

APRIL 2019

Letter from Your State League President



Greetings!

This newsletter is a look backward and a look forward. I've been compiling a list of the departed who were active in the league through the years. I set up Google Alerts to send me newspaper articles or radio segments that mention the LWV and Wyoming. I get information about

Wyoming County Pennsylvania, forums, meetings, letters, and obituaries.

I've been saving this list for a while, as you can tell, but as we approach convention, I think it's a good time to remember those who cleared a pathway for us and to think about what we should be clearing for the future:

- Coleen Osborn died in Gillette March 1, 2015. In an extended obituary listing the activities of a productive lifetime is this sentence: "She was also a pivotal part of bringing the Medicaid waiver for adults to Wyoming, even traveling to the state Legislature to advocate."
- Sandra Donovan died August 10, 2015, in Cheyenne. A longtime LWV member, former Cheyenne president, and state board member, she was director at the Laramie County Community College Library and dean of the college. She was also president of the Wyoming Library Association and active in her community.
- Anna Mae "Ann" Wilson died in Cheyenne March 24, 2016. She belonged to the LWV unit in Wheatland, was a trustee for the Platte County and Wyoming State Libraries, and was active in the American Red Cross Gray Ladies, Wyoming Medical Society Auxiliary, and a den mother. And my neighbor.

- Ruth Rudolph, Laramie, died January 13, 2018, was a state president for several terms and also served on the Judicial Nominating Committee. Apparently she skipped being local president.
- Gladys Crane, Laramie, 10-18-18, was "devoted" to the League and a state president. Her papers are going to the American Heritage Center on campus to be divided between the Crane collection and the Wyoming League of Women Voters collection. She was in Theatre and Dance at UW and later earned a master's degree in theological studies and taught classes in religion at UW.
- Sue Riske died in Cheyenne January 4, 2019. "Sue brought her energy to the Cheyenne League of Women Voters as she did to everything she did. She organized meetings and projects that re-energized the Cheyenne LWV that included a push to recruit leadership and members, a Making Democracy Work nomination and celebration, and an encouragement of all efforts to help people be informed, make their voices heard and vote."

Our future is the upcoming convention and our plans for this year and beyond. Included in this newsletter is a registration form for convention, information about the banquet speaker, a motion form to make life easier for the secretary, and a new dues form which allows for credit card payments and shows the waived or reduced dues this year and next for students. We hope to encourage more student members throughout the state to carry on after our names go on a list like that above. There will be printed membership directories at convention for you to take home to your members.

We hope to see many of you in Casper May 4 and 5 committed to making democracy work in Wyoming.

In League,

Susan Simpson
LWVWY President

Know What's Happening

Go to <http://www.wyominglww.org/news> for more news from throughout the state. The state IT team is glad to post items for you. Address on p. 8.

2019

- May 4-5 LWVWY State Convention, Casper
- June 20-23 LWVUS Council, Leesburg, VA
- September 6 150th anniversary of Louisa Swain's vote in Laramie

2020

- June 25-28 LWVUS National Convention, Washington, D.C.

Stay Up-to-Date

Remember to visit the League of Women Voters website at

www.wyominglww.org

for legislative updates, letters from our federal delegation and more!



You can also find us on Facebook:
League of Women Voters of Wyoming



LAST CALL TO CONVENTION 2019

- *Where?* Quality Inn and Suites, 821 N Poplar St, Casper
- *When?* Saturday, May 4, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Lunch provided by the Casper LWV, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Dinner is 6 p.m., FireRock Steakhouse, 6100 E 2nd St

Menu options below

Speaker: Attorney Bob Mullen
United States Immigration Law

- Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Silent Auction concludes Sunday at 1 p.m.
Lunch on your own—suggestions to come

Lodgings: Quality Inn, Casper. Rooms are \$81.99 plus tax (8%) double or single, and include a hot breakfast buffet. To receive the convention rate, call 307- 266-2400 by April 19. The rate name is "League of Women Voters."

All reports—local leagues, committees, resolutions, etc.--go to Vice-President Kelley Pelissier, kelleyc.pelissier@gmail.com, for the convention book. The deadline is April 19. We hope to distribute it early. Our new logo is above, and this is the now recommended font: Lato.

Send suggestions for convention programs, workshops, etc. to info@wyominglwv.org by April 19. Bring a laptop or smart phone to practice accessing the news site. Bring silent auction items with you—food, wine, handicrafts, books, jewelry. Proceeds go to the LWVWY budget. Credit cards accepted.

Dinner Options

Caesar Salad or House Salad

Entrees

Maple Pecan Crusted Pork Medallions or 10 ounce Prime Rib or Mahi Piccata
with

Sautéed Vegetable Medley & White Cheddar Mash Potatoes

or

Vegetarian Option

Dessert

New York Style Cheesecake or Chocolate Decadence Cake

Water, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, hot and iced tea, rolls. Cash bar.

