



# The Voter

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**Welcome Back!** Hope you had an enjoyable summer despite the record heat. September should be a bit milder weather wise, but with the political activities and our League voter service events this month and next, our temperatures will be rising.

All the details are inside, including news about a League meet and greet and a general meeting on the forces of job creation, September 27 at Bemis Library. Candidate forums and other voter service activities are also inside. And don't forget LWVCO League Day on Saturday, September 22. Our LWVUS President is the featured speaker!

**Monday, September 3, 2012**  
Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012**  
Training for Ballot Issue Speakers  
@ 10 a.m., Southglenn Library  
6972 S. Vine St., Streets of Southglenn  
Centennial, Colorado

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**  
LWVCO League Day  
@ 8:20 a.m.– 2:50 p.m., Holiday Inn Select  
455 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver Colorado

**Monday, September 24, 2012**  
Management Team Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.  
Streets of Southglenn, Centennial, CO

**Tuesday, September 25, 2012**  
National Voter Registration Day

**Wednesday, September 26, 2012**  
LWVAC Book Club @ 10 a.m.  
Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.  
Streets of Southglenn, Centennial, CO

**Thursday, September 27, 2012**  
LWVAC Meet & Greet & General meeting  
Meet & Greet @ 5:30- 6:30 p.m.  
General Meeting @ 6:30- 8:30 p.m.  
Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St.  
Littleton, Colorado

**Wednesday, October 3, 2012**  
First Presidential Debate from DU

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**  
Last Day to register to vote for the  
November Election

## LWVUS President to Speak at LWVCO League Day

By now, most of you know that the annual LWVCO League Day is Saturday, September 22 at the Holiday Inn Select, in Denver. What you may not know is **Elisabeth MacNamara, LWVUS President**, will be the featured speaker. She has graciously agreed to update us on the latest LWVUS activities, as well as talk about the various voter service projects being conducted throughout the country. If you haven't heard Ms. MacNamara speak before, you're in for a treat. She's a dynamic speaker!

You can also attend a meet and greet for Ms. Macnamara on Friday, September 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Community Room at *The Pinnacle*, 2990 E. 17th Ave., Denver (Next to City Park). The event is hosted by the LWVCO Board of Directors. RSVP: Carol McDivitt, 970-669-4090, [mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com)

See the League Day agenda and registration details on page 3.

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**LWVAC SEPTEMBER KICK OFF**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2012**  
**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura Street**  
**Littleton, Colorado**

We've scheduled two events for LWVAC members this evening. The first will be a Meet & Greet with refreshments from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. followed by a program on job creation from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The social is designed to welcome you back after the summer hiatus, give you a chance to enjoy some food and drink, and ready yourself for an equally busy October. So please come. We invite you to meet our new members and renew acquaintances with those you haven't seen for a while. If you know someone who is interested in joining League or just wants to know more about us, bring them along.

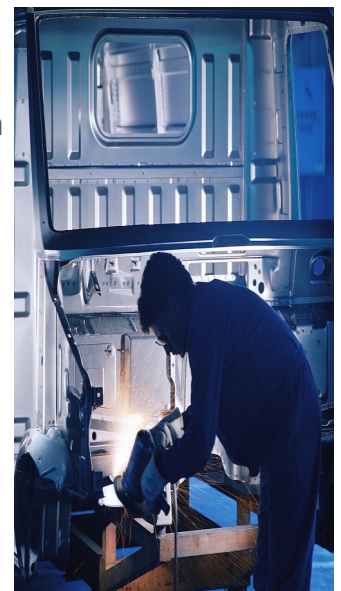
Following the festivities we'll shift into a more serious mode from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to discuss job creation. Specifically: **Understanding The Factors that Impact Job Creation.**

One of the most pressing issues facing our country today is that of job creation. Everyone has the same question: How do we get America back to work? The answer is as complex as the conditions that led to it. To start off our new year of exciting programs we will take a close look at the forces that impact job creation through a global and local prism. We will question how the forces came together to get the country to this point and look at ways to lift us out.

To lead us through this examination we are very fortunate to have Dr. Luka Powanga, PH.D, Professor at Regis University. Dr. Powanga's credentials are impressive and international in scope. He is currently a Professor in the School of Management, working with undergraduate and graduate students. He has degrees in engineering, computer information technology, business management and is the Executive Director of the Global Commerce Forum. He has also written a book on economics and taught at the Colorado School of Mines.

With an objective eye, Dr. Powanga will present the facts and answer questions like why should we care what happens in Europe? What about the Bush tax cuts? Do we need more or less banking regulations? Dr. Powanga will educate each of us, enabling us to be much more informed in our decision making.

Dr. Powanga will also be present at our Meet & Greet to talk with you and learn more about League. We hope to see all of you there.



