



# THE VOTER

*February 2018 Issue*

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The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties

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## UNIT MEETINGS -

## Topic, Date, Time and Location Details



### Unit Discussion Topic: **Human Trafficking**

**Daniel Steele** of the 18th Judicial District Attorney's office will be our speaker.

A nationally recognized expert in this area of the law, he was recently hired by the 18th Judicial District Attorney's office which includes both Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

He will update us on activities in our counties, explain how citizens can help, and give an overview of proposed legislation locally and nationally.

*Contact Maggi Markey for more information -  
Email: [maggimarkey@gmail.com](mailto:maggimarkey@gmail.com)*

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## EVENING UNIT

Monday, February 12 @ 5:00 PM

[Las Brisas Mexican Restaurant](#)  
[Clinton Shoppette](#)  
[6787 S. Clinton St.](#)  
[Englewood, CO 80112](#)



Las Brisas is southeast of I-25 and Arapahoe Rd.  
Go south on Clinton St from Arapahoe Rd. It's next door to Target.

There will be a 20% gratuity and individual checks.

*Contact Jo Feder for more information -  
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## THURSDAY AM UNIT

Thursday, February 8 @ 9:30 AM

[Southglenn Library](#)  
[6972 S Vine St](#)  
[Centennial, CO 80122](#)



Contact Fay Plummer for more information -  
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## EAST ARAPAHOE UNIT

### \*IMPORTANT DATE & TIME CHANGE\*

The East Arapahoe/Heather Gardens Unit meeting date has been changed.



Friday, February 9 @ 11:00 AM

Through February, March, and April the Unit will meet on the **second Fridays of the months: February 9, March 9, and April 13.** The place remain the same: the Meeting Room of the Rendezvous Restaurant at Heather Gardens.

[Heather Gardens, Rendezvous Restaurant Meeting Room](#)  
[2888 S. Heather Gardens Way](#)  
[Aurora, CO 80014](#)

Contact Gladys Hodges for more information -  
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## COMMITTEES & OTHER MEETINGS-

Topic, Date, Time & Location  
Details

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## GREAT DECISIONS

Every Friday @ 9:30 AM



Southglenn Library, Meeting Room A  
6972 S Vine St  
Centennial, CO 80122

Feb. 2: **Russia's Foreign Policy**  
Feb. 9: **Turkey: a Partner in Crisis**  
Feb. 16: **China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation**  
Feb. 23: **The Waning of Pax Americana?**

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties **Great Decisions** group will meet weekly starting February 2 to begin this year's study course. This is the perfect time to get involved with Great Decisions.

Great Decisions is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. One does not have to be a member of League to attend the meetings. It is open to anyone who would like to discuss foreign policy in a nonpartisan environment.

The Foreign Policy Association publishes a book with eight topics and presents information in an objective, nonpartisan format. Discussion of each of these topics takes eight weeks. "FPA seeks to ventilate the issues and to contribute to a national conversation on U.S. Foreign Policy." In 2018, FPA will be celebrating 100 years.

*Contact Vicki Harimon or Monique Hea for more information -*

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## **KNOW YOUR DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 28 @ 1:00 PM

Location TBD

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## LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, February 28 @ 11:30 AM

[Nordstrom Grill](#)  
[8465 Park Meadows Center Drive](#)  
[Lone Tree, CO 80124](#)  
[303-645-2721](#)

Nordstrom Grill is located in Park Meadows on the third floor of the store. Park in the south parking lot of Nordstrom and go through the south entrance to the escalator. Take the escalator to the third floor.

Contact Vicki Harimon for more information -  
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## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Monday, February 26 @ 6:30 PM

[Castlewood Public Library](#)  
Castlewood Conference Room  
[6739 S. Uinta St.](#)  
[Centennial, CO 80112](#)

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## WATER & CLIMATE CHANGE

Wednesday, Feb 14 or Feb 21 @ 1:00 PM

Location TBD

Speaker from **Urban Drainage and Flood Control**.

Urban Drainage and Flood Control works with the six metropolitan counties around Denver to plan and manage flood control measures.

Contact Maggi Markey for more information -  
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## VOTER REGISTRATION -

### A Year of LWVADC Voter Registration Services & February Voter Registration Dates

The end of January, 2018, completes a full year of Voter Registration service at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services by LWVADC which began in February, 2017. The total number of paper registrations sent to County Clerks and Recorders through this year is approximately 350. In addition, many flyers with information for registering to vote online were distributed.

