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Happy Spring!

As I write this letter Lois Linsky, Louisa Young and Yasi Taylor are putting the finishing touches on our April 6th Immigration event with Mary Wilson, past LWVUS president. Please register on line or mail in your reservation and join us. More details are inside this Voter.

LWV has a national position on Immigration and LWVCO has taken action at the state level. Be sure and review these positions ([LWVUS](#) and [LWVCO](#)). Some LWVBC members are encouraging us to educate and advocate on this issue so please come along, join the conversation and see how you can get involved! What action shall we take?

Peggy Leech and her team are planning our May 7th Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend. You can go to our website to register *or* use the form in the Voter. Hillary Hall, Boulder County Clerk, will tell us what we need to know about the latest voting procedures for the Fall election cycle. Giorgio Ausenda, LWVBC intern and graduate student in Journalism at C.U., will report on what he's learned this semester and present his video. You won't want to miss it!

In the business meeting we'll be reviewing a year with increased community impact, celebrating LWVBC achievements, considering next year's slate of officers from the nominating committee and listening to your suggestions on League business.

As always we need more volunteers as we reach into the community so let us know if you have a few hours a month to give to the League. We need your assistance!



Ruth Stemler, President,
LWVBC

Ruth

Register Now !!

Special Evening with Mary Wilson

"Immigration: Where Do We Stand? And What Can We Do?"

Wednesday, 6 April 2016, from 6:30-8:30 pm

Use the registration form at end of this newsletter or get more details online at [Wilson Event page](#) on our website.

Remembering Laura Fischer

Laura Fischer, 86, of Boulder passed away 27 February 2016. Laura was a member of LWVBC for six years when she was a resident at Frasier Meadows. She attended many League events, including Tuesday afternoon Unit meetings. Laura felt the importance of the Civil Liberties committee work. She made a presentation "From Tea to Tea: Protest in the United States" for their 2014 unit meeting on protests. Laura was also active on the Schools Committee and not long before she died, attended the 2016 Programming Planning meeting at Frasier.

Laura was born in White Plains, New York. She earned a BA degree in education and an MA in special education before starting a long and productive career as the Learning Disabilities Coordinator at the University of Colorado. She and her husband, Irwin, were among the founders of Congregation Har Hashem. Laura was a pillar to her community, a compassionate, brilliant mother, sister, grandmother, wife, leader, organizer and writer. She touched many people's hearts and helped many young students conquer their difficulties.

Laura and Irwin had three children, Howard Fischer, Maxine Becker and Lisa Kolodny. In addition to her children, she is survived by four grandchildren and a sister.

League members shared their memories of Laura as a very positive person who was extremely nice, always wore a smile and showed real interest in others.

Mark Your Calendars

6 April 2016:

**Special Evening with Mary Wilson
"Immigration: Where Do We Stand? And
What Can We Do?"**

6:30-8:30 pm, location to be announced.
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this newsletter or online at [Wilson Event](#)

14 April 2016:

**Community Conversation: View and
discuss the film "Strong Sisters"**

3:30-5:00, Thursday, 14 April, Frasier
Meadows Retirement Community (4th Floor
Assembly Room), 350 Ponca Pl, Boulder

Voter Registration Drives

(details in this newsletter)

14 April, Front Range Community College
30 April, Cinco de Mayo

7 May 2016:

Annual Meeting

9-11:30am, Nissi's, 2675 North Park Drive,
Lafayette (near 95th & Arapahoe). Speaker:
Hillary Hall

Registration form at the end of this
newsletter or [online](#)

LWVCO Council

20-21 May

LWVUS Convention

17-19 June

League of Women Voters of Boulder County
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Comments on 2016-2017 Budget

