



# The VOTER

*Newsletter of League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## Leadership Team

**Donna Nielsen, Facilitator; Laurie Gery, Co-Facilitator** [facilitator@lwggunnison.org](mailto:facilitator@lwggunnison.org)

**Vikki Roach Archuleta, Treasurer**

**Sage Brown, Recorder**

**Ellen Harriman, Membership Chair; Sharon Cave, Membership Co-Chair** [membership@lwggunnison.org](mailto:membership@lwggunnison.org)

**Lyda Hardy, Program Chair** [programs@lwggunnison.org](mailto:programs@lwggunnison.org)

**Shary Templeton, Legislative Co-Chair**

**Thalia Oster, Legislative Co-Chair**

**Doris Kuiper, Voter Services Chair**

**Becky Morgan, Fundraising Chair**

**Rochelle Needham, Communications Chair** [communications@lwggunnison.org](mailto:communications@lwggunnison.org)

Find us at [lwggunnison.org](http://lwggunnison.org) or contact webmasters Brenda Freeburn & Thalia Oster via [webmaster@lwggunnison.org](mailto:webmaster@lwggunnison.org)

## The Voter - What's Inside!

**Ellen Harriman, Membership** Page 2

**Kathy Simillion Profile** Page 3

**LWV In Action** Page 4

**Our Quilt Book Available** Page 5

**Other News, Recipes** Page 6

**Patricia Amlin Profile** Page 7 & 8

**Calendar** Page 9

**Leader of Democracy** Page 9

**Join LWVGV** Page 10

## Poverty Data For Gunnison County Will Be January Program Topic

**A Zoom Program for January  
by Bruce Barnum, CCLP**

Program Chairman Lyda Hardy has planned for us several meaningful 2021 programs starting next week with January's discussion on Poverty in Gunnison County. Speaking via Zoom to us will be Bruce Barnum of The Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP).

Our January 12 General Meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom and will feature CCLP statistics on Poverty in Gunnison County. The Center focuses on food, health, housing, and income data. It was founded in 1999 and has grown to become one of Colorado's leading advocacy organizations.

For more information about poverty, see Page 4 inside for some background reading.

Other programs coming this winter will focus locally on The Black Lives Matter movement and on Gunnison County mental health and pandemic issues. See Pages 4 & 7 inside for more information. Or check our website at [lwggunnison.org](http://lwggunnison.org).

Meeting Jan 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3871021829?pwd=cW5yV0ZrOWVYT2JiUDJqZGZMODNNZz09>

Meeting ID: 387 102 1829 Passcode: 687460

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **We Value Every Member**

**By Ellen Harriman  
LWVGCV Leadership Team**

As Membership Chair, I'd like to take this opportunity to sort through a bit of confusion. I have been hearing about memberships renewal. It was so much easier when we were meeting in person to answer questions. But we aren't and the change to using Club Express has created confusion. After this year, memberships will run for 12 months from the date you renew. Until this year, everyone had a deadline of January 31st to renew because that was when we had to report our membership to the state and national LWV. When we were setting up the website, that all changed. We had to put in a placeholder date for renewal. 12/31/20 was the latest date we could use.

So what does this mean to members? You can renew when you are ready to. Many members have renewed through the fall but not everyone. There are two options for renewal. Using [lwvgunnison.org](http://lwvgunnison.org) website is a great option. If you need some help navigating the website, ask. It is never as easy as it ought to be but once you have worked your way through the process, it will seem obvious and you'll be set. Or, you may send a check to 322 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, 81230 in the care of our financial officer, Vikki Roach Archuleta. She will deposit our check pass the information to the Webmaster.

This year has caused all of us to re-evaluate activities and commitments. How we do our work and how we relate to our community and beyond has changed. Our organization has moved into technology in a way that may make some members feel neglected. Change isn't comfortable or easy. I hope you feel free to talk to me about any concerns you have about League of Women Voters and where we are heading. Another issue that people can be reluctant to talk about is the cost of membership. We raised our dues significantly in 2019. If finances are keeping you from renewing, let me know. We have scholarship funds to help out and want to work with you.

