



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS  
COUNTIES COLORADO

May 2016

Membership 82

**MAY meetings**

**Unit Meetings:** Water in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties Presentation. See info page 2.

**Thursday, May 5** at 5 p.m. Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora

**Monday, May 9** at 5:30 p.m. at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, 5050 S. Syracuse St., NE corner of Belleview & Syracuse streets in the Denver Tech Center

**Thursday, May 12** at 9:30 a.m. at Southglenn Library, Streets of Southglenn, SW corner of Arapahoe Rd and University across from the parking garage.

**Great Decisions:** **Friday May 13** , 10am Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn . See more info page 3

**LWVADC Movie:** **May 18** at 6:30p.m. **Strong Sisters** Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly. See more info on page 2. SW corner of Holly and Orchard.

**Lunch Bunch:** **May24**, at 11:30a.m. Las Brisas Restaurant, Clinton Shoppette, 6767 S. Clinton St, Englewood, 80122, 303-792-3212. South of Arapahoe on Clinton just east of I-25 on east side of the Target. See info page 3.

**LWVCO Council** **May 21-22**, Montrose, CO. Statewide business meeting.

**JUNE 11 LWVADC Annual Meeting** at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora . See page 2 for more info.

**JUNE 16** Tour of Federal Election Facility , 1:30 p.m. See info page 3.

## **UNIT MEETINGS:**

Unit meetings for May are a continuation of the local water study. Last year we looked at the new Colorado Water Plan. This year we will do a quick review and then focus on the water projects and programs in Arapahoe and Douglas counties that will provide water for our people for the present and in the future. Some of the topics will be Prosper and Sterling Ranch residential developments, WISE, the Centennial Water aquifer storage program, the price of water, Prairie Waters Program and conservation and related issues. Where does YOUR water come from?

**LWVADC Movie** is "**Strong Sisters**", a recently released documentary exploring the unique place Colorado occupies in the nation's political history. The filmmakers, local residents Laura Hoepfner and Meg Froelich, use portions of 70 interviews with elected women, historians and others, to discuss Colorado's history of being the first state to elect women to the state legislature up to our present proud status of having the highest percentage of female state legislators. The stories of these women are fascinating, as is the puzzle that we have yet to elect a female US senator or governor, despite our otherwise outstanding record of electing women. We will screen the movie and then leave time for discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.

**LWVADC ANNUAL MEETING:** on Saturday morning June 11 our League's Annual Meeting will take place at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. 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 officers, and approve our budget. Then we will have our entertaining and knowledgeable LWVCO lobbyist Christine Watson. She will summarize the current legislative session and make it fun. She has said that split houses (as we have now) are always more fun. Your meeting packets should arrive around the middle of this month.

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

**THINK BEFORE YOU INK:** What? You might ask. There are going to be any number of ballot petitions being passed around in the next few months, on all kinds of issues. What you must ask yourself is "do I really want to vote on this issue?" "Do I want other people to vote on this issue?" "Is this really a good idea?" if the answer to any of these questions is "no" then please "think before you ink". Don't sign because you think it is the "civic" thing to do. It might be a better "civic" thing not to sign.

**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](mailto:vickiharimon@aol.com) or 303-770-8738.

### **GREAT DECISIONS:**

The popular Great Decisions program continues at 10 a.m. at Southglenn library in the Streets of Southglenn. On May 13 the group will hear about the recent World Affairs Conference. For more information contact Vicki Harimon [vickiharimon@aol.com](mailto:vickiharimon@aol.com) or 303-770-8738 or Monique Hea at [heamph@hotmail.com](mailto:heamph@hotmail.com) or 303-220-9273..

### **TOUR OF FEDERAL ELECTIONS FACILITY**

Visitors will be able to view live ballot processing for the 2016 Primary Election and see the new tabulation system in use,. We will be able to 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. Her info on back page or above. Lunch is planned before the tour. See next month's newsletter.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH ASSISTED LIVING VOTER REGISTRATION**

One of the tasks for voter registration is to query assisted living facilities in Arapahoe County to see which facilities want/need our help registering residents to vote or helping them change their address so that they are mailed ballots at their present location. Several facilities have requested volunteers to help. The time frame will probably be end of August and into Sept. If you would like help contact Anne Roux at 303-506-8869 or email [landaroux@comcast.net](mailto:landaroux@comcast.net).

**NEW POSITIONS FROM LWVUS:** the National LWV has recently released the new positions on our Money in Politics and Amending the Constitution studies from last fall and this January. If you are interested in reading our newest consensuses you will find the positions at the links below.

Constitution:

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/league-position-adopted-constitutional-conventions-under-article-v-us-const>

Money in Politics:

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/lwvus-position-money-politics>

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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, [jolvs10s@gmail.com](mailto:jolvs10s@gmail.com)

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