

The Voter

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Pueblo, Colorado

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We're Back and We're Candi-Dating!

Meet, talk, and listen to individual candidates at this interactive event. At NeighborWorks, See below and page 3 and Calendar, page 4.

VOTE411.org

Are neighbors asking you for Voter registration help? Tell them about Vote411.org. They can enter their address, verify their own Voter registration, and get info on election dates. Check it out yourself so you can help when asked. Want to do more? See page 3.



You can donate to LWVP while shopping at King Sooper.

Connect your KS affinity card to LWVP. No extra cost to you. You will need LWVP's Community Rewards nonprofit number: YN911.

Members



Welcome back from summer hiatus. See LWVPueblo President Ruth Nerenberg's column and her invitation to Get Involved.

Community Conversations

Community Conversations are what we call our meetings where we engage the community in discussing issues important to an informed electorate. All Community Conversations are open to the public. We welcome all ages and especially encourage new voters to be involved. We welcome those who wish to share facts and opinions, listen to others, and are respectful of the process and each other.

Sept. 19, 6 to 8 pm. Community Conversation. Our meetings return with **Candi-Dating**. This is where you, the voter, get to talk directly with candidates, ask them your burning questions. See who best meets the criteria to receive your valuable vote. City Council candidates from 6 to 7, County Commissioner and School Board from 7 to 8. That's the third Thursday at NeighborWorks. See page 3, and calendar, page 4, for address.∞



Carrie Clyde Holly

November 6, 1894 Colorado voters in Pueblo—including newly enfranchised women voters—elected Carrie Clyde Holly to the Colorado State Legislature. Holly along with Frances Klock and Clara Cressingham, elected at the same time from Arapahoe, became the first women to be elected to a state legislature anywhere in the United States.

Holly also became the first woman legislator to draft a bill about women and to promote it in the state legislature and with the Governor until it became a law. Her law? Raising the age of consent for a woman from 16 to 18.

LWV-Pueblo supported her nomination earlier this year to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

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Ruth's

Reflections

Ruth Nerenberg, President

There's a man at the Palisade Peach stand at the Farmers Market. He's been bringing peaches to the market for a couple of years now, talking about peaches, how to ripen them, how long to ripen them, what the different kinds are. If you have a question about peaches, he's your guy.

It occurs to me that Mr. Palisade Peaches is like Santa Claus—he's everywhere for about two months, then disappears for the other ten. Maybe they both can be found golfing in Arizona the rest of the year. For all I know, they're best buddies in Arizona for eight months, and then they take two months each to work, and two months each to get ready for the busy season.

League has seasons, too. But we don't go to Arizona between them. Our busy season is September and October, and like Santa and Mr. Peaches, we hit the ground running and try to be everywhere at once.

For the most part, we are successful. And this year we have some great teams making sure we get everywhere we need to be. I'm particularly excited to add Diane Johnson to our corps of volunteers. Diane has been working on getting us into schools to do voter education and registration. She's a hard worker, and if that sounds like something you could help with, please get in touch. Carole Partin and Scott Ross, both experienced educators, are on her team.

Lois Adams is another who is going full-tilt, too. She is our Voter Service Chair, and has set up training for voter registrars. I'm going to make you read the rest of *The Voter* to figure out where and when. She's also been sitting at vendor booths at various events, and coordinating candidates and ballot issues for forums.

Helping her with other aspects of voter education, in addition to Diane Johnson's team, is our brilliant ballot issues group—Pam Parks, Rita Sims, and Ruella Anderson. If you want an intellectual exercise, this is it! They scour the newspaper and social media for pro and con arguments about ballot issues. And they explain these issues in plain English.

Bonnie Bowman will be doing the technical aspects of Vote411.org this year. If you can help wrangle candidates, or have a brilliant, unbiased question for a local candidate, please let us know. I'll be helping with questions for Vote411.

Leslie Cates, who has a talent for graphic design, has re-done our Vote411 cards, and we would be proud to give you some to distribute. She has designed and ordered all sorts of printed materials for us, and is the artistic talent behind any flyers or advertisements we put forth. I don't know how we got along before she joined.

Sheila D'Amico, of course, reminds us to get our plans to her for the newsletter, and Michele Sweeney gets important items onto the website. Julie Boesch of Easy Social helps us get information to the public on social media.

