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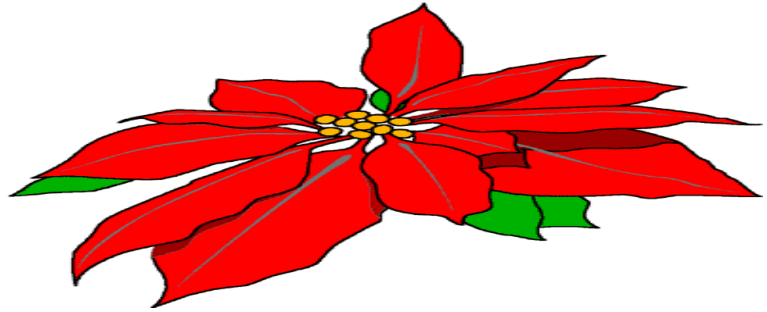
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 9, 2013
LWVAC Holiday Party
 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Greens Community Room, 4814 E. Links Circle Centennial

Friday, December 13, 2013
 LWAC Discussion Group
 9:30 a.m. @ Castlewood Library
 6739 S. Uinta St.
 Centennial

Wednesday, December 25, 2013
 Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26, 2013
 Kwanzaa Begins

Wednesday, January 1, 2014
 Happy New Year

Thursday, January 9, 2014
 LWVAC Unit Meeting
 9:30 a.m. @ Castlewood Library
 6739 S. Uinta St., Centennial

Monday, January 13, 2014
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 LWVCO Legislative Conference
 Old Supreme Court Chambers
 State Capitol, 200 E. Colfax Ave
 Denver

Monday, January 13, 2014
 LWVAC Unit Meeting
 5:30 p.m. @ Garcia's Mexican Restaurant
 5050 S. Syracuse St.,
 Centennial

LWVAC HOLIDAY PARTY



Please note that the LWVAC Holiday Party has a new date: **Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Greens Community Room.** This change was initiated due to a scheduling conflict. A flyer explaining all the details is on page 2, but we want to remind you to include this event in your holiday festivities. We would

love to see you and any prospective members you wish to bring.

On another note, on behalf of the LWVAC Management Team we want to thank you for supporting LWVAC and its activities. You bring a wealth of talent and expertise to the League and it has been a pleasure getting to know you and working with you on our many events and activities. Hope to see you all next year. In the meantime, best wishes for a very merry holiday.

DECEMBER EVENTS



HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, December 9, 2013

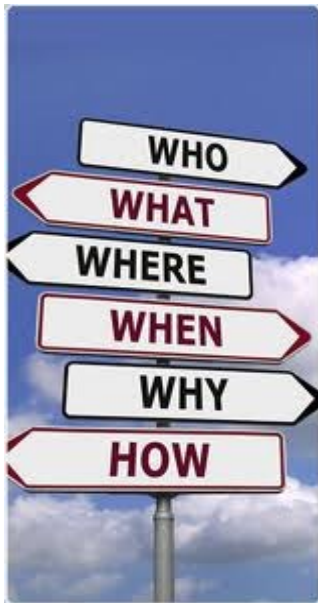
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

*Heritage Greens Community Room
4814 E. Links Circle, Centennial*

Please join us at the League of Women Voters of Arapahoe County annual Holiday Party. You are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Wine and other Beverages will be provided. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you.

Directions: Please use this for a map to the community center. <http://goo.gl/maps/CSvvd>. You can enter the Heritage Greens neighborhood from either Holly St. or Colorado Blvd. The center is located in the Heritage Greens pool and tennis complex where E. Links Parkway dead ends into E. Links Circle. Parking lots are available on the north side of the complex. If you have any problems call Deb Armbruster, cell, 303-956-2709.

MEMBERSHIP BRIEFINGS



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The LWVAC will conduct a new member orientation Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the Festive Cup Coffee, 50 W. Springer Drive, Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

The orientation will last 1 and 1/2 hours and include a handbook outlining how League works, including

- League non-partisan policy
- Mission Statement
- Bylaws
- General Information about the LWVAC
- League Lingo
- Opportunities for League involvement
- Management Team members and contact information

All LWVAC members wishing to learn more about the League are welcome to attend. Contact Membership Chair Jo Ann Feder, joluvs10s@gmail.com to RSVP. Please note that another orientation is being planned for January or February, 2014

WELCOME NEW MEMBER Erica Parrish

With her membership check, Erica said, "I heard about the Arapahoe County Chapter as a result of looking for election information and have an interest in learning about local issues." Erica has been a Colorado resident for more than two years and lives in the Highlands Ranch area. She is originally from Ohio and relocated for her husband's employment. She works as a school psychologist in Adams County.

And here's another new member who joined last month

DORI CORLEY works as a credit officer at a commercial bank specializing in loans to telecommunications companies in rural America. She is originally from Chili, but moved to Colorado when she was five,. Her father is a Colorado native and her mother is Chilean. While Dori is registered as an American born abroad, her mother has a green card. The only thing her mother can't do is vote, but Dori says her mother isn't interested in politics. We're glad Dori is!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWVAC DISCUSSION GROUP

The group will meet Friday, December 13, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at Castlewood Library, 6739 S. Unita St., Centennial. The topic will be the Federal Reserve - its functions, and the role it plays in our economy.



The Great Decisions Program conducted by the LWVAC Discussion Group will begin Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Castlewood Library. This is an eight week discussion program on topics of international interest and current affairs sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants discuss a topic

each week as outlined in a briefing book prepared by the Association. The program lasts eight weeks.

