



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS
COUNTIES COLORADO

January 2017

Membership 83

JANUARY Meetings (see page 2 for more information)

Thursday, January 5 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, January 9 at 5:30 pm. at Las Brisas a Mexican restaurant at 6787 S. Clinton St, Englewood 80112 303-792-3212. This restaurant is across Clinton St from the Target in the SE corner of I-25 and Arapahoe Rd.. There will be a 20% gratuity and individual checks.

Thursday, January 12 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: Coming soon

Great Decisions: **Friday January 13** 9:30am Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn . See more info page 3

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.

The **LWVCO Legislative Conference** is an annual event featuring guest speakers including Andrew Romanov on Behavioral Health issues and Lt Governor Donna Lynne. Please see the url below for the registration form and more information. As this year's event is at the Scottish Rite Temple just SE of the capitol there is no limit on attendees. A delicious lunch will be available and, of course, great company.

<http://lwvcolorado.org/lwv/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Final-LWVCO-Voter-2016-November.pdf>

If anyone wants to carpool, let me know and I will send out the message. alice@ramsisle.com

PROGRAM PLANNING MEETINGS

Preparing for the January meetings by Maggi Markey, LWVADC Program Chair.

Every January Leagues around the country engage in a process called Program Planning. Why do we do it and what is a League member's role in this?

Program Planning gives you and other members an opportunity to discuss with other League members issues that concern you. It also gives you a chance to tell the Management Team or State Board what League issues you would like to see acted upon by our local League or by State League. If the League already has a position from a previous study of an issue, it may mean that the Management Team or State Board should look for ways to implement the League's position by lobbying, phone calls or letter writing, by testifying at governmental meetings, or by providing information to the community through publications or public meetings on the issue.

You may have an issue that concerns you that the League has not studied. In that case, Program Planning can provide you a place to find others with similar concerns. If enough Leaguers are interested, the LWVADC Management Team may recommend that a study of the issue be adopted at the State League Convention in May or at our local League's Annual Meeting in June. Such a study may provide the basis for League action in the future.

At this year's Program Planning Units, we will review local and state League positions. League members should keep in mind that a current position may no longer be relevant or may need to be updated. Leaguers should also consider whether a new study will attract the necessary personnel to carry it out, whether it will be timely, whether it will have costs or constraints which make it unreasonable to do.

Should we have a new study? Do more advocacy? Provide educational events? Change existing positions? What do you think? And what are you willing to work on?

To prepare for these units, please review your local, state and national League positions on our League webpages listed below.

LWVADC see attachment

LWVCO <http://lwvcolorado.org/lwv/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Program-for-Study-and-Action-2015-Behavioral-Health.pdf>

LWVUS <http://lwv.org/files/Impact%20on%20Issues%202014-2016%20Full%20PDF.pdf>

From the editor: this may seem a bit daunting and there is a lot of information. But you can skip around and look at items that are especially interesting to you. The point of these annual meetings is to familiarize our members on LWV positions or at least to know where you can go to get familiar.

GREAT DECISIONS:

The January meeting will be on the 2nd Friday, January 13. Then beginning in February every Friday. The topic will be "Fake Media Around the World". Sounds very interesting.

The popular Great Decisions program meets 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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HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 13 our annual Holiday Party at Deb Armbruster's was a great success. Thanks to Deb our gracious hostess and her husband Rich and to everyone for the delicious snacks and to the people who arrived early to help set up.

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.**

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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

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Voter Information

Vote411.org to get information on candidates and more

GoVoteColorado.com to register to vote or make changes in your registration