

LWVCO Pre-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS 2019

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 30th	Denver I	Denver II	Boulder I	Boulder II	Conference Room 805
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Leaders Listen and Listeners Lead: Getting Comfortable with Our Diverse Communities	Action & Advocacy Practices Plus Hot Topics	Community Engagement & Partnerships	Every Member a Leader: Developing League Leadership	Activity Roundtable Voter Girl Project; Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies; Drinks and Dialogue
2:00 pm - 3:00pm					
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Leaders Listen and Listeners Lead: Getting Comfortable with Our Diverse Communities	Putting the FUN into Fundraising	Community Engagement & Partnerships	Every Member a Leader: Developing League Leadership	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM					
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM			Inspire U.S. Panel Discussion OPEN TO ALL / No Sign-up Required		

Friday, May 31st	Denver I	Denver II	Boulder I	Boulder II
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	A Newsroom Approach to LL Communication: Correspondents and Correspondence	What is This Strategic Plan and What Will This Executive Director Person Do?	Club Express: Demonstration, Information and Considerations	Get Your Sash On! The 100th Anniversary is Coming and it is Time to Start Planning
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	A Newsroom Approach to LL Communication: Correspondents and Correspondence	Putting the FUN into Fundraising	Empower Your Inner Voting Rights Advocate! LWVUS Toolkits	Get Your Sash On! The 100th Anniversary is Coming and it is Time to Start Planning

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(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

ACTION & ADVOCACY PRACTICES PLUS HOT TOPICS (ADVOCACY)

Toni Larson, LWVCO; Jean Fredlund, LWVCO; Linda Sorauf, LWVJeffco, Celeste Landry, LWVBC

Thursday, May 30th at 1pm - 3pm (Two hours / one Session)

Learn some of the finer points of advocacy and lobbying within League and refresh your memory on topics of major interest to League. From the state board, Toni Larson, will discuss advocacy and lobbying and supply you with helpful materials for use in your local, state, and national League. Following Toni's presentation, information on these hot topics will be provided: **National Popular Vote** (Linda Sorauf), **Census** (Jean Fredlund), **Alternative Voting Methods** (Celeste Landry), and **TABOR** (Toni Larson). Attend this workshop and gather valuable materials for use in presentations and for working on issues of importance to the League over the next year.

ACTIVITY ROUNDTABLE: (OUTREACH / PROGRAM / VOTER SERVICE)

VOTER GIRL PROJECT; VOTER REGISTRATION AT NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES; DRINKS AND DIALOGUE

Voter Girl Project, LWV Ohio; Gerry Cummins, LWVCO; Barb Brady, LWV Chaffee County

Thursday, May 30th at 1pm - 3pm (Two hours / one session)

The **Voter Girl Project** (VGP) began in 2017 as a collaborative program between LWV Kent, Ohio (LWVK) and Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio (GSNEO). This project was featured at the LWVUS 2018 convention. The VOTER Girl Project is a fun and rewarding activity in which Leagues collaborate with their local Girl Scout councils. The one-day class is available for all scout levels--from Daisies to Ambassadors--with a curriculum appropriate for each level. (Ambassadors have work outside the class to complete the badge requirements.) League members use their knowledge of voting and advocacy to help scouts earn citizenship badges that promote the ideals Leagues cherish. **Naturalization Ceremonies:** Gerry Cummins and a team of volunteer Leaguers have been encouraging individuals at naturalization ceremonies who have just become American citizens to register to vote. Gerry will give us an update on this LWVCO project. **Drinks and Dialogue in Chaffee County:** How can Leagues engage a broader section of the community? The Chaffee County League has been offering evening Drinks and Dialogue events with success. Interesting evenings, free appetizers, good conversation, bigger turnouts, and increased membership have been the result. Hear about their experience.