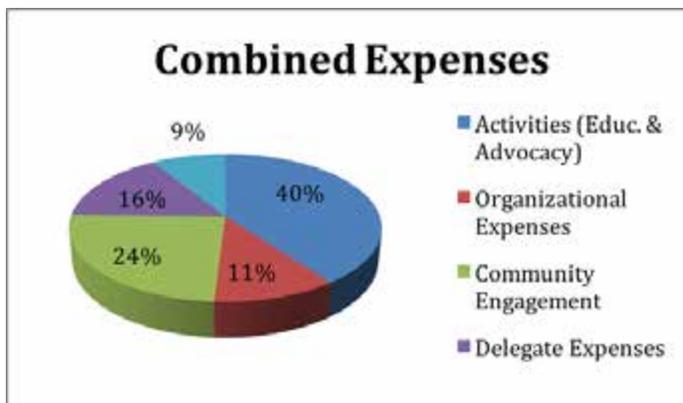
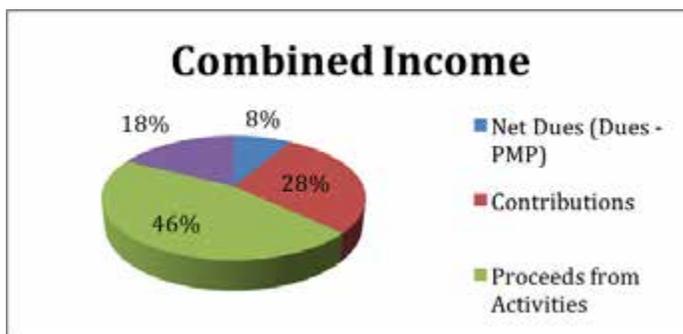
From Peggy Leech, Budget Committee Leader

In this issue of the Voter, you will find the proposed 2016-2017 budget. This was prepared by the Budget Committee (Lois Linsky, Frieda Holley, and myself) and approved by the board, subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting on May 7. I wanted to mention a few points in advance, so you can be aware of them before the meeting.

You may notice a large increase in the Income section, Proceeds from Activities. The Budget Committee felt that we can substantially increase our grocery card income, so we put a goal into the budget to challenge our members. This is such an easy way to raise money for LWVBC, and we would like to encourage all of our members to participate. Just ask any board member for details, and I am sure you will hear more about this.

Another change this year is that we have rearranged the reporting to better reflect our new focus as a result of the Strategic Planning we did last year. We have a new section called Community Engagement, which includes various activities for community outreach and engagement with the Latino and youth communities and partner organizations. We have also developed some pie charts so that we can all visualize where our income is coming from and where it is being spent.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything about the budget before the Annual Meeting, please feel free to contact any of the Budget Committee members. And, of course, discussion is welcome at the Annual Meeting.



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Overview of Boulder League of Women Voters 2016-17 Budget

Assets as of March 13, 2016	
<i>Checking Account</i>	
General Fund	7,403.43
Convention Reserves	3,000.00
Grant Fund	879.31
Scholarship Dues Fund	105.61
Total for Checking Account	11,388.35
<i>Savings in CDs</i>	2,931.54
<i>Education Fund</i>	7,362.34
Total Assets	21,682.23

General Fund						
General Fund Income	Actual 2014-15		7/1/15 to 3/13/16		Proposed 2016-17 Budget	
Dues	8,110.00		8,640.00		8,790	
Less PMP payment to National	-4,510.50		-4,384.00		-4,624	
Less PMP payment to State	-2,619.00		-2,466.00		-2,601	
<i>Net Dues to LWVBC</i>	980.50	8%	1,790.00	17%	1,565	10%
Contributions	3,434.69	29%	3,704.90	35%	3,100	19%
Proceeds from Activities	5,945.45	50%	3,640.41	34%	8,400	51%
Investment Income	7.15	0%	2.38	0%	5	0%
Grant	500.00	4%	1,500.00	14%	1,500	9%
Ed Fund pays for part of PMP	1,000.00	8%		0%	1,800	11%
Total General Fund Income-PMP	11,867.79	100%	10,637.69	100%	16,370	100%
General Fund Expenses excluding PMP						
Activities (Educ. & Advocacy)	2,425.58	24%	1,960.72	20%	4,700	31%
Organizational Expenses	3,692.36	37%	4,065.30	42%	1,945	13%
Community Engagement	451.14	5%	2,330.82	24%	4,250	28%
Delegate Expenses	2,030.48	20%	0.00	0%	2,750	18%
Membership Mailings (Voter)	304.60	3%	216.30	2%	260	2%
Operating Costs	1,016.78	10%	1,070.93	11%	1,465	10%
Total General Fund Expenses	9,920.94	100%	9,644.07	100%	15,370	100%
General Fund Income - Expenses	1,946.85		994		1,000	

