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President's Letter

The League year continues to be lively!

We hope you will join us at the May 7th Annual Meeting at Nissi's in Lafayette. Please send in your check (registration form in the Voter) or register online today. Deadline is May 2nd.

Besides serving a delicious breakfast, we will hear the latest election news from Hillary Hall, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

We will screen the short film Giorgio Ausenda, intern and graduate student in Journalism at CU, has produced on the work of the League of Women Voters of Boulder County. Giorgio has attended our events around the county: voter registration drives, educational presentations, and high school and CU campus events. And he has traveled to the capitol with the LWVCO Legislative Action Committee recording what we do. His videos have gained the attention of the LWVUS New Media group. So please come along to hear what he's learned and offer your support to a new young League member!

At the Annual Meeting we will also celebrate the work of the League this year and honor some of our outstanding volunteers. We will elect the slate of officers for 2016-17 and welcome them to the Board. And we will open the mic for your suggestions to the Board. It's a great opportunity to catch-up with League friends. Plan now to attend!



Ruth Stemler, President, LWVBC

Other upcoming events: Don't forget that Legislative Wrap-up is May 18th. Details inside this Voter. Please join us. Jeannette Hillary will tell us what we need to know about the 2016 CO legislature! Frieda Holley, Susan Saunders and I will travel to LWVCO Council in Montrose May 20 and 21st.

And please help us sell lots of flower bulbs. Call Louisa Young if you'd like a sales packet. All proceeds benefit our work in Boulder County.

Ruth

The Fund Development team, extends many thanks to those who attended the Mary Wilson event. We raised over \$1300 for our Education Fund. Special thanks go to those who brought the yummy food items and an extra special thank you goes to Yasi Taylor and her husband for allowing us the use of their spectacular home as a venue.

Louisa Young and Lois Linsky

League Members in Action



Taking Action: Voter Registration Services

From: Jeanine Pow

Members of the Voter Registration Drive (VRD) Team conducted a very successful VRD on April 14th at Front Range Community College in Longmont. During the “**Take Back the Night**” event, we registered 13 students to vote, updated the voter records of three other students and passed out brochures on the League. Many thanks to Susan Saunders, Ruth Stemler, student volunteer Maren Rosenbach and Giorgio Ausenda for helping at that event.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have conducted a VRD at the **Cinco De Mayo Festival**. Details of that 30 April 2016 event will be published in the June newsletter. Giorgio Ausenda filmed short clips of these events which you can view on [Facebook](#).

We have the following VRD events scheduled with more on the horizon:

- 4 May 2016 – University of Colorado, Boulder at the University Memorial Center, Broadway and Euclid, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 28, 29, and 30 May 2016 - Boulder Creek Festival, Broadway and Canyon, Boulder. Because of the prohibitive cost of renting a table space, we have printed wallet sized Voter Registration Information Cards that VRD Team members will pass out to folks attending the Boulder Creek Festival. The card lists websites for registering to vote online and a voter guide. The reverse side of the card lists the 2016 election dates, voter registration requirements and the lwvbc.org website address. Volunteers working this event will be given a minimum of 50 cards to pass out to attendees.
- 26 June 2016: Colorado Latino Festival, Longmont, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

To volunteer to help at any of these events please contact: Jeanine Pow at (303) 915-8915 or powpc@hotmail.com

Mark Your Calendars

4 May 2016:

Voter Registration Drive

University Memorial Center, Boulder

7 May 2016:

Annual Meeting

9 – 11:30 am, at Nissi's, 2675 North Park Drive, Lafayette (near 95th & Arapahoe). Speaker: Hillary Hall. Register [online](#) or with the form in this newsletter.

18 May 2016:

Legislative Wrap-Up

6 – 7:15 pm at the Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce Street Louisville CO.

20 & 21 May 2016

LWVCO Council, Montrose

Making Democracy Work Throughout Colorado

1 June 2016:

Bulb Orders Due

Use the order form in this newsletter, or print an [order form](#) from our website.

