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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ESTES PARK







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LWVEP CALENDAR – April 2019 – June 2019

April	
Fri., 4/19 (sundown)	Passover begins
Sun., 4/21	
Mon., 4/22	
Wed., 4/24	League Program: Update on Rocky Mountain National Park, Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 10 am – noon
May	
Sat., 5/4	
Fri., 5/10	May Board meeting: details TBD – all members welcome!
Sun., 5/12	
Wed., 5/15	League Annual Membership Meeting: Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 10 am – 1 pm, lunch included, cost is \$16 per person. See article below for more information.
Mon., 5/27	
Thurs., 5/30 – Sat., 6/1	State League convention. Holiday Inn Stapleton. Deadline for registering is May 1. Contact Liz Zornes if you are interested in attending at lzornesart@gmail.com. See article below for more information.
June	
Sat., 6/8	 Estes Recycles! Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 9 am – noon. See article below for details and Help Wanted

President's Message

By Liz Zornes

This has been a banner year for the League of Women Voters of Estes Park. Not only have we increased our membership by 36%, we held our first ever fundraiser, which was sold out, we have partnered with the Estes Valley Library and Restorative Justice to bring you timely and thought-provoking programs and our Voter Services Committee pushed the envelope with innovative ways to conduct candidate forums.

We continue to listen to you, our members, as to what you want from us and, in keeping with that goal, we have decided to completely revamp our last meeting of the spring, our Annual Meeting, which will be held on May 15th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. This year, instead of having each committee chair present a report on what that committee accomplished during the year, those reports will be emailed to our members prior to the meeting. In addition, the Legislative Chair from the State League will email her report on the recent legislative session as well. Our Annual Meeting will begin with a short business meeting for the purpose of electing next year's officers, ratifying our new by-laws that were adopted in January, and approving a budget, followed by breakout sessions at different tables. You can choose what topics interest you and then move to another table after each breakout session ends. We plan to offer tables for the Recycling Committee, the State League (where you can hear more about the recent legislative session as well as what's happening at the State League), the 2020 celebration for the 100th year anniversary of both women's right to vote and the League of Women Voters, our programs (please bring your ideas for new programs), and fund development.

I want to thank Cathy Alper, one of our newer members, for proposing this new format and we encourage all of you to attend and give us your feedback. In addition, we will be serving a pasta lunch, complete with vegetarian and gluten-free options, which will be \$16 a person. Right now, we are accepting checks mailed to PO Box 564, Estes Park, CO 80517 and are working on adding a PayPal option to our website. Stay tuned!

As always, I appreciate each of our members and your continued support of the League of Women Voters of Estes Park. Your enthusiasm, ideas and passion for what we do keeps us going and we look forward to our ongoing partnership in the coming year.

Membership

Recently our members in the League of Women Voters of Estes Park were 86 strong. Please welcome three new members, Mary Smith, Robin Converse and Rebecca Urquhart, bringing our total to 89! I am hoping to get to 100 for the League's 100th anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote.

New member orientation will be on May 28th at 10:00 am at Liz's house, 1129 Brook Dr. in Estes Park. All new members and anyone who missed our fall orientation are cordially invited to attend. Nametags will be ready to pick up.

Annual Rocky Mountain National Park Update at our April 24th Program

Climate Change. Fire Dangers. Moose Study. If those topics or other questions are on your mind, please plan on joining fellow Leaguers at our monthly meeting on April 24th at 10:00 am in the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies at 10:00 am. Rocky Mountain National Park was the third most visited National Park in 2018. There were three partial government shutdowns in 2018 which impacted RMNP.

Darla Sidles, Superintendent for Rocky Mountain National Park, along with Kyle Patterson, Management Specialist/Public Affairs Officer, will be providing an update on issues and opportunities facing RMNP. Additionally, Mike Lewelling, Fire Management Officer at Rocky Mountain National Park, will give a brief presentation on Fire Management at Rocky.

As always, the public is welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the League of Women Voters so please invite your friends.



Darla Sidles, Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park

Annual Membership Meeting is May 15th!

Our annual membership meeting will be on May 15. Note the change in venue for this year's event: we will be meeting at 10 am at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies at 1700 Brodie Avenue this year. We will include lunch as usual, catered by the Big Horn Restaurant. This is a very important meeting where we elect next year's Board of Directors, review our by-laws and programs, and have an opportunity to meet with some of the members of the State League office and Board. And, of course, a great chance to chat with fellow Leaguers! Be sure to mark your calendars for our final meeting of the 2018-2019 League year! The cost of the lunch this year is \$16 per person. Please mail your checks to PO Box 564, Estes Park, CO 80517 and make checks out to LWVEP. Or, keep checking the Membership page of our website, lwv-estespark.org, where we are working on being able to pay via PayPal. We hope to see you there!

Working with our Youth

By Judi Smith

The 2019 Poster Design Contest

Our Annual Poster Design contest will culminate in the award ceremony on April 23rd, at approximately 6:30 pm (before the Trustee Meeting). We hope to have a good turnout for the ceremony. Contestants are 6th through 12th Grade students who live in the Estes Valley. The first prize poster will soon be seen all over town advertising the June 8 Estes Recycles Day. First Prize is a crisp new \$100 bill from Bestway Painting. Second and Third place winners receive movie passes from the Park Theater and Reel Mountain Cinema. Three Honorable Mentions receive taffy from The Taffy Shop. There will be a proclamation for Estes Recycles Day also at this event. Come one, come all to support these talented students.