Sandy Stutters and Joan Acosta will be timing forums again this year, for both 2030 Commission and League, and we're glad to have them. Eva Muniz Valdez has been working on Census and on a Suffrage Tea with the Heritage Museum, not directly

election related but having to do with the Vote, nonetheless.

We'd like to video and post our events this year, so if that's something you can help with, we'd be happy to let you take that on, and we'll help however we can.

Like Santa and Mr. Palisade Peaches, League has behind-the-scenes workers too. I'm hoping you'll find your niche and let us know how you can help Make Democracy Work. ∞



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Fighting Voter Suppression

We challenge all efforts and tactics that threaten our democracy and limit the ability of voters to exercise their right to vote.—Statement from LWV's home page.



The right of citizens of the United States, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

— the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Registration, Voting, and Election Information

National Voter Registration Day
September 24, 2019.
by Ruth Nerenberg



Diane Johnson and Carole Partin will be two of LWVP's Voter registrars.

Photo from Youth Summit, by Ruth Nerenberg.

This is what you joined League for— to empower new voters!

We will be participating in National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 24, and perhaps a few days around it. And we need registrars to enter classrooms and talk with students. Our Voter Service chair, Lois Adams, has set up a voter registration training at Rawlings branch library, to teach you everything you need to know. Our schools liaison, Diane Johnson, will give some pointers on how to engage the students. If you're interested, contact Lois. See end of her column at right..∞

ELECTION DAY is November 5.

See Secretary of State Jena Griswold's message on page 5.

See Vote411.org on page 1.

**Voter Registration—
Get Trained to Help
by Lois Adams,
LWVP Voter Service Chair**

We are getting our voter registration efforts underway again this year. Voter Registration Circulator Training this year is September 7, 2019 from 3:00-4:30 at the Rawlings Library, Brett Kelly Room B. Everyone who wants to be trained to do Voter registration should be there.

We all must receive the most current training each year. So even those who were trained last year, must re-train and get a new certification. I have done mine online as the Voter Registration Organizer and Agent. So now I can present the information for your training.

It is basically the same as last year, but you will all need new signed and numbered certifications to be "street legal." If you can't be there at this time I can make arrangements to give you the training some other time.

Many of you expressly signed up to register young voters at the schools last year. This year we are handling this a better way. Diane Johnson, an educator, will be contacting the high schools and CSU-P and PCC to set up Voter Registrations for students with Admin and Social Studies classes, etc. (Cont'd top of next column.)

So-- when you come to the training this year there will be a number of other venues where we need your help!

And we aren't just starting, either. Ruth and I worked at the Pride Fest and got 27 Voter Registrations. Some were brand new 18 year-old voters, some changing name or address info, and others, just signing up for the first time. People are very motivated to register this year as compared to the response last time.

We are partnering with Tick Tock the First Friday in October from 5-8 pm to target younger voters and potential voters. It should be fun. There will be live music by the Marietta Dolls.

Please email or text me and let me know if you can attend this training. loishalladams@gmail.com or 719-251-1250 Thanks so much! ∞

Candi-Dating on Sept. 19

Our first Community Conversation this LWVP season will be Candi-Dating. It's the third Thursday of the Month, 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 19 at NeighborWorks.

City Council candidates from 6 to 7 County Commissioners and School Board 7 to 8. Also, see page 1, and the Calendar on page 4.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

— the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

“Campaign to Overturn Colorado’s National Popular Vote law submits record number of signatures”

From Anna Staver’s article, *Denver Post*, 8/2/2019 via lwvcolorado.org

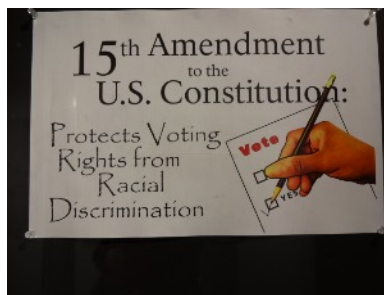
“Colorado voters are probably going to have the final say on whether to keep electing presidents the way we always have or give the candidate who wins the national popular vote all nine of the state’s Electoral College votes.

“Coloradans Vote, a group hoping to put the question to voters in November 2020, submitted more than enough signatures to qualify for the ballot to the Secretary of State’s Office.

