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The Voter

August 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

August 5: Communications & Technology Committee Meeting, August 5th @ 11am, Central Library—Idea Lab

August 7: Leadership Meeting, August 7th @ 2pm, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

August 26: Women's Equality Day

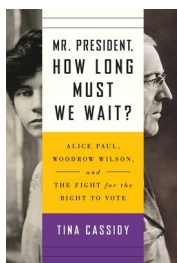
August 28: Voter Services Committee Meeting, August 28th @ 4pm, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

September 9: An Evening With Mesa County Public Health, September 9th @ 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Avenue, GJ

November 5: Election Day

Go See Tour: TBD (location & date to be finalized in August!)

NEWS & STUFF



LWV of Mesa County Now Has A Book Club!

Introducing the LWV book club. The club will be focused on civic-minded reads spanning various genres and covering both fiction and non-fiction. The club will meet monthly, with a likely break in the summer months to catch up on our beach reads.

The first book is *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?* By Tina Cassidy. You can find it at our local library or wherever good books are sold. Happy reading!

Meet The Geeks of LWV

Our new Communications & Technology Committee brings a one-stop shop of technical know-how to the organization. Committee members will be assisting Leadership and other members with website updates, social media posts, and email communications. *(Continued)*



"Anyone who thinks
he's too small to
make a difference
has never been bit
by a mosquito" -
Jeannette Walls

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

Meet The Geeks of LWV (cont.)

This new committee will also help vet new technology, maintain the digital library, promote best practices, and enforce the League's branding standards.

If you like to tweet, post, write, or take pictures, this is the group for you!

Communications & Technology Meeting: August 5th @ 11am, Central Library—Idea Lab

Voter Services Committee Ready To Create a More Perfect Democracy!

Beginning this month, our new Voter Services Committee brings a fresh focus to all things voting and elections. From voter registration drives to candidate & issues forums to Get Out The Vote initiatives—this committee has their work cut out for them ...and we're excited to see them do their thing!

The November 2019 election is coming up fast and the Voter Services Committee needs your help planning (and manning) the forum, designing a GOTV campaign, and updating our website with some great voter resource material. This is a great opportunity to really get those creative juices flowing and make empowering voters our #1 priority!

You can join the committee by simply attending one of the upcoming monthly meetings. The inaugural meeting is on Wednesday August 28th. We hope to see you all there!

Voter Services Meeting: August 28th @ 4pm, 1160 N 4th St., GJ (KWSI-LP radio, red door)

Automatic Voter Registration Starts August 2nd

Starting on August 2, 2019, Colorado will automatically register residents to vote when they apply for Medicaid (and other services) or when they apply for a new or make a change to their existing driver's license. You can read more about the bill at leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb19-235.



City Market Community Rewards

Help us earn money every time you shop at City Market!



Enroll your City Market Value Card in the Community Rewards program (organization #WJ005) and City Market will donate a portion of proceeds to LWV of Mesa County.

"I think people forget that it doesn't take a big donation to help someone, just a lot of little donations" - Hannah Teter

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

City Market Community Rewards Brings In \$\$!

Between April 1 and June 30, 2019, City Market donated over \$55 to LWV of Mesa County through their Community Rewards program. This is money donated to us because four of you enrolled your value cards in the program. That's right - just four households netted us over \$55! That's amazing and we're so thankful that the four of you (whoever you are!) took the time to sign up.

Now for the rest of us ...just imagine how many additional donation \$'s we could earn if each of us took the few minutes it takes to enroll our City Market value cards in the Community Rewards program. It's easy to do. Just follow the instructions below and enjoy knowing that with every dollar you spend at City Market, you're helping the League empower voters and defend democracy!

1. Go to <https://www.citymarket.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>
2. Click the **View Details** button under "I'm a Customer"
3. Enter your username and password
4. Click **Enroll**
5. Enter "WJ005" in the search box
6. Click the **Enroll** button under League of Women Voters of Mesa County
7. Don't forget to use your value card when shopping at City Market!

Voter Registration Drive at GJ Farmer's Market

League members braved the hot, hot summer at the July 11th Grand Junction Farmers' Market. Although we didn't register any new voters, we did answer A LOT of questions about Colorado's new automatic voter registration policy and rustled up some general interest in the League. Thanks to Cindy H for coordinating this event!

This will be the only GJ Farmers' Market that LWV of Mesa County will attend this summer as the GJ Farmers' Market organizers were only able to give us one evening this year.

A Note From LWVUS: Census 2020 #CountMeIn

April 1, 2020, marks the kickoff of the 2020 Census. This process of counting will ensure that the political power, health, and safety of every community is maintained or (*Continued*)



Keeping Up-To-Date With LWVUS

Read up on all of the latest news & updates from LWVUS...

