

# VOTER

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**Upcoming events**

- Nov. 10—Unit meeting, Dawn DiPrince, issues for working parents.
- Nov. 17—board meeting
  
- Nov. 24—Silent meeting
  
- Dec. 8—Unit meeting, Christmas party
  
- Dec. 15—Board meeting

*All unit meetings are held at La Renaissance Restaurant from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The price is \$10. Please call Mary Speaks, 547-4492, for reservations.*

*Board meetings are held at 6:30 at First Presbyterian Church.*

**Current  
Membership:**

**78**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD ELECTION SEASON KEEPS VOTER SERVICES BUSY

The presidential and local election kept Voter Service busy this year. I think every election is exciting and interesting, but this year is historic! As we are all aware, come Election Day we'll either have our first African-American President, or our first female Vice President. As the saying goes, "We've come a long way, baby!"

This has inspired Americans like few elections have in the past. The impact of this, plus a large number of state and local ballot issues, meant a lot of work for the Voter Service committee.

We had competition from the democratic and republican parties to register voters, but we were still able to register more than 160 voters with our various registration drives held over the spring and summer. Special thanks to co-president Barb Stevens for her diligence in training our volunteers and dedication to the registration drives.

Our High School Voter Education Pizza party was a huge success! Two hundred high school students from Pueblo City Schools, Delores Huerta and District 70 participated. League members registered, entertained and educated the students. It was clear they learned a lot when we read student comments in the various news articles. For example, Joseph Dingman from South High School said: "I think it gave me a renewed pride in people my age, and it also gave some hope for the future. If we can engage

people in this age group now, then I think their interests will be heard by the politicians."

The pizza party was co-sponsored by the Kiwanis of Pueblo and the Pueblo City-County Library District. Little Caesar's Pizza also provided food and League members brought sodas.

As we have always done in the past, League led the effort to research the local issues. The committee took on the task and did a wonderful job getting all the facts voters would need to know before casting their votes. On the heels of this great research, the speaker's bureau educated nearly 300 people on both the state and local issues.

*See Voter Registration totals for each drive on page 4*

We also distributed the information to the local libraries, area businesses, city and county offices and the local political party offices. Two of our members also aided a legally blind woman in casting her first Colorado ballot.

A great many members of League were involved in all these Voter Service efforts! There are too many to list here, but I'd like to give my sincerest thanks to everyone involved in making this election year such an exciting one for the League of Women Voters of Pueblo.

**Tracey Mattoon  
Voter Services Chair**

## Four new members welcomed into LWV-Pueblo

### Important Note!

The Pueblo League is doing more and more of its communication via e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, please be sure it is kept current with Shirley Skirvin, Membership Chair, [skirvinss@aol.com](mailto:skirvinss@aol.com) or 719-542-7430. Thanks!

We have welcomed four more members since the last issue of the Voter:

**Susan Finzel-Aldred**  
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(Invited by Ruella Anderson)

**John Valdez**  
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(Invited by Eva Muniz Valdez)

# November 15 is America Recycles Day

## Pueblo EVENTS

Call the **RECYCLING HOTLINE 583-4924**  
*Coordinated by the Environmental Coordinators Program  
of the Pueblo City-County Health Department*

### October 25 - November 29: Recycling Billboard Posted for Display

Locations: Grand Ave @ 5<sup>th</sup> St., and Prairie Ave.  
@ Jones  
Artwork by: 2008 Grand Prize Winner of  
PUEBLO RECYCLES Recycle Poster Art Contest  
Rico Gabaldon, Risley Middle School

### Monday, October 27, 7:00pm Pueblo City Council Meeting

### Tuesday, October 28, 9:00AM County Commissioners Meeting

"America Recycles Day" Proclamation  
Recognition of Recycle Poster Art Contest Winners and parents  
Announcement of Upcoming Recycling Events  
Annual Poster Unveiled for display and free distribution

### Saturday, November 15 RECYCLING ROUND-UP! : accepting Electronic Waste

Colorado State Fairground: Carnival Lot, Enter Gate 3-off Mesa Ave.