“They needed 124,632 valid signatures from registered voters. Rose Pugliese, a Mesa County commissioner and organizer for Coloradans Vote, said they had 227,198 — a record-breaking number for statewide ballot initiatives in Colorado.”

See the complete article by Anna Staver in The Denver Post [here](#). See center column for link to a website where you can find more about National Popular Vote (NPV).

Voting, Women’s Rights, Local, & League-Related Websites



Sign at the Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site, Monroe School in Topeka, Kansas

Here’s our LWVP website <https://my.lwv.org/colorado/pueblo>

Lots of good information and events on state league’s website. Click to reach their home page <https://lwvcolorado.org>

Did you read the story in the left hand column? Colorado already passed the **National Popular Vote** but it looks as though petitioners have enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot. Want to know more about the National Popular Vote? Here’s a website with information and links <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com>

Want some info on Women’s history? <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org>

Want some info about Pueblo? <https://www.theheritagecenter.us>

Calendar

Sept 7. LWVP Voter Registration Circulator Training, 3 to 4:30 pm. Brett Kelly Rm. B, 1st floor, Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo. See Lois’s column, page 3.

Sept 8. Women’s Suffrage Centennial-Southern Colorado (WSCSC) planning meeting. 2-3:30 pm. CSU-Pueblo, Buell Communications Building. All welcome. Info: WSCSCO@gmail.com.

Sept. 19. Candi-Dating. This event opens our LWVP season of Community Conversations. We will host City Council, County Commissioner, and School Board candidates. Sit and talk with candidates. 6 to 8 pm NeighborWorks, 1241 E. Routt Ave., at Northern, Pueblo. See pages 1, 3.

Sept. 21. Making Democracy Work! Day 8:30 am to 3 pm, History Colorado Center, Denver. Info and link in column 1.

Sept. 24. National Voter Registration Day. See page 3.

Sept. 28. Steel’abration. LWVP will register voters and share an info booth with WSCSC at this community event that offers tours of the Museum and of the tunnel. 2 to 6 pm. Steelworks Museum. 215 Canal St., Pueblo.

Oct 5. Storykeepers. Woman Suffrage. LWVP members Ruth Nerenberg on Jessie Haver Butler, Leslie Cates on Annie Laurie Quinby, Louise Ewing Burg on Lucy Ewing. 10 to 11:30 am, Info Zone, Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo.

- [Making Democracy Work! Day 2019](#)
 - September 21 at History Colorado
 - \$55/per person
 - Focuses:
 - TABOR
 - Census 2020
 - NPV
 - GOTV
 - “World Cafe” interactive exercises





The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

— the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

**From the Office of the Colorado
Secretary of State**

**High Schools, are your Students
Registered to Vote?**

**Secretary of State Jena Griswold
Announces 2019-2020 School Year
Eliza Pickrell Rountt Award**

On the 99th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, and in honor of the award's namesake, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced the Eliza Pickrell Rountt Award. The Award is given to Colorado high schools that have 85% of eligible seniors registered to vote.

This award, created in 2016, is named after Eliza Pickrell Rountt, the first woman registered to vote in Colorado after the state's passage of women's suffrage in 1893. Eliza served as Colorado's first First Lady -- her husband John Rountt was elected as Colorado's first governor in 1876. In this role, she dedicated herself to equal rights for women and the passage of women's suffrage.

Rountt helped Colorado become the second state to allow women to vote, the first by popular vote. In honor of her commitment to the passage of

women's suffrage, "Rountt's legacy exemplifies the importance of using your voice and fighting to expand and protect the right to vote," said Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

"This award honors that legacy by reminding young Coloradans that they have the opportunity to help shape the future of our state and our country with their vote." Next year, eligible 17-year-old Coloradans can register and vote in the Presidential and State Primaries if they will turn 18 by the November General Election. Eligible 16- and 17-year-old Coloradans can also pre-register to vote.

Eliza Pickrell Rountt did not live to see the passage of the 19th Amendment, but her work in Colorado paved the way for its passage. It took more than 25 years for the rest of the nation to follow Colorado's lead and pass women's suffrage.

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was certified to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. This did not translate to all, as many women of color across the United States continued to face barriers to vote. Colorado ratified the 19th Amendment December 15, 1919.

In 1973, Congress designated August 26th Women's Equality Day in commemoration of the day the 19th Amendment was certified to the U.S. Constitution.