Blog: <https://www.lwv.org/blog>

Newsroom: <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom>

"Democracy is the art of thinking independently together."
- Alexander Meiklejohn

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

A Note From LWVUS: Census 2020 #CountMeIn (cont.)

enhanced in the upcoming decade. But communities that don't get fully counted in 2020 will miss out for the next ten years. **NOW is the time to get involved.** The Census counts. So do you. Pledge to be counted and to educate your community about the importance of the 2020 Census.

Sign the pledge to say #CountMeIn at <https://www.lwv.org/other-issues/census>

LWV of Mesa County Needs YOU!

Are you just itching to get more involved? Are you bursting with ideas on how the League can be more effective? Are you interested in helping to shape the future of our local chapter? LWV is looking for talented, energetic people LIKE YOU to fill the following role:



Spokesperson

Be the "voice" of LWV of Mesa County. The Spokesperson serves as the point of contact for local media organizations and helps to promote the League's mission and events around the Grand Valley. This position is ideally held by an individual with 2+ years of experience in the League with a good understanding of the League's mission and positions. This position requires a 9-month commitment with the option for election to an additional 2-year term at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Primary duties include:

- Attend the monthly leadership meeting
- Serve as point of contact for local media
- Send monthly press releases to local media outlets (note that creating the press releases is a leadership team effort)
- Coordinate interviews with local media to promote league events (don't feel comfortable in front of a camera? No biggie. This one is entirely optional.)

If you're interested in this position (and we do hope you are!) contact the leadership team at lwvmesa@gmail.com.



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You can help us grow by liking, commenting on, and/or sharing our posts. Each time you interact with us on social media, you expand our reach. So, like us! Follow us! Share us! Help us reach 1,000 page likes in 2020.

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NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

August 26th is Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. The amendment prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. It was first celebrated in 1973 and is proclaimed each year by the United States President. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Equality_Day)

An Evening With Mesa County Public Health

Join us the evening of September 9th for a public presentation from Jeff Kuhr, Executive Director of Mesa County Public Health. Mr. Kuhr will be filling us in on all that his department is doing in Mesa County to keep us safe and healthy and in tip-top shape.

Mesa County Public Health, formed in 1948, provides a wide range of public and environmental health services to the Mesa County region. The department's mission is "to maintain and improve health through assessment of community health status, policy development to support effective programs, and assurance of high quality, effective education and services" (<https://health.mesacounty.us/about-us/>).

Visit the Mesa County Public Health website (<https://health.mesacounty.us/>) to learn more about their programs and services.

Event Info: September 9th @ 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Avenue, GJ

Happy Birthday To All Of You August Babies

Do you share a birthday with one of these amazing ladies?

August 13 Lucy Stone, abolitionist & women's rights advocate

August 15 Julia Child, American chef

August 16 Carol Mosely-Braun, 1st African-American woman elected to US Senate



Contribute To Future Editions of **The Voter!**

Have you recently read an interesting article that you think LWV members would like to read? Do you have a good story to tell? How about a funny joke? The team behind The Voter is always happy (and appreciative) to accept member contributions. Just mail what you've got to lwvmesa@gmail.com and we'll gladly add it to a future edition.

"Leadership is being the first egg in the omelet." - Jarod Kintz

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The Leadership Team

Have a question or concern? Email the team at lwvmesa@gmail.com

Our current Leadership Team members:

- * Robyn Parker, Chairperson(Interim), Voter Services Coordinator
 - * Cindy Hartel, Secretary
 - * Henry Snyder, Treasurer
 - * Deb Tittle, Member and Leadership Development
 - * Toni Brammeier, CommTech Committee Lead
 - * Peggy Rawlins, Advisor
 - * Cynthia Edwards, Hospitality / Voter Services Team
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With Love, From The Leadership Team

By now you've probably noticed that this newsletter looks a bit different from earlier iterations. And if you've read through the previous pages carefully, you've also noticed that we now have a book club and 2 new committees. That's right! We've got a new look and lots of new ways for you to get involved.

We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to get involved as we have more in the works. The leadership team met for a marathon 2.5 hour meeting in June where we brainstormed our brains out. We're excited to roll out some of our ideas but we need your help to get stuff done. After all, the League is fueled by YOUR PASSION and YOUR ENERGY. So, check out a committee meeting or volunteer for one of our upcoming events and let's keep the momentum rolling into 2020!

With Love,
The Leadership Team



P.S. We 'heart' feedback. Let us know how we're doing by emailing us at lwvmesa@gmail.com. And especially let us know if you're not receiving notice of upcoming events and meetings.



Not Yet a Member?

By joining the League you not only support our local chapter, but your membership also helps to support the League's grassroots efforts at the state and national levels. Joining also gives you the opportunity to vote in League elections and help us shape the future of the organization for years to come. So, what are you waiting for? Join today!

<http://lwvmesa.org/vote/join/>

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