## OCTOBER UNIT MEETINGS

The October unit meetings will feature an explanation of the state-wide issues voters will see on the November ballot.

To date, it appears only three issues may make the ballot. They are:

- Amendment 64: Use & Regulation of Marijuana
- Amendment S: Changes some aspects of the State Personnel System
- Colorado Congressional Delegation to Support Campaign Finance Limits.

The first two have been certified by the Secretary of State. The third is being reviewed for the necessary signatures to qualify for the ballot. Another ballot proposal - the Personhood Amendment - was denied due to the lack of valid signatures. This year 85,853 valid signatures are required to qualify.

The Secretary of State has until September 10th to certify the ballot, however, it is hoped that decision will be sooner, since the LWVCO wants to meet its deadline of having the ballot issue pamphlets ready for Colorado Leagues by League Day, September 22. LWVAC will distribute their portion to members at the October unit meetings and to public libraries, city offices, and other public and governmental places throughout Arapahoe County. Copies will also be available at ballot presentations, and for your friends, neighbors and community groups and organizations.

### October unit Meetings:

Monday, October 8th  
@ 5:30 p.m. at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant  
5050 S. Syracuse St., Denver Tech Center

Thursday, October 11  
@ 9:30 a.m. at Castlewood Library  
6739 S. Uinta St., Centennial

## LWVCO LEAGUE DAY

### AGENDA

- 8:20 am Registration/ Materials/Coffee, Tea & Rolls**
- 8:50 am Welcome & Announcements**
- 9 am LWVUS President's Address**
- 9:30 am Colorado Ballot Issues**
- 9:45 am Ballot Issue Recommendations**
- 9:55 am LWVCO Fracking Study and Unit Materials**
- 10:50 am The Affordable Care Act: After the Supreme Court**
- 12 noon Lunch/Networking**
- 1:15 pm Local Leagues in Action**  
- LWV Boulder: Teen Pregnancy Prevention  
- LWV Chaffee County: Website Development  
- LWV Larimer County: Old Fashioned Political Rally
- 2:10 pm Hands-On Sessions (Pick one to attend)**  
- The Affordable Care Act: A Toolkit for Community Education  
- Voter Guide: [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)  
- Great Education Colorado: 2013 The Year of the Student.
- 2:50 pm Adjournment**

Speakers will include Elisabeth MacNamara, President, LWVUS; Gerry Cummins, LWVCO Voter Service VP; Chris Watson, LWVCO lobbyist; Fracking Committee members Alice Ramsey and Julie Boyle; Robert Semro, Bell Policy Center; Lisa Well, Great Education, Colorado; Karen Connor, Vote411 Coordinator and LWVCO Board member, and Cath Perrone, President, LWVCO

**Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 S. Colorado Blvd. Denver. For directions call Marlu Burkamp, 303-798-2939, [marluburkamp@gmail.com](mailto:marluburkamp@gmail.com)**

**Registration Fee is \$32 per person. Deadline is Friday, September 14.**

### League Day Lunch Details

1. **Orange Chicken Salad** (tossed Romaine and spring lettuce mix, oranges and cashews, topped with grilled chicken breasts.)
2. **Turkey Cobb** (diced smoked turkey breast served over a bed of mixed greens with eggs, bacon, blue cheese, cucumber, tomato and carrots)
3. **Seasonal Fruit Salad** (assortment of fresh seasonal fruit and berries, served with yogurt)

To register call 303.863.0437. Tell what you want printed on your name tag; the name of your League, your lunch choice, and how you will pay. (check, credit card, paypal, etc.). You can also fax your information at 303-837-9917

# VOTER SERVICES EVENTS

## LWVAC CANDIDATE FORUMS

## VOTER REGISTRATION DATES

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**18th Judicial District Attorney Candidates**

Ethan Feldman (D), George Brauchler (R)

**Douglas County District #2 At-Large County Commissioners**

Roger Partridge (R) Terry Krow (D), Matthew Hess (Libertarian)

Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 S. Ridgeline Blvd.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 @ 3:30 p.m.**

**18th Judicial District Attorney Candidates**

Ethan Feldman (D), George Brauchler (R)

Southglenn Library, 6972 Vine St, Streets of Southglenn Centennial

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Arapahoe County District #3 County Commissioners**

Rod Bockenfeld (R) Molly Martin (D)

Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Circle, Centennial

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 @ 3:30 p.m.**

**RTD District E Candidates**

Jeffery Bjorlin, Vince Chowdhury, Claudia Folska, Dave Williams

Eloise May Library, 1471 S. Parker Rd., Denver

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Colorado Senate District #26 Candidates**

Linda Newell (D), David Kerber (R)

Community Room, Englewood Municipal Building  
1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood

Information: Karen Hart, Voter Services, 720.234.5303

[larkspurkaren@hotmail.com](mailto:larkspurkaren@hotmail.com)

Voter Registration continued during July and August, but the requests for voter registration drives accelerates as the **last day to register is October 9th**. Here's this month's calendar, plus two dates in October.