Education Fund						
Education Fund Income	Actual 2014-15		This year to 3/13/16		Proposed 2016-17 Budget	
Contributions	1,915		2,915.73		2,150	
Fund Raising Events			200.00			
Grants			1,250.00		1,750	
Total Ed Fund Income	1,915		4,365.73		3,900.00	
Education Fund Expenses						
<i>All expenses are considered educational</i>						
Partial PMP Payment	1,000	52%		0%	1,800	46%
Other Voter Services	0	0%	934.50	47%	2,000	51%
Broadcast fees (forums)	200.00	10%	500.00	25%		0%
Ballot Issues - Local	423.57	22%	323.53	16%		0%
Ballot Issues - State	315.00	16%	210.00	11%		0%
Bank charges	0.00	0%	6.25	0%	100	3%
Total Ed Fund Expenses	1,938.57	100%	1,974.28	100%	3,900	100%
Ed Fund Income - Expenses	-23		2,391		0	

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Proposed Budget 2016-17

	Actual 2013-14	Actual 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	YTD 3/13/16	Budget 2016-17
General Fund	Gen. Fund Diff: Income - Expenses				0
INCOME					
Dues					
1010 Individual	7,007.50	6,755	6,780	7,245.00	7,170
1011 Household	1,155.00	1,355	1,440	1,395.00	1,620
SUBTOTAL Dues	8,162.50	8,110	8,220	8,640.00	8,790
Contributions					
1101 Members	3,110	3,046.09	3,000	2,547.00	3,000
1104 Non-member individuals	10	109.00	150	113.00	100
1105 Businesses	25	0	0		
1106 In-kind	290.54	279.60	0	1,044.90	
SUBTOTAL Contributions	3,435.54	3,434.69	3,150	3,704.90	3,100
Proceeds from Activities					
1201 Meetings and Meals	2,353.00	2,101.00	2,400	806.00	2,200
1202 Bulbs/Grocery Cards	1,149.10	1,264.95	1,550	2,834.41	5,000
1203 Money-making Events	702.08	1,479.50	500		1,200
1209 Payments by Delegates	0.00	1,100.00	0		
SUBTOTAL from Activities	4,204.18	5,945.45	4,450	3,640.41	8,400
Grants					
1300 Grants		500		1,500	1,500
SUBTOTAL from Grants		500		1,500	1,500
Investment Income					
1601 Bank Acct. Interest	15.36	7.15	10	2.38	5
SUBTOTAL Investment Income	15.36	7.15	10	2.38	5
TOTAL INCOME	15,817.58	17,997.29	15,830	17,487.69	21,795

