



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS  
COUNTIES COLORADO

February 2017

Membership 85

**FEBRUARY Meetings (see page 2 for more information)**

**Thursday, February 2** at 5 pm. Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora. Dinner meeting. The meeting will be in the main dining room.

**Monday, February 13 NO MONDAY EVENING UNIT.** Restaurant not available.

**Thursday, February 9** at 9:30 am. Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn. The library is across the street from the parking garage on the south side of the mall.

**Movie Night:** Coming soon

**Lunch Bunch: Wednesday February 22** 11:15am at Nordstrom's 6th and Pine Restaurant in the Park Meadows store, 3rd Floor. Come and enjoy a great chat. No reservations req'd.

**Great Decisions: Fridays beginning February 3-March 24.** 9:30am Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn . See more info page 3.

**MARCH Meetings.** Regular unit meetings are planned for now on the topic of Transportation in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties: What does the future hold.

**APRIL Meeting:** Monday April 19. a general meeting is scheduled at Las Brisas with guest speaker Judge Gregory Hobbs on Colorado Water Law and Water History.

**LWVCO Legislative Conference: Monday January 30** 8:00-3:00 at the Scottish Rite Temple 1370 Grant St. Denver 80203 at the SE corner of Grant and 14th. Any one planning to attend the LWVCO's Legislative Conference this coming Monday is invited to join ta car pool organized for League members in the Littleton, Highlands Ranch and Centennial area

We will meet in the west end of the Koelbel Library Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning and divide cars and riders then. The conference is being held at the Scottish Rite Temple across the street from the state capital. I believe breakfast will be served from 8 - 9 p.m. with the conference starting at 9 a.m. Contact Marlu Burkamp at [marluburkamp@gmail.com](mailto:marluburkamp@gmail.com)

## Voting Methods February LWVADC Meetings

After the November 2016 election with the Electoral College winner receiving fewer votes than the Popular Vote winner alternate methods of voting were tossed around as ways to “reform” the voting system for the United State.

Several methods are already in existence around the country including the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) method. Come to the Unit meetings this month and learn what options are out there and where they are being used now and proposed for the future.

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS: TIPS ON TAKING ACTION THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION \*\*\*

The Colorado General Assembly Convenes on January 11th. While the legislature is in session, you will receive emails with a **Call to Action from the state League (LWVCO)** requesting you, as a private citizen, to take some specific action on an issue or position. When we respond to calls to action we are, in effect, lobbying. We are advocating our legislators to take a specific position on an issue.

Legislators have minimal staff support while the legislature is in session, and they have NO staff when not in session. This makes it challenging to respond personally to all contacts. Email is often the best way to communicate with your legislator.

Tips provided for effective email included:

- ☐ put the bill number in the subject line,
- ☐ make the email short and to the point
- ☐ if there is a personal story relevant to the issue include it and
- ☐ use bullets when possible.

Happy Advocating! Susan Schmetzer & Kathy Fleming, LWV Jeffco Legislative Co-Chairs

\*\*\*The above info was "cribbed" from the LWV Jefferson County January 2017 newsletter. A quick telephone call is even easier. Most legislators count calls supporting or opposing bills and those from their own constituents count the most. Calls to Action will have info for you to use.

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Get up-to-date legislative info by subscribing to the LWVCO's **LEGISLATIVE LETTER**. Check it out at [www.lwvcolorado.org/lwv/legislative-action/](http://www.lwvcolorado.org/lwv/legislative-action/)

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## **VOTER SERVICE** Meeting.

Mark February 15 on your calendar for the upcoming Voter Service Committee meeting. It will be 9:30-11am at the Castlewood Library' meeting room. The topic will be voter registration directives from the LWVUS and LWVCO. Elections in Douglas and Arapahoe counties will also be discussed. This is a topic LWV will be involved in for the foreseeable future. Come and learn how to get active.

**LWVADC will be helping register new citizens in the near future. Come and help with this exciting endeavor.** Contact Vicki Harimon for questions [vickiharimon@aol.com](mailto:vickiharimon@aol.com)

## **GREAT DECISIONS:**

The regular Great Decisions program begins Friday February 3. Meetings are at 9:30am at Southglenn library in the Streets of Southglenn. The library is located across the street from the parking garage. The program is free and open to the public, but participants are urged to use the Policy's Great Decisions topic book. Topics for 2017 are:

- The Future of Europe
- Trade and Politics
- Conflict in the South China Sea
- Saudi Arabia in Transition
- U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- Latin America's Political Pendulum
- Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Nuclear Security

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## **KING SOOPERS CARDS—FUNDRAISING MADE EASY**

**King Soopers gift cards** for groceries AND gas at King Soopers or Loaf & Jug stations are available now. You buy the card through League, use it on groceries and gas, and our league gets 5% of the sales. Cards can be reloaded indefinitely at the store. Many local groups have earned a LOT with this painless method, so we're giving it a try. Call Ann Roux for details 303-674-7163 -- and will be available at unit & general meetings. **Don't buy them at the store directly, our League won't get the credit for those cards.** As of the end of December we have earned over \$300!!

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**Mission**

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization neither supporting nor opposing candidates, 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 house-holds and \$25 for students. For more information call Jo Ann Feder, 904-608-3932, [joluvs10s@gmail.com](mailto:joluvs10s@gmail.com)

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[GoVoteColorado.com](http://GoVoteColorado.com) to register to vote or make changes in your registration