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# The Voter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

**March 3:** Presidential Primary Election (Don't forget to turn in your ballots!)

**March 5: CANCELLED**—Leadership Meeting, 2pm—3pm, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

**March 25:** Book Club, 9am—11am, The Artful Cup, 3090 N 12th St., GJ

**April 1:** Leadership Meeting, 2pm—3pm, 1160 N. 4th Street, GJ

**April 6:** Citizenship: Rights & Responsibilities—Presented by Dr. Tim Casey, CMU PoliSci, 7-8:30pm (reception at 6:30pm), Grand Valley UU, 536 Ouray Ave., GJ

## NEWS & STUFF

### **Dr. Tim Casey To Present “Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities” On April 6, 2020**

Dr. Tim Casey, Professor of Political Science at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) will be the guest speaker for LWV on “Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities” on April 6, 2020 at 7pm at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Grand Valley . Dr. Casey will explore the concept of citizenship from its democratic origins in 5th century Athens to the present day, how it has evolved, and what impact the changes have made on various political systems.

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"Although I am losing my Soviet citizenship, I do not cease to be a Russian poet." - Joseph Brodsky

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

### ***(continued)* Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities**

A reception will precede Dr. Casey's talk. The reception will start at 6:30. Please come to visit with your fellow Leaguers ...and eat some pizza!


**Event Details:** April 6, 7pm—8:30pm, Grand Valley UU, 536 Ouray Ave., GJ.  
*Reception at 6:30pm.*



### citizenship: rights and responsibilities

**Presented by Dr. Tim Casey**  
*Professor of Political Science, CMU*

**April 6, 2020 @ 7PM**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray Ave, GJ**  
*Reception (with pizza!) at 6:30PM*



### **Have You Seen Our New Look?**

On February 14th, we unveiled our new online community ([lwvmesa.org](http://lwvmesa.org)). LWV Mesa County members now have the ability to register for events, join committees, and engage in online discussions with your fellow Leaguers. There is a lot to play with and we encourage you all to log in, poke around, and have fun!



All members should have received a login username and password via email on February 20. If you did not receive login instructions please email us at [tech@lwvmesa.org](mailto:tech@lwvmesa.org).  
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### **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.

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

### *(continued)* Have You Seen Our New Look?

If you missed our 'Intro to LWV Online' classes at the library in February, we encourage you to check out our new **New Member Toolkit** page at [lwwmesa.org](http://lwwmesa.org).

We hope you enjoy our new look and new online community!

#### **LWV Online Tip: Upon logging in for the first time, we encourage you to update your profile:**

**Contact Info:** Make sure that all information is current and correct, especially your email address. Your email is critical as it allows you to reset your password and ensures you'll receive our monthly League Updates.

**Additional Member Data:** Tell us a little bit about yourself!

**Standard Member Directory:** Set your privacy settings for our member-only directory and link your social media accounts.

**Forum General Preferences:** Set your preferences for our discussion forums.

**Forum Memberships:** Opt-in and -out of our discussion forums.

**Interests:** Tell us a little more about yourself!

### **Presidential Primary Election on March 3**

Don't forget that the presidential primary election is coming up on March 3rd, 2020. Let's all pledge to cast our ballots and encourage our friends and family to do the same.



### **The Voter To Be Published Quarterly**

Starting this month, we will be publishing The Voter quarterly instead of monthly. In lieu of the monthly newsletter, we will send out a monthly schedule of upcoming events. The next Voter will be published in June 2020.

This was a difficult decision to make as we value the opportunity to connect with you each month. However, our newsletter team is, for the most part, a team of one and a monthly publication is just too much for such a small team. When/If our newsletter team grows we will reconvene monthly publications. (if you're interested in volunteering for the newsletter team, please shoot us an email at [tech@lwwmesa.org](mailto:tech@lwwmesa.org)).



#### **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>

"Clean air shouldn't be a privilege dictated by where you can afford to live but a right to which we are all entitled." - Kevin de Leon

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

### Citizens for Clean Air presented "Ozone 101" on February 18th

On February 18th, our friends at Citizens for Clean Air (CCA) presented "Ozone 101" in GJ. This was definitely an information-packed evening. CCA provided an update on their new ozone monitoring project as well as information about the indoor air quality in the valley (thanks to the installation of some nifty new PurpleAir monitors). We learned that humidifiers and cooking kick-up more air particles than you might expect and we all walked away determined to do a better job of airing out our homes!

We heard from representatives of PurpleAir, the company behind the air quality monitors. If you're curious about air quality around the globe, check out their world map at <https://www2.purpleair.com/>. You can also purchase your very own monitor right from the site.



We also heard from Dr. David Scott from the Allergy & Asthma Center of Western Colorado about the health effects of ozone.

As always, you can get real-time updates on air quality throughout the Grand Valley at CCA's website: <https://www.citizensforcleanair.org/>. Also, don't forget to follow CCA on Facebook (@CitizensforcleanairGJ) for updates on their various projects as well as information on upcoming events.