16-19 June 2016:

LWVUS Convention, Washington DC

Making Democracy Work for All

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Taking Action: Campaign Finance Reform Team

From Shirley Jin

The goal of the Campaign Finance Reform (CFR) team during 2015 was to educate people about the vast amount of money in our American elections that is provided by very few wealthy individuals and corporations. The presentation was given 22 times, and the Denver, Pueblo and Larimer Leagues have used the presentation. A wealth of information about money in elections has been placed on our [LWVBC website](#), including the presentation, for anyone to use. In addition, each month we send out a 'Follow the Money Blast' with new information.

The committee spent considerable time and effort reviewing the material provided by the Money in Politics (MIP) LWVUS committee and in preparing for our League's consensus meetings on MIP.

Since the problem of money in elections is now widely known in the US our team's focus has moved to publicly financed campaigns. Our efforts will be focused on encouraging other cities in Boulder County to implement a public campaign finance system which could be similar to that of Boulder City. In addition, we will be looking at the details of existing publicly financed campaign systems in cities and states around the country. Our team very much welcomes new members. Please contact Shirley Jin at 303 499-1574. Our current members include Rionda Osman, Cathy Felknor, Deborah Smith, Judy Burris, Peggy Leech, Mary Leonard and Shirley Jin.

Legislative Wrap-Up

From Jeannette Hillery

The Legislative Wrap-Up will be held May 18th at 6 - 7:15 pm at the Louisville Public Library. Come hear what bills the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) of the League followed during the past legislative session. What are some of the issues that might be faced in the fall and for next year? If you are a subscriber to the legislative letter, please bring it and join in the discussion. See you on the 18th.



Kudos to Louisa Young

From Deborah Hayes

Our own Louisa Young has received the highly coveted John Robert Marshall Award from the Boulder County Bar Association in recognition of her dedication, energy, and enthusiasm in undertaking volunteer legal service to the less fortunate. Louisa is the 27th recipient of the Marshall Award, which is presented annually to a Boulder County attorney who exemplifies the spirit of pro bono service. The award honors the memory of John Robert Marshall (1945–1990), a Boulder attorney who served the poor with competence and compassion and an outstanding commitment to pro bono service.



Louisa Young

On 7 April, the Boulder County Bar Association (BCBA) held its 29th Annual Pro Bono Luncheon at the Marriott Hotel. Four LWVBC members attended the awards luncheon, sponsored by Boulder County Legal Services (BCLS), and were among the 200 or so attendees—mostly lawyers, judges, law students, and professional staff—who gave Louisa a well-deserved standing ovation. BCLS lawyers deal with civil matters, including family law, housing, and benefits.

Louisa Young was president of LWVBC from 2012 – 2014. She continues to serve on our board and contributes her professional expertise as a member of our Social Policy and Agriculture teams, as well as numerous special projects. Louisa serves as co-chair of the Fund Development Team, and she will be working on a task force to assess the feasibility of a paid administrator for LWVBC. She coordinated the application for a large grant to help fund the Internship program. In 2007, Louisa did the legal work – pro bono, of course – for the merger of the Longmont and Boulder Valley LWVs to form the LWVBC.

Congratulations, Louisa!



From the left: Ruth Stemler, Lois Linsky, Louisa Young, Deborah Hayes, and Susan Saunders, celebrating Louisa's Marshall Award at the BCBA 29th Annual Pro Bono Luncheon on 7 April 2016.

The Boulder County Voter



1 May 2016

Membership Activities

From Liz Black

Trying new things and /or responding to special circumstances have the drawback that there is no instruction book to guide one's actions. But for those who like variety in our activities, these unexpected opportunities can be very enjoyable. I was a resource from the community and a judge to the high school students who competed in the Doing Democracy Day (DDD) VII on 29 March in Longmont. In this article I will share my reflections on that experience.

Doing Democracy Day

This is the second year that our league has sent volunteers to DDD, and this year our members staffed a voter registration table and we put in some money to be listed as a Sponsor! The St Vrain Schools is the major sponsor in that they provide substitutes so that teachers from all the high schools can accompany 5 students each for the event which takes place on a Tuesday. After students check in, they are fed and given tips on how to evaluate the merits of different policy choices and on how to interact with and interview the community leaders.