	Actual 2013-14	Actual 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	YTD 3/13/16	Budget 2016-17
EXPENSES					
Activities (Educ. & Advocacy)					
670 Voters' Services (26.25)*(See Ed Fund)	38.42	358.10		26.25	50
672 Meetings and Meals (42)*	2,207	1,954.40	2,100	824.09	2,100
673 General Meetings (42)*	38.00	0	50	242.00	200
240 Comm Conversations (Units) (89.41)*	0	35.18	50	118.35	500
677 Event Promotion (formerly 250)		53.12			
680 Study Teams (Committees) (381.19)*	32.29		50	614.28	200
705 Lobbying, Statements		24.78	150	135.75	150
710 Grant Project					1,500
SUBTOTAL Activities	2,315.81	2,425.58	2,400	1,960.72	4,700
Organizational Expenses					
201 President	0	0	10		10
202 Secretary	0	15.70	10		10
203 Treasurer	23.63	9.80	25		25
204 Board Tools (256.08)*	76.95	2,803.87	2,250	2,672.21	300
210 Finance-- Fundraisers	716.47	266.95	240	790.86	930
220 Annual Meeting Packets	26.00	40.40	40		40
230 Membership	219.29	217.11	225	61.64	100
235 Membership Recruitment	18.69	0	Phase out		
270 Membership Handbook	336.14	244.66	250	396.35	400
280 Handbook Postage	132.64	93.87	130	144.24	130
SUBTOTAL Org. Expenses	1,549.81	3,692.36	3,180.00	4,065.30	1,945
Community Engagement					
250 Public Relations (24.98)*	92.24	451.14	525	110.13	100
255 Misc. Implement. Strategic Plan					200
260 Affiliate Organizations			300		300

* amount of in-kind contributions this year

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	Actual 2013-14	Actual 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	YTD 3/13/16	Budget 2016-17
261 Networking				460.00	740
263 Latina Engagement				15.00	160
267 Youth Engagement (incl. Intern)			550	1,745.69	2,750
SUBTOTAL Community Engagemnt	92.24	451.14	1,375	2,330.82	4,250
Delegate Expenses					
301 National Convention/Council	3,067.74	0	3,000		1,500
305 State Council or Convention	433.48	1,800.48	450		1,000
315 Workshops	0.00	230.00	150		250
SUBTOTAL Delegate Expenses	3,501.22	2,030.48	3,600		2,750
PMP Assessments					
401 National PMP (total 4,624)	4,557	4,510.50	4,384	4,384	4,124
403 State PMP (total 2,601)	1,646	1,619.00	2,466	2,466	1,301
SUBTOTAL PMP Assessments	6,203	6,129.50	6,850	6,850	5,425
Voter					
501 Newsletter Postage	65.06	119.50	120	80.30	120
503 Newsletter Production	147.86	185.10	130	136.00	140
SUBTOTAL Voter	212.92	304.60	250	216.30	260
Operating Costs					
102 Liability insurance	500	500	500	500.00	500
103 Telephone	316.35	101.40	102	101.40	102
104 Licenses and Taxes	10	10.36	10	10.00	10
105 Website Expenses	200	200	200	225.98	283
107 Bank Checks and Charges	0	84.02	0	20.39	100
108 Post Office Box Rent	60	62	64	66.00	70
109 Supplies, Stationery (5.89)*	4.26	59	30	147.16	400
SUBTOTAL Operating Costs	1,090.61	1,016.78	906	1,070.93	1,465
Moved to Reserves					1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,965.61	16,050.44	18,561	16,494.07	21,795

Education Fund Ed. Fund diff: Income - Expenses 0

	Actual 2013-14	Actual 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	YTD 3/13/16	Budget 2016-17
EF INCOME					
EF Contributions					
1401 Members	1,355.00	1,355	1,400	2,221.00	1,500
1402 Non-members	266.65	50	100	160.00	150
1403 Businesses	500.00	510.44	500	534.73	500
SUBTOTAL EF Contributions	2,121.65	1,915.44	2,000	2,915.73	2,150
1404 Fund Raising Events				200.00	
2000 Grants				1,250.00	1,750
TOTAL EF INCOME	2,121.65	1,915.44	2,000	4,365.73	3,900