On January 10, 17, & 18, 2018, Voter Registration Drives were conducted at the USCIS office. New citizens completed a total of 38 paper applications which were sent to 12 Colorado county clerks' and recorders' offices.

At an average of 2 1/2 hours per Circulator, 4 for each of the 3 dates, the total number of hours contributed amounts to 30. A fourth VRD is scheduled for January 25, with 4 Circulators committed to serve on that date.

One statistic has not yet been reported for 2017. State Vice-President for Voter Services Gerry Cummins has encouraged other Leagues to train under our state VRD authorization. Jefferson, Larimer, and Denver Leagues have sent a total of 16 people who worked alongside our own Circulators at various times during 2017. These temporary Circulators from other LWV county units took the required online training and were assigned temporary Circulator numbers.

It is truly a privilege to perform this fundamental, grass-roots service to help Make Democracy Work. Thanks to the 25 LWVADC member/Circulators who supported this patriotic and inspiring effort in 2017. The invitation is always open to those who wish to re-certify and also to anyone who may wish to join Voter Registration and serve in 2018. We will continue to steer a clear path of non-partisan activity through the current littered national field of political turmoil.

### EVENTS AT USCIS FIELD OFFICES

Below is the schedule for February opportunities to continue our service in Making Democracy Work.

- Wednesday, February 14 @ 2 PM
- Monday, February 26 @ 2 PM

*Contact Gladys Hodges for more information -  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



We have four new members who have joined in 2018.

**Danna Liebert** lives in Englewood. Her interests include Public Education.

**Terry and Dr. H. Phillip Stalker** live in Littleton. They are both retired and interested in Voter Registration.

**Stephanie Salas** lives in Englewood. Her interests include Campaign Finance Reform and Gerrymandering.

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## HELP WANTED -

### Voter Service & Movie Night

## VOTER SERVICE

No Experience Necessary! Anyone Is Welcome!

Want to help educate citizens so they can make informed choices and get involved in our democracy?

Our Voter Service Committee needs many helping hands. Voter Service is a major League contribution, organizing candidate forums, providing nonpartisan information on registration, candidates, ballot measures, voting rights and effective ways to influence public policy and many other critical duties.

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## MOVIE NIGHT

Do you appreciate documentaries about issue that are important to you and probably to most Leaguers? Koelbel Library even has a movie room with large chairs and screen.

If you would be interested in helping out with this let Alice know. We could use a couple of people to help with this.

*Contact Alice Ramsey for more information -*



## WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS? A QUICK OVERVIEW

### 2018 COLORADO CAUCUS

Colorado's Democratic and Republican parties will hold precinct caucus meetings March 6 in advance of the June 26 Primary Election. Voters interested in caucusing must have affiliated with one of the major political parties by Jan. 8.

Major party affiliation by:

**Jan 8**

Caucus on:

**Mar 6**

Primary Election:

**Jun 26**

Precinct caucuses are neighborhood-level meetings hosted by the Democratic and Republican Parties during even-numbered years in advance of a Primary Election. A precinct is the smallest subdivision of a county. Precinct caucuses are the first step for each political party to engage voters, select candidates for the Primary Election and decide on a party platform for the year. Locations vary, such as schools, community centers, churches and homes.

### What happens at a precinct caucus?

**Elect Precinct Leaders**

**Choose Assembly Delegates:**  
- County  
- District  
- State

Affiliated voters who attend a precinct caucus for their political party will make two important choices.

First, attendees will elect Precinct Leaders. These volunteers will represent the party in each precinct, serve on the County Party Central Committee, help get out the vote for party candidates, and assist with planning the next caucus. Attendees also will choose delegates to their Party's County, District and State Assemblies, where the delegates will nominate candidates to the ballot and approve the party's platform.



# Who can participate in precinct caucuses?

## LWVA DC AT THE WOMEN'S MARCH



# What happens after the precinct caucuses?

5 LWVADC members attended the recent women's march in downtown Denver: Billy Day, Madeline Burkamp, Jo Feder, Paula Moore & Ann Roux, plus Leo Roux



[lwvcolorado.org](http://lwvcolorado.org)

A candidate who receives 30 percent of the delegates' vote at an assembly will appear on their political party's Primary Election ballot. Candidates who receive between 10 and 29 percent of delegates' vote may petition onto the ballot. Those with less than 10 percent are not permitted to petition.

Candidates who are unaffiliated or affiliated with minor parties must petition onto the November General Election ballot or become a write-in candidate.

