



League of Women Voters
of
Estes Park

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Pass the Word

Voters will decide on forming a valley-wide Fire District using mail-in ballots only that are due November 3rd. Our Forum on this topic is [October 15](#).

Town residents will vote on extending EPURA using mail ballots on January 12, 2010. Details on when the ballots go out and a Forum date are not yet set.

September Events

Back to League Breakfast Wednesday, September 23rd

8:30 to 11 am
Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies
1700 Brodie Avenue

Bring a friend to hear about the
Stanley Fairgrounds Renewal Plan
Presented by Tom Pickering,
Director of Business Development for Estes Park

RSVP by September 18th to:
Diane Burkepile 577-1685
Ranee Morrison 586-8509



September Meeting Wednesday, September 30th

9 am in the Hondius Room

Fire District Ballot Issue

Hear all sides of the Proposal

President's Letter September, 2009

Dear Members,

Save the Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010! Why? To Celebrate the 90th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment giving “us girls” the right to vote. When I think back on stories my grandmother told me about all the time and activities she and other women did to get the men to see that women should be able to vote, I realize how passionate she, her sisters and her mother were. Fortunately, for everyone's sake, the men in the family were in full support. The passion and enthusiasm didn't stop when these women were given the right to vote. They wanted to be “educated” voters: “to understand the issues and candidates”. My grandmother said she never voted for anyone because of his smile or the way he dressed and was adamant that her grandchildren know the issues and the candidates' positions. Let's think about a suitable celebration for August 26, 2010.

My grandmother was not alone. There were many women like her and we continue to carry on that tradition. We have local, state and national issues bombarding us from the airwaves and the newspapers. Our Candidate Forums are well attended but we need that people power to be successful. We should try to help high school students register to vote. Linda Stratton is spearheading a “great decisions” group. Diane Burkepile and Irene Little are continuing to keep recycling at the forefront. More needs to be done and our program committee is hard at work bringing timely issues for us to discuss and some to vote on. Please help! At the Back to League Breakfast, you can sign up to help on committees, a little or a lot depending upon your other schedules. But remember the League is only as good as its members make it.

Lynn Young is to be commended for all the time and effort she has given the LWVEP over the years. We hosted a “thank you pot luck” for her in June that she really appreciated and everyone had a good time. We were sorry that more members couldn't come. Lynn and Bob have moved to Fort Collins. Their address is : 950 S. Ridge Greens Blvd #17, Fort Collins, CO 80525

September is here, so start thinking about League and give us your thoughts on how we can attract more members. We need to have input from the younger generations too. How can we do that ?? All suggestions are welcome so I hope to hear from you either by phone 586-0992 or e-mail sbpinkham@beyondbb.com.

Thank you.

Sue Pinkham
President

Mark Your Calendars

September 23	8:30 am	Back to League Breakfast Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies
September 26	9 am	League Day in Denver
September 30	9 am	Fire District Ballot Proposal Hondius Room
October 14	9 am	The Future of EPURA Hondius Room Speakers: Will Smith and Bill Van Horne
October 15	7 - 9 pm	Voter's Forum Town Board Room Fire District Ballot Proposal
October 28	9 am	State Sustainability Study (Linda Stratton) Hondius Room
November 11	9 am	RMNP Update with Vaughn Baker Hondius Room
December 9	9 am	Honoring "Green" Business in Estes Park: Irene Little Hondius Room

Dues are Due!

\$50 Individual
\$75 Couple
\$15 Student

Membership dues for the year may be paid at the breakfast or sent to:

LWV of Estes Park
PO Box 562
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Board Members 2009-2010

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In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jim Martinsen on August 27. He was a valued member of our League and will be missed.

League Day in Denver on September 26th

As announced in the Colorado Voter, League Day is set for Saturday, September 26 at the Holiday Inn Select in Denver from 9 am to 3 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to hear what other Leagues are doing as well as hear from an impressive group of speakers.

The topics covered will be:

- **Judicial issues and diversity in the judicial system**
- **Real community, real sustainability**
- **Understanding Colorado healthcare financing and reform**
- **An overview of the federal stimulus money and where it will be used in the state**

The cost is \$32, which includes lunch, and the registration deadline is September 18th. If you would like to carpool, please contact Diane Burkepile at 577-1685.



Census 2010: Conference Call Next Week

This message was sent by Marge Fisch, LWVCO, regarding the League's Partnership with the US Census Bureau.

The LWVUS is offering a training conference call on the [Census](#) for all those interested in doing this important work. Date/Time: Thursday, September 10, 1:30 pm our time. Dial: 1-888-272-7337. Conference ID: 9368535. Speakers from the National Census Bureau will provide an overview of Census efforts and League-specific information on how to get involved. We continue to encourage Leagues currently involved in Census efforts to reach out to your local government offices and urge your public leaders to get involved in Census efforts by joining a [Complete Count Committee](#), for example. For more information on the conference call and how to become a [Census Partner](#), please contact Sergio España (SEspana@lwg.org).

League of Women Voters of Estes Park 2009 – 2010 Member Survey

Name _____ Phone (home) _____ Cell _____
(if you wish to list this number)

Address _____ City and Zip code _____

Email address _____

Periodic announcements will be sent by email. If you prefer a phone call, please check here _____.

Please check the activities in which you would like to participate.

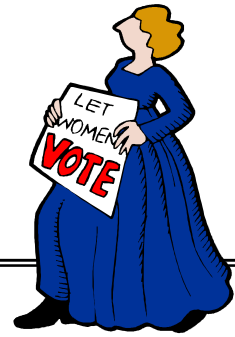
- Public speaking
- Contact legislators by letter, phone or email
- Mentor a new member
- Help with voter registration (training provided)
- Moderate candidate and other forums (training provided)
- Other?

The following are possible interest groups which could be active this year. Which one(s) would you be interested in joining?

- Observer Corps (Observe a town/county board, commission meeting, etc.)
- State Sustainability Study
- Great Decisions
- Local ballot issues pros and cons
- Contributing to a column for local newspapers
- Other?

Please return to Linda Stratton or bring to the Breakfast.

Don't forget to complete the member survey and pay your dues this month.



Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, promotes informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership is open to both men and women of voting age.

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