EF EXPENSES

404 Partial Nat'l PMP payment					500
400 Partial State PMP payment	200	1,000			1,300
600 All Voter Services, inc. grants					2,000
650 Bank charges				6.25	100
670 Misc Voters' Services	370		200	934.50	combined above in Voter Services
670 Broadcast fees (forums)	525	200	600	500.00	
671 Ballot Issues - Local	375	423.57	500	323.53	
671 Ballot Issues - State	240	315	400	210.00	
677 Event Promotion (~250)	272.69		900		
TOTAL EF EXPENSES	1,982.69	1,938.57	2,600	1,974.28	3,900

* amount of in-kind contributions this year

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Financial Review/Audit Committee Report

From Marlys Robertson and Deborah Vink, Financial Review/Audit Committee

We, the Audit Committee, have reviewed the books of the League of Women Voters of Boulder County (LWVBC), examined the records of revenue and expenditures, beginning and ending cash balances, cash flows and bank statements. The books are an accurate reflection of the financial condition of the LWV of Boulder County for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the fiscal year.

LWVBC Program Planning, January 2016

Submitted by Jeannette Hillery

Program Planning for local and national was held on January 13, 2016. There were a total of 36 people who attended the meetings.

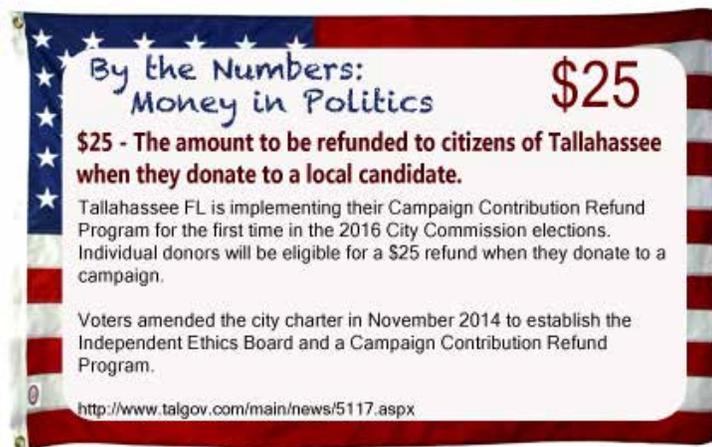
LWVBC program was accepted without any changes.

LWVUS: Basically accept all positions. The afternoon group of 2/3 of the members suggested that under the Equality of Opportunity position, Federal Role in Public Education that the words "and higher education" be added, so that the position in brief would read "Support federal policies that provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre -K through grade 12 "and higher education."

We are supporting LWVCO concurrence at national convention on Behavioral Health which would be included under Social Policy, the Health Care position.

There was a suggestion from the afternoon group to ask National for a by-law change regarding membership. It would ask to drop citizenship requirement at League meetings if you are a participating member. They would have full voting membership. Minnesota is also requesting a similar change. This would help us with younger members and minority communities.

There is a recommendation for National to consider a name change. Report by Sara Michl. This will be sent with the report to national.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

