



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS
COUNTIES COLORADO

June 2016

Membership 82

JUNE MEETINGS:

Unit Meetings: No Unit Meetings for the summer.

Great Decisions: No meetings for the summer.

LWVADC Movie: No movies for the summer.

Lunch Bunch: Taking a break for the summer.

JUNE 11 LWVADC Annual Meeting: **8:30-noon** at the Rendevous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora . We will have a delicious breakfast (\$15 including tax and tip) and then conduct our business meeting to approve program positions, suggest new programs for meetings next fall, elect Management Team members, and approve our budget. Then our entertaining and knowledgeable LWVCO lobbyist, Christine Watson, will summarize the recent legislative session and make it fun. She has said that split houses (as we had this year are always more fun. Meeting packet in separate email.

****You may send your reservation payment made to "LWVADC" to Sonya Pennock at 6751 S Marion Circle West, Centennial, CO 80122.****

JUNE 13 LWVCO Honors Dottie Lamm as a Leader of Democracy: 5:30-7:30pm at the Crawford Hill Mansion 150 E. 10th Ave, Denver 80205 (parking behind mansion) **\$100 ticket**. See separate email for more information..

JUNE 16 LWVADC Tour of Federal Election Facility: Lunch at 11:30 at Lucille's 2852 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton 80120 (SW corner of Littleton Blvd and Santa Fe in Dish Network area). The tour at 1:30. We will be able to view live ballot processing for the 2016 Primary Election and see the new tabulation system in use,. We will see real ballots moving through the election process, including ballot sorting, signature verification, opening and tabulation. The tour will last an hour at most.

****PLEASE let Vicki know if you want to come. 303-770-8738 vickiharimon@aol.com ****

LWVCO 2016 COUNCIL REPORT from our delegate Maggi Markey

The League of Women Voters of Colorado's biennial Council opened in Montrose at noon on May 20 and ran to noon May 21. Most Colorado local Leagues sent delegates. The business of the Council was to elect officers to the LWVCO Board and approve the 2016-17 budget. All this was done unanimously.

Local leagues then were asked to present a 2min. report on their "Making Democracy Work" efforts this past League year. I presented our 2 year State Water Plan study and programs. Other topics included Jeffco's "What School Boards Can and Cannot DO" pamphlet; a "How to write a letter to the Editor" party; forums and meetings on xenophobia, outreach to Hispanics; living wage; strategic planning; outreach to young people, air quality, and childcare issues. Several Leagues reported successful membership recruitment because of their activities.

Three Leagues were chosen to make longer presentations. Jeffco had a very successful and carefully planned climate change panel that attracted a good sized audience. Pueblo has helped to initiate a heroin awareness and treatment program that involves several agencies in that community. Larimer County is collaborating with the City of Ft. Collins to produce short TV programs on a wide range of subjects—just not any that LWV supports.

Attendees were brought up-to-date on legislation, proposed ballot issues, the LWVCO's Education Fund, the Fifkova Fund, Planned Giving, membership development and a discussion of education vs advocacy and the fund raising trip planned for 2017 (in the form of a tour open to other Leagues of the Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and Grand lake areas).

Several Leagues have concerns about the ColoradoCare proposal and how to educate citizens about it vs advocating for its adoption. My take is that you have to carefully separate these activities, recognize the role that Voter Service plays and not mix things up.

Our guest speaker was a very well spoken young woman, Wonder Wachara, who came to the US from Kenya when she was 10. Because her grandfather believed that daughters should be educated her mother has multiple degrees and Wonder and her sister have also been educated. She is presently completing her senior year at Mesa Collage with a degree in Political Science. She hopes to get a Masters and perhaps more with a long term goal of running for political office—maybe US Senator.

Her enthusiasm and knowledge was inspiring and I think gave everyone the sense that maybe these millennials will be okay.

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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, jolvs10s@gmail.com

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