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## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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

**December 9:** LWV Holiday Party, 5pm-7pm, Cynthia Edward's home, 241 Red Rim Dr., GJ

**December 16:** CommTech Committee Meeting, 11am—noon, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

**December 18:** Book Club, 9am—11am, The Artful Cup, 3090 N 12th St., GJ

**December 22:** Hanukkah begins

**December 25:** Christmas Day (Ho Ho Ho!)

**December 30:** Hanukkah ends

**December 31:** New Year's Eve (Hello, 2020!)

## NEWS & STUFF

### Why Join The League?

For the past 100 years, LWV has been on the front lines, battling tirelessly for voter equality and fair elections. It's a battle that continues to be fought to this day.



... In states like Tennessee where LWV joined with other organizations in a lawsuit that challenged a new TN law penalizing voter registration efforts.  
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On Hanukkah, the first dark night, light yourself a candle bright. I'll you, if you will me invite, to dance within that gentle light." — Nicholas Gordon

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)



### *(continued)* Why Join The League?

In September 2019, a federal judge awarded LWV and friends a preliminary injunction, thereby allowing voter registration efforts to resume in time for the upcoming election.

... And in states like Florida where LWV was an instrumental advocate for the passing of Amendment 4, which restored voting rights to individuals who were convicted of a felony offense.

... And right here in CO where LWV is at the forefront of advocacy for the National Popular Vote coming to the ballot in 2020.

When you join LWV, you support all levels of LWV advocacy—from our grassroots efforts to register and educate voters to our state and federal lobbying efforts. Through your membership, you can make meaningful contributions to the issues that matter most to you.

You can join or renew your membership online at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/join/>.

And don't forget that LWV also offers opportunities for you to get involved in causes that matter right here in Mesa County! Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little bit, your talents can help us spread LWV's vision across the valley. Afterall, our local chapter is only as strong as our membership is active. So check out the Upcoming Events and Get Involved sections of this newsletter. And if you have ideas for programs or events that you'd like to be a part of, we'd love to hear them! Please reach out to the leadership team at [lwvmesa@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmesa@gmail.com).

### **It's Time For The League Potluck Holiday Party!**

Join us on Monday, December 9th at 5pm as we kick-off the holiday season with a potluck holiday party! We'll start the night with a quick and very informal review of some League highlights and then get down to the serious business of making merry. (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.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." - John Steinbeck

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

### *(continued)* Potluck Holiday Party

There will be delicious food, great conversation, and a light-hearted gift exchange white-elephant-style. So bring a dish, bring a gift, bring a friend, bring your favorite Christmas sweater and come party!

### *The White Elephant Gift Exchange*

A White Elephant Gift Exchange is a popular Christmas event where people vie to walk away with the best present. To participate, please bring one wrapped gift per person (\$10 limit please).

### *Potluck Dish "Assignments"*

If your last name starts with...

A — C Dessert

D — J Appetizer

K — P Side or Salad

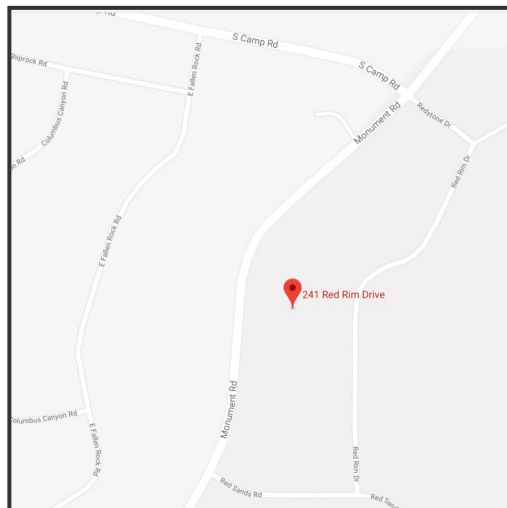
Q — Z Main Dish



### *Event Details*

December 9th, 5pm—7pm, Cynthia's Home at **241 Red Rim Dr., GJ**

Let Cynthia know you're coming! RSVP 970-260-3425 or [snomo1249@yahoo.com](mailto:snomo1249@yahoo.com)



### 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>

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Theresa

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)



### Colorado Gives Day is December 10th

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. And one of the best ways to get involved is in your very own community!

You can donate directly to LWV of Mesa County at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/donate-2/>.

