO

COUNCIL – JUNE 1 AND 2 – DENVER

Jan Edwards will be our delegate and she is looking forward to the opportunity to familiarize herself with Vote411.org, to learn about the proposed statewide legislation the League has been following via a presentation by Andrea Wilkins, LWVCO lobbyist, and to get the 2018 statewide election preview from the LWVCO Voter Service committee members. She will be traveling to Denver and attending Council with two delegates from the Gunnison League.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The two redistricting measures the League has supported have passed both the state Senate and House and are headed for the ballot this fall.

SCR18-004 and SCR18-005 went through third reading in the State House on May 7th, the resolutions were passed unanimously with no amendments. The leadership of both houses were very pleased to be able to work together for a change.

This means that we will not have to gather signatures this summer. Educational meetings will begin in August and in the fall.

For questions and information regarding selection of the commissioners download or view this summary at [Commission Selection Summary](#).

More information can be found at:

[04202018 Handout SCR18-004 & SCR18-005](#)

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/scr18-004>

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/scr18-005>

LWVUS and Leagues Across the Nation

LWVUS Joins Empower Coalition

LWVUS is excited to join the [Empower Coalition](#), a coalition of organizations coming together with a united purpose: supporting and strengthening the youth movement in the United States to enact change in the midterm elections. We'll have more information for how state and local Leagues can engage with this new Coalition in the next few weeks.

DC League Succeeds with Public Campaign Financing for DC

Public campaign financing will come to the District of Columbia in the 2020 election cycle, and the DC League was an active and effective partner in the District-wide coalition that made it happen.

LEAGUE SUPPORTS STATEHOOD FOR D.C. RESIDENTS!

League Urges Bipartisan Committee to Continue to Demand Transparency on the 2020 Census

The U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held the second part of their hearing on the U.S. Census with Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, John Gore. Read [our blog](#) detailing the committee's hearing and our call for further action.

League Joins Ad Thanking Congressional Champions

The League joined [a full-page ad](#) in Politico on May 22, 2018. The ad thanks Congressional Champions for standing against attacks on public lands and waters in Alaska. The League will continue to work with Congressional leaders to defend some of the wildest places left in America including the Tongass Rainforest and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

League Joins Letter Opposing Trump Administration's Rescissions Package

LWVUS joined [a letter](#) sent to the U.S. House and Senate urging the rejection of a \$15.3 billion rescission package proposed by the Trump Administration. The package eliminates funds to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), cuts funding to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and other programs that address public health, education, job training, and housing.

LWVOH is challenging the state's U.S. congressional districts as unconstitutional. [The federal lawsuit](#) alleges the current map violates Ohioan's right to have their votes count and their voices heard.

The LWV of Tennessee Valley hosted a [Voter Restoration Clinic](#), helping many of the nearly 280,000 people of Alabama who lost their right to vote get that right back.

LWVFL and students from the University of Florida and Florida State University are suing the state's top election official in an attempt to overturn a [4-year-old ban on early voting on college campuses](#).



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK! EMPOWERING VOTERS!

Contact info for the Colorado U.S. Congressional Delegation

Sen. Cory Gardner | 303-391-5777 <https://www.gardner.senate.gov/contact-cory/email-cory>

Sen. Michael Bennet | 303-455-7600 / 866-455-9866 <https://www.bennet.senate.gov/?p=contact>

Rep. Diana DeGette (CO District 1) | 303-844-4988 <https://degette.house.gov/contact/send-me-an-email/email-me>

Rep. Jared Polis (CO District 2) | 303-484-9596 <https://polis.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/>

Rep. Scott Tipton (CO District 3) | 970-241-2499 <https://tipton.house.gov/contact/email>

Rep. Ken Buck (CO District 4) | 970-702-2136 <https://buck.house.gov/contact/email>

Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO District 5) | 719-520-0055 <https://lamborn.house.gov/contact/leave-a-comment.htm>

Rep. Mike Coffman (CO District 6) | 720-748-7514 <https://coffman.house.gov/contact/>

Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO District 7) | 303-274-7944 <https://perlmutter.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/>

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Sen. Don Coram (CO Senate District 6) 303-866-4884
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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

**2017-2018 LWV
Community Support**

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta counties, thanks these local businesses, organizations and individuals who have donated financial and in-kind support.

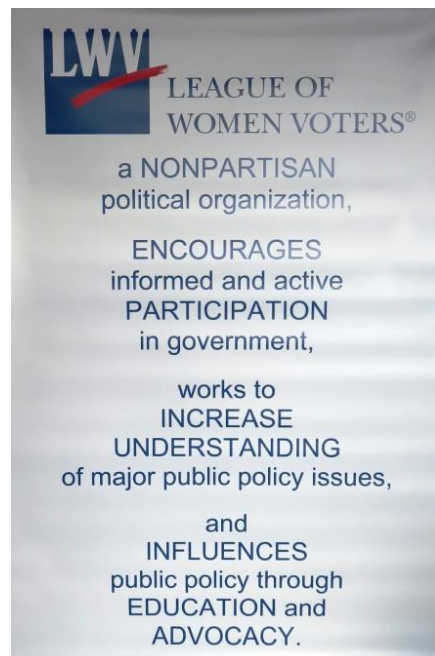
Please **add your thank you** when you patronize these businesses or visit with these individuals.

**Alpine Archeological
Alpine Bank
Horsefly Brewing Company
La Voz del Pueblo
The Montrose Mirror
Dennis Olmstead
Ron Britten
Karen and Bob Nicholson
Judy Kittson**

**Local League
Calendar
Mark Yours!**

**HAPPY SUMMER!
You will be kept
updated as to various
voter registration
activities to be held
during the summer and
the volunteer
opportunities available.**

**August 26 – 98th
anniversary of the
passage of the 19th
Amendment granting
women the right to
vote.**



Check out our Website:

www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org

Our webmaster, Tanya Ishikawa, will keep us updated on and linked to local, state and national activities, issues and websites.

Check us out on Facebook too:

Google "League of Women Voters of Montrose County, Colorado" and then click "Like us" on Facebook.

Tanya has set up a LWV Instagram account too!

**Join League of Women Voters of Montrose County
serving Montrose & Delta counties - 2018-2019
Not for Women Only!**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____

___ **Individual \$60** (Of this amount \$32 goes to National League; \$20 goes to State League; \$8 is retained by the Montrose League)

___ **Household \$90** – Two members in one household (National League receives \$48; State League \$30; \$12 is retained by the Montrose League)

___ I understand that I can join without being active, and this is my intent at the present time.

___ I would like to make a contribution beyond regular dues and understand it will go directly to our local League (Thank You!).

___ **Sustaining Member \$100**

___ I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Montrose League. Write a separate check to **League of Women Voters CO Education Fund. Write "Montrose" on the check's memo line.**

Please make checks payable to **League of Women Voters of Montrose County**. Mail to P.O. Box 3321, Montrose, CO 81402

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