Whether you join online or not, I encourage everyone to look at the website. There is a wealth of information on the Home page from programs and meetings, to Shary's thoughtful poem to what is happening on the state and national level and the cool holiday recipes contributed by our members. I can almost guarantee you will find something to bring you back to the website again and again. When you do, let the Webmasters know you appreciate the work that goes into making it. Ellen Harriman

### **LWVGCV Book Club Announcement from Lyda Hardy**

Are you reading the January selection for LWVGCV Book Club? It's not too late to get a copy of *The Common Good* By Robert Reich through Lyda Hardy. She was able to obtain a few copies through our local library system and now has these available. Please give her a call or pop her an email to: [programs@lwvgunnison.org](mailto:programs@lwvgunnison.org).

The discussion is planned for 11:30 am on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Watch the website for more info.

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **Member Profile**

### **Kathy Simillion**

Hello, fellow Leaguers!

My name is Kathy Simillion. I'm currently the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder. I was hired by my predecessor, Joanne Reiting, in 1980 for an Elections position. Joanne was an amazing teacher and person to work for.

Elections were so much simpler "back in the day". I ran for this office in 2014 and 2018 and was elected for those terms.

I truly enjoy the County Clerk Office. I have four departments: Elections, Motor Vehicle, Recording and Liquor Licensing. With so many departments, we are all very busy! Customer Service is at the top of our list, and we enjoy working with the public. I have a wonderful staff. I love working with them, and we are a real team.

I was born and raised in Gunnison, the youngest of three children. I have two older brothers, both of whom love the outdoors, as do I. My brothers also still reside here in the Gunnison valley. Dick is the oldest and is now retired, and Gene is a custom rifle-maker. My best early memories were skiing with my family at Crested Butte when only the locals skied. That would have been back in the 1960's.

Spending time at my Uncle Richard Guerrieri's ranch in the summer with my cousins are times I will never forget. Now, I raise double registered American Quarter Horse and American Paint show horse prospects, which keeps me very busy when I'm not at work. A few years back, I sold a lovely mare to a baroness in France. That was a very exciting sale for me, to have a horse I raised sold overseas. Every year, I usually have a couple of foals that are the highlight of my spring. This coming year I only have one baby foal and it is due the end of February. I built a barn next to my house and it's definitely my "happy place". Some of my best life decisions were made while cleaning stalls in the early morning hours.

I haven't shown horses for a while now. However, it is on my bucket list when I retire. The love of horses is something that has been in my blood since I was a child. My grandfather and I had a connection through the horses, and he was a huge influence in my life.

I also enjoy working in my yard and spending time outside. I'm one of four ladies that started the original Animal Welfare League in Gunnison some years ago. I have a deep love for all animals and their welfare. Since they



**Kathy Simillion**  
**Gunnison County**  
**Clerk & Recorder**

**Also Long-time**  
**Member of LWVG**

can't have a voice, people need to be their advocates. I have three rescue cats of my own: Frost, Angelina and Mini Me.

I really enjoy what the Gunnison League of Voters has to offer. The presentations are always the best! Every meeting is another learning experience. - Kathy Simillion

## **Colorado Elections Win Prestigious National Award**

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado has awarded the Secretary of State's Election Security unit with its Award of Excellence for its role in safeguarding the 2020 General Election.

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold reports: "The 2020 General Election once again proved that Colorado's elections are the country's gold standard. Thank you to U.S. Attorney Dunn for recognizing our dedicated team with this award."

"Coloradans can be proud of their election system and the professionals who make it safe and secure," said U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn. "Over the past year, this group of dedicated public servants from state and federal agencies worked together to protect and ensure the security of the election in our state. Their efforts contributed to the confidence that law enforcement now shares in the election in Colorado. I couldn't be prouder of this team and am grateful for their outstanding service at this critical time."

