

(LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS

COUNTIES COLORADO

NOVEMBER 2017

Membership 101

<u>Unit meetings</u>: Presentation and discussion on Voting Issues in Colorado and the US by Cathy Harzoui former director of the ACLU. <u>Thursday AM meeting at Koelbel Library not Castlewood this month</u>. More information see p. 2

<u>Thursday</u>, **November 9** at 9:30 am. <u>Koebel Library</u> 5955 S. Holly St, Centennial 80121. The library is in the SW corner of Orchard and Holly. <u>NOTE location</u>.

<u>Thursday</u>, **November 9** at 5 pm. Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora. Dinner meeting.

Monday, November 13 at 5:30pm at Las Brisas a Mexican restaurant at 6787 S. Clinton St, Englewood 80112, 303-792-3212. This restaurant is on Clinton St easr of 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.

Great Decisions: **Friday Nov 10** 9:30am at Southglenn Library. Hot Topics. See p. 2 for more information.

<u>Lunch Bunch</u>: Wednesday November 29 at 11:30am at Zane's Italian Bistro 8101 East Belleview Avenue, Denver 80237. The restaurant is on Belleview west pf I-25 and east of Yosemite. More info p.2.

<u>Holiday Party</u>: Monday December 4 at 6pm Bateleur Clubhouse, 137 Blue Heron Drive, Greenwood Village. In the Preserve at Bateleur. See p. 3 for more info.

Voter Registration Nationalization Ceremonies: no dates at this time See p. 2 for details.

Arapahoe County and Douglas County coordinated elections: Ballots due Nov 7

<u>November Unit Meetings</u>: Cathy Hazouri, former executive director of the ACLU of Colorado, will discuss voting issues in Colorado and the U.S. at the LWVADC units in November. The ACLU has been deeply involved in fighting efforts at voting suppression, opposing laws restricting voting, and working against other efforts to prevent citizens from voting.

"Noting that the commission's claim that massive voter fraud occurred in the 2016 election was proven false by election officials throughout the U.S., and that their request for personal voter information was denied by most states as a sham, the League of Women Voters, voting rights organizations, election officials and voters fear the commission is designed to suppress the vote and undermine our elections by spreading falsehoods about our election system. They also fear that in the name of protecting voter fraud, additional barriers like polling place closures, cuts to early voting and onerous voter ID laws will be implemented to prevent people from voting. " (from a Sep 9, 2017 Equipped for Action alert)

From Wikipedia on Voter Suppession: "Some laws and administrative practices have made it more difficult for people to register to vote. Florida enacted a deadline for the submission of voter registration forms in 2011, with penalties for late filing. The law ended the voter registration work by one organization, the League of Women Voters, whose spokesperson said, "Despite the fact that the League of Women Voters is one of the nation's most respected civic organizations, with a 91-year history of registering and educating voters, we will be unable to comply with the egregious provisions contained in this bill."

<u>Grest Decisions</u>: Discussion of Hot Topics we did not get to last month: jury duty, gun control and the Dreamers Act. Come prepared to discuss these topics and to bring new ones for the November meeting.

<u>Naturalization Registration</u>: Let the leader know if you want to help. No dates yet so watch for updates coming soon. Contact Paula Moore 314-221-0270 or <u>bama3544@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Lunch Bunch</u> is a great way to have a conversation about topics of interest and have lunch too. Join a small group of members who enjoy getting together at different restaurants each month. There is no need for a reservation, just come at 11:3am on Wednesday Nov 29.

OBSERVER CORP

If you are interested in observing a local government entity or simply want more information, <u>call Jo Feder</u>, 904-608-3932 or <u>joluvs10@gmail.com</u>. Simple Observer forms, as well as "how to" information to participate will be made available—<u>no speaking required</u>.

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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. Thanks to everyone with a card.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF YOU HAVEN'T. IF YOU HAVE THANK YOU!!!

<u>EQUIPPED FOR ACTION</u> is our own LWVADC action committee and is continuing activity on national issues this fall. Please contact Sonya Pennock at <u>son-su@earthlink.net</u> or 303-794-0430 or Marlu Burkamp at <u>marlubur-kamp@gmail.com</u> or 303-798-2939 if you want to get involved or find out more.

Federal legislation will continue on Tax Reform and regulatory action on the environment. Please watch for alerts and participate in Making Democracy Work.

<u>Are you a movie afficianado</u>? Do you appreciate documentaries about issue that are important to you and probably to most Leaguers? We would like to revive our Movie Nights if someone(s) would like to take on finding movies for our League. 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 <u>al-ice@ramsisle.com</u> or 303-841-7839. We could use a couple of people to help with this.

<u>LWVADC's Annual Holiday Party:</u> Monday December 4 at 6pm. This has become one of the go-to events on our calendar. Bring an hors d'ouevre or dessert to share. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. This is a chance to renew acquaintances and have great conversations. Bring a friend or significant other. More information will be coming. Bateleur Clubhouse, 137 Blue Heron Drive, Greenwood Village., south off Belleview Dr, west of Holly and east of Colorado. Check out Google maps or Mapquest.

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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.

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, jolvs10s@gmail.com

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