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January 9th - The Impact of Coming Home Benefit to Our Community

*7pm Presentation, Community Hospital, Basement
Dr. Dave Hildebrand, Director of Veterans Center of Grand Junction*

Join us as we learn of the difficulties our Veterans experience upon returning home to the Grand Valley and the support and resources offered to them through The Vet Center. Dr. Hildebrand will also provide an overview of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and Traumatic Brain Injury.

January 23th - Healthcare: Our Ongoing Conversation with Dr. Michael Pramenko

*7pm Presentation, Mesa Mall Community Room
Dr. Michael Pramenko, Primary Care Partners Family Physician*

We welcome back Dr. Michael Pramenko to update us on the myriad of changes, challenges and solutions within the Federal Affordable Care Act. We will learn about the status of the Act and federal implementation as it impacts state and local health care delivery and service. Michael Pramenko is a family practice physician with Primary Care Partners and is immediate past President of the Colorado Medical Society. He authors and speaks at the local and state level on the healthcare issues.

February 13th - Program Planning

6:30pm Social, 7pm Planning Begins, Community Hospital Lower Level

February 25th - Legislative Update

9:30 am - 11:30 am, Tope Elementary School 2220 N. 7th - Cafeteria

February 27th - Water and The Grand Valley

*7pm Presentation, Mesa Mall Community Room
Hannah Holm, Coordinator*

The Upper Colorado basin is facing increasing demands on water resources, and there are many unanswered questions about how these demands could affect the region's environment and communities. The Water Center at Colorado Mesa University brings together experts and coordinates research and education on these issues. The Center is a joint project of the Mesa County Water Association and Colorado Mesa University. Hannah Holm, Coordinator will provide an overview of the Water Center and the water issues facing the Grand Valley.

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All board meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:15 at the location of the scheduled unit meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Note

The Wine & Cheese Event December on 12th at the downtown Hampton Inn was a very uplifting experience for me. To celebrate with supporting members and some of our elected officials and program presenters was a welcome social event. It is good to get to know some of you a little bit better, and to have the celebration knowing that the election year of 2012 is presenting itself. An election year is great opportunity to gather new members and influence change. It also means a larger work load and a bigger budget year. We continue to receive checks from our fundraising efforts and for this I am very grateful.

I want to reflect on our mission statement;

The League of Women Voters, 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.

Many of you have expressed concerns to me in the last few months regarding national voter repression laws that have gone into effect in certain states. I have noticed that LWVUS is active in this issue. If you visit their website at; <http://www.lwv.org/> you can read all about it.

I attended a Friday morning coffee that featured Marilyn Marks as a speaker. She is researching and comparing Mesa CO to other counties to see if we meet Colorado statutory voter requirements for ballot anonymity and accuracy. It is an important question. The League offers a fair venue for the voter to understand both the county clerk's position with sharing ballot information and the overview of our process by an outside researcher. I have contacted our state liaison, Karen Conner to guide us with offering a forum or a non-partisan educational event for this local, Mesa County issue. If this is of special interest to you, and you would like to get involved, email me at lwvmesa@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Tanya Travis
President
LWV Mesa County

League Announcements

Voter Service Update

The Voter Service Committee is now preparing for a huge election year! We are excited about educating the public on candidates and important local and state issues. You are invited to join us in our preliminary tasks of gathering opportunities to speak to organizations in the community about the League of Women Voters and the ballot issues as they develop.

This is a wonderful chance to promote the League’s mission, accomplishments, and recruit new activists. We will be asking these organizations to get us on their calendars early in the year, and expect there will be interest in having us speak.

If you’d like to help create the most exciting election year for the League yet, just give Peggy a call. Thank you for doing your part to keep our League fair, vibrant and strong! Call Peggy Cox 778-9000 for more information.

American Association of University Women

AAUW January program meeting will feature “Women in Public Policy: Elected Offices, a panel discussion.” The session will be Tuesday, January 17 in room 221 of Colorado Mesa University Student Center. Lunch can be purchased on your own from the grill on the first floor.


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LWV Mesa County Program Planning 2012

February 13th, 7pm Community Hospital Basement

On February 13th, we will review our national and local positions and plan for the 2012-2013 year. In preparation, review the national and local positions in the Platform for Action. The positions are available on our website: LWVMesa.org. Members received a copy last year and new members have them in their packets.

Following the process, we will discuss which positions at the national and local levels need to be reviewed or if a new study should be considered. We will also discuss the local positions and recommend any that need to be reviewed, suggest unit program topics, positions for advocacy, and consider any recommended new study. The League is a grassroots organization. This is your opportunity to express your opinions and have input.

First Call to Action 2012

Cath Perrone, LWVCO President

The League of Women Voters of Colorado Council 2012 will meet:

Friday, May 11th – Saturday, May 12th

in Pueblo. All meetings will be held at the **Pueblo Convention Center** located at 320 Central Main Street, Pueblo, CO.

The Council will convene on Friday, May 11th at 1:00 pm (Registration begins at 12:15 pm) and will continue through Saturday noon. Board elections, adoption of the 2012-13 budget, the Legislative Wrap-up and leadership workshops will be the order of business.

**The Council Registration Fee is \$30.00 per delegate.
Registration deadline is April 20th.**

The Council shall be composed of the president (or alternate) and one delegate chosen by each Local League, the leader or designated alternate of each State League Unit (SLU), and the LWVCO Board. League members may attend as observers, as space permits.

Delegates may make hotel reservations at the **Marriott Pueblo**, 110 West 1st Street, Pueblo, CO 81003. Tel: 866-706-7815. Rooms with two queen beds have been reserved, along with a limited number of singles. The cost is \$89/night plus 11.7% tax. Rooms may be reserved at the same rate for Thursday and Saturday nights. The hotel reservation deadline is April 20.

More detailed information regarding meal costs, directions, meeting agenda, workshops and registration will be included in the Final Call to be sent out in March 2012. We look forward to your participation in this important League meeting.

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Suzie Reel, *Voter* Editor

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