

## Littleton-South Metro

- We ended one year and rang in a new at our Mother-Daughter Tea in June. It was a beautiful day for raising funds for scholarships, but more importantly for celebrating relationships, friendships and Jill Smith's leadership as president over the past two years.
- Upon moving into the new year, our board gathered on a Saturday afternoon in July and began the process of formulating our Strategic Plan. At each board meeting this fall, we've been fine-tuning and at our October meeting, we put the finishing touches on it.
- We had ten members attend Fall Leadership Conference and we came back energized about the planning work we were doing and our ability to make our goals SMART.
- Our September Kickoff meeting concentrated on bringing branch members up to speed on National's Strategic Plan (and progress) and how we are working to ensure that Littleton-South Metro's plan is in alignment. Our overarching goal is to ensure that each of this year's programs and events falls into one of the four focus areas.
- In October, former State Senator Linda Newell assisted branch members in fine-tuning a very important aspect of **Leadership** by providing an excellent interactive presentation and valuable communication techniques for handling conflict effectively and peacefully.
- **Economic Security** will be the focus at our November branch meeting as VFW Post 1 Program Director David Ortiz moderates a panel of female veterans. While in the military, women experience pay equity at each grade so the challenges these women face when transitioning out of service and into the workforce are especially difficult.
- We teamed with the League of Women Voters, to support Arapahoe Community College's Voter Registration Drive on National Voter Registration Day – September 24<sup>th</sup>. And we also assisted the League with two School Board Candidate Forums and the Littleton City Council Candidate Forum in October.
- Looking ahead to 2020, we are planning a collaborative event with the Athena Project in May in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. **Donna Zimmerman**