Last Call to Convention continued

Registration Form

Registration includes all meetings, snacks, and dinner. Dinner guests are welcome.
Please **print**.

Name: _____ Diet Issues: _____

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Email: _____ Phone : _____

Cell: _____

		Total
_____ League Member(s)	\$80 each before April 20	
_____ League Member(s)	\$85 after April 19	
_____ Banquet Guest(s)	\$40 each	
	Total	

Menu choices will be collected Saturday morning.

Please send registration and check payable to: LWV of Wyoming
Katie Morgan
412 S 10th St. #A
Laramie WY 82070

Or email your form to pksmorgan@msn.com and plan on paying at the door.

Other Questions? Call 307-760-8078 or email info@wyomnglwg.org

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Other Attractions in Casper

Ft Caspar Museum, 4001 Fort Caspar Road
National Historical Trail Center, 1501 N Poplar St
Nicolaysen Museum, 400 E Collins Dr
Tate Geological Museum, 125 College Dr

www.fortcasparwyoming.com
<https://nhtcf.org>
thenic.org
www.caspercollege.edu/tate-geological-museum



Wyoming League of Women Voters
Motion Form

Date:

Agenda Item:

Mover _____ Seconder _____

Carried Defeated Tabled Withdrawn

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League Reports

Cheyenne

Cheyenne LWV Celebrates New Citizens

By Rosaline Schliske

The Cheyenne League of Women Voters was among those who welcomed 24 new United States citizens at their naturalization ceremony March 18, 2019.

Following the oath of citizenship at East High School, the LWV presented the citizens with a Wyoming constitution, information about voting in the state's 2020 primary and general elections and a rose with a special congratulatory message attached.

The 16 countries represented were Nepal, Philippines, Columbia, China, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Indonesia, India, El Salvador, Ukraine, South Korea, Zimbabwe, Greece, Congo (Kinshasa) and Nigeria. The citizens came from Cheyenne, Laramie and Rawlins.

All four participating federal judges and the guest speaker, Paty Gierau, who was naturalized in 2017, stressed the importance of voting as a hallmark responsibility of citizenship.

Pointing to the League members in the audience, U.S. District Judge Alan B. Johnson noted Theodore Roosevelt had written that "the first duty of an American citizen, then, is that he shall work in politics," comments made 37 years before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Reminding the new citizens that the oath they took has been used since 1778 at Valley Forge, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Kelly H. Rankin praised them for "bringing the best of your cultures" to enrich the United States. He said they would enjoy the right of there being "no single way to think or believe in America."

U.S. District Judge Nancy D. Freudenthal said she took delight in watching the children in the audience jump up



Cheyenne League of Women Voters' member Lindi Kirkbride hands roses to three of the 24 newly naturalized citizens during a ceremony March 18, 2019, in Cheyenne. From left are Bhusan Thapaliya and Apsara Thapaliya, both natives of Nepal, and Azucena Harvey, a native of the Philippine (Photo by Rosalind Schliske).

and down after the oath was administered to their family members, "an oath that takes courage to turn your back on your native country." She also quoted U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter, who immigrated to America from Austria in 1894 at the age of 12 and became a naturalized citizen: "In a democracy, the highest office is the office of citizen."

Referring to the University of Wyoming's new slogan "the world needs more cowboys," U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Casey Parker welcomed the diversity of these new cowboys as exactly the kind the world needs.

Cheyenne League members participating were Joan Anderson, Judy Dunn, Marguerite Herman, Lindi Kirkbride, Keren Meister-Emerich, and Rosalind Schliske.

LWVCheyenne Honors Carries On Sue Riske's Dedication to Voters

By Rosalind Schliske



Sue Riske. courtesy photo

The League of Women Voters of Cheyenne is making plans to honor longtime chapter leader Susan Mackey "Sue" Riske, 74, who died on January 4, 2019, at her home in Cheyenne following a year-long battle with leukemia.

Those who wish may send a tax-deductible donation to the League of Women Voters Education Fund in Sue's name in care of Joan Anderson, LWV of Cheyenne treasurer, 1002 Randall Ave. #1, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Donations will support voter education initiatives in Cheyenne and the state.

Mullen Speaks at Banquet on Immigration

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I grew up and was educated in Casper and at the University of Wyoming. I have been a Wyoming lawyer since 1975.

