



THE VOTER

Greeley-Weld League of Women Voters

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- **2019 Annual Meeting Materials: Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Library Position, Concurrence, Non-Partisan Policy. Note that the Annual Meeting materials include 6 attachments.**

Spring 2019 Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Place	Comments
Apr. 6, Sat.	Better Angels Workshop: How to Talk Across the Political Divide	1:00-4:00 pm	1 st Congregational Church, 2101 16 th St.	Better Angels is a bipartisan movement to unify divisions among Americans. The League of Women Voters encourages open, civil conversations among people of all political persuasions. This meeting is an effort to establish such conversations. Reservation only made to revben@firstconggreeley.com

April 20, Sat.	LWV-GW Annual Meeting	9 am-Noon	UNC Student Center, Columbine Room	Breakfast included, \$15.00, RSVP to Kathleen Milligan (kemilligan08@comcast.net) or Janine Reid (janinereid@comcast.net). See Annual Meeting materials attached with Spring Voter. Speaker: Ben Gubits, American Promise. (See Janine's note below to learn more)
May 7, Tues.	LWV-GW Leadership Council Meeting	10 am-Noon	Cache Bank. 20 th St. and 47 th Avenue.	All are welcome.
May 16, Thurs.	LWV Meeting: Oil and Gas	6:30-8:00 pm,	Adamson Community Room, 20 th Street & 47 th Avenue (Southwest corner)	A look at oil and gas development in Weld County: What has happened and what next?
May 30- June 1	LWVCO State Convention	All Day	Denver Holiday Inn, East	See LWVCO emails re: convention information; \$65 registration fee for delegates. May 30 will involve workshops. Convention will be held on May 31- June 1. RSVP to Janine Reid (janinereid@comcast.net) if you would like to attend.
June 6, Thurs.	LWVCO Leader of Democracy Awards	5:30-7:30 pm	Wellshire Event Center, Denver	LWVCO awards to Wayne Williams, CO, Secy of State (2015-2019), Fair Maps Colorado, National History Day Student Honoree.
July 13, Sat.	LWV-GW Summer Gathering	4-6 pm	Anne Masterson's home. Email Anne (ajmasterson@yahoo.com) to get the address if you do not already have it.	More info to come on details concerning food.

A Word from Janine Reid, Chair Greeley-Weld County League of Women Voters

JOIN US AT OUR LWV-GW ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2019.
9-noon, University of Northern Colorado Student Center, Columbine Room

FEATURED SPEAKER: Ben Gubits, National Political Director for AMERICAN PROMISE
One issue in America garners broad support among people across all political persuasions—the need to ensure equal representation for all and limit political spending so wealthy individuals and special interests don't get to define the rules of government.

Yet through a number of rulings, notably Citizens United and Buckley v. Valeo, the Supreme Court has in recent decades awarded more political power to those with greater financial means.

American Promise is a national, non-partisan, nonprofit, grassroots organization that is leading the charge to add a 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution. It would allow the U.S. Congress and states to set reasonable limits on campaign spending in U.S. elections, so that the People—not big money, not corporations, not unions, not special interests—govern the United States of America.

Hear about how we got into this mess and what the 28th Constitutional Amendment would do to secure fair, free elections and to protect the rights of all Americans to equal participation and representation, rather than advancing privileges for the largest corporations, unions, and special interests.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Janine

LWVCO 2019 Legislative Conference

Six Greeley-Weld League members (Janine Reid, Barb Whinery, Bonnie Funk, Kathleen Milligan, Ruthie Rockwell, Jeanne Lipman) attended the January 14, 2019 Legislative Conference to learn about:

Voting Issues (security, campaign financial transparency, enforcement)

Newly elected Attorney General Weiser

National Popular Vote

Ranked Choice Voting

How League advocacy works and its relationship to Voter Service

How League can cooperate with other organizations

There was plenty of useful information at the conference—too much to put into this Voter, but if you have questions or are interested in any of these topics, ask someone who attended and read the state League newsletter.

Report on Affordable Housing, February 21, 2019



Representatives from Weld’s Way Home of United Way (Lyle Smith Grey Bill), Greeley City Council (Stacy Suniga), and city planner (Rachel Prilog) laid out plans for addressing housing needs in Greeley and Weld County for 30 attendees at the League’s February meeting. All presenters and members of the audience provided much needed information. Some of the main points were:

- **The city has developed a strategic housing plan that is a start on implementing affordable housing.**
- **A Housing Access Task Force is in place, coordinating various agencies and governmental agencies.**
- **Weld’s Way Home and the United Way of Weld County have coordinated with other agencies as well as Larimer County to support families in need, as demonstrated by work after the 2013 flood.**
- **Housing has not kept up with the increase in population and increase in housing prices.**
- **Housing for people at the top income levels and those at the lower end is being addressed but those in the middle need more access to affordable housing.**

The League will continue to monitor and support access to affordable housing in Greeley and Weld County.



**MEMBERS ADD STRENGTH TO OUR VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY
"Greeley-Weld League is Growing"**

From Hazel Gibson, Membership Chair

Greeley-Weld LWV now has four student members after the first meeting of "**Students for Political Awareness**" held on UNC campus recently. This fact-based, non-partisan student group has been formed to get students better educated on current issues. Pictured are: Hazel, Isabel, Fiona, and Abigail.



In addition, two new members from Windsor (Weld County), Jeanette and Kurt Gulder, joined during our recent new member training session. They are ready to volunteer, noting interest in voter service/voter registration. After an in-depth presentation by several "seasoned" members, the group asked some great questions. Carolyn Cooke, one of those attending said, "I became interested in League because I know several members and admire their work. I have used League material when preparing to vote." Since then, Kerry Kleiman, resident of Mead, has joined LWV-GW, bringing the total membership to a record high of 63.

Membership year for the League begins July 1st, when dues are due. Welcome to our new members and continuing thank you to all our members for your support!

LWV Greeley/Weld Leadership Council 2018-2019	
Chair/Spokesperson	Janine Reid
Treasurer	Bonnie Funk
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Many Thanks to all who have volunteered to help in whatever capacity.

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If you haven't paid them! Join us, donate, or get a friend to join! AND
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Annual Dues: \$60 for an individual or \$90 for family membership (two people who receive mail at the same address) Name of second household member _____.

Student Membership: \$0. Or....if you want to make a donation to the League, you can make it **tax deductible by making it to** the LWV Education Fund. Send to:

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