A highlight for me was the keynote address by Public Safety Chief Mike Butler. "Police departments have way too much power," he said. 80% of incoming calls do not involve any crime. He concluded that citizens need to step up and take on the roles of caring, acting and finding solutions. "True democracies are made by great citizens."

The DDD committee had a new question this year which corresponded to a bill being considered at the state legislature. In order to graduate from high school, must all students pass the same multiple-choice test which is a requirement in the process of naturalization? The winners at the end of the day were one of two teams that made their presentation on this topic. In the preliminary round, because of glitches with the venue's WiFi, the four teams that I judged faced the challenge of having to do their entire presentation without the use of the slides and visual aids they'd prepared. When not talking to students and other leaguers or eating, I did some networking with other adults and came away with some new names for our league's master contact list.



A St. Vrain student (left) registers to vote with Susan Saunders (center) and Deborah Smith ready to assist at the Doing Democracy Day Event.

Consensus Updates

Last fall, our membership weighed in on three consensus questions: LWVUS: Amending the Constitution; LWVCO: Behavioral Health; and LWVUS: Money in Politics. The results of those consensus activities have now been reported:

Constitutional Convention: LWVUS Position

On 3 February 2016, the League of Women Voters US announced a [new position](#) that calls for safeguards to govern the constitutional convention process of proposing amendments to the US Constitution. Specifically, the League supports these safeguards:

- 1) The Convention must be transparent and not conducted in secret;
- 2) Representation at the Convention must be based on population rather than one state, one vote; and delegates should be elected rather than appointed;
- 3) Voting at the Convention must be by delegate, not by state;
- 4) The Convention must be limited to a specific topic;
- 5) Only state resolutions on a single topic count when determining if a Convention should be called; and
- 6) The validity of state calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention should be determined by the most recent action of the state.

Behavioral Health: LWVCO Position

Our recent Behavioral Health Study provided the position to bring to the national Convention. The LWVCO has learned that the LWVUS Board of Directors has recommended Colorado's Behavioral Health Concurrence for the LWVUS Convention agenda.

A full statement of the LWVCO position and the history of our involvement in health issues are available on the [website](#). In brief, the [League of Women Voters of Colorado](#) has adopted the following position:

Behavioral Health: (Adopted 2015)

Support for:

- Behavioral Health as the nationally accepted term that includes both mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services.
- Behavioral Health care that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth from early childhood through adolescence.
- Early and appropriate diagnosis and treatment for children and adolescents that is family-focused and community-based.
- Access to safe and stable housing for people with behavioral health challenges, including those who are chronically homeless.
- Effective re-entry planning and follow-up for people released from both behavioral health hospitalization and the criminal justice system.

Behavioral Health: LWVCO Position (continued)

- Problem solving or specialty courts, including mental health and drug courts, in all judicial districts to provide needed treatment and avoid inappropriate entry into the criminal justice system.
- Health education – from early childhood throughout life – that integrates all aspects of social, emotional and physical health and wellness.
- Efforts to decrease the stigmatization of, and normalize, behavioral health problems and care.

Money in Politics: LWVUS Position

On April 14 the national League of Women Voters announced a new Money in Politics position and its support for legislation to reform the Federal Election Commission (FEC). The [announcement](#) and the [position](#) are posted on the LWVUS website.

The positions were based on consensus reached by 336 local and state Leagues and Inter-League Organizations who participated in the Money in Politics study. In addition to the traditional reason for campaign finance regulation – preventing corruption and undue influence in government – the League now supports several other goals, including: enhancing political equality for all citizens, protecting representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns, providing voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices, ensuring transparency and the public’s right to know who is using money to influence elections, and enabling candidates to compete equitably for public office.