CLUB EXPRESS: DEMONSTRATION, INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATIONS (ORGANIZATIONAL)

Rionda Osman, LWVBC and Andrea Mitchell, LWVCO

Friday, May 31st at 9am - 10am (One hour / one session)

This workshop will address questions of those Leagues considering the adoption or beginning implementation of Club Express. Who will set up these tools? Who will use the tools when they're set up? How will you change your work with these tools? What do Boulder, Larimer, & Pikes Peak do now that they didn't do before? We will also demonstrate some popular features of Club Express including: Events module, Emailing module. News module, Volunteering module, Forums and Blogs.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS (DEI / MEMBERSHIP / VISIBILITY)

Ruth Stemler, LWVCO; Ruth Nerenberg, LWV Pueblo County; Peggy Leech, LWVBC; Peggy Gonder, LWV Adams County

Thursday, May 30th at 1pm - 3pm and Thursday, May 30th at 3pm - 5pm (Two hours / two sessions)

Engaging Latinos in the League: Peggy Leech will share why and how your local League should engage with the Latinx community in your area. How can you start building trust? **Partnerships:** Engaging new partners can lead to new members, new energy, new initiatives and new success. Partnerships can help the League of Women Voters achieve our mission and make a difference in our communities. How do we maintain our legacy, engage the new activists and stay relevant? Attend this workshop and get some ideas! Peggy Gonder will be talking about **spreading the word on how LWV is Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy**. She has developed a PPT presentation on this new focus that could easily be adapted by other local Leagues.

EMPOWER YOUR INNER VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATE! LWVUS TOOLKITS (ADVOCACY)

Jessica Vocaturo, LWVUS Organizer

Friday, May 31st at 10am - 11am (One Hour/one Session)

Join LWVUS Organizer Jessica Vocaturo for a hands-on, interactive workshop aimed towards further *developing your inner voting rights advocate and strengthening your League's ability to take action* on the most pressing voting rights issues facing our communities. The workshop will provide an overview of major League voting rights priorities including voter suppression, election reform, and DC voting rights as well as strategies you can bring home to your League to start forging stronger partnerships, developing winning campaigns, and continue to make a positive difference for voters right now. In addition, Jessica will provide you with a "tour" of LWVUS toolkits which are a valuable resource to your League.

EVERY MEMBER A LEADER: DEVELOPING LEAGUE LEADERSHIP (LEADERSHIP)

Patty Schoedler, LWVCO and Barb Whinery, LWV Greeley-Weld

Thursday, May 30th at 1pm - 3pm and Thursday, May 30th at 3pm - 5pm (Two hours / two sessions)

Leadership is essential to accomplishing the mission of the League. Engaging members in a leadership role continues to be a challenging task. What do we mean by leadership? Who are leaders? How can we foster new leaders? Come learn, share ideas and strategies on developing League leaders.

GET YOUR SASH ON! THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY IS COMING & IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING (PROGRAM / OUTREACH)

Jean McGuire, LWVCO 100th Anniversary Committee Chair

Friday, May 31st at 9am - 10am and Friday, May 31st 10am - 11am (One hour / two sessions)

Learn about the preliminary state celebration plans from the LWVCO 100th Anniversary Planning Team, share thoughts on what your League is already doing, brainstorm with your fellow League members about additional ideas you can implement in your local League, form collaborations with neighboring Leagues to plan regional events, and take home some new and innovative thoughts to start designing your local celebrations.

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INSPIRE U.S. (DEI / OUTREACH / VOTER SERVICE)

Thursday, May 30th 7pm - 8pm *** OPEN TO ALL / NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED ***

In addition to the workshops, we are delighted to have Inspire U.S. for a panel discussion. Inspire is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, student-driven initiative with a proven track record. They develop programs from coast to coast, including Colorado, to educate America's youth about the importance of voting, encourage them to register to vote and help their peers register, and also develop a lifetime habit of voting in federal, state, and elections. The panel will include organizers and students as they share their work and how the League might collaborate with them in Colorado communities.

LEADERS LISTEN AND LISTENERS LEAD: GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES (DEI / OUTREACH)

Judy Beerbaum, LWVCO and Lineah Davey, LWV Pikes Peak Region

Thursday, May 30th at 1pm - 3pm and Thursday, May 30th at 3pm - 5pm (Two hours / two sessions)

This interactive workshop will provide participants the opportunity to hone the skills needed for infusing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into their Leagues as well as reaching out into their communities. After practicing effective listening and leader techniques, participants will walk out with one action step for their local League as well as one for themselves.