The Great Decisions Program via LWVAC is free and open to all. You do not have to be an expert on foreign affairs to participate; rather is it an excellent way to learn more, ask questions and participate in a lively discussion with others. For more information contact Monique Hea, heamph@hotmail, 303-220-9273 or Vicki Harimon, vicki-harimon@aol.com, 303-770-8738.

2014 topics

- Defense Technology: New weapons for the battlefield.
- Israel & the U.S.: A relationship in jeopardy?
- Turkey's Challenges: What do the clashes between secular & religious groups and citizen protests mean for Turkey's future?
- Islamic Awakening: The aftermath of the Arab Spring and U.S. foreign policy.
- Energy Independence: What does it mean for the U.S.?
- Food & Climate: The effects of a changing climate on the world's food production.
- China's Foreign Policy: What does the rise of this large nation mean for other counties in the region?

LEAGUE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Gerry Cummins, LWVAC member and LWVCO 4th Vice President for Voter Services, has been asked to serve on the LWVUS Bylaws Committee.

LWVAC life time member, **Wilma Davidson**, was featured in the latest issue of the LWVCO Voter highlighting her 1995 book, *A Force for Change: The League of Women Voters of Colorado, 1928-1995*.

As the book is the only comprehensive history of the state league, sections of the book will soon be scanned and posted on the state website for all to see.

Wilma also wrote a history of the Arapahoe League in 1999 entitled *The Grassroots of the Arapahoe League*. We have copies if anyone is interested.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

The 2014 Colorado Legislative session will begin in January and the LAC is preparing their action plan.

This committee, which consists of League volunteers, considers, follows and reports on legislation relevant to League positions. They also testify before legislative committees and conduct discussions with various Colorado legislators on issues important to League and Colorado citizens.

Committee members meet every other Friday at the state office to report on their activities and the various bills they are following during the Legislative session (January - May) .

If you are interested in learning more about this committee contact Sally Augden, saugden2@comcast.net, 303-455-5800.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWVCO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, JANUARY 13, 2014

The annual LWVCO legislative Conference featuring a preview of the 2014 Legislative session will be held, Monday, January 13 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Old Supreme Court Chambers, at the State Capitol and the Colorado History Museum.

This is always a great event as we will learn what's happening at the capitol and the latest proposals and priorities each political party intends to introduce during the 2014 legislative session. The morning session will last from 9 a.m. - noon at the state capital. Leaguers will then adjourn for lunch at the Colorado History Museum to hear our League Lobbyist, Christine Watson, offer her viewpoints on the upcoming session.

A registration form and lunch choices are on the next page, so review and send it in. Registration is \$32 each. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 2, 2014.

PS: New this year is lunch at the Colorado History Museum. Since the registration fee covers admission to the Museum, you can always stay after the conference to explore the sights.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LWVUS ARGICULTURE UPDATE STUDY

The National League is conducting a study and consensus process to update its agriculture position. As part of that process, LWVAC is seeking volunteers to work on the study for presentation at our unit meetings.

The study will include a look at GMO.s (Genetically Modified Organisms), herbicides, pesticides, sustainable farming, crop subsidies and more..... To this end there are plenty of informational materials from LWVUS, a guide, and other league members to work with you. The national league also conducts monthly telephone conferences to discuss the study and share information. Interested? Contact Interim Program Chair, Sonya Pennock, 303.794.0430, sonsu@earthlink.net.

JANUARY LWVAC UNIT MEETINGS

The January unit meetings will focus on program planning. This year we will review the national programs and our local ones. This is how League remains a grassroots organization. Members suggest issues the nation league should study and these suggestions are voted upon by league delegates at the national convention in May. A good example of that process is the national agriculture update. Several Leagues suggested it and it was supported by the majority of delegates attending the 2011 Convention.

Information about this process will be sent to all LWVAC members early January so you can fully participate in the unit meetings Thursday, January 9 or Monday, January 13.

LWVAC MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES

The November meeting topics included a discussion of member involvement on League committees, the need for a planning process to determine goals and priorities, program suggestions for January - May, the Holiday Party, procedures for introducing new initiatives to Management Team, and suggestions for increasing League visibility.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

LWVAC Registration Form

Monday, January 13, 2014

Old Supreme Court Chambers, State Capitol, 200 E Colfax, Denver
Seating in the chambers is limited to 150 spaces

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Preview of the 2014 Legislative Session: 9 a.m.– 12 noon

Lunch, League lobbyist: 12:15 - 2 p.m.

Colorado History Museum, 1200 Broadway

(about 4 blocks south/west of the Capitol)

Fee includes Colorado History Museum admission! Museum closes at 5 p.m.

Choice of Bistro Box lunch: *Includes Boulder chips, fruit, dessert*

1. *Smoked Pecan Chicken Salad*

Pecan smoked local chicken with maple slaw dressing, dried cranberries, scallions, pecans,

2. *Grilled Vegetable Flatbread*

Roasted red pepper and goat cheese jam, grilled vegetables, local greens

Registration Form: Deadline Tuesday, January 2, 2014

Registration Fee: \$32.00 includes program, lunch, museum admission (No refunds after January 2)

Name _____
(Please print name as you wish to have it appear on the name tag)

Name of League _____

Email address _____

Lunch choice (circle one) 1. **(Pecan Chicken Salad)** or 2 **(Vegetable Flatbread)**

Payment Options:

- Check payable to LWVCO
- PayPal at www.lwvcolorado.org (accepts credit cards)
- Visa or MasterCard # _____
Expiration Date _____ Amount: \$ _____

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Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Join Us

Join the League to help make your community a strong safe and vibrant place to live. Help shape the important issues that affect you and your family.

Memberships are \$60 per individual; \$85 for households and \$25 for students. For more information call Jo Ann Feder, 904-608-3932
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