### Legislative Action for Air Quality (by Karen Sjoberg - CCA & LWV)

The state Air Quality Control Commission has important decisions coming up this spring:

One critical measure requires that the Commission reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and hydrofluorocarbons (HFC). Legislated by the state in 2019, the law mandates that the Commission develop science-based, cost-effective regulations to address climate change.

Coloradans on the Western Slope experience the effects of global warming close to home, as we witness more frequent and dangerous wildfires along with seasonal changes in temperatures, snow and rainfall and other variations that threaten our air, water and the surrounding lands and wildlife we so cherish.

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"Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world." - Dolores Huerta

## NEWS & STUFF (cont.)

### *(continued)* Legislative Action for Air Quality

HFCs have very high global warming potential and are one of the fastest growing sources of greenhouse gases. They include refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, foam insulation and aerosol propellants.

The GHG (Greenhouse Gas Reporting) and HFC (Hydrofluorocarbon) Phase-out Rules are now being drafted by the state, and the Commission must solicit input from a variety of stakeholders before making a decision whether or not to pass the rules for implementation. Citizens for Clean Air invites the League of Women Voters of Mesa County to join us in encouraging fast, bold action. In the past we have learned that our comments do influence decisions!

The Commission will have *another* rulemaking to consider this spring: Regulation 9 applies to all open burning activity throughout the state. Proposed changes are mostly clarifications and updates to the existing regulations, and include restrictions on burning in barrels, pile burning and what items are allowed.

It is important to note that *local governments can strengthen these* state regulations, but *cannot weaken* these and other state regulations.

Mesa County Public Health, following the lead of the City of Grand Junction, are to be commended for their efforts that began in 2018 to implement a permitting process and rules that go beyond state regulations. Mesa County rules educate and instruct residents on how, what, when and where it is legal to burn. For more information, see <https://apps.mesacounty.us/BurnPermits/Form>

Both Open Burning and especially GHG/HFC rulemakings will offer opportunities for public and stakeholder feedback. We encourage participation in what will essentially shape our future quality of life.

For updates and opportunities to engage at whatever level at which you feel comfortable, contact [citizensforcleanairgj@gmail.com](mailto:citizensforcleanairgj@gmail.com) or visit [www.citizensforcleanair.org](http://www.citizensforcleanair.org).

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## COMMITTEE & CLUB CORNER

### Voter Services Committee

With elections being the hottest topic in 2020, our Voter Services Team has a lot of work to do. Besides the presidential election, there will be elections at every level of government from Washington, DC, to Mesa County, ranging from US Senators and Representatives to Mesa County Commissioners. In Colorado, voters will address several contentious issues, including abortion bans, wolf reintroduction, and national popular vote.

Mesa County voters rely on League of Women Voters for the information they need to make informed voting decisions. There is so much to do, but our Mesa County Chapter needs more volunteer power. We're going to register high school seniors to vote, produce ballot issues forums, publish Vote411, and partner with KWSI-LP Radio to produce Civics & Action.

With all that we do, League of Women Voters really has something for everyone. We can use your help no matter what your skills are or how much or little time you have to contribute. Help League of Women Voters make a difference in 2020!

*Join the Voter Services committee online at [lwvmesa.org](http://lwvmesa.org).*

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### 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.

*Join the CommTech committee online at [lwvmesa.org](http://lwvmesa.org).*

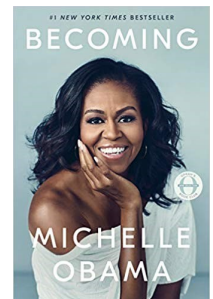
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### Book Club

Our March book selection is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama.

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!

*Join us for an online discussion of the book at [lwvmesa.org](http://lwvmesa.org).*



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



## GET INVOLVED!




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### **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 [info@lwvmesa.org](mailto:info@lwvmesa.org).**

\*Our meeting dates occasionally change so please check the event calendar at [lwvmesa.org](http://lwvmesa.org) for up-to-date meeting info.

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### **Help Moderate An Online Discussion!**

Are you passionate about Climate Change? How about Women's Health? Local Government? Income Inequality? Or any other hot topic of the moment?

If you answered yes to any of the above, we could use your help moderating an online topical discussion or two. It's not much of a time commitment—the LWV tech team will set-up the discussion forum and all you need to do is ensure participants keep things clean and civil and add to the discussion every once in a while.

Training will be provided and you will not be the only moderator so there's safety in numbers. Interested? Please contact us at [tech@lwvmesa.org](mailto:tech@lwvmesa.org).



The League of Women Voters® of Mesa County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## LWV MESA COUNTY 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
- \* Anita Pisciotte, Secretary
- \* Robyn Parker, Voter Services Coordinator
- \* Toni Brammeier, Lead-CommTech Committee
- \* Peggy Rawlins, Advisor
- \* Cynthia Edwards, Hospitality / Voter Services Team

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