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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

October 2: Leadership Meeting, 2pm—3pm, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

October 7: A Discussion About A New High School, 7pm—8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Avenue, GJ

October 20: Voters' Forum, 2pm—4pm, Central Library, 443 N 6th St, GJ

October 21: CommTech Committee Meeting, 11am—noon, 1160 N. 4th St., GJ

October 30: Book Club, 9am—11am, The Artful Cup, 3090 N 12th St., GJ

November 5: Election Day

November 11: A Forum on the National Popular Vote, 6:30pm—8pm, Meyer Ballroom, CMU University Center, 1455 N. 12th St., GJ

NEWS & STUFF

Citizens For School District 51 Discuss Measure 4a

This November, Mesa County voters will be asked to support a \$179 million bond to build a new Grand Junction High School and increase security at three other Mesa County high schools. On October 7th, Citizens for School District 51 will present bond measure 4A and address audience questions and concerns. *(Continued on next page)*



"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next" - Abraham Lincoln

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

(continued) Citizens For School District 51 Discuss Measure 4a

Join us to learn all about how this important ballot issue will impact our local schools.

Event Details: October 7, 7pm—8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Avenue, GJ



Learn What's On The Ballot At The October 20th Voters' Forum

Join us on October 20th for our annual fall Voters' Forum. Learn more about the District 51 school board candidates and the D51 bond issue. We'll also have representatives talking about the pros and cons of Proposition CC (TABOR) and Proposition DD (gambling & taxes). It's a one-stop-

shop of answers to all of your ballot questions just in time for the November 5th election!

The Voters' Forum will be moderated by Justin Gollob, Ph.D (Associate Professor of Political Science at CMU).

Volunteers from Grand Valley Students United will be helping us run the event. You can learn more about (and donate to) GVSU at gvstudentsunited.org.

KWSI-LP 100.3FM will provide technical resources and equipment for the event. KWSI will broadcast and stream a recording of the event on their Civics & Action program at kwsi.org. You can learn more about (and donate to) KWSI at kwsi.org.

Event Details: October 20, 2pm—4pm, Central Library, 443 N 6th St, GJ

LWV & CCDC Partnering For Voters With Disabilities

On September 14th, LWV members partnered with Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition for a voter registration drive at Central Library. *(Continued on next page)*

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.

"Every citizen's vote should count in America, not just the votes of partisan insiders in the Electoral College" - Gene Green

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

(continued) LWV & CCDC Partnering For Voters With Disabilities

The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) is a Colorado disability advocacy organization with disability advocates all over the state giving a voice to disability issues--- including in the realm of voting and elections. Colorado Cross is proud to partner with the League of Women Voters Mesa County to make sure that voters with disabilities are lending their voice to presidential and other elections with their vote. The partnership with League of Women Voters Mesa County has allowed us to provide:



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- ◆ Voter Education on ADA accessibility rights and voting offices (polling places)
- ◆ Mesa County Disability Resource Awareness and Outreach to connect people with Mesa County resources for disabled.
- ◆ Updating current voter information for current voters
- ◆ Registering new voters

If you have an issue to report, please contact the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition 303-839-1775. Our Denver office will connect you with our Mesa County Advocacy Team.

Become a Disability Advocate

CCDC offers online disability advocacy training classes as well as in-person classes through the University of Denver (DU).

Don't Miss A Lively Debate On The National Popular Vote!

LWV of Mesa County is excited to partner with LWV of Colorado to host "A Forum on the National Popular Vote" on November 11. Taking the stage is Mesa County Commissioner **Rose Pugliese** of Protect Colorado's Vote and **Ray Haynes**, national spokesman for the National Popular Vote and former National Chairman of ALEC. Our friend, Justin Gollob, Ph.D (associate professor of political science at CMU) will be moderating the discussion.

This promises to be a lively, engaging, and informative discussion *(Continued on next page)*



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>

"The difference between try and triumph is a little umph" - Marvin Phillips

NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

(continued) Don't Miss A Lively Debate On The National Popular Vote!

about a subject near and dear to Mesa County's heart (Ms. Pugliese was instrumental in getting the National Popular Vote on the 2020 ballot and many of our Grand Valley neighbors have strong opinions about this issue). This is a fantastic opportunity to hear two experts with opposing viewpoints share what they know about a contentious and relevant topic. Mark your calendars. You. Do. Not. Want. To. Miss. This.

Read LWVCO's press release at <https://www.mobilize.us/yesonnpv/event/123197/>.

Event Details: November 11, 6:30pm—8pm, Meyer Ballroom, CMU University Center, 1455 N. 12th St., GJ

Go See Tour of WCCC Campus A Great Kick-Off To The New Season

We kicked-off the 2019-2020 season with our traditional Go See Tour on September 19th. This time around, LWV members visited the Western Colorado Community College campus. We checked out the digital film lab, the welding lab, the transportation center, the medical classrooms, and we even got to pop our heads into the viticulture center. The LWV members were in awe of the facilities and the number of programs that WCCC offers. "I had no idea" was a sentiment uttered by just about every member more than once.