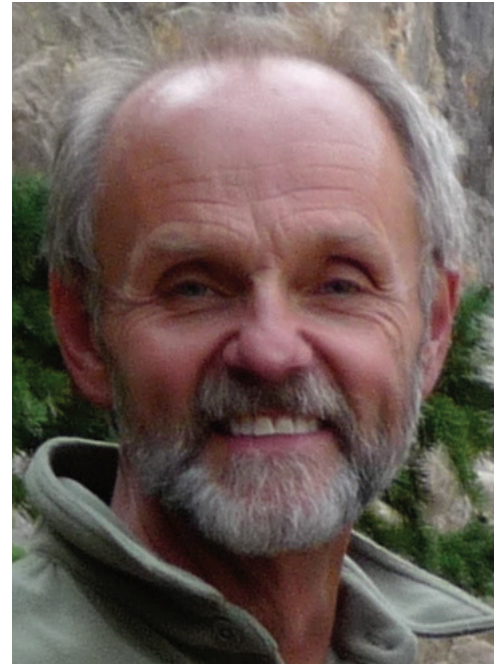
Except between 1986 and 1996 when I was Casper city attorney, from 1976 to the present I have had a private law practice.

I have provided legal assistance to people in a variety of settings. I consider myself a legal generalist, but have been a trial lawyer, represented abused and neglected children and, for the last 10 years have been an immigration lawyer, representing people from many places, including Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Russia, and Asia.

I have been a member of several boards, including the Casper League of Women Voters and the Legal Aid Society.

I am the father of three adult children.

With my wife, Marilyn Mullen, I operate Mullen Mediation and Communications LLC, which facilitates dispute resolution and for which Marilyn serves as a communications specialist and trainer, with emphasis on Nonviolent Communication, integral to which is the conviction that all humans have capacity for compassion and empathy.



Bob Mullen. courtesy photo



Photo by Susan Simpson

Poster at the Commit To Vote sign-in booth at UW Union in October 2018



Photo by Susan Simpson

Katie Morgan at 2019 Women's March in Cheyenne.

REMEMBER MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK NOMINATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 17

The nomination form is on the website. We will decide at the 2019 convention and award it in 2020.



Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip _____

Email _____

Land Line Number _____ Mobile Number _____

Renewing Member New Member Returning/Lapsed Member Household Student

The LWVWY welcomes all persons who are 16 years of age or older. If you join a local League, you are automatically joining the state and national too. Fill out this form, mark the appropriate box below, and enclose the form and a check in an envelope and mail:

- LWV of Campbell County, \$50. Students: \$3. Judie Semple, LWVCC Treasurer, 4207 Tepee St., Gillette, WY 82718
- LWV of Casper, \$50. Students: \$3. Jim Brown, LWVCasper Treasurer, Townsend Building Ste. 255, 110 W 2nd St., Casper, WY 82601
- LWV of Cheyenne, \$65, prorated to \$32.50 after July 1. Students: \$3, prorated to \$1.50 after July 1. Family: \$90. J. Anderson, LWVCheyenne Treasurer, 1002 Randall Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001
- LWV of Laramie, Regular \$60, Household \$90. Students: Complimentary. Katie Morgan, LWVL Treasurer, 412 S 10th St., Apt A, Laramie, WY 82070.
- Member at Large (MAL), \$50. Students: \$3. Katie Morgan, LWVWY Treasurer, 412 S. 10th St., Apt A, Laramie, WY 82070.

If you wish to use a credit card, fill out the part below and mail or email to Katie Morgan:

Name on Card _____ Credit Card Co: AX MC Visa

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Questions? Email pksmorgan@msn.com.

Comments:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WYOMING – 2018-2019

Officers		
President 2017-19	Susan Simpson* Laramie	president@wyominglww.org
Vice President 2018-2020	Kelley Pelissier* Cheyenne	VP@swyominglww.org
Secretary 2017-19	Judy Knight* Laramie	secretary@wyominglww.org
Treasurer 2018-2020	Katie Morgan* Laramie	treasurer@wyominglww.org

Elected State Board Members		
2017-2019	Jim Brown * Casper	
2018-2020	Margaret Brown Laramie	
2017-2019	Marguerite Herman Cheyenne	
2018-2020	Vacant	

Appointed State Board Members		
2018-19	Sid Walter Laramie	
2018-19	Amy Williamson Laramie	

*Members of Executive Committee

Off Board Roles		
<i>Wyoming Voter</i> Publisher	Mary Bower Laramie	
State MLD Coach and Cheyenne	Margaret Brown Laramie	mld@wyominglww.org
League Web Team/ Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration	Robin Hill Laramie	info@wyominglww.org, wyowomensvote150@wyominglww.org
Local MLD Coach: Laramie	Cindy Elrod Laramie	
Legislative Liaison	Marguerite Herman Cheyenne	LegLiaison@wyominglww.org

LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS/Representatives		
<i>Campbell Co.</i>	Sue Knesel	campbellcty@wyominglww.org
<i>Casper</i>	vacant	casper@wyominglww.org
<i>Cheyenne</i>	Patt Hays	cheyenne@wyominglww.org
<i>Laramie</i>	Lynne Ipiña Nancy Lockwood	laramie@wyominglww.org