TAKE ACTION

On 27 April 2016, LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara issued a [call for action](#) in support of efforts to reform the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

The League has endorsed legislation by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Representative David Price (D-NC) that would create a new independent agency to replace the FEC. The new Federal Election Administration (FEA) would be comprised of five commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, where only two members can be from the same political party. The fifth commissioner would be appointed on a nonpartisan basis from a list of candidates selected by a blue-ribbon panel of retired federal judges, former law enforcement officials or individuals with election law experience. With this five-member structure, the new legislation would end gridlock at the commission and put the public’s interests over partisan interests.

LWVBC BULLETIN BOARD

MAY 2016

17th Annual Floating of the Ducks in Longmont !



Get Your Tickets !

Saturday, 9 July 2016, as part of Longmont's Rhythm on the River Festival, the St. Vrain Rotary Club of Longmont will send thousands of ducks floating down the river.

For \$5, you can get in on the fun and help the LWVBC raise some funds. If you have a ticket that matches one of the first 3 ducks to cross the finish, you will win \$500, \$1000, or \$2000 !

See a LWVBC Board member to get your tickets !

Advocacy and Influence: How to Make Change Happen



Register Now !

For a discussion of **ADVOCACY AND INFLUENCE: How to Make Change Happen**

Colorado Women Hall of Fame Inductees (scheduled to attend): Mary Lou Makepeace, Lillie Nie, Mary Ann Kerwin, and Ramona Martinez

Have an idea or passion that needs a kick-start? Insights from these remarkable women will be shared and discussed on how they advanced their causes. Key strategies on what it takes; how to gain confidence, take the first step, and create collaborations will be discussed. Networking after the panel will allow people to meet the Inductees. The audience will be asked to share what change they want to influence?

Sponsored by the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in partnership with the Women's Collaborative for Colorado.

5-7:30 pm Tuesday, 14 June 2016 at the Denver Public Library
10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Pkwy, Denver CO 80204

This event is open to the public and free; however, you must register:

[Register for Advocacy & Influence](#)





The League of Women Voters of Boulder County is selling beautiful Holland bulbs again this year. We do the sale in conjunction with the Denver League of Women Voters. Last year our league raised almost \$900 from the bulb sales to support our programs!

The bulbs come directly from a grower in Holland and are of very high quality. This spring beautiful crocuses and daffodils from the bulbs purchased last year are making lovely landscapes!

The bulbs will be shipped from Holland for arrival in mid-October for fall planting. The Denver League does all the sorting and packaging of the bulbs. All we need to do is deliver the bulbs to our purchasers.

Packets with pictures of the bulbs and order forms will be available at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 7th. Please consider taking a packet and helping us with this fundraiser. Do think of this as an opportunity to approach groups with which you are affiliated, individuals, businesses, your neighbors, friends and relatives. One of our members even sold bulbs at her dentist's office! And don't forget—they make wonderful gifts, as well.

The League of Women Voters of Boulder County is increasing its outreach around the county and this fundraiser helps us support our events. **Order deadline is June 1st!**

An [order form](#) is posted on the LWVBC website.. Please return all completed forms and packets to Louisa Young. Please call or email if you have any questions:

Louisa Young
louisa.Young@colorado.edu
303-444-6428
PO Box 21562
Boulder CO 80308-4562

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF BOULDER COUNTY

Order Number _____

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - DENVER

2016 HOLLAND BULB SALE

SOLD TO OR DELIVER TO: _____
 FULL ADDRESS & ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
 SELLER: _____ SELLER'S PHONE: _____ UNIT: _____