The Democratic and Republican Parties plan precinct caucus meetings and designate sites – our membership (ethnically and in age). The best parts of our League included Colorado Democratic Party, 303-623-4762 or [www.coloradodems.org](http://www.coloradodems.org) people, involvement in Colorado Republican Party, 303-758-3333 or [www.cologop.org](http://www.cologop.org)

Information provided based on Areachee Votes, 2018 PRECINCT CAUCUSES: 7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW. Available from: <https://www.areacheevotes.com/news/2018-precinct-caucus-7-things-you-need-to-know>.



impact.

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey. All results will be addressed when we complete a strategic planning program shortly.



## EQUIPPED FOR ACTION

Think your involvement in Equipped for Action is not that important? Think again!

One of the top trends for 2018 is the power of women to effect change. According to statistics from the national Indivisible Team:

- In 2017 86% of calls to members of Congress were made by women
- 70% of all groups organized to effect change were developed and led by women
- In 2017 80% of all candidates running for, or elected to office were women.

So give yourself a pat on the back for being part of this tremendous movement. Congratulations to all the LWVADC members who participated in our League efforts to register voters, call our elected officials, work on political campaigns and participate in discussion forums.

NOTE: We are continuing to follow the various proposals and discussions regarding the status of the Dreamers and the efforts to extend protections on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Several proposals are being developed and we will report on them as they evolve. In the meantime, the League of Women Voters continues to favor passage of a clean Dream Act for the thousands of young people who were brought to the United States as children. We support the Dreamers, who are Americans in everything but the name.

*Members are welcome to share this information on a limited basis with friends and families but should not share it with other organizations for publication or further distribution to their members. **When sharing please remove all references(name, logo, official League positions or quotes) to Equipped for Action or the League of Women Voters.***

*We have initiated this guideline as we want to protect the League's name and ensure the messages are presented in their original manner.*

*Contact Marlu Burkamp or Sonya Pennock for more information -*

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## 2018 COLORADO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The LWVCO Legislative Action Committee meets biweekly during the legislative session to review pending bills in light of established League policy positions. Decisions to support, oppose, or “watch” bills are arrived at by consensus after reviewing all information available at the time.

A Legislative Letter is written by the members of the Legislative Action Committee and published every two weeks during the Legislative Session.

Below are just a few of the many bills included in the latest Legislative Letter. To receive a full copy, contact the League Office at [info@lwvcolorado.org](mailto:info@lwvcolorado.org) or 303-863-0437 for information about rates and delivery.

**CO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
January 2018

(support) →

HEALTHCARE: HB 1009      EDUCATION: SB 4

← (oppose)

GUN SAFETY: HB 1037

**GUN SAFETY: HB 1037 (oppose)**

HB 1037 **Concealed Handguns on School Grounds** (Rep. P. Neville; Sen. T. Neville) would remove the current limitation on individuals with a valid concealed handgun permit having a loaded, concealed gun in a public school.

In the interest of the safety and well-being of students and staffs of our schools, we are strongly opposed to this bill.



Besides the possibility of accidents, the recent shooting in Las Vegas points out the



**EQUALITY FOR DC**

ment in having private individuals pulling out guns in a situation  
the police were hampered in finding the actual shooter, because  
was the perpetrator and who was a "helper" with a drawn gun.  
schools  
informed, well trained law enforcement officer.

## **EQUALITY FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.**

d to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

Their grandmothers fought for it! Still they don't have it.



### **HEALTHCARE: HB 1009 (support)**

The League has proposed Self-Determination Act and full representation in Congress (support) requires that drug manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers submit annual reports to the state health board regarding diabetes drug price increases of certain percentages. The state board produces a report and may impose penalties on drug manufacturers or pharmacy benefit managers who do not comply with reporting.

DC residents pay the highest federal taxes per capita in the nation, and their local laws and local budget are governed by Congress. The DC League feels Statehood is the only answer. Other routes have failed over time. Why now? Here is some background information on the changing face of DC governance.

\* Loss of Congressional representation in 1801.



### **EDUCATION: SB 4 (support)**

\* Over 70+ years gradually extended more franchise: 1871-1874 elected lower Colorado funds kindergarten at a per-pupil rate only slightly over half a student. To offer full-day kindergarten (in this day when test scores matter and the more time in a classroom makes a difference in test scores), districts have to make choices.

\* Then in 1874 Congress abolished government. Either they don't offer full time, they charge families for the other half day, or they have full time, but absorb the costs through cuts to other programs. Many efforts to increase the funding have been made, but the state's tax restrictions continue to limit our options.

\* 1973 Limited Home Rule: elect mayor and 13-members Council

\* 23rd amendment ratified in 1961 allowed DC residents to vote for a president for the first time in 1984.