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **LWV IN ACTION**

### **LWVUS, LWVCO Condemn Violence At US Capitol Last Week**

**By Karen Sheek, LWVCO President**

This week, we saw President Donald Trump instigate an insurrection against his own government in a last-ditch attempt to maintain power that turned fatal. On Wednesday, January 6th, our nation's capital came under attack by radical insurrectionists intent on disrupting the transition of power. It was a coordinated attack on our democracy. As advocates for a free and fair democracy, it is imperative that we call for the removal of Donald Trump by impeachment and disqualify him from ever holding federal office again.

Donald Trump must be removed from office in order to protect the integrity of the Office of the President.

Donald Trump breached his oath of office the moment he posed a clear and imminent threat to national security by encouraging his followers to storm the Capitol. It is now the duty of Congress to proceed with his impeachment for acting seditiously in flagrant violation of his oath. Our Constitution must be upheld; this can no longer be ensured under the sitting president.

As the result of Donald Trump's seditious actions, Vice President Mike Pence must be sworn in to fulfill the duration of this presidential term. President Trump must be held accountable for his reckless actions that jeopardized the safety of our elected officials, led to injuries and the loss of human life, and threatened our very democracy.

Make your voice heard: Contact your Senators and Representatives and urge them to support impeachment and removal of this president. We have been told that calling may be more effective.

For email and phone information on our US Senators and Representatives, please see the banner at the top of our LWVGV home page. [lwwgunnison.org](http://lwwgunnison.org)

## **HELP WANTED**

**We can use your help with any and all committees. There is lots to learn and do and share in 2021. Please check us out and pick up the phone and to say you'll help.**

### **Coming up this spring! Programs Planned for LWVGV**

**By Lyda Hardy**

Our winter meetings have direct connections to important issues in our community. Over the next four months we will be discussing poverty, the Black Lives Matter movement, mental health and public health during the pandemic. Please keep these issues in mind as you read the local newspapers, and watch our website for related articles.

#### **January**

Poverty Statistics for Gunnison County by Bruce Barnum from the Colorado Center on Law and Policy. The Center focuses on food, health, housing, and income.

#### **February**

Black Lives Matter in Gunnison County by Chloe Bowman from Crested Butte - Chloe has been involved in the local movement since last spring.

#### **March**

The State of Behavioral Health in Gunnison County by Meghan Dougherty of Crested Butte State of Mind  
What are the biggest effects as the pandemic rages on?  
And who is being affected?

#### **April**

A Look Back at the Pandemic by Joni Reynolds of Gunnison County Public Health - An up to the minute report on where the county stands in early April.

### **Take a Poverty Survey, Expand Your Knowledge**

LWVGV Facilitator Donna Nielsen has sourced an important article about poverty that is available from The New York Times.

Take the Quiz: Could You Manage as a Poor American? See whether you make the kinds of mistakes that can cost poor families food or health insurance. Go to The NY Times website and check it out.



# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **LWV IN ACTION**

### **Gunnison Valley League Proposes Legislative Improvements**

**"United We Sit; Divided We Fail,"** is the title of a special Initiative underway by LWVGV leadership.

The project was conceived by Brenda Freeburn and Thalia Oster of our Legislative Action Committee after attending a zoom conference with front range LWV leaders. Simply put, it is a plan to push Colorado's legislators to shake up the current partisan seating arrangement and get to know their colleagues.

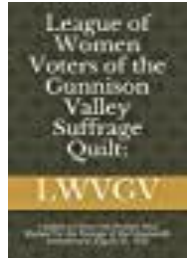
During LWVCO's **Promoting Civil Discourse in Politics** webinar, State Rep. Jeni James Arndt (Democrat from District 53) told of growing up with a Republican father (a developer) and a Democratic mother (an environmentalist) and their dynamic family conversations. She's accustomed to hearing both sides so she sits with the Republicans in the Legislature. She has suggested to the Legislative Leadership that they integrate by seating the Democrats, Republicans & Unaffiliated together so they can get to know each other - but that's fallen on deaf ears.