You can find a list of other worthy organizations in Mesa County at <https://www.coloradogives.org/COGIVESDAY>



### The National Popular Vote Forum A Big Success

On November 11, LWV-Mesa partnered with LWVCO hosted the National Popular Vote Forum. Speaking at the event was Mesa County Commissioner Rose Pugliese and Ray Haynes, former congressman and spokesperson for the National Popular Vote campaign. Both speakers passionately defended their positions and imparted a whole lot of knowledge in the process.

You can listen to a replay of the event courtesy of our friends at **KWSI-LP 100.3** at <https://kwsilp.org/civics-and-action-fall-2019/>.

Not sure what the National Popular Vote is all about? Read more about it and our speakers in our original blog post at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/a-forum-on-the-national-popular-vote-november-11-2019/>.



### Help Us Reach 1,000 Likes in 2020

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## COMMITTEE & CLUB CORNER

### Voter Services Committee

The Voter Services team is committed to educating voters and promoting Get Out The Vote initiatives around Mesa County.

Contact Robyn Parker at [gjrobyn@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tonibrammeier@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining our committee.

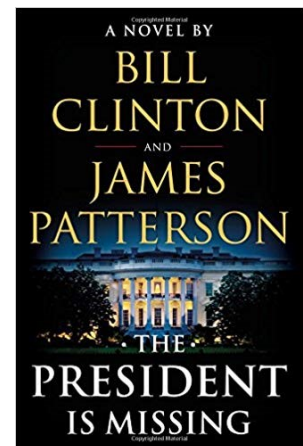
### Book Club

**\*\*HOLIDAY DATE CHANGE ALERT: BOOK CLUB WILL MEET  
WED. DEC. 18 @ 9AM AT THE ARTFUL CUP\*\***

Our December book selection is something fun to help you escape from the holiday stress. Pick up a copy of *The President Is Missing* by Bill Clinton & James Patterson—it's a seriously entertaining romp. You won't be disappointed.

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!



### 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](mailto:lwvmesa@gmail.com) and we'll gladly add it to a future edition.



## GET INVOLVED!

### Serve on the Leadership Team!

Become an ardent defender of democracy! Join the LWV Mesa County leadership team and use your talents to advocate for the issues that matter most to you and our community!

Our leadership team members get involved, at various levels, in program & event planning, League communications, behind the scenes administration, and anything else that might come up. We believe that a diverse mix of experiences makes for a stronger League and we welcome fresh ideas and new perspectives. Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little bit, there is a place for you on the team.

Our leadership team meets the first Wednesday\* of each month at 2pm at 1160 N 4th St, GJ (KWSI-LP radio station, look for the red door). **Are you interested in joining the leadership team but cannot make the monthly Wednesday afternoon meetings? Let us know at [lwvmesa@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmesa@gmail.com).**

\*Our meeting dates occasionally change so please check the event calendar at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/calendar/> for up-to-date meeting info.

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### Renew Your Membership

Well folks, it's that time of year again—membership dues are due for renewal. Remember, your dues not only support LWV advocacy at the national and state level, but they also allow us to spread the League's mission right here in Mesa County. Truly, we couldn't do what we do without the generous contributions of our members.

You can renew online at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/join/>.

Not yet a member? Join the LWV fight for a more equal democracy line at <http://lwvmesa.org/vote/join/>.



"Keep calm and eat a  
candy cane." - anonymous

## ADMINISTRIVIA

### With Love, From The Leadership Team

Dust off those twinkly lights and break out the champagne because the holiday season has officially arrived! After a very busy and very successful fall, we're ready to take a break and indulge in some good old-fashioned merry-making. We hope you'll join us on December 9th for our annual holiday party (ugly sweaters optional!) generously hosted this year by Cynthia E (thanks, Cynthia!).

And while the rest of you continue celebrating into 2020 with your friends and families and loved ones, we'll be hunkered down working on some exciting changes for the upcoming year. That's right! The digital revolution has reached LWV and we couldn't be more thrilled. The new year will see us with an updated website and greater communication and management capabilities. We can't wait to roll-out the changes and show you all of the new bells and whistles!

And, once the new tool is set-up, members of our CommTech team will be available in-person to help you join and participate in our new online community. Our goal is to make all of you as comfortable with and excited about these changes as we are!

So happy holidays and all that! We'll see you in the new year!

With Love,  
The Leadership Team



### The Leadership Team

Have a question or concern? Email the team at [lwvmesa@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmesa@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://lwvmesa.org/vote/join/>

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