- ▶ **September 9**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
- ▶ **September 12**  
Gardens at Columbine
- ▶ **September 14**  
Windcrest Senior Center
- ▶ **September 18**  
Arapahoe Community College
- ▶ **September 22 & 23**  
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- ▶ **October 5**  
Englewood Meridan Retirement Center
- ▶ **October 6**  
Littleton Crafts Fair

For additional information, to volunteer, or to schedule a voter registration date contact Marilyn Ayers, 303.471.8301, [mk303@comcast.net](mailto:mk303@comcast.net)



Expected to go "live" September 12, **VOTE411.org** is the LWVUS's national election "one-stop-shop" election database. It will provide nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state specific information, including the location of polling places (vote centers for Arapahoe & Douglas Counties), voting hours, candidate profiles and responses, ballot issues, how to request an absentee ballot and other such election issues.

Candidate questionnaires prepared by each local league and the LWVCO have been sent to all Colorado candidates and state related election information has been entered into the database. This is the first time all Colorado Leagues will be participating and it looks to be exciting.

We hope to link this site to our web site and will be advertising this voter information tool at our candidate forums and ballot presentations. More details will be forthcoming, but meanwhile tell all your friends.

# VOTER SERVICES

## BALLOT ISSUES TRAINING

Gerry Cummins, LWVCO Fourth VP, Voter Services, has graciously agreed to meet with LWVAC volunteer ballot presenters to explain the issues in depth, answer questions and share tips on presenting the issues. The prepared ballot issue scripts will also be available.

As this is a chance to ask all your questions, learn the specifics and fine tune the details, please come on **Tuesday, September 11 at 10 a.m. at the Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St. in the Streets of Southglenn shopping area, corner of Arapahoe Rd. and University Blvd.**

Members of other metro area leagues are invited to attend as well. We hope to see you there.

## POLL MONITORS NEEDED

*Just Vote Colorado!* Is looking for volunteers to be poll monitors for the November election.

You should be available for at least two hours or more on Election Day to be stationed at the polls. (In Arapahoe and Douglas Counties it will be vote centers) and attend a training session with *Just Vote Colorado Election Protection*.

As a poll monitor, you are the eyes and ears outside the polling place. You will observe what is happening at the polls, be a resource for voters to answer basic questions and ensure they know their rights. You can also direct voters to the JVCEP (*Just Vote Colorado Election Protection*) hotline with questions and problems and report any deceptive activities that may occur to the *Just Vote* legal team.

Go to [www.justvotecolorado.org/volunteer](http://www.justvotecolorado.org/volunteer) to sign up. Just Vote Colorado is a nonpartisan election protection program created in collaboration with Colorado Common Cause, LWV, the Colorado Lawyers Committee and other community organizations.

## BALLOT ISSUES PRESENTATIONS

We are lining up ballot presentations as the requests come in from community groups and organizations. If your church, club, friends or neighborhood organization wishes to learn about the state-wide issues on the November ballot, please have them call Marlu Burkamp, 303-798-2939, [marluburkamp@gmail.com](mailto:marluburkamp@gmail.com)

With only three issues on the ballot, the presentation can be conducted at a leisurely pace with plenty of audience questions and discussion. Quite a change from 2008 when we had to rush through 15 or more ballot explanations.

Give us a call. The volunteers are available day or evening.



## GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION [WWW.LWVARAPAOE.ORG](http://WWW.LWVARAPAOE.ORG)

Vote 411.org will be an excellent election guide, but so is our own website, [www.lwvarapahoe.org](http://www.lwvarapahoe.org).

It lists all the Arapahoe and Douglas candidates running in this year's election as well as the U.S. presidential contenders. Also lists all the LWVAC candidate forums, voter registration dates and other pertinent information that voters may need to prepare themselves for election day.

Next month we'll try to include important dates for absentee voting, early voting and a list of vote centers in this newsletter, but do check out our web site. It's impressive!

# MEMBERSHIP BRIEFINGS

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e extend a very warm welcome to the many new members who joined LWVAC during the summer. We thank them for their interest and support. Hip Hip Hooray!

**Janice Green** moved here from Oregon last August and is knowledgeable about League programs and activities as she was an active league member in Oregon. She worked a year in estate revenue, but her main career was as a psychologist for mental health agencies, hospitals and other similar agencies. Janice attended our Ballot issue training and is willing to volunteer for candidate forums. She currently lives in Centennial.