LWVGV's Legislative Committee loved Rep. Arndt's approach and came up with an idea to encourage every League member to write a letter to each State Legislator and member of Congress representing them (5 letters) asking that they (like Rep. Arndt) sit with members of the other party.

Plans are underway to send out letters next week – both to officials and to other leagues who may wish to support this. Although a simple plan, the project has a lot of potential for bringing issues to light or consciousness raising as we used to call it in the 70's. Watch the website and your email for sample letters and more information. This is a great opportunity for all members and friends to get involved.

### **First LWVGV Book is Published!**

#### **LWVGV Anniversary Quilt Book Just Released**



It's out! The book has just been released through Amazon Kindle and to Kindle Direct Publishing. The proof is literally hot off the digital press. Many kudos go to Lyda Hardy and the authors for the book and also of course to the women who contributed a block to the quilt or helped coordinate and stitch the whole project together.

In the next few days the leadership team will be working on a "roll out" for this and for the Six Minutes of Suffrage book planned for later in the year. Eventually we will want to make copies of both books available for purchase at our local libraries, historical museums, schools and universities as desired.

For now, you may purchase the Suffrage Quilt book two ways: electronically in Kindle eBook format or a soft cover printed edition to be delivered to you in 2-3 weeks. Current pricing from Amazon shows the eBook at \$6.95 and the paperback at \$19.95.

You may purchase the eBook on any electronic device including phone, tablet, iPad, Kindle or PC. Just download the free Kindle app to your device of choice and then purchase the eBook for immediate download. To find the book, search under "Suffrage Quilt" or LWVGV.

A portion of each purchase will eventually come back to LWVGV as we establish our LWVGV Author Account with KDP our publishing progresses.

**League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley Suffrage Quilt: Created to Honor the Women Who Worked for the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, August 26, 1920 Paperback – December 31, 2020**

By [LWVGV](#) (Author), [Sharon Cave](#) (Author), [Lyda Mary Hardy](#) (Author), [Ellen Harriman](#) (Author), [Doris Kuiper](#) (Author), [Shary Templeton](#) (Author)

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **Holiday Wrap-Up**

### ***Donation To Community Mental Health***

We did it! LWVGTV Treasurer Vikki Roach Archuleta issued a check for \$1965 recently to Center For Mental Health Treasurer Owen Hawkenberry. Although CMH supports dual counties, officials have said they will earmark these funds for use as needed in Gunnison County per LWVGTV special request.

Thank you to all who contributed – including our own LWVGTV leaders, who matched the first \$500 from our organization's budget.

### ***Recipe Wrap-Up***

#### **How Suffragists Used Cookbooks As a Recipe for Subversion**

by Nina Martyris (November 2015 from The Salt on NPR) \* Submitted by Shary Templeton

The suffrage cookbooks came garnished with propaganda for the Great Cause: the fight for women's right to vote. The American Suffragist Cookbook was first published in 1886. These cookbooks were a strategic rebuttal to the snide jokes and hurtful innuendo directed against suffragists, who were painted as neglectful mothers and kitchen-hating harridans, busy politicking while their children starved. The cookbooks present that **"good cooking and sure voting went hand in hand"** quote from the 1909 Washington Women's Cook Book which also stated, **"Give us the vote and we will cook, the better for a wide outlook"**. Recipes were interspersed with pro-suffrage quotes by famous people such as British politician William Gladstone and abolitionist author Harriet Beecher Stowe. One satirical recipe was included as follows:

#### **Pie For A Suffragist's Doubting Husband**

1 qt. milk of human kindness

7 reasons: War, White Slavery, Child Labor, 8 Million Working Women, Bad Roads, Poisonous Water, Impure Food

Mix the crust with tact and velvet gloves, using no sarcasm, especially with the upper crust. Upper Crusts must be handled with extreme care, for they quickly sour if manipulated roughly.

\* \* \*

**Lyda Hardy** compiled the following recipes contributed from our members. These are available in full at [lwvgunnison.org](http://lwvgunnison.org) under programs, then holiday recipes.