<i>Position</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
Slate of nominees to be presented for election at Annual Meeting, May 7, 2016		
President	1-year term, 2016-17	Ruth Stemler
1st Vice President (Lead Events Coordinator)	2-year term, 2015-17 To complete the 2nd year of the vacated term of 1st VP	Peggy Leech
2nd Vice President (Lead Communicator & Voter Editor)	2-year term, 2016-18	Rionda Osman
Secretary	2-year term, 2015-17 To complete the 2nd year of the vacated term to which she was appointed in February 2016	Linda Hultman
Treasurer	2-year term, 2016-18	Lurbin Moore
Director (Membership Coordinator)	2-year term, 2016-18	Liz Black
Director (Voter Service)	2-year term, 2016-18	Susan Saunders
Director (Events & Intern Support)	2-year term, 2016-18	Shiquita Yarbrough
Director (Implementation of MLD Strategies)	2-year term, 2015-17 To complete the 2nd year of a vacated term for a Director	Sarah Levison
Nominating Committee (Off-Board)		
Chair	1-year term, 2016-17	Frieda Holley
Member	1-year term, 2016-17	Hugh Haskell
Member	1-year term, 2016-17	Catherine Felknor
At its organizational meeting in the summer of 2016, the Board will appoint two of its members to also serve on the Nominating Committee.		
Continuing on Board by Virtue of Election at Annual Meeting 2015		
Director	2-year term, 2015-17	Jeannette Hillery
Director (Fund Development)	2-year term, 2015-17	Lois Linsky/ Louisa Young sharing single Directorship
Appointed Team Members Recruited or Confirmed by the Nominating Committee		
Communications: Emailing (Vertical Response) and Social Media		Laura Coates
Communications: Traditional Media		Yasi Taylor
Membership: Secretary and Records		Debbie Vink
Membership: Handbook		Elaine Brenner
Membership: Member Engagement and Retention		Louisa Matthias
Membership: Recruitment: This year the responsibility will be shared by Membership and MLD Implementation Directors, with additional outreach by the President.		
Webmaster		Deborah Hayes
Assistant Webmaster		Rionda Osman
Voter Service: Voter Registration Coordinator		Jeannine Pow
Voter Service: Candidate Forums		Liz Nick
Voter Service: Ballot Research Coordinator Voter Service: Speakers Coordinator This year these responsibilities will be handled by the Voter Service Director.		
<i>Report submitted by the 2015-16 Nominating Committee:</i>		
Prue Larson, Chair; Celeste Landry, Louisa Matthias, Rionda Osman, and Yasi Taylor, Members; Liz Black, Ex Officio		



Taking Action: Remarkable National League Leader Coming to Boulder County

From Louisa Young and Lois Linsky
Co-chairs Fund Development Team

Mary Wilson is coming to Boulder, and we will have the opportunity to hear her speak on “Immigration: Where Do We Stand and What Can We Do?”

If you haven’t been in the League for very long, you might ask, “Who is Mary Wilson?” She is an attorney practicing in New Mexico, and she is past national League President, which demands anyone’s respect. Her two terms spanned the period from 2006-2010 when our current President, Elisabeth MacNamara, was elected.

During her tenure, the national study on Immigration was undertaken. Also Vote411 was initiated during that time. Mary lobbied for the Affordable Care Act, and, immediately after the Citizens United decision she testified before a Senate Committee chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, encouraging the Senate to develop and pass legislation that would at least require more disclosure about the contributors to PACs. (Mary says that during the hearing, Sen. Feinstein took the opportunity to tell everyone that she got her start in politics as a member of the League.) She was honored by Oxfam with a Sisters on the Planet Climate Leader award because of her personal work on the issue of climate change, particularly lobbying Congress about the adverse effect climate change was having on women around the world.

She lives with her husband on a ranch that was homesteaded by her husband’s grandfather in 1914. She originally comes from that part of Ohio which is near where Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia come together.

Because of her knowledge and expertise, Mary was invited to participate in the Conference on World Affairs this year. Since she is in town anyway, she has graciously agreed to be the center point for an LWVBC event.

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Register by mail using the form at end of this newsletter or online at [Wilson Event](#) page on our website. Don’t miss this opportunity to mingle with Leaguers, not just from Boulder County but other local Leagues, as well as members of the public. Your admission fee will go for our Education Fund account with the state League, and it’s tax deductible.

Read the LWVUS [Position on Immigration](#) and the LWVCO [actions on Immigration](#)



Mary Wilson, past president of the League of Women Voters of the United States



Taking Action: Strategic Planning - 4th Quarter Peek

From Susan Saunders

It's been a busy year implementing the first strategic plan for the LWVBC. We've achieved some significant goals and are about to enter the last quarter of our action phase for 2015-16. The high spots for this spring include:

Fund Development - with plans for two or three grant applications to the LWVCO, The Community Foundation of Boulder County and some funding appeals to businesses in the county