Junior Election

The following evening, April 24th, 6th to 12th Grade Students are invited to “Pizza and Politics” with the Trustees. While munching on Poppy’s Pizza, trustees will answer student-initiated questions. This event takes place in the Estes Park High School Library. If you know any teenagers, please encourage them to attend.

Volunteers needed!

Estes Recycles Day

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9-noon

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies,
1700 Brodie Avenue, Estes Park

Estes Recycles Day is a signature community recycling event for our League and the Recycling Committee! Help save our community from HARM (hard to recycle materials): electronics – paint – scrap metal – document shredding – Freecycle!

Two, three, and four hour shifts are available. Do you have other things to do on a June Saturday? Volunteer early to help set up.

Please contact Alice Reuman (970-619-0530; reumana3@gmail.com) or Cathy Alper (970-420-3144; cja9876@gmail.com) – we have the perfect assignment for you! And ... we will be most grateful!



Estes Recycles Day is supported by our community partners - The Rotary Club of Estes Park, Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, Bestway Painting, with participation by Rocky Mountain Dumpsters and Spring Back Mattress Recyclers. Join us on June 8!

REMINDER! Don't forget your Duck Race tickets!

The Duck Race is soon approaching and League is once again on your Duck Race application. Both our Recycling Committee and Voter Services are represented. Each ticket costs \$20 (\$22 if you buy on line). The numbers to circle are #57 and #58. Won't you please consider supporting us again this year?! Join us on May 4, 2019 when the fun begins watching all the little duckies arrive at Riverside Park. This year, the first prize is \$5,000 cash! WOW!! Tickets are available at www.epduckrace.org or you can call me – Joanie Crockett at 970-586-4540. Thanks, and see you there!

Update from the Community Recycling Committee

The CRC continues to be very busy and visible in the Estes Valley. Did you know a new Residential Recycling Center is opening on Elm Road May 1? Our CRC has been working with the Town and the County to make sure this new center meets the recycling needs of our community, including a glass-only recycling bin, which will replace the smaller bins currently in the Events Center parking area. They have also been working with our elementary school students on the annual "bag" project, where children decorate reusable tote bags in the hopes of encouraging them and their parents to use these bags rather than single use plastic. This program has been headed for many years by CRC member David Born and is funded by a grant from the Village Thrift Shop. And, of course, the big event of the year is Estes Recycles Day. Once a semi-annual event often held in snowy conditions, this is now an annual event on June 8 this year. Hopefully, a warmer day will be in store.

Rocky Mountain National Park

Get ready for Earth Day! Earth Day will be celebrated at Rocky Mountain National Park on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Come enjoy the festivities!

In other RMNP news, the Volunteer Coordinator for the past 7 years, Lindsey Lewis, has left Rocky for a new post back in her home state of Wisconsin with the US Forest Service. Lindsey will be working with the USFS Eastern Regional Office working on a strategic communications team doing public affairs and partnership work. Lindsey led the VIP program at Rocky where it grew to be the largest volunteer program in the Intermountain Region, with over 2,000 volunteers annually.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion group will next meet on Tuesday, May 7. Meetings take place in the Hondius Room at the Library on the first Tuesday of each month (except July) at 11:30 am. The next topic is Nuclear Negotiations and it will be facilitated by Dick Life. Facilitators are needed for some of the other topics, which are:

[The Rise of Populism in Europe](#) (June)

[Decoding U.S.- China Trade](#) (August)

[Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics](#) (September)

[The United State and Mexico: Partnership Tested](#) (October)

[State of the State Department and Diplomacy](#) (November)

HELP WANTED

The League is a grass-roots organization that cannot operate effectively without you! We always have plenty of opportunities for volunteering, ranging from bringing a few snacks to a meeting, staffing a voter registration table for a couple of hours, or serving on a committee or the Board! Can you spare some time to help make a difference in Estes Park? Here are some current needs:

Board openings: We are currently in need of people who wish to help lead our organization. Current Board openings include the Vice-President position. This position traditionally leads to the position of President in another year or two. We also need a group to attend public meetings, such as Town Trustee meetings, Hospital Board meetings, etc., to keep our community informed about what our elected officials are doing. If you wish to serve on the Board, contact the League at contactus@lwg-estespark.org. League can only work with your help!

Board Members

President – Liz Zornes	Programs – Colleen Elliingson
Vice-President – <i>open</i>	RMNP – Bonnie Seals & Jackie Hertel
Secretary – Jackie Hertel	Recycling – Howard Lauren
Treasurer – Cherie Martin	Local Affairs – <i>open</i>
Membership – Sue Magnuson	Communications – Bonnie Seals
Development – Joanie Crockett	At-large – Judi Smith
Voter Services – Jean McGuire	

Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. We are a nonpartisan political organization that promotes informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to both men and women 16 years of age and up.

Quote of the Month

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, whether it is on ... a football field, in an army or in an office.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower