

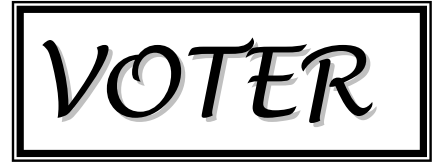


October 2018

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
Serving Montrose and Delta Counties



Follow us on **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/VoteMontrose> and on **Instagram:**

Don't Miss these League's October Events! Do Spread the Word!

October is Voter Education Month

Candidates Forum:

Montrose County – Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm, City Council Chambers,

Representative for CO House District 58 - Marc Catlin and Seth Cagin

Senator for CO Senate District 6 - Don Coram and Guinn Unger

Plus, all Montrose County candidates who are running unopposed

Ballot Issues Forums:

Tuesday, October 9, 6:00pm, Harvester Building in Paonia

Wednesday, October 10, 8:00am, Heidi's Deli in Montrose

Thursday, October 11, Noon, Montrose Library Community Room

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00pm, 2 Rascals Brewery, 147 N. 1st St., Montrose

Do you want to know which ballot issues the LWV Colorado Board voted to support and why? See pages 4, 5 and 6.

League of Women Voters Ballot Issues Pamphlets Available October 1!

The statewide issues appearing on the November ballot, if passed, will affect our lives for many years to come!

How Congressional and legislative redistricting maps will be drawn---anti-Gerrymandering; funding for public schools; campaign finance; transportation funding; limitations on PayDay loans; setbacks for oil and gas development.

Become an educated voter---study the pamphlet, the "blue book", attend forums and check out the League's www.VOTE411.org website, beginning **October 9.**

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LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS – SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER - VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH!

GEN Z, MILLENNIAL AND HISPANIC VOTER OUTREACH EFFORTS

SEPTEMBER 13 TEA & TREATS - THE WESTERN SLOPE YOUTH VOTER INITIATIVE

Jeriel Clark of the Western Colorado Alliance gave an enthusiastic presentation about the amazing students who are coordinating a 4-county **student-driven peer-to-peer non-partisan voter registration** effort and “get out the vote” project to a receptive group. The video created by the student team had appeal to students in each county. The League looks forward to partnering on this project, especially as relates to educating the new registrants on ballot issues, some of which will become law and affect them.



Mazlow Academy

Black Canyon Outdoor Concert

Maggie's Books



Mexican Heritage Day, Saturday, September 15, Delta

Jan Edwards and Cheryl Gibson represented the League and were well-received. Wearing their “Vote” t-shirts they co-mingled with the crowd of attendees, engaging in thoughtful conversation. Many of the folks in attendance were registered, but some seemed apathetic about actually voting, so the Leaguers discussed the fact that the some of the proposed legislation on the upcoming November ballot will be become laws that will affect them, so they need to have their voices heard. Jan and Cheryl also listened to their concerns and stressed how easy it is to register to vote online via gocolorado.org. Outreach efforts to the Hispanic community will continue during the month of October and volunteers are needed. Contact Nancy Ball. Many seeds were planted!

SUCCESS ON SEPTEMBER 25 - NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY +++ more

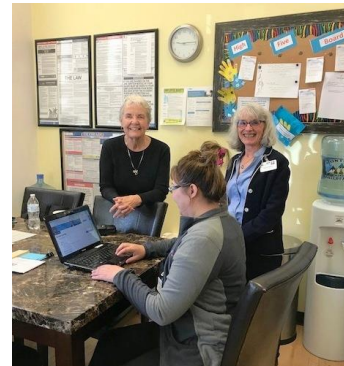
STEP 1 – PRE-REGISTER AND REGISTER VOTERS



Delta High School



Vista Charter School



River Valley Family Health Center, Olathe

Other venues: C.M.U., Montrose Library, Montrose Recreation Center, Montrose High School, Coffee Trader, Montrose Early Childhood Center, The Proximity Center, River Valley Family Health Center, Montrose

Comments from volunteers: very positive experience; learn so much about voter apathy, concerns, fears, motivation; so impressed with the students; warmly welcomed and received courtesy and respect, and, SO many thank yous; great to be part of such a meaningful event;

Positive outcomes: roughly 30 were registered, 11 updates and **over 100** handouts regarding online voter registration were distributed and **much** information on the upcoming election was given; four women requested League membership applications; excellent community exposure for League.

Many thanks to all of the League volunteers and their assistants!

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT! GET INVOLVED!

LWVCO MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK! CONFERENCE 2018
GROWTH, CHANGE, and OUTREACH –

Saturday, September 29th, 8:30 am – 3 pm, Denver

Jan Edwards and Nancy Ball were two of 105 delegates from local leagues who were educated on the 13 state ballot issues, with special emphasis on League's Amendments Y & Z anti-gerrymandering campaign, amidst quite a bit of discussion on the size of the Blue Book provided by the State of Colorado, its "legalese", and the League positions on the proposed legislation.

The attendees were also treated to an excellent and rousing presentation on "Excelling at Equity and Allyship: A Model for Success" by Regan Byrd. Ms. Byrd, an award-winning community activist and non-profit professional, works to bring about social justice on fronts of diversity, equity and inclusion. We were asked to look into our deeply cultural ideological belief systems---both institutional and internal---and come up with new ideas and challenges to bring about change. Allyship is not identity. It is action!

Delegates were also given an update on **VOTE411.org** by Megan Brown, the LWVUS coordinator, who said to date 2018 has been the best year ever across the U.S.---over 1 million users, a 371% increase from the 2014 midterms and even 12% more than from the same time in the 2016 presidential election! And the numbers in Colorado show a 300% increase in usage since 2014! The site offers a personalized ballot, information on the candidates in their own words, information on election laws, and the ability for users to register to vote online. The site will be fully operational on **October 9**.

Boxes of the League's popular Ballot Issues pamphlets were picked up and are now available. Again, the pros and cons shown are written by the supporters and opposers---not by the League. The pamphlets truly parse the 100+ page Blue Book!



Jan Edwards perusing handouts



Jan Edwards & Doris Kuiper, Gunnison League

As always, the event was inspiring---and fun!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLORADO - Voter Service

INITIATED BALLOT MEASURES – November 2018

By Gerry Cummins, Voter Services

(This year, these citizen-initiated measures required 98,492 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot. Amendments require 55% "Yes" votes, while Propositions required 50% "Yes" votes. Referred ballot measures were featured in the September *Voter* newsletter.)

Amendment 73 - Funding for Public Schools

- Raises money to be spent exclusively on pre-primary, primary and secondary education.
- Directs revenue to increase per pupil funding by 7.8% from FY 2018; fully fund kindergarten; increase funds for special education, gifted/talented programs, English language proficiency, low income students/schools, and preschool.
- Adds additional funds to supplement and not supplant current funding from the General Fund. The General Assembly may adjust how funds are spent in the future, according to need, although the monies must continue to supplement and not supplant General Fund support to pre-primary, primary and secondary education.
- Changes Colorado's state income tax from being a completely flat tax (currently 4.63% of federally adjusted gross income) to slightly progressive, by instituting a gradual tax increase for incomes over \$150,000, and increasing corporate tax rates to 6% from 4.63%.
- Reduces property tax rates on non-residential property.
- Changes tax rates for residential property by a reduction from current levels, but an increase from projected levels.
- Exempts additional revenue from spending limits set forth in article X, section 20, of the Colorado Constitution.

Amendment 74 - Just Compensation for Fair Market Value

Requires just compensation to a private property owner when a government action reduces the fair market value of property.

Amendment 75 - Campaign Contributions

Increases campaign contribution limits when a candidate loans or contributes at least \$1m to his or her own campaign, by allowing all other candidates in the same election to collect five times the level of individual contributions currently authorized in the state constitution.

Proposition 109 - Authorize Bonds for Transportation Projects

a statutory change authorizing bonds for highway projects.

Proposition 110 - Transportation Funding

a statutory change authorizing a sales tax increase to fund bonds for transportation projects.

Proposition 111 - Limitation on PayDay Loans

an initiated amendment to the Colorado revised statutes which lowers the maximum authorized finance charge for payday loans.

Proposition 112 - Setback Requirements for Oil and Gas Development

Requires that all new oil and gas development not on federal land must be located 2500 feet from an occupied structure or a vulnerable area;

Determines that the reentry of an oil or gas well that was previously plugged or abandoned is considered new development.

Have your voice heard – VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT!

LWVCO POSITIONS ON 2018 BALLOT ISSUES

a quick overview*

Amendment V - Lower Age Requirement for Members of State Legislature
Not Taking a Position (because we have no League position)

Amendment W - Election Ballot Format for Judicial Retention Elections
Support

Amendment X - Industrial Hemp Definition
Not Taking a Position (because we have no League position)

Amendment Y – Congressional Redistricting (anti-Gerrymandering)
Support

Amendment Z – Legislative Redistricting (anti-Gerrymandering)
Support

Amendment A - Prohibit Slavery & Involuntary Servitude in All Circumstances
Support

Amendment 73 - Funding for Public Schools
Support (with Reservations)

Amendment 74 - Just Compensation for Fair Market Value
Oppose

Amendment 75 - Campaign Contributions
Oppose

Proposition 109 - Authorize Bonds for Transportation Projects
Oppose

Proposition 110 - Transportation Funding (sales tax increase)
Support

Proposition 111 - Limitation on PayDay Loans
Support

Proposition 112 - Setback Requirements for Oil and Gas Development
Support

***If you are interested in having more information on the major provisions of the various ballot issues and the details as to the “whys” the LWVCO Board took on their positions, contact Nancy Ball at nancyball@montrose.net.**

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/>

Contact Info for Colorado General Assembly

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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

**2018-2019 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
Bank of Colorado
Horsefly Brewing Company
The Montrose Mirror
Dennis Olmstead
Rod Britten
Karen and Bob Nicholson**

Local League Calendar

Mark Yours and Spread the Word!

October 2 Delta County Candidate Forum Update-League will **not** be moderating this event

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Check out our Website:

www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org

Our webmaster, Tanya Ishikawa, keeps 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!



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**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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