Our tour guide, Carrie Ann, was extremely knowledgeable and spent considerable time teaching us all about WCCC's partnership with District 51. Did you know that through this partnership, D51 juniors and seniors can earn high school AND college credit in specially designed WCCC programs such as STEM, Applied Health, Welding Technology, Culinary Arts, etc.? And did you also know that D51 covers the majority of the costs for these students to attend these WCCC programs?

Visiting the WCCC campus and witnessing firsthand the enthusiasm of both the students and teachers, one can't help but get excited about the future. Mesa County students have real opportunities at WCCC to gain high-tech experience and a head start towards a successful career. We can't wait to see what they do with it.



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COMMITTEE & CLUB CORNER

Voter Services Committee

The Voter Services team is busy planning October's events, including the D51 Measure 4a discussion (October 7) and the Voters' Forum (October 20th).

Contact Robyn Parker at gjrobyn@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our Voter Services committee.

Communications & Technology Committee

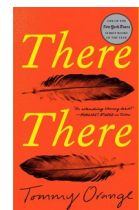
The CommTech team is hard at work redesigning our LWVmesa.org website in preparation for our upcoming migration to Club Express. The team is also busy spreading LWV's mission and advertising upcoming events via a variety of media formats.

The CommTech committee meets at 11am on the third Monday of each month. Contact Toni Brammeier at tonibrammeier@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our CommTech committee.

Book Club

Our October book selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange.

Catch up on past selections and get ready for future reads at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/book-club/>.



The Book Club meets at 9am on the last Wednesday of each month at The Artful Cup (3090 N 12th St., GJ). Haven't read the book? Come anyway!

Contact Toni Brammeier at tonibrammeier@gmail.com with questions about the Book Club.

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.



GET INVOLVED!



Volunteers Needed For “A Discussion About A New High School”

Monday, October 7, 7pm—8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 536 Ouray Avenue, GJ

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Photographer from 6:45pm—8:30pm
- ◆ Table & Sign-In from 6:30pm—7:30pm

Contact Robyn Parker at gjrobyn@gmail.com if you are available to help at this event.

Volunteers Needed For “Voters’ Forum”

Sunday, October 20, 2pm—4pm, Central Library, 443 N 6th St, GJ

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Photographer from 1:30pm—4:00pm
- ◆ Set-up from 1:00pm—2:00pm
- ◆ Takedown from 3:45pm—5:00pm

Contact Robyn Parker at gjrobyn@gmail.com if you are available to help at this event.

Distribute Ballot Issues Pamphlets Around Town Throughout October

Pick-up and distribute ballot issues pamphlets. Pamphlets can be dropped-off at churches, libraries, coffee shops, and anywhere else voters might pass-through. Spanish pamphlets are available.

Contact Robyn Parker at gjrobyn@gmail.com if you are available to help drop-off pamphlets.

Volunteers Needed for “A Forum on the National Popular Vote”

Monday, November 11, 6:30pm—8pm, Meyer Ballroom, CMU University Center, 1455 N. 12th St., GJ

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Photographer from 6:15pm—8:00pm
- ◆ Table & Sign-In from 6:00pm—7:00pm

Contact Robyn Parker at gjrobyn@gmail.com if you are available to help at this event.

Serve as LWV of Mesa County 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 commitment through the end of the 2019-2020 season, with the option for election to an additional 2-year term at the 2020 Annual Meeting. **If you’re interested in this position the leadership team at lwmesa@gmail.com.**

"I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?" - Benjamin Disraeli

ADMINISTRIVIA

With Love, From The Leadership Team

Fall is officially here and we couldn't be more excited. Cool, crisp air, falling leaves, pumpkins, and THE ELECTION! October promises to be a busy month for LWV of Mesa County as we work hard to make sure that our neighbors understand how every measure on November's ballot impacts us locally. With two programs this month dedicated to ballot issues, we also have more than a few ways for members to get involved. Check out the new "Get Involved" section of The Voter (page 6) for details.

This month we are also looking forward to a major upgrade to how we administer our local league. We have submitted a grant proposal to LWVCO and are anxiously awaiting final approval for a new software package that offers advanced administrative capabilities for small organizations like ours! We are super excited about this opportunity and cannot wait to roll out new features that will help all members communicate and organize more efficiently. Just in time for 2020!

And finally, as always, we are committed to ensuring your generous contributions are used to effectively spread LWV's mission across the valley. We welcome your ideas and questions at lwwmesa@gmail.com

With Love,
The Leadership Team



The Leadership Team

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

Our current Leadership Team members:

- * Deb Tittle, Chairperson
- * Henry Snyder, Treasurer
- * Robyn Parker, Voter Services Coordinator
- * Toni Brammeier, Lead-CommTech Committee
- * Peggy Rawlins, Advisor
- * Cynthia Edwards, Hospitality / Voter Services Team



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://lwwmesa.org/vote/join/>

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