**Soft Pumpkin Cookies by Ann Landwehr \* Christmas Sand Tarts by Susan Ritchey**

**Overnight Eggnog French Toast Casserole by Sharon Cave**

**Cottage Cheese Yeast Rolls by Ellen Harriman \* Party Meatballs by Lyda Hardy**

**California Fruitcake by Becky Morgan\* Cranberry Cakes by Shary Templeton**

**Wassail by Narcissa Channell \* Nana's Bourbon Slush by Thalia Oster**

**Aunt Dee's Christmas Fruit Cookies by Donna Nielsen \* Spoon Bread Casserole by Pat Jagger**

**Spiced Pecans by Vikki Roach Archuleta \* Amish Broccoli Salad by Rochelle Needham**

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **Life Center Frame**

### **A Fighter for Freedom –**

#### **Patricia Amlin**

By Rochelle Needham

We know her as a local artist, friend and active supporter of League of Women Voters. But did you know Patricia Amlin is an award-winning cinematographer, part of a famous Greek artists' colony in the 1960's and once a freedom fighter in the south? I sat down with Amlin recently and learned many things about her art, life and love.

Let's start with some background. Amlin began painting as a very young child.

"I just always did that," she says. "I don't remember a time when I didn't."

Then at age 10 she won a first-place prize in a contest sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago. Her mother, at home with a new baby, let her go by herself every Saturday on the El (elevated trains) and into downtown Chicago for art classes.

"So, I missed the football games," She said, laughing. But she also developed her love and skill of painting.

In her eighties now, and looking back, Amlin recalls that her father was born before cars and phones.

"I was lucky to complete an education first before I'd had too many life experiences," she says. "At a young age you just don't understand consequences. I was still very young when I moved away."

Amlin graduated from the Minneapolis School of Art in 1958 and received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Munich, Germany, 1958-1960.

Amlin says she has enjoyed living and working in Europe, Central America and, now, at home in the United States. She also lived several years on the Greek island of Hydra, where her close associates included Norwegian journalist, Axel Jensen; and poet and musician, Leonard Cohen.

"Greece was beautiful. There were no bars, no restaurants. It was a community place largely made up of American and Norwegian expatriates. We gathered each evening at a very large table at the back of the grocery store!"



**Patricia Amlin**  
In front of Artists of the  
Gunnison Valley  
cooperative gallery on  
North Main in  
Gunnison.

An accident occurred one night as Amlin and Jensen were driving home in a Volkswagen Karmann Ghia that had recently been rebuilt with a Porsche engine. They came suddenly upon a man driving a donkey cart, swerved to avoid a collision, and Amlin flew out the door and down a 60-foot embankment. The townspeople ran through the village gathering ropes to tie together and rescue her. After many surgeries and a year in the hospital in the US, Amlin says she got right back on the plane to Greece as soon as she was released.

"I can't complain," she says, noting that she continued living her life as though her injuries were unimportant. "I worked hard." She eventually moved back to the states, where she finished graduate work at Syracuse University in New York.

In 1963 Amlin began her Summer of Freedom in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She was teaching art at Rust College, a small black liberal arts school, but she was also fighting for racial freedom at every opportunity, attending underground meetings at the Episcopal Church, as well as marching with students in demonstrations during the 1960's and '70's.

Some of her co-workers "didn't know quite what to make of me at first!" Amlin laughs. She relates an example of her "wedding ceremony in Mississippi, to which we invited the president of the college. He wouldn't attend but he did send a case of champagne!" she laughs.

Her passion for helping others and her love for adventure also took Amlin to Central America over school holidays, where she would hike up and down the mountains drawing and learning for week. She quickly came to know and care for the people living near the ancient ruins, while also learning the Mayan sacred poem about hero Popol Vuh.

"I have to *do* something," Amlin says. "Who serves these people?" So many families around the world are

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## **Life Center Frame**

### **Fighter for Freedom – Patricia Amlin**

(Continued from Page 7)

“living with violence center frame every day - day after day.”

