

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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> **Grand Junction Community Center**—January 14, at noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction Presentation by representatives supporting the creation of a local community center.



### Community center team preps for April ballot

On January 14 at a noon meeting, **Scott McBrayer, GJ Community Center Campaign (GJCCC) Steering Committee Member**, will present the current status of the campaign and share information about the proposal for the Center, based on the Feasibility Study recently completed for the City. The team has been working for over three years for the **April 2019 City election**. The grassroots, bipartisan volunteer group, formerly known as PLACE (People for Local Activities and Community Enrichment), is now officially the **GJCCC**.

As noted in the December VOTER, the proposed Center would include a primary facility at **Matchett Park**, further development of Matchett Park to support outdoor activities and court spaces, and a renovation of the pool building on Orchard Mesa. Final ballot wording should be finalized in January.

**Judy Herr, LWV member**, will be present to show how this project fits in with positions formerly adopted by the local, state, and national Leagues.

>**Women 's March** - noon, January 19 - meet at the Old Courthouse

## MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

### “Iron Jawed Angels” film

Leading up to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, LWVMC sponsored a viewing of the film Iron Jawed Angels. Depicting the ordeal those women suffered, the movie provided an intense experience for the twenty-five members and guests who attended the presentation. We were reminded of the commitment and dedication required of those who continue to battle for voters' rights. An evening well spent.

## Letter from the Leadership Team

As we charge into 2019, it's worth looking back—just a little.

A report sent to LWVCO contained lots of information, but we think our LWVMC Members might appreciate this particular segment of the report:

### **“What are you most proud of from your League’s work in the past year?”**

*Stabilized our chapter, providing for long-term sustainability of organization*

*The Leadership Team transitioned new members into required responsibilities of the chapter*

*Hosted 8 community presentations*

*Hosted 4 forums on candidates and issues*

*Trained 70 people to register voters; registered 150 voters*

*Partnered with KWSI-LP Radio to produce 15+ episodes of Civics and Action, an information show for voters*

*Campaign to support Amendments Y & Z*

*Continued support efforts of our committee Citizens for Clean Air*

*Applied for and received grant funding from Alpine Bank*

*Published monthly on-line newsletter and distributed to email listing of members and public*

*Stable finances “*

We are still discovering the combined talents of our new Leadership Team, but we thought we'd share our satisfaction with the “so far so good” of the 2018-2019 League of Women Voters of Mesa County. Special thanks to all of our Members—we are proud to represent you!

—LWVMC Leadership Team

### **Leadership team:**

**Kayla Dodson**

**Cynthia Edwards**

**Cindy Hartel**

**Fini Oharek**

**Robyn Parker**

**Anita Pisciotte**

**Henry Snyder**

**Debby Tittle**

**Heidi Van Calcar**

## **National Women’s History Museum**

There are many museums on the National Mall in Washington D.C., including for Native Americans, African Americans and a long list of others. However, there is no physical presence of the National Women’s History Museum. This museum’s physical presence is not allowed due to Congress’s refusal to pass legislation – for years and years - to build on the last site on the National Mall. As a NWHM charter member, I will be writing periodic articles about this problem, plus women’s history pieces.

The NWMH’s Board has decided, beginning January 1, 2019, to raise at least \$500,000 within the next 60 to 90 days. This will show Congress that we are tired of waiting for permission to build a permanent home on the last site on the Mall. Our goal is to be in an available building near the Mall by August 2020 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which will bring thousands of students, teachers, women, and men to Washington D.C. to celebrate “the longest bloodless battle in U.S. history” – the Women’s Right to Vote.

Stay tuned and, if you want to help, send a check to:

National Women’s History Museum

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--Peggy Rawlins

# What's Happening?

## ***Happy New Year!***

Let's get started ...

On Sunday, January 13, 2019—a **sign-making session** for the **Women's and MLK Marches** at the **Mesa County Central Library**, 1:30-4:00 pm  
(drop in, some supplies provided—or bring your own—and this is **family friendly**)

On Saturday, January 19 there will be **A Women's March**



That same weekend will feature



### **Grand Junction's 2019 MLK Celebration Weekend**

Thursday, 1/17/19 - **Storytime** at the **Mesa County Central Library**, 6:30pm

Friday, 1/18/19 - **Poetry Slam** at **Charlie Dwellington's** in GJ, 7-9pm

Saturday, 1/19/19 - **Poster & Essay Celebration Community Meal**, 4pm

Sunday, 1/20/19 - **Movies at the Avalon**, 3pm (set time) and 7pm (tentative time)

Monday, 1/21/19 - **March** and related events:

Handy Chapel 2pm,  
City Hall 3pm,  
CMU Vendor/Booths 4:15pm,  
CMU/Love Hall 5:30pm



## FUTURE EVENTS (currently planned)

- > **GJ Community Center, Grand Junction**—presentation by representatives supporting the creation of a local community center, January 14, 2019 at noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction
- > **Women's March**—January 19, 2019—meet at old courthouse at noon
- > **Citizens for Clean Air Forum—Annual Public Forum**, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction
- > **Voters' Forum** - March, 2019
- > **Grand Valley Students United**—April 8, 2019
- > **Annual Meeting** - May 13, 2019

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