Membership - with the aim of writing an action plan including smart goals

Attendance - which has remained steady during our transition from traditional Units to the broader based Community Meetings. During the fall and winter, we conducted the business of consensus meetings and program planning which are naturally limited in appeal to LWVBC members. As we eased into spring we conducted successful Community Meetings on Schools/Common Core, Transportation, Living Wage and Behavioral Health. We have our fifth meeting, April 6, on the topic of Immigration. This event will be featuring Mary Wilson, a former LWVUS President and doubles as a fund raising opportunity. The completed meetings were quite successful in engaging and educating the public regarding issues of interest to the League. Successful because we maintained the usual numbers of members (8-13 per meeting) and added many non-members to the attendance lists (2-35 per meeting). We engaged at least 65 people who would not otherwise have been touched by the LWVBC. We made contacts and found opportunities to take our messages beyond the membership, meeting the primary mission of the League to influence policy through education and advocacy.

The strategic planning process for the LWVBC will continue with the monitoring of progress and refinement of the initial goals, development of new goals, and continued reporting to the membership. The Strategic Planning Task Force welcomes your feedback at any time. Please call or email:

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Campaign Finance Reform Team News

From Shirley Jin

The CFR team is adding a new dimension. We will be looking at the details of all the existing publicly financed campaign systems in U.S. cities and states. The majority of people now understand that the government is essentially working for a relatively few wealthy interests who contribute vast amounts of money to political campaigns. Out-of-State money is coming into Colorado to influence our state and even local elections. Much of it comes from undisclosed sources. New rules and regulations are not likely to work well as loopholes are always found and enforcement is difficult. Even with the allowed limits on donations the more affluent are often able to have more influence than those who are less affluent. We welcome anyone to join us who is interested in working on this effort.



ColoradoCare, Amendment 69, Universal Health Care Presentation

On March 19th, as part of Community Outreach, the League of Women Voters of Boulder County had a table display at a community forum at which State Senator Irene Aguilar discussed ColoradoCare, Amendment 69. "ColoradoCare is a resident-owned, non-governmental health care financing system designed to ensure comprehensive, quality, accessible, lifetime health care for every Colorado resident." LWVCO supports Amendment 69, and the table display included the LWVCO's position, the LWVBC Health Care position, membership brochures, and other items. The forum was hosted by the Boulder County AIDS Project in partnership with the Beacon Center for Infectious Diseases. Attendees learned more about the proposed amendment and were able to ask questions.

Attending from the League were Mary Anna Dunn, Peggy and Mary Leech, Frieda and Dick Holley, and Maryann Balassa. LWVBC intends to hold informational sessions on Amendment 69 in the future.



Taking Action: Voter Registration Services

From Jeanine Pow

Anyone who attended a Colorado caucus on March 1st knows that the 2016 Presidential campaign has generated unprecedented voter interest. According to the *Daily Camera*, more than 23,500 people voted in the Boulder County Democratic caucuses. Hundreds more Democratic caucus-goers were turned away without having had the opportunity to participate in their precinct caucuses. (See *Daily Camera* article "In wake of Boulder County's chaotic night, a push to bury the caucus" posted 03/02/2016).

Six million Americans failed to vote in 2008 because they had missed a voter registration deadline or didn't know how to register to vote. (See National Voter Registration Day website at: nationalvoterregistrationday.org/about/). Sadly, barriers preventing civic participation in elections are not a new reality in the United States.

In this highly contested election year the LWVBC is making a concerted effort to get as many people registered to vote as possible. For example, in March we conducted two voter registration drives (VRDs). In a VRD at Front Range Community College on March 16th, Susan Saunders and Ruth Stemler registered 16 people to vote and helped 15 others update their voter records. On March 29th, Deborah Smith and Susan Saunders conducted a VRD at Doing Democracy Day in Longmont, resulting in approximately 12 new registered voters!

