



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS
COUNTIES COLORADO

March 2016

Membership 81

MARCH meetings

Unit Meetings: No Unit Meeting this month. See info on General Meetings page 2.

Tuesday March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St, Centennial “ColoradoCare Amendment 69” for members. Holly and Orchard SW corner see p. 2

Tuesday March 15 Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. at 3 Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant, 6864 So. Clinton St. Greenwood Village 80112 303-795-166. See page 2

Wednesday March 23 LWVADC Movie: “Chosen” at 6:30pm Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly
See below

Wednesday March 30 Human Trafficking Panel at 6:30 p.m. At Koelbel Library, 5955 So. Holly St, Centennial. For members and their families. See p. 2

Great Decisions: Every **Friday in March**, 10am Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn. See more info page 2

APRIL meetings: Regular Unit Meeting time and place—topics chosen by units.

LWVADC Movie “Chosen” is an anti-trafficking documentary from Shared Hope International. It is the true story of how two teenage girls are tricked into trafficking. The first young woman, Brianna, who is 19 years old, was an honor student, cheerleader and worked as a server in a local café when she was first approached. The second young woman, Lucy, is just 13 years old when she was manipulated into trafficking. She was a member of a youth group and a volunteer in her community. Both were “chosen” to be trafficked into this sex industry. In addition, the video shares warning signs enabling viewers to detect whether someone is being trafficked.

LUNCH BUNCH is an informal get together of members who would like to just chat and maybe discuss issues. No reservations are needed, just show up and enjoy the food and the company. Restaurants vary . Contact Vickie Harimon if you need more info at vickiharimon@aol.com or 303-770-8738.

GREAT DECISIONS:

The popular Great Decisions program meets at 10 a.m. at Southglenn library in the Streets of Southglenn. Program participants will meet every Friday through March to discuss a variety of international events and crucial global issues as presented by the Foreign Policy Association. The program is free and open to the public, but participants are urged to use the Policy's Great Decisions topic book. Topics this year are:

The Middle East, The Rise of ISIS. The Future of Kurdistan. Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations, Climate Change, Cuba and the U.S.

For more information contact Vicki Harimon vickieharimon@aol.com or 303-770-8738 or Monique Hea at heamph@hotmail.com or 303-220-9273.

ColoradoCare Amendment 69 on March 8 is a meeting for members about this year's November ballot issue which could replace your current medical insurance with a Colorado-run health care program that would provide comprehensive coverage for all Colorado residents. The Federal Affordable Care Act allows a state to obtain waivers to create its own health care program.

To pay for this system a charge would be levied on all Colorado citizens on a percentage basis depending on their employment, business, retirement status and current medical system. Supporters claim that it will cost less than current health insurance programs.

The proposal is complicated and raises many questions. Who would the plan cover? What are the benefits? How much would it cost? Would it cover those on Medicare and Advantage plans? Are there age limits? Who would administer the plan?

Colorado State Senator Irene Aguilar, MD, the primary architect of the plan will make a short presentation and then answer questions. Information materials and light refreshments will be available.

Human Trafficking on March 30 a panel to discuss human trafficking in Colorado and our counties with 18th District DA George Brauchler, LWVCO Legislative Action lobbyist Kimberly Love, and a yet to be determined anti-trafficking organization representative. You will be surprised by what they will reveal.

Results of our February Program Planning meetings are in.

LWVADC Positions

All three units wanted to retain our local positions. but also felt the land use and representative government positions need to be reviewed for applicability to Douglas County as well as Arapahoe County and revised as necessary. Two units suggested that we consider expanding the special education position to include gifted and talented children.

LWVUS Positions

All three units wanted to retain our national positions.

LWVUS Proposal for 2016-18 Biennium

All units supported the proposal from LWVUS that the national league focus its efforts on Making Democracy work by advocating for voting rights and voter protection, supporting action to reform money in politics, and calling for enforcement of campaign finance laws including fixing the Federal Election Commission. This emphasis would also include emphasizing the critical importance of taking action on climate change

Proposal for National Concurrence on LWVCO Positions on Behavioral Health

All units supported the LWVCO's proposal that the LWVUS 2016 convention concur with the state league's behavioral health position.

Units opposed or did not agree on proposals from Boulder County and Tacoma/Pierce County.

LWVADC Member Honored

If you attended one of the Behavioral Health consensus meeting last fall you will have been led by member Linda Rinehart in that discussion. Linda is being honored as Peer Advocate of the Year at the 2016 Mental Healthcare America Colorado's Legislation, Education and Advocacy Day LEAD conference on March 3 at the Scottish Rite Center 1370 Grant St. Denver. The conference runs 8a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are interested in attending go to <http://lead2016.brownpapertickets.com/> to register. I know this is very close to the date and couldn't find a cutoff date. They are asking for \$15 for lunch.

CONGRATULATION TO LINDA!!!

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