

The Voter

September 2017

League of Women Voters of Laramie

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting: Monday, September 11, 7 pm, Law Offices of Pence and MacMillan, 501 Garfield, Laramie

Community Forum – Ivinson Memorial Hospital Restructuring: Thursday, September 21, 2017, 7 pm, Albany County Public Library, Laramie. *Details on Page 2 of this document*

Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction: Sunday, October 8, 2017, 12 pm, Alice Hardie Stevens Center, Laramie. *Details on Page 5 of this document*

Co-President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer. We thank all of you who shared some of your time helping out with our booth at Freedom Has a Birthday on July 4, participating in Women's Equality Day at the House for Historic Women on August 26, those who helped staff our table at UW on September 6, and those who traveled to Cheyenne for the Making Democracy Work Award event on September 6. We also thank Jamie Egolf for hosting those members able to attend our Laramie LWV orientation/retreat on August 13, and Judy Knight for facilitating this session for us. For a non-election year, we have been keeping pretty busy!

We also welcome some new members this year: Priscilla Baker, Sara Brodnax, Jamie Egolf, Megan Selheim, and Angela Wiebrand. We hope many of you will be able to attend our annual membership luncheon on October 8 at noon at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center. Come see old friends, meet our new members, and share in a delicious meal catered by Robin's Treats, and hear guest speaker Chris Rothfuss's talk on "Wyoming Education Update". You should be receiving invitations in the mail. Please be sure to RSVP to Treasurer Katie Morgan. Also, this event is our main fundraiser for the year to provide operating funds for our local league, so please get your silent auction items to Katie as well. Questions, contact her at <u>pksmorgan@msn.com</u>.

One of our goals for this year is to have more member meetings with speakers or discussion topics, in addition to our monthly board meetings. Is there a topic you think would be interesting to the group? If you have ideas or are interested in helping facilitate these meetings, please contact Sidney Walter at <u>sidwaltr@uwyo.edu</u>. Please note we are holding a public education forum on Thursday, September 21, at 7 p.m. at the Albany County Public Library on the transition of Ivinson Memorial Hospital to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We hope you can attend.

Another project our league adopted at our annual meeting in April is a study of the structure and size of our County Commission. If you'd like to be involved in conducting this study, please contact Sidney Walter at <u>sidwaltr@uwyo.edu</u>.

Questions/comments/concerns? All members are welcome at our board meetings, which are generally held the first Monday night of each month; notice is sent by e-mail to all members in advance of the meetings. Or contact us: Terri at tritt@uwyo.edu, Nancy at nanlockw@gmail.com.

Nancy Lockwood and Terri Rittenburg, LWVL co-presidents

LWV-Laramie Board Meetings

EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7 PM OPEN TO PUBLIC

VENUE VARIES

Contact: <u>nanlockw@gmail.com</u> or <u>tritt@uwyo.edu</u> for time and venue

COMMUNITY FORUM

RESTRUCTURING OF IVINSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The League of Women Voters of Laramie is hosting a free public education forum, **Thursday**, **September 21**, **at 7 pm at the Albany County Public Library** on the transition of lvinson Memorial Hospital to a 501(c) (3) organization. Representatives from hospital management and the current elected Board of Trustees will be on hand to present information on the governance transition, how it will impact the hospital and Albany County and answer questions from attendees.

Contact/Comments: pksmorgan@msn.com

ANNUAL LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 12 PM ALICE HARDIE STEVENS CENTER, LARAMIE COPY OF INVITATION ATTACHED AT END OF THIS DOCUMENT

Remember this is our one big fundraiser and get together for the year, so please plan to join us – guests are very welcome! If you have items to donate for the silent auction, please contact Katie Morgan, pksmorgan@msn.com to make arrangements for them to be dropped off or picked up.

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Photo: Re-enactment of the First Votes By Women on Sept. 6th 1890, by Louisa Swain of Laramie, Wyoming, at the Womens History House located in Downtown Laramie, on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Event co-sponsored by Albany County Democrats, Albany County Republicans, Albany County Clerk's Office, Laramie League of Women Voters.

Office	Member (term end)	Portfolio and/or other appointment	Observer Corp. Assignment
Co-President	Terri Rittenburg (2018)		
Co-President	Nancy Lockwood (2019)	Voter Service Committee	
Vice President	Robin Hill (2018)	Membership, Web Master, Communications	
Treasurer	Katie Morgan (2018) **		Hospital Board, Tourism Board
Secretary	Megan Richardson (2019)	Voter Service Committee	
Elected Directors	Jamie Egolf (2019)	Natural Resources	
	Cindy Elrod (2018)	Immigration, Local MLD coach	
	Jean Garrison (2019)	International Relations, Local	
		MLD coach	
	Lynne Ipiña (2018)	Education	School Board
	Devon O'Connell (2019)		
	Martha Pheneger (2018)	Human Resources	
Appointed Directors	Judy Snoke (2018)		City Council
(one year appointments)	Sid Walter***	Natural Resources	
Off-Board Appointments	Margaret Brown****	State MLD Coach	School Board
	Mandira Sanyal	<i>Voter</i> editor	
	Susan Simpson*	Backup secretary	
	Catherine Ryan	Mental health issues	
	Judy Knight (2018) ***	Voter Service, Observer Corps Coordinator, backup secretary, State MLD Coach, Membership committee	
	Jo Carol Ropp	Human Resources	

LWVUS Liaison: Jessica Rohloff, jrohloff@lwv.org Laramie LWV e-mail address: <u>laramie@wyominglwv.org</u>

- *State League President
- **State League Treasurer
- ***State League Secretary ****State League Director

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Annual Fall Luncheon

You are invited to attend League of Women Voters of Laramie

Program: "Wyoming Education Update" State Senator Chris Rothfuss – Select Committee for School Finance Recalibration, Select Committee on School Facilities

Sunday, October 8, 2017 ~ 12:00 Neon

Laramie Plains Museum ~ Alice Hardie Stevens Center 603 Ivinson Avenue Cost: \$40 per person

Reservations can be made via-email to Katie Morgan: pksmorgan@msn.com (pay at the door) or mailed with a check to her at 412 S 10th St, #A, Laramie, 82070.

Please RSVP by October 2

This luncheon and silent auction is the Laramie League's sole fund-raising event each yea We invite you to help support our efforts to provide information to Albany County voters The League's goal is to promote an informed and responsible electorate.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LARAMIE LWV

If you receive this newsletter and are not already a LWV member, we welcome you to join. Fill in the information below and mail it to Katie Morgan, Treasurer, to begin your annual membership. When you join the Laramie LWV, you are also joining the LWV of Wyoming and LWVUS, which connects you with members all over the country and you will receive their publications. Check out the Laramie and Wyoming LWV at <u>www.wyominglwv.org</u> and LWVUS at <u>www.LWV.org</u>.