Currently, we have the following VRD events scheduled with more on the horizon:

- April 14, 2016: Take Back the Night at Front Range Community College, 4:15-6:00 p.m.;
- April 30, 2016: Cinco de Mayo, Longmont, 11:00-6:00 p.m.; and
- June 26, 2016: Colorado Latino Festival, Longmont, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Needless to say, we will need all hands on deck in this very active election year. Your assistance in this *core* LWV activity would be greatly appreciated. To help in a VRD, please contact: Jeanine Pow at (303) 915-8915 or powpc@hotmail.com



Erie Candidate Forum

Our members paused during the action at the Erie Candidate Forum at the Erie Chamber of Commerce on 14 March.



Cory Thompson (Erie Chamber of Commerce), Susan Saunders, Dorothy Mahan, Elle Cabbage (Executive Director, Erie Chamber of Commerce), Liz Nick, Diana Barney, Peggy Leach, Marion Read. Photo provided by Bob Grand, Carbon Valley Independent.



Andrew Romanoff on Mental Health in Colorado

From Mary Anna Dunn

Attendance was standing room only at the Firehouse Art Center in Longmont for the Health Care Team's March 8 event featuring Andrew Romanoff, President and CEO of Mental Health Colorado.

Mr. Romanoff focused on how we can make Colorado a leader in treating and preventing mental health disorders, including substance abuse. He emphasized the benefits of early intervention and the risks of neglecting behavioral health signs and needs. Among his striking statistics were these: When a child or youth is identified as needing further assistance for behavioral health, having to go elsewhere to meet with a professional means a 10% likelihood of follow-up. In contrast, if the health care professional is in the school, follow-up is likely 90% of the time.

Mental Health Colorado will be focusing in the coming year on promoting the presence of behavioral health providers in all Colorado schools. LWVCO's updated health care position statement will allow us to support this effort.

In preparing for this event, our League partnered with Mental Health Colorado, Interfaith Network on Mental Illness, and Mental Health Partners in publicizing the program. The combined efforts brought in an audience of concerned and involved citizens, more than half of whom were not League members. We look forward to further partnering in educational and advocacy efforts.



Andrew Romanoff, President and CEO of [Mental Health America of Colorado](#)



Special Evening with Mary Wilson
“Immigration: Where Do We Stand? And What Can We Do?”

Registration Form

When: Wednesday, 6 April 2016, from 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: To Be Announced
Cost: \$25.00

Please mail this form and a check payable to
LWVCO Education Fund
and write on the memo line:
“Boulder County”

Mail your check to:
Frieda Holley
830 Columbia Place
Boulder, CO 80303

Guests are welcome!

Number of persons ____x \$25.00 = \$_____ enclosed

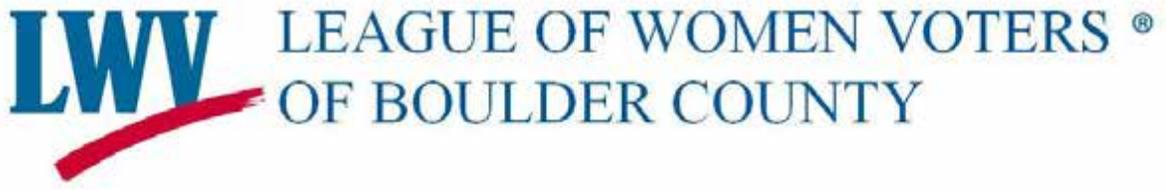
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Contact email address _____



Annual Meeting

9:00 – 11:30 am, Saturday, May 7, 2016

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, May 7. 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 [online](#)), to be received by Monday, May 2, 2016.

*Registration Form
LWV of Boulder County
Annual Meeting*

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Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2016

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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 ____

April 2016

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May 2016

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24	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

LWVBC Calendar

- 6 April: Special Evening with Mary Wilson
- 14 April: Community Conversation: "Strong Sisters", Frasier Meadows
- 14 April: Voter Registration Drive: Front Range Community College, Longmont
- 30 April: Voter Registration Drive: Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Longmont
- 7 May: Annual Meeting
- 20-21 May: LWVCO Council

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