Two bills this year attempt to create the funding over time, but in slightly different ways. NEW SB 4 Funding for Full-day Kindergarten (Sens. Kerr; None) would require a ballot question for citizens to authorize the state to retain and spend for preschool through 12th grade public education any state revenues above the 1966 state revenue cap approved by the voters in 2005." This bill is set for a hearing before the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on January 31.

\* Taxation without representation in Green vs. DC in 1966 the DC Court of Appeals found that Congress has the power to levy taxes on DC residents. Bills introduced in 2002 and 2005 to rectify situation both died.

\* Full representation in Congress-1978 Constitutional Amendment passed Congress Congress resoundingly, but only 16 states ratified by 1985 deadline. requirement is certainly not met, nor is the equitable requirement. We recognize that there are many needs in this state not being met at this time, but the education of our children is critical.

\* Tom Davis in 2004 and 2005 introduced Full Voting bill would give DC one voting representative and add one to Utah-failed because rider overturning DC gun laws added. Statehood would not require a Constitutional Amendment. Two articles in the Constitution speaks to this issue.

The Legislative Letter is written by the members of the Legislative Action Committee, edited by Frank Bennett and Andrea Wilkins, and published by the Colorado League of Women Voters (Legislative Branch/Powers of Congress). To subscribe, please contact the League Office at [info@lwvcolorado.org](mailto:info@lwvcolorado.org) or 303-863-0437 for information about rates and delivery.

Article 1, Section 8 (Legislative Branch/Powers of Congress) which gives Congress to exercise exclusive Legislation in all cases over the District... And Article 4, Section 3 (New States) allows Congress to admit new states into the Union...How does becoming a state work?

1. Territory residents declare a desire for statehood, approve a constitution and boundaries, and agree to a representative form of government.
2. They petition Congress.
3. A statehood admission bill gets introduced and passed in both houses.
4. The president signs the bill.
5. The former territory is now irrevocably a state.



So where are they in the process? Between 1985 and 2011 6 bills introduced. Admission Acts introduced in the last three Congresses, and sponsorship has grown each year.

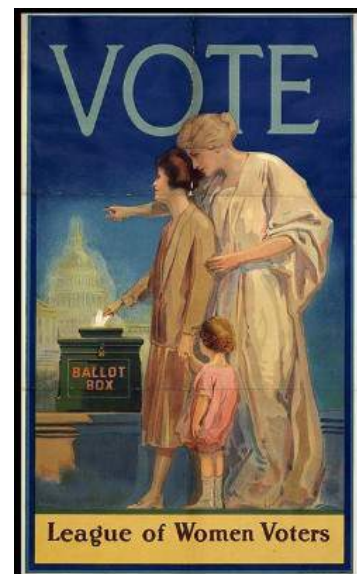
H.R. 1291 was introduced March 2, 2017, and S. 1278 was introduced May 25, 2017. The House bill has 141 co-sponsors, and the Senate bill now has 20 co-sponsors.

DC residents voted November 8, 2016 to petition for statehood with a new constitution and boundaries. Passage of the bill requires only a majority vote in both houses; then the President of the United States needs to sign it into law. The DC League request that when you are speaking to your Representatives that you encourage them to pass the legislation and get it signed into law.

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## ONGOING INITIATIVES-

King Soopers Cards, Observers Corp,  
Equipment Log, Chapter Contact Info





## KING SOOPERS CARDS - FUNDRAISING MADE EASY

Cards will be available at Meetings. **Don't buy them at the store directly**, our League won't get the credit for those cards.

Contact Ann Roux for more information -

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## OBSERVERS CORP

If you are curious, and want to participate and learn at the local level consider participating in the Observers Corp.

As an observer, you will attend governmental meetings, note what happens at the meeting, and report back to the League. By attending these meetings, you and the League, will learn what our government is doing, learn about issues facing our Counties, and if warranted, take action through the League.

Simple Observer forms, as well as "how to" information to participate will be made available— no speaking required.

Contact Jo Feder for more information -

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## EQUIPMENT LOG

We've created a shared online equipment log in order to better track the location of our equipment and supplies.

If you are in possession of any League items, please go [here](#) and update the log.

Contact Lena Brown for more information -

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## FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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An up-to-date calendar of all monthly meetings and events can be found [here](#).



## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

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 dues -

- \$60 per individual
- \$85 for house-holds
- \$25 for students

Contact Jo Feder for more information -

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## LEAGUE CHAPTER INFO & MISSION STATEMENT

To learn more about how to contact our league chapter and management members, click [here](#).

**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.



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