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Sponsored in part by BEST BUY

### Voluntary Drop-Off Collection: (Households only; no businesses!)

**\$5 each:**

Computer monitors, hard drives, TVs (27" or less-no consoles), computer printers, copier machines

**Free:** Stereos, accessories, FAXs, DVDs, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, old disks, radios, stereos empty ink cartridges, and dry cell/alkaline batteries (A's, C, D, 9V)

Please help us make a Merry Christmas for the young men at Children's Ark by bringing items for a Christmas stocking or gift bag to the Christmas Party on December 8, 11:30 a.m. at La Renaissance! If you would like to supply stockings or bags, contact Ruth Nerenberg in advance, so there are no duplications.

# HELP!!!!

The League of Women Voters of Pueblo is looking for people who can help with any of the following:

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** to nominate board members and officers. This would entail a meeting or two, with other committee members. If you would like to help, please contact Millie Carlo or Barb Stevens.
- **ACTION COMMITTEE:** Needs a person who can phone members without e-mail whenever there is a call-to-action on an issue. If you can do this, please contact Dawn DiPrince, Action Chair.

## LWVUS Health Care Education Task Force

The LWVUS is pleased to announce the formation of a seven-member Health Care Education Task Force. Twenty-seven well-qualified League members applied and we very much appreciated the broad interest and passion for health care exemplified by our members nationwide. The Task Force members are Olin Bray (NM), Sue Bredensteiner (TN), Robin Lane (NC), Susan Leinberger (PA), Doris Nelson (CA) and Rhonda Tewes(MA). LWVUS/EF Director Janis McMillen is chair of the Task Force, whose purpose is to design a program for educating our

members about health care.

Some of you have been wondering about the large new coalition Health Care for America Now (HCAN) and perhaps receiving their emails calling for action. A rather long, but good background article on them is available.

Best wishes as you keep raising the issue with your local, state and national candidates in the waning days of the election season. We want quality health care for all that is affordable!

**Linda Mahan**  
LWV Larimer County

## Fountain Creek Watershed Vision meeting

Residents of Pueblo and El Paso Counties will have a chance to hear the results of two years of study on critical Fountain Creek issues and to provide input to the draft recommendations of the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force. On Nov. 12 and 13 the task force and other groups developing solutions for the Fountain Creek Watershed will host public forums. Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> the event will take place at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street, and Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> it will be at the Leon Young Service Center in Colorado Springs, 1521 Hancock Expressway. Both events run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In one room the public will par-

ticipate in an open forum discussion regarding the draft planning documents produced by two years of work the Task Force has completed to date, as well as view presentations on the Task Force Goals and Strategies, and the US Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study. The second 'Open House' style room will have manned displays on both of these efforts as well as the Fountain Creek Corridor Master Plan and its planned demonstration projects, the recently formed Fountain Creek Foundation, the Highway 24 project, the Streamside Systems project, and Trout Unlimited's Upper Fountain Creek project.

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spectator sport*



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Founded on February 14, 1920, in Chicago, Illinois. With guidance from Carrie Chapman Catt, the National Woman Suffrage Association became the League of Women Voters.

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## Voter Registration Drive totals, April-November

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Number registered</b>
PCC Spring Fling, with ACLU	April 16	27
Veterans for Peace	May 26	1
Best of Bessemer	June 14	0
Juneteenth	June 21	5
Public Library drives	July 10-12	29
Catholic Charities	August 5, 7	2
Wayside Cross Mission	Sept. 4, 11	6
Constitution Day, CSU-P	Sept. 17	21
Chile and Frijole Festival	Sept. 20	11
Constitution Day, PCC	Sept. 17	17
Teen Pizza Party	Oct. 1	22
Public Library drives	Oct. 2-4	24
<b>Total:</b>	<b>April 16-Oct. 4</b>	<b>165</b>

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING REGISTRARS FOR THEIR TIME:**

Bill, Marie and Taylor Thomas; Dick and Donna Archer, Sid and Shirley Skirvin, Anne Courtright, Sandy Cunningham, Barb Stevens, Melva Steen, Laura and David Jones, Tracey Mattoon, James Amos, Mary Speaks, Diana Laughlin, Ruth Nerenberg, Becky Proudfoot, Berna Riser, Dawn DiPrince, Nadine Triste, Martha Rael, Sherry Wingo, Dee Crill, Mary Blesener.

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