

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES COLORADO

AUGUST 2017

Membership 97

<u>Unit meetings:</u> No Unit meetings until October.

General Meeting: Monday Sept. 11, 5:30pm 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. Ordering will begin at 5:30. A Bell Policy speaker on Healthcare. See page 2.

Great Decisions: Off for the summer. Resuming in the fall.

Lunch Bunch: Off for the summer.

<u>Movie Night:</u> Need a coordinator. Call Alice if you would like to help with this activity <u>alice@ramsisle.com</u> or 303-841-7839. Be a movie reviewer.

<u>New/Prospective Member coffee</u>: Wed. Aug 9, 9:30am at Monk and Mongoose Gourmet Coffee. 9580 Ridgegate Pkwy, Lone Tree, Co 80124. South of Lincoln east of Yosemite on the east end of the shopping area. Contact Jo Feder <u>joluvs10s@gmail.com</u>.

LWVCO 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment: Sunday Aug 20. Molly Brown Summer House, 7595 W. Yale Ave. See attachment. Reserve by Aug 14. For details see attachment and click on <u>A Vote to Celebrate Flyer.</u>

LWVCO League Day: Saturday, Sept 16. Watch for details and registration info .

VOTER REGISTRATION AT NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES: Aug 11, 17, 18. p. 3.

VOTER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: See page 2. Alice Love our Voter Service Chair had to resign due to family illness, we are sorry for her absence and wish her family well. If anyone would like to step up to help out we would greatly appreciate it. We are spreading the work out for now and would be willing to train someone(s).

VOTER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: It's that time of year for League to get busy.

<u>Aurora City Council Candi-date Forum</u>: a new format August 29 and 30 Aurora Central Library 6-8:30pm We need members to help monitor tables of attendees while Candidates circulate. Contact Alice Ramsey to help or info 303-841-7839 <u>alice@ramsisle.com</u>. No experience required. We would love to have Aurora members help out.

<u>Aurora City Council Charter Amendment</u> on "Entertainment District". A couple of Aurora members are needed to gather pro and con info for ballot info. We would contact the pro and con supporters and put the info on our website. Contact Alice.

NATURALIZATION REGISTRATION: Let the leader know if you can help: <u>Aug 11</u> at 2pm contact Paula Moore 303-671-4653 <u>bama3544@gmail.com</u> at the Centennial location 12484 E. Weaver Pl., Centennial 80111. <u>Aug 18 at 10am and 2pm also at Centennial contact Gladys Hodges 915-525-4982 <u>hgladys5066@yahoo.com</u>. <u>Aug 17 at 11am at Aurora City Hall 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy 80012. Contact Gladys.</u></u>

JO FEDER RECEIVES LWVUS 50 YEAR AWARD. Our dauntless Membership Chair has been an active LWV member since 1967 joining the LWV Rolla/Phelps County, MO LWV and was president her 2nd year! Moving to Lakewood, CO as a member of LWV Jefferson County, she was a member there for 12 years before moving to Reston, VA joining the Fairfax County LWV and was active for 13 more years. After retirement she and husband Jerry moved to Ponte Vedra Beach FL joining the Jacksonville/First Coast League as a member for another 13 years. She and Jerry moved back to Colorado in 2012 joining the then Arapahoe County LWV.

She has been president, treasurer, and held county LWV board seats, and membership chair in her various Leagues. Jo worked hard to incorporate Douglas County into the Arapahoe LWV and has been our membership chair for several yours. We are very fortunate to have Jo as a member of our League. Her commitment and talents are examples to be followed. Thanks to Ann Roux for info.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING: HEALTHCARE. Healthcare is in the news and the Bell Policy Center has been following the activities in Washington closely. Natalie O'Donnell Wood has worked on issues like human services, ethics, lobbying as well as healthcare and will bring us up to date on what is going on and what to expect. More on Natalie next month. Come early if you want to socialize before ordering at 5:30.

OBSERVERS CORP

Observer Corp is basic LWV. It is as <u>simple</u> as wearing a League pin and sitting in at one of our many boards or municipalities, such as Arapahoe County School Board, Littleton City Council, Aurora City Council, Douglas County Commissioners or School Board. Which government agency you decide to observe is whatever is your preference. If you are interested or simply want more information, <u>call Jo Feder</u>, 904-608-3932. Simple Observer forms, as well as "how to" information to participate will be made available—<u>no speaking required</u>.

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. Call Ann Roux for details 303-674-7163 or landaroux@comcast.net. Cards will be available at Meetings. Don't buy them at the store directly, our
League won't get the credit for those cards. We have earned over \$600 since last September. Thanks to everyone with a card.

<u>EQUIPPED FOR ACTION</u> is our own action committee and is continuing activity this summer. Please contact Sonya Pennock at <u>sonsu@earthlink.net</u> or 303-794-0430 or Marlu Burkamp at <u>marluburkamp@gmail.com</u> or 303-798-2939 if you want to get involved or find out more.

Federal legislation will continue through the summer especially on Healthcare and Tax Reform. There are also many regulations that are being challenged or removed that support programs LWV cares about, especially the environmental ones. Please watch for alerts and participate in Making Democracy Work.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO RESPONDED TO OUR CALLS FOR ACTION

<u>UPDATE ON THE 501c3</u>: we filed for the 501c3 designation last week and now must wait until the Secretary of State in Colorado gets to it. Thanks to Maggi Markey who did a lot of work to get us this far.

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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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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, jolvs10s@gmail.com

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<u>GoVoteColorado.com</u> to register to vote or make changes in your registration