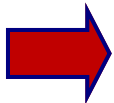
**Jo Ann Feder** is another transplanted Leaguer, this time from Florida where she was on that LWV Board for 14 1/2 years. She initially joined League in 1967 while living in Colorado and for 12 of those years was a member of the Jefferson County League. She then moved to Fairfax, Virginia and then to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Once a League member, always a League member. She is the newest addition to our volunteer ballot speaker group. Jo Ann Lives in Highland Ranch

**Sheri & Hilari Bell** are a mother/daughter team. Sheri is a retired school teacher, who also worked for the Cunningham Fire District. Her daughter, Hilari, worked for the Aurora libraries for 20 years and is now an novelist writing science fiction and fantasy for kids and teens. They have lived in Aurora for 30 years on land their grandparents bought in the early thirties.

**Phyllis Graham** is a retired senior HR professional who worked in Silicon Valley. She has an MBA in marketing, was a *Save Our Youth* mentor for five years and is "grandmother" to an Hispanic family with no grandma. She has two grown daughters, lives in Douglas County and enjoys her extended family, hiking, travel, mah jongg, movies and the state of Colorado.

**Irma Johnson** recently retired after spending the last ten years in customer service and is looking forward to meeting League members In addition to the League, Irma Pursued volunteer opportunities with Outreach Uganda. For relaxation she reads and walks. Irma lives in Highlands Ranch

**Linda Blakley** and **Judy Dearasaugh**, both Douglas County residents , will be profiled in October.



Next month we will begin our membership renewal drive for many of our league members As always we hope you will continue to support our programs and activities by renewing your membership. A letter and interest sheet will be sent to many of you the first week of October.

We also wish a speedy and successful recovery to new member, Phyllis Graham, on her illness.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LWVAC NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB



Fall is fast approaching and so is the next LWVAC book club meeting.



Scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, at 10 am at the Southglenn Library in Room A., the club meets quarterly to read and discuss non-fiction books.

The selected book this time is *The Greater Journey; American in Paris*, which was published by Simon and Schuster in 2011. It is by David McCullough and at 576 pages is highly recommended. The narrative concerns Americans who spent time in Paris during the 19th Century. They include Samuel Morse, James Fenimore Cooper, Mary Cassatt and Augustus Saint-Gaudens, among others.

Hope you come. Maggie Markey,  
[maggiemarkey@mindspring.com](mailto:maggiemarkey@mindspring.com)

## LWVAC MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES

The August Management Team meeting discussed proposals submitted by the Administrative Committee regarding its role, and management team meeting planning guidelines; approved a new member participation opportunities guide, which will be sent to all members during the Membership Renewal Drive; reviewed plans for the September jobs creation program, the October unit meetings and solicited suggestions on the proposed meeting in November on the aftermath of the general election.

Team members also discussed the voter services program including the August speaker training sessions, ballot issue presentations, ballot issue purchases, candidate forums and voter registration drives, and approved a new LWVAC non-partisan policy.

The next meeting will be September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Southglenn Library.

## TIME TO GET CRACKING ON FRACKING

Would you like to be a member of the committee currently forming to study the Fracking issue in preparation for the LWVCO's Consensus on the Impacts of Fracking?

It involves some time and effort and a commitment to read and analyze materials - some provided; others to be found. You will also attend some committee meetings this fall and early next year and participate in the presentation meetings for our members most likely in January and February.

NO experience is required, just interest and the ability to look at the issue with an open mind. I have volunteered to chair the committee, so if you would like to join me please email me at [alice@ramsisle.com](mailto:alice@ramsisle.com) or call me after September 15 at 303.841.7839. Please let me know what days of the week are best for you to attend meetings. We may not be able to satisfy everyone, but we can try. At worst we'll keep you informed.

This is an interesting and timely topic with many facets. Study committees are the heart of LWV, because you meet people and discuss issues. Please consider joining me.

## SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH GREAT DECISIONS MEETINGS

Well.... That's what they call it. This is the group that decided to continue meeting once a month after their Great Decisions discussions ended last March. So, after a three month summer break the first one will be **Friday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Castlewood Library**. Each one is to think of a "hot topic" they can discuss at this meeting. The schedule for the rest of the year is:

- Friday, October 12 @9:30 am at Castlewood Library
- Friday, November 9 @10 a.m at Castlewood
- Friday, December 14 @ 10 am at Southglenn Library

They will have another monthly meeting in January and, starting in February, will meet weekly to discuss the Great Decisions program.

Everyone's welcome. For more information contact **Monique Hea**, 303.220.9273, [heamph@hotmail.com](mailto:heamph@hotmail.com) or **Vicki Harimon**, 303.770.8738 [vickiharimon@aol.com](mailto:vickiharimon@aol.com)



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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 Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466  
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