For her part, she ultimately created and executed an award-winning film project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She wrote, directed, drew, painted and then filmed the storyboards for “Popol Vuh: The Creation Myth of the Maya.” She also made “The Five Suns: A Sacred History of Mexico” (1996).

The two animated films together took more than 6000 handmade drawings that were filmed at a speed of 24 pictures a second. “Popol Vuh” earned the 1987 CINE Golden Eagle Award and is available for streaming online.

“The drawings are still here (Gunnison), stored in a garage,” she says, adding that, making the films was “grueling work,” particularly while still recovering the use of her hand, arm and leg from the car crash.

Her life’s adventures also took her to California and a teaching job at San Francisco State-Berkeley.

“Life just kinda flows if you let it,” she told me recently, and to illustrate this view, she described her job interview with SFS University art department. Ready to discuss painting courses, Amlin was surprised when the department head quickly asked if she could “draw?” Well, of course, she could! So began a career as a teaching assistant in filmmaking and years of work and friendships within the film industry.

“Filmmaking is a really exciting art form,” she says. “Everything we did was new, esoteric, small. Definitely not a copy of the Disney look.” And she laughs, remembering that her new boss had been an animator at Disney Studios in 1941 when Disney was hitting its stride. As it happened, he was eventually fired from Disney when he led the movement to unionize their animators. But that was all part of how San Francisco came up on the horizon later for Amlin.

During those days Amlin was a single mom and enjoyed having friends to dinner with her family. Francis Coppola would come occasionally, she said. And she was a friend of Hollywood director Nicholas Ray, who is known for his work in the genre of film noir. Ray directed James Dean in “Rebel Without a Cause” and was planning another project

with Dean at the time of the young actor’s tragic death. Ray also produced and directed Humphrey Bogart in “In A Lonely Place”.

So, how does it happen that Patricia Amlin makes her home in Gunnison, Colorado?

“It was a lucky mistake,” she says. Her son was an actor living in New York when he decided to go to Veterinary School. “I took a sabbatical from my job to help him look for a college. We looked in a couple of states with no luck. Then we happened to be in Durango at a gas station and struck up a conversation with a stranger. As we headed back to our car, the guy said, ‘Hey, have you tried Gunnison? My son loves it there. You can’t leave Colorado without going to Gunnison’.”

They followed the stranger’s advice, checked us out, and the rest is history. Amlin says she has found expression here and a passion for painting since she retired in 2006.

“Gunnison has it all, you know,” as she mentions sand hill cranes, the shores of Blue Mesa, the majestic Rockies and aspen groves. Amlin loves painting Rocky Mountain animals and landscapes—foxes, bear and snow, too.

Portraits? Amlin says she did some of that when she was younger, “but truthfully, I really like to be high up in the mountains with the animals.”

Amlin says that some of her favorite paintings from around the world can be viewed in the Minneapolis Art Museum—a collection of Impressionist works. She also mentions Museo Reina Sofia, the state museum in Madrid, Spain, which is home to many paintings by Goya and Picasso, including the latter’s famous mural, “Guernica”.

Most days you will find Amlin at her Gunnison Valley Artists Coop and Gallery on North Main adjacent to Miller’s Furniture. That’s her current project—a gallery she was able to put together in two days when a friend offered the use of the space.

“Well, we showed it could be done,” she says. And that seems to be a theme for a lot of her life and projects.

Amlin says she loves to paint with others at the gallery. “But I wouldn’t call it a class,” she says. “We paint together and if someone asks me a question, I answer it.”

Besides her art pursuits, Amlin is active in League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley. She has four adult children: her son in Sedona, AZ, who now is an established veterinarian; her daughter here in Gunnison is a professor at Western; and two other daughters live in California pursuing different careers in San Francisco and parts north. Amlin now has six grandchildren.



# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See [lwvgunnison.org](http://lwvgunnison.org) for updates or changes

Jan 12 – LWVG General Meeting – Discussion on Poverty planned! 11:30 am Tuesday on Zoom. Zoom Log-In is on the front page of this newsletter or members can go to Members Only on the website and pull down to get the Zoom Log-In. Non-members should email [communications@lwvgunnison.org](mailto:communications@lwvgunnison.org) or respond to the email delivering this newsletter .

Jan 13 – Colorado Legislature convenes

Jan 16 – LWVCO Legislative Conference

Jan 19 – 11:30 am \* LWVG Book Review of The Common Good on Zoom

Feb 9 – LWVG General Meeting 11:30 am – Black Lives Matter is the topic with Chloe Bowman of Crested Butte speaking.

Feb 11 – LWVCO Leader of Democracy Symposium honoring 101 years of Women Leaders

March 9 – LWVG General Meeting 11:30 am – Mental Health is the Topic with Meghan Dougherty speaking.

April 13 – LWVG General Meeting 11:30 am – Pandemic is the Topic and Joni Windsor of Gunnison County is expected to speak to our Zoom meeting.

### **Leader of Democracy Celebration Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

Leader of Democracy 2021 will be a free, virtual celebration Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5 PM. Viewers across Colorado will click a link and watch a celebrative hour featuring three barrier-breaking women honored as Leaders of Democracy, celebrating the League's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and highlighting LWVCO's critical work.

**LWVG Membership Chair Ellen Harriman** will be serving as an ambassador for the Zoom event, whose theme is ***For the Love of Democracy, For the Love of the League***. Anne Trujillo, News Anchor, Denver's Channel 7, will emcee the event. This free, virtual online event, developed due to COVID-19, provides the opportunity for people across Colorado to attend the celebration.

Honorees are **Sen. Polly Baca**, the first Latina elected to the Colorado Senate and a continuing advocate for Latinx and gender equality; **Lauren Casteel**, CEO, The Women's Foundation of Colorado, advocate for the rights of women and girls, and the first woman of color to lead three major Colorado foundations; and **Elizabeth Piper Ensley** (posthumous), Treasurer of the Colorado Equal Suffrage Association and advocate for African American and gender equity and suffrage. Ensley was instrumental in gaining the vote for Colorado women in 1893.

The event will also honor **Jackson Moody**, **LWVCO's 2020 Student Winner** in Colorado's National History Day competition. Moody documented the work of barrier-breaking physician Dr. Justina Ford, the first African American woman physician in Colorado.

Leaguers and non-Leaguers are coming forward to underwrite this event, which is professionally produced by Open Media, an innovative nonprofit dedicated to providing technical assistance to Colorado's nonprofit community.

# The Gunnison Valley **VOTER**

*Newsletter of League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley*

We'd love to have you join us! [lwvgunnison.org](http://lwvgunnison.org)

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE GUNNISON VALLEY MEMBERSHIP FORM

The League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley is pleased that you are joining us  
in helping to Make Democracy Work for our community and our country.

Visit our website: [lwvgunnison.org](http://lwvgunnison.org) to join and pay online or send in this form.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Please check those that apply.

- ☐ Individual \$70
- ☐ Household \$105 for two members in one household
- ☐ Student Membership NO CHARGE for high school and college enrollees
- ☐ I would like to make a contribution beyond regular dues by adding \$\_\_\_\_\_, which will go directly to our local League activities.

Please make check payable to [LWV of the Gunnison Valley](#).

Mail to LWV of the Gunnison Valley  
c/o Vikki @ Wild Roach, Inc.  
322 N. Wisconsin  
Gunnison, CO 81230

Questions? Contact us by email at [membership@lwvgunnison.org](mailto:membership@lwvgunnison.org).

---

Your participation helps keep our League vital. You will find League is more interesting when you are involved. Time commitments can be brief, moderate or extensive. We value any level of participation.

Since 1920 LWV has been an activist, grassroots organization whose members believe that voters play a critical role in democracy. The League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley is a part of the Colorado League (LWVCO) and the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS). The local league uses its monetary and member resources to carry out efforts in education, research, and advocacy.

---

**Our Vision:** We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

**Our Mission:** Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.