The Colorado Secretary of State's office is asking teachers, students, principals, and community members interested in learning more about the award to sign up on the Colorado Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/RounttAward.html>. Eligible Coloradans can register to vote at govotecolorado.com. ∞

Speaking of First Lady Rountt ...

Did you notice our Community Conversations are at NeighborWorks and NeighborWorks is on Rountt Ave? Now, while the street was more than likely named for Governor Rountt, her husband, it's fun to think of Eliza as we enter a meeting of the League of Women Voters. She was an example to other newly enfranchised women, registering first In Colorado.

Oh, who was the first woman in Pueblo to register to vote? That would be Julia V. Sisson. ∞

CELEBRATING WOMAN SUFFRAGE

This is a big event. This was a revolution. There's John Adams's quote on the top of the page on the right. Surely Women, half or more of the population, being guaranteed the vote deserves the pomp and parades, bonfires and illuminations. Fireworks. But wait. Adams said those words about July 2, 1776 and they weren't repeated in 1920 as they weren't in Colorado in 1893. So we celebrate now. Join us.

We are learning a lot about those suffragists who went before, the ones who worked for decades to prepare the way to get the vote, and the ones who did finally get the vote. Every day we uncover someone new, another interpretation, a myth dispelled. Join us.

Lots happening with WSCSC and our Suffrage partners. Education. Fun. Entertainment. Talks. Teas. Cooperation and collaboration with groups around the state and around the country. Get on the Suffrage email list WSCSCO@gmail.com. Meanwhile some selected Suffrage celebration-related events to come. Join us.

September

8 WSCSC Monthly Meeting 2-3:30 CSU-Pueblo
27-28 Ghost Walk "Carrie Clyde Holly" is a new addition to the GW

28 Steel'abration Share a table with LWVPueblo, Steelworks Museum 2 to 6 p.m. See calendar p. 4

October

4-5 Ghost Walk "Carrie Clyde Holly"

5 Storykeepers: Woman Suffrage and the Vote Rawlings Info Zone 10-11:30 See calendar p. 4.

8 All Pueblo Reads (APR), Ladies of Pueblo, Giodone Library 10:30 a.m.

13 WSCSC Monthly Meeting 2-3:30 CSU-Pueblo

16 APR "1960s Fashion," Rawlings Ryals Rm 6:30

23 APR "Finding Courage: Suffragists, Butterflies, and Going to the Wizard" Rawlings, Ryals Rm. 6:30

24 APR "Mail Order Brides" Rawlings Ryals Rm. 6:30

November

9 "Tea with Carrie Clyde Holly," Pueblo Heritage Museum, two settings, 11 & 3. \$

10 WSCSC Monthly Meeting 2-3:30 CSU-Pueblo

December and 2020 every month on the second Sunday
WSCSC Monthly Meeting 2-3:30 CSU-Pueblo

Pueblo Heritage Museum Suffrage exhibit continues

And coming up

February League of Women Voters birthday at El Pueblo

March Women's History Month various locations,
Steelworks Celebration of Women

April CSU-Pueblo Annual Bea Spade event, Elizabeth Cady Stanton scholar

July Ladies of Many Hats—Suffrage Edition

August March in the 2020 State Fair Parade.

Ed. Sheila D'Amico ∞

"It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." —John Adams



WHEREAS, in 1893 women were granted the right to vote in the state of Colorado by popular referendum, more than 25 years before the national women's suffrage act; and

WHEREAS, Colorado women contributed to the national efforts to pass the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jared Polis and former Governor John Hickenlooper created the Colorado Women's Vote Centennial Commission to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment with a year-long program of community engagement, dialogue and collaboration amongst Coloradans in all 64 counties; and

WHEREAS, through a collaboration led by History Colorado and the Colorado Women's Vote Centennial Commission, organizations around the state are invited to participate and join in grassroots efforts that will explore the journey and struggle to achieve voting rights, understand the contributions of women in Colorado history, and underscore the value of our voices in democracy today; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Vote Centennial Colorado statewide effort officially commences a year of educational programming, community engagement and partnerships.