FALL PLANTING/SPRING FLOWERING				
TYPE & VARIETY	TIME-HT. COLOR	PRICE FOR 12	QTY.	TOTAL
TULIPS				
Abba	M-12"-R	12.00		
Ancilla	E-6"-W+	13.00		
Angelique	L-18"-Pk	14.00		
Beauty of Apeldoorn	M-20"-P	13.00		
Blushing Lady	L-30"-P+	15.00		
Crème Upstar	L-18"-Y	13.00		
Darwin Hybrids Mix	M-22"	12.00		
Day Dream	M-20"-Y+	14.00		
Gavota	M-18"-W+	12.00		
Hamilton	L-26"-Y	15.00		
Ile de France	L-24"-R	13.00		
Menton	L-24"-P	14.00		
Mount Tacoma	L-18"-W	15.00		
Negrita	M-18"-Pu	12.00		
Passionale	M-16"-Pu	13.00		
Pink Impression	M-22"-Pk	14.00		
Rembrandt Mixed	M-18"	15.00		
Renown	L-26"-Pk	14.00		
White Emperor	E-18"-W	13.00		
White Parrot	L-20"-W	17.00		
World Expression	L-24"-W+	14.00		

DAFFODILS				
TYPE & VARIETY	TIME-HT. COLOR	PRICE FOR 12	QTY.	TOTAL
Delibes	M-14"-Y	21.00		
Dutch Master	E-18"-Y	22.00		
Tete-a-Tete	E-6"-Y	13.00		
White Lion	M-16"-W+	22.00		

Flowering Key	E=early	M=mid	L=late
Color Key	B=blue	O=orange	
	P=peach	Pk=pink	Pu=purple
	R=red	W=wine	
	V=violet	W=white	Y=yellow
		Br=bronze	
Heights May Vary			+ = accent color

MISCELLANEOUS				
TYPE & VARIETY	TIME-HT. COLOR	PRICE FOR 25	QTY.	TOTAL
Allium Oreophilum	L-10"-Pk	16.00		
Chionodoxa	E-6"-B	15.00		
Crocus Mixed	E-4"	14.00		
Dutch Iris Mixed	L-22"	15.00		
Iris P. Sensation	L-22"-Pu	16.00		
Iris Reticulata	E-6"-Pu+	15.00		
Muscari	E-6"-B	14.00		
		FOR 12		
Hyacinths Mixed	M-10"	20.00		
		EACH		
Allium Globemaster	L-32"-Pu	11.00		

INDOOR FORCING BULBS				
TYPE		PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
NARCISSI				
Paperwhites	FOR 12	22.00		
AMARYLLIS				
Dutch Belle	EACH	22.00		
Picotee	EACH	21.00		
Pasadena	EACH	20.00		
Red Lion	EACH	22.00		

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX
 Orders of \$100 will receive 12 free tulips,
 \$200 will receive 24 free tulips, etc.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LWV - DENVER

FLOWER ORDER TOTAL	
BEAUTIFY DENVER DONATION	
CASH DONATION TO LWV-DENVER	
TOTAL	



Annual Meeting

Saturday, 7 May 2016

9:00 – 11:30 am

Nissi's

2675 North Park Drive, Lafayette

(near 95th & Arapahoe)

Note: this is a change from previously published calendars

Please plan to attend the LWVBC Annual Meeting on Saturday, 7 May. We will begin the day with a breakfast buffet (cost: \$25/person), followed by our program.

Hillary Hall, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, will give us an update about the elections, latest regulations, important dates and procedures. It is critical in this important election year that our members become aware of the latest information, because so many voters turn to the League for registration and voting information.

Giorgio Ausende, LWVBC's intern for the spring semester, will present a video on his League experiences. He is a Masters student at the University of Colorado, studying journalism with a specialty in videography. He will tell his perspective of LWVBC reaching out to the community.

And, of course, we will attend to business, which includes election of officers, approval of the budget, and adoption of the 2016-2017 program.

Make your reservation now for our annual meeting. Mail the registration form below (also available on-line at www.lwvbc.org), to be received by Monday, 2 May 2016.

Registration Form

LWV of Boulder County Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, 7 May 2016, 9:00 – 11:30 am
Where: Nissi's, 2675 North Park Drive, Lafayette
Cost: \$25.00
Deadline: Monday, 2 May 2016

Please mail this form and check payable to LWVBC to Frieda Holley, 830 Columbia Pl, Boulder, CO 80303.

Number of persons ____ X \$25.00 = \$ ____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Yes, I would like a ride to the event ____

Yes, I would be happy to provide a ride to the event ____

May 2016

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June 2016

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