LWVUS Liaison: Jessica Rohloff, LWVMN, jrohloff@lww.org

LWVUS Lobby Corps: Elaine Apter, aptere@verizon.net

Website: wyominglww.org

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DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD AND OTHER PROJECTS IN FY 19

AREA	CHARGE	MEMBERS	REPORT DATE	COMMENTS
Finance				
Audit			Before convention 2019	
Reading Committee	Read and prepare convention minutes for approval	M. Brown, C. Elrod, K. Morgan DONE	Before convention 2019	Approval on agenda for August-September board meeting
Budget	Prepare FY 2020 Budget.	Ask for Volunteers to tell Simpson, Morgan is on this committee. DONE	Named 2 months before convention and draft distributed one month before.	Discuss raising the lobbyist's salary with recommendations/plan for convention
Nominating Committee	Prepare a slate for convention		Convention 2019	This is not required by the bylaws.
Fundraising				
Letter to corporations	Send targeted letters to corps. In the state	M. Brown,* Knesel, Simpson, and Walter.	July 2017	Consider inducements (Leg. Update, Choosing a Candidate in Wyoming).
Names and reasons to donate for corporations	Help create an effective mailing list	All members	Before July meeting for inclusion in draft	M. Brown will write article for Voter—this is over a year old. No names have been received.
Publications/Public Awareness				
LOOK Study	Examine more feasible approach for LOOK	Morgan, Richardson, Riske, Semple.*	October 2017	Need to replace Richardson.
LOOK Revision/ Editing	After recommendations, Revise LOOK	Ask for volunteers in October Voter	TBD	No volunteers have come forward. UW has suggested a possible partnership with its text. More to come
Publication policy	Develop policy on public/private publications, social media, etc. legislative report, email, Action alerts from US and WY, state message, guidelines for posting.	Sue Knesel Sid Walter	February 2019	IT Team has list of retentions for email: 90 days and 2 election cycles for candidate material. Draft prepared for board meeting.
MDW Award	Present award to Mary Garland and publicize	Sid Walter DONE	Fall 2018	Garland notified. After Oct. 7 luncheon in Laramie.
Post Past Resolutions on the web site		Robin Hill DONE		Done.
Membership				
Encourage new leagues/new members		Everyone		Consider diversity, equity, and inclusion.
Update membership application form with dues and student dues		Local leagues need to determine and report so membership application on website is accurate. DONE		Reminder on September agenda. PMP to LWVUS: \$32 PMP to LWVWY: \$15 Balance is local league's

Voter Services

Choosing a Candidate in Wyoming	Distribute color copies/ask \$25 for candidate to distribute	Susan Simpson DONE		Also provided a b/w version. \$25 received
Fair Campaign pledge	Distribute to candidate, collect responses, publicize	Susan Simpson DONE		5 primary candidates responded and were listed on Facebook. 7 Albany County Candidates also signed and were posted after the primary.
Letter re campaign finance reform HB67		Susan Simpson		
Letter to Wyoming Promise		Susan Simpson DONE		Mailed June 24, 2018. Posted on website. No response.
Publish a Primary Voter Guide for the 7 state wide offices		Judy Knight, Jamie Egolf DONE		Result published in Voter 411.org at no charge. 600+ hits before primary. Distributed to all media. Printed in Laramie and Rawlins papers. Also preparing a General Election guide.
Write media re election issues—procedures, machines, etc.		Susan Simpson		
Observe interim meetings. They're posted at http://www.wyoleg.gov/Calendar/ Urls not yet available.	Observe meeting in locations other than Casper, Cheyenne, Laramie or as Herman requests.	Ask for volunteers to report to Herman.	Ongoing	Since Herman attends legislative interim committee meetings in Cheyenne and tries to get to Casper, we could post dates of interim committee meetings and ask for observers throughout the state. We need a volunteer to post/or ask Robin Hill to post meetings and volunteers to observe. This would be ongoing. To whom would observers report?
State Convention				
April 2019	Identify hotel, speaker, banquet etc.	Jim Brown DONE	Ongoing	Dates and hotel set. See calendar.
Projects				
WWSC (Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration)	To develop and coordinate LWVWY events	Hill,*Kirkbride and Brand. Additional volunteers welcome.	Ongoing	Contact Robin Hill
Study on state boards and commissions		Anderson, Brown, Hill, Jennings, Simpson* were contacts in 2015 minutes Ask for volunteers	Suspended	
Programs on constitution convention issue			On hold until more public interest	
State study on presidential caucus Vs. primary		Keren Meister-Emrick DONE		Report at October meeting

* conveners