A NEWSROOM APPROACH TO LOCAL COMMUNICATION: CORRESPONDENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (COMMUNICATION)

Marlu Burkamp, LWVCO; Nancy Ball, LWVCO Montrose County; Peggy Leech, LWVBC

Friday, May 31st at 9am - 10am and Friday, May 31st at 10am - 11am (One hour / two sessions)

Learn how to enhance your League's promotional efforts by joining a new local League Correspondence Team that will share information about League events, activities, news and programs with League members across the state. Working with the LWVCO Communication coordinator and other local Leagues, team members will cover and report on their own local League's achievements, community stories and interesting programs and share them with other local League members and for possible distribution to LWVCO's external audiences. We'll talk about this new newsroom venture and share tips on using LWVCO's various communication channels. But wait, there's more. We'll also share successful tips, resources and tactics to reach your external audiences and seek your input on best practices. So, join us. We look forward to your suggestions and ideas.

PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING (DEVELOPMENT)

Beth Hendrix, LWVCO Executive Director and Barbara Mattison, LWVCO

Thursday, May 30th at 3pm - 4pm and Friday, May 31st at 10am - 11am (One hour / two sessions)

Here's a silly question: Does your League need more money? In this interactive session, we'll discuss how to communicate the League's value and accomplishments to potential members and donors; we'll look into how to determine your League's current revenue diversification and how gaps equal opportunities; and how LWVCO can support your local League's efforts!

WHAT IS THIS STRATEGIC PLAN AND WHAT WILL THIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERSON DO? (ORGANIZATIONAL)

Beth Hendrix, LWVCO Executive Director and Ruth Stemler, LWVCO

Friday, May 31st at 9am - 10am (One hour / one session)

You've heard rumors of a strategic plan at the state level, but WHAT does that mean, and what will change? And just WHO is this Executive Director, and what is she going to be doing? Come and find out! You'll learn how the LWVCO strategic plan came to be, why, how your local League may be positively affected, and how this Hendrix person intends to help.

HOW TO SIGN-UP

Please sign up by May 1st. Thank you.

LWVCO is using SignUp.com (the leading online sign-up tool) for the Pre-Convention Workshops. It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. *Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.*

Here's how it works:

- 1) Go to SignUp using this direct [LINK](http://signup.com/go/FQNDVVw) ONLY at <http://signup.com/go/FQNDVVw>

*Click on the **VIEW** button to bring up all of the Workshops in date order.*

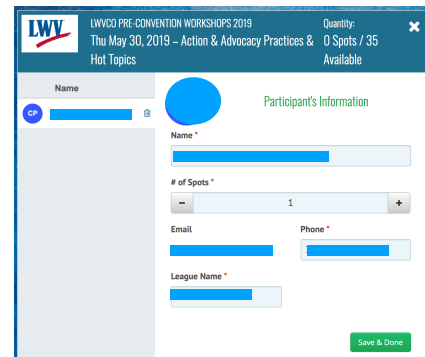
- 2) Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you want to attend.

Click the blue > before the date to expand the list and before each title to open the workshop description.

- 3) Click on **Sign up!** button.
Enter your Email, Click Continue, Click Confirm.
Enter Name, Phone, Local League. Click on Save and Done.

Repeat until all of your workshop sign-ups are entered.

You will receive an email confirmation of your enrollment and notification of any changes.

The image shows a screenshot of a web form for signing up for LWVCO Pre-Convention Workshops 2019. The form is titled "Participant's Information" and is part of a larger interface. At the top, it says "LWVCO PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS 2019" and "Thu May 30, 2019 - Action & Advocacy Practices & Hot Topics". There is a "Quantity" field showing "0 Spots / 35 Available". The form has several input fields: "Name" (with a blue circle icon), "# of Spots" (set to 1), "Email", "Phone", and "League Name". A "Save & Done" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Questions? Issues in Signing Up?

If you prefer not to use this online system, please contact Beth Sale at the LWVCO office at 303-863-0437 / info@lwvcolorado.org to sign up manually.