



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS
COUNTIES COLORADO

April 2016

Membership 82

APRIL meetings

Unit Meetings: Unit Choice Discussions. See info page 2.

Thursday, April 7 at 5 p.m. Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora

Monday, April 11 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, April 14 at 10 a.m. at Southglenn Library, Street of Southglenn SW corner of Arapahoe Rd and University across from the parking garage.

South Suburban Park and Rec Dist Forum: Saturday, April 9 10 a.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial. See page 3.

New/Prospective Member Wine Social: April 13 The Waters Edge Winery 6:30-8 p.m. Watch for your invitation in your email —everyone invited. See info page 3.

LWVADC Movie: April 20 Chosen 6:30pm Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly

See more info on page 2. SW corner of Holly and Orchard. We were snowed out in March

Lunch Bunch, April 26, Cranelli's Italian Restaurant 10047 Park Meadows Dr, Lone Tree 80124 North side of Park Meadows Dr and some way east of the theater. See info page 3.

Great Decisions: Fridays April 1 and 8 and May 13 , 10am Southglenn Library at the Streets of Southglenn . See more info page 3

MAY meetings: Water Study Part II

JUNE 11 is our Annual Meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. More later.

UNIT MEETINGS:

Unit meetings for April are Unit Choice. Each Unit was allowed to choose a topic and arrange how they wanted to present it. Below are the topics chosen. You are welcome to attend any or all of the Units if the topic intrigues you.

April 7 – The **Aurora Unit** will meet 5:00 p.m. at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO 80014. State Senator Irene Aguilar will talk about proposed Amendment 69 - Colorado Care. This proposed Constitutional Amendment will establish a state-run health care program that is intended to provide comprehensive coverage for all Colorado residents.

April 11 – **Monday evening** unit will meet 5:30 p.m. at Garcia’s Restaurant, 5050 S Syracuse St, Denver, CO 80237. Julie Malmberg, Education, Outreach and Technology Specialist with The Globe Program will speak on “The Psychology of Apathy—Why Americans Don’t Care about Climate Change.” The presentation will include basics on climate science and an analysis of the psychology, economics, and health issues related to Climate Change.

April 14– The **Thursday Morning** Unit meeting 10:00 a.m. at Southglenn Library will discuss the efforts of Building a Better Colorado, a state-wide, non-profit, bi-partisan coalition to seek input from citizens on how to address three challenges facing Colorado government:

- The primary election process
- The initiative process as it impacts the Colorado Constitution
- The state’s budget process with a focus on the impacts of three Constitutional amendments: 23, Gallagher and Tabor

Following a series of public forums last fall and early winter, the coalition is deciding how to use the information it has received to bring about positive changes regarding these challenges.

If you have questions, please contact Sonya Pennock, sonsu@earthlink.net.

LWVADC Movie “Chosen” is an anti-trafficking documentary from Shared Hope International. It is the true story of how two teenage girls are tricked into trafficking. The first young woman, Brianna, who is 19 years old, was an honor student, cheerleader and worked as a server in a local café when she was first approached. The second young woman, Lucy, is just 13 years old when she was manipulated into trafficking. She was a member of a youth group and a volunteer in her community. Both were “chosen” to be trafficked into this sex industry. In addition, the video shares warning signs enabling viewers to detect whether someone is being trafficked.

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 or 303-770-8738.

GREAT DECISIONS:

The popular Great Decisions program continues at 10 a.m. at Southglenn library in the Streets of Southglenn. Program participants will meet to discuss the last topic—the Future of Kurdistan—on April 1 and on April 8 there will be updates on this year's Topics and discussion on the Global Discussion questions posed by the Foreign Policy Association. The program is free and open to the public, but participants are urged to use the Policy's Great Decisions topic book. On May 13 the group will discuss a topic to be determined. Topics this year: The Middle East, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan, Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations, Climate Change, and Cuba and the U.S.

For more information contact Vicki Harimon vickieharimon@aol.com or 303-770-8738 or Monique Hea at heamph@hotmail.com or 303-220-9273..

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: April 13 is a chance for new, prospective and even long-time members to find out the "Who", "What" and "Why" of LWV. Have a fun time socializing over a glass of wine (or something else) and a light snack and learn or "relearn" why you should become or have been a member of this really timely and informative organization.

The Waters Edge Winery is located at 2101 E. Arapahoe Road at #101. This is just west of University on Arapahoe Rd across from Southglenn. Have a little bit of relaxation from 6:30 – 8 p.m. **Contact Jo Feder to RSVP** at joluvs10@gmail.com or 904-608-3932. Free for new and prospective members, \$10 for everyone else.

APRIL 9 SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT CANDIDATE FORUM

in preparation for the May3rd election a community forum for candidates vying for the two positions on the South Suburban's Board of Directors will be held Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial.

Sponsored by the League of women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, the forum will feature candidates, Scott LaBrash, incumbent, Tom Wood, James (Jim) Taylor and Ed Advery. Board members serve a four year term, are non-partisan and all serve as Directors-at-large. Of the two positions on the five-member board, one is a vacancy left by Sue Rosser, who is term limited; the other is held by Scott LaBrash who is seeking a second term. The remaining three will be up for election in 2018.

The free meeting will feature speeches from the candidates and an audience Q& A. Information: 303-770-8738

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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

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