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2019 as

WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL COLORADO DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-sixth day of August, 2019



Jared Polis
Jared Polis
Governor

Of Interest

From national League of Women Voters (LWVUS)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

Black Women's Equal Pay Day

August 22 was Black Women's Equal Pay Day, raising attention to the fact that black women will have to have worked all of 2018 and through Aug. 22, 2019, to earn what men earned in 2018 alone. League of Women Voters of Illinois Executive Director Audra Wilson contributed to an important piece on the topic. [Read the story.](#)

Meet Biddy Mason, One of LA's First Black Real Estate Moguls

Biddy Mason was enslaved when she was brought to Los Angeles in 1851, but she died free—and one of the city's wealthiest women. [Read the story of this extraordinary woman.](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Webinars

LWVUS is hosting a series of webinars on DEI in 2019.

We will be using this series to take a deeper look at the topics we've been exploring for the past year and offer tools every member can use in their League work. We encourage Leagues to watch together and make time for discussion afterward.

Coming up:

September 26: Intergenerational Equity Register

Webinar dates for October through December will be announced soon. If there is a topic you think we should cover or other webinar feedback you'd like to offer, please share it with the DEI committee by contacting cdavis@lww.org. Recordings and resources from our previous webinars can be found on the League Management Site.

Here is a direct link to the DEI page, includes policies, articles, audio links, references, and more. <https://www.lww.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-policy> ∞



From LWVCO: ADVOCATING FOR IMPACT TRAININGS

Ruth Stemler sent this collaborative opportunity. The Pueblo Training date is listed below, site TBA. For other dates and other sites around the state, click the link.

The Boulder County Women's Collaborative (LWVBC is a member) is partnering with the Women's Foundation for this training. I thought you might want to go to the Foundation website and see if it interests you. It looks intriguing to me..

www.WFCO.org The Women's Foundation of Colorado

Join WFCO for Advocating for Impact Trainings in cities across the state this fall. These trainings will include a briefing on WFCO priority issues, advocacy tactics and ways you can take direct action to create systemic change for women and their families in Colorado. The training will include an interactive portion so participants are ready to use the skills they have learned and an opportunity to tell your personal story for our story bank. Bring a friend and join us as we work to create a Colorado where all women can thrive. Light refreshments will be served. Language interpretive services provided upon request.

Pueblo 10/3, 5:30-7:45 pm. *Connect with LWVP President Ruth Nerenberg if you decide to go to this, and to get the Pueblo site.* ∞



From Society for American Archaeology

Spencer Little, Coordinator of Pueblo Heritage Museum sent this information. **League does not have a position on Stolen Artifacts** but we share it here for your information and, if interested, your individual action. If you have any questions, please contact Spencer at info@theheritagecenter.us

We need your help in the struggle to prevent looted or stolen sacred objects of tribal patrimony from being sold in foreign auction houses. Many Native American items of dubious or no provenance have been put up for sale in European auction houses. SAA and other groups have worked against this trend, but foreign governments have told U.S. officials that they cannot intervene because we do not have an explicit prohibition against the export of stolen or illicitly-excavated materials.

To rectify this situation, Senator Heinrich (D-NM) has introduced S. 2165, the "Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act" (STOP Act), bipartisan legislation that would explicitly bar, and establish penalties for, the knowing export of Native American cultural items that were obtained in violation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, or both. Rep. Lujan (D-NM) has introduced a companion bill in the House, H.R. 3846. SAA and other preservation groups are working to build support for this bill. Please go to our Take Action page and use our editable template to send a message to your senators and representative and urge them to cosponsor this important legislation! <https://www.saa.org/>

Women Suffrage Centennial-Southern Colorado and some LWV-P Suffrage partners.



Scenes from Equality Day and the Pueblo Heritage Museum's (PHM) Exhibit Opening "Colorado Women are Citizens."

Left: A Pueblo contingent at Equality Day. Dr. Judy Gaughan, CSU-Pueblo, Angela Giron, Colorado Women's Vote Centennial Commission member, Debbie Mulay, Pueblo Heritage Museum Board President, Sheila D'Amico LWVP Board member, Don Prince, and Carol Di Prince.



Marchers carrying Colorado Women's Hall of Fame posters



Byers-Evans Museum is the Center for Colorado Women's History.

Right: *How the West was Won for Suffrage*, PHM exhibit's opening talk.

Speaker Kathy De Herrera at the exhibit



Leslie Cates, LWVP Board member, Teresa Rudder, President General Federation of Women's Clubs Colorado, Elsie Fillmore, past President GFWC-Colorado, Dr. Judy Gaughan.



Info: WSCSCO@gmail.co

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