

THE VOTER

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The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties

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JUNE EVENT SUMMARY:

June 1 & 2, 10:00 AM Friday - 2:00 PM Saturday - LWVCO 2018 Council

June 2 - LWVADC Annual Meeting Registration Deadline

June 9, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM - LWVADC Annual Meeting

June 14, 2:00 PM - USCIS Voter Registration Drive

June 19, 2:00 PM - USCIS Voter Registration Drive

June 22, 1:00 PM - USCIS Voter Registration Drive

June 25, 5:30 - 7:30 PM - LWVCO Annual Leader of Democracy Award Reception

June 26 - Colorado Primary Election

June 27, 2:00 PM - USCIS Voter Registration Drive

June 28 - July 1- LWVUS 53rd Annual Convention

ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES 49TH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Zink Kitchen in the Double Tree Hotel
7801E. Orchard Rd. Greenwood Village,
CO

(Parking: Turn North onto Greenwood Plaza Blvd. from Orchard Rd. Enter parking lot behind Shell gas station. Entrance to Zink Kitchen is near the pool in NE corner of parking lot)

Speaker: Amber Vasek, US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Amber Vasek is the Community Relations Officer for US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in Denver, and covers the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, and Montana.

Amber began her career with USCIS in 2005 at the Denver Field Office as an adjudications officer and started her position as a CRO in 2013.

She has participated in details with the USCIS Office of Citizenship, the USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, was a USCIS Grant reviewer, is currently the point of contact for the Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals Accreditation program, and was recently awarded the USCIS Director's Beacon Award for community partnership.

Choice of Breakfast Menu Items: (all prices include coffee or tea, tax and tip)

- Organic Steel Cut Oats (brown sugar, cranberries, toasted almonds) - \$11.00
- Zink Omelet Breakfast (cage free eggs/egg whites, breakfast meat, choice of vegetables or fruit) - \$17.00

- Two Cage Free Eggs Any Way (sausage or bacon , Zink potatoes (or fruit or vegetables), choice of toast) - \$16.00
- Banana Sticky Toffee French Toast (candied pecans, whipped cream , fruit)- \$15.00
- Beverage Only - \$5

Mail PAID RESERVATION By June 2nd to:

Jill Smith 8673 Redstone St. Highlands Ranch, CO

80126 Name:_____

Phone:_____

Breakfast Menu Choice:_____

Total Amount - Check enclosed (made out to LWVADC):_____

VOTER REGISTRATION -

LWVADC Voter Registration Services & Voter Registration Dates

EVENTS AT USCIS FIELD OFFICES

During May, 2018, 5 Voter Registration Drives were conducted at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Center in Centennial. A total of 92 paper applications were collected by 22 Circulators (some worked more than once).

Voter Registration activities expanded to include a VRD at the Alamo Draffhouse Theater and another at the Douglas County Library in Parker.

Marilyn Ayers and Marlu Burkamp conducted these drives at which a totalof 10 applications were collected.

During the month of June, within 22 days of the primary elect ions, no paper applications may be collected. However, Circulators will be distributing info folders with information and instructions for voting online right up to and including June 26.

Volunteers who are not yet certified in 2018 as Circulators are welcome to participate. The swearing-in ceremonies begin usually at 2 p.m. and last about one hour.

The dates for June are 14, 19, and 22 (1 p.m.).On June 27, 2 p.m., we will resume our regular Voter Registration Drive format at USCIS when workers must be certified as Circulators. For more information or to volunteer , contact Gladys Hodges, hgladys5066@yahoo .com, 915-525-4982 .

*Contact Gladys Hodges for more information -
Email: hgladys5066@yahoo.com*

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.

MOVIE NIGHT

Do you appreciate documentaries about issues 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 -

Email: alice@ramsisle.com

Phone : 303-841-7839

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

UNAFFILIATED VOTERS & PRIMARY PARTICIPATION - CHOOSE JUST ONE!

Unaffiliated voters can now participate in the upcoming Colorado primaries. The law only allows you to vote in one primary. Ballots will be mailed the first week of June and you can choose now to receive just one in the mail.

It's Quick and Easy to get just one ballot in the mail. Go to <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/chooseU/choiceHappens.html>.

- Click on the gray bar below to start the process.

- Picking the ballot of a political party does not affiliate you with either of these major political parties, it just allows for you to have one ballot mailed to you.
 - o Verify your voter registration
 - o Pick the party's ballot you want to receive in the mail

Or You Will Receive both ballots in the mail.

- If you do not choose a ballot now, don't worry. Just know you will receive both ballots in the mail. But remember to fill out only one (Democratic or Republican).

All ballots will be mailed the first week of June .

DOUGLAS COUNTY BALLOTS -

Primary Election ballots arriving by mail after June 4

If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot at the address associated with your voter registration by June 11, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting Douglas County Elections .

If you live in Douglas County, plan to vote in the Primary Election and are not registered to vote, Colorado election law allows voter registration on or before Election Day.

Be election ready. Visit the Douglas County [Ballot Information page](#) to review a sample composite ballot for all items on Douglas County ballots. Additional information about the ballot will be added to this page as it becomes available.

Looking for a way to register online? Visit DouglasVotes.com where you may register to vote, check voter registration status , change your mailing address , check the status of your mail ballot , find a ballot Drop-off Location, and more.

Know the ballot deadline. Your ballot must be received by 7 p.m. on June 26, Election Day. A postmark of June 26 is not valid as the received date. Your ballot must be in a designated ballot box or you must be in line at a ballot Drop-off Location or Voter Service and Polling Center no later than the close of polls at 7 p.m. on Election Day, June 26.

In need of personal assistance? Visit us at the Douglas County Elections Office, 125 Stephanie Place, in Castle Rock, any weekday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or contact us by phone at 303-660-7444 during the same operating hours.

MANAGEMENT TEAM 2018-2020 OPEN POSITIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE IN SERVICE TO VOTERS

LWVCO is looking for young people who are interested in collaborating and learning more about how to provide unbiased non-partisan information on statewide and local candidates and ballot issues in the 2018 general election.

It is critical that information about the candidates is carefully compiled and widely distributed so that every voter can make an informed decision.

Some Volunteer Activities -

- Assist with voter registration drives
- Distribute Voters' Guides and ballot pamphlets
- Be trained in the use ofVOTE411
- Enter offices, candidate information and questions for candidates
- Track candidate responses
- Enter ballot questions and initiatives

This program will be run on a local

level.

Interested leagues should contact:

Diana Haskell

Email : haskelldiana@verizon.net

Phone : 919-414-6869

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFERRED BALLOT MEASURES

The General Assembly has referred several measures to the November 2018 ballot. They are as follows :

* Amendment V - Proposes a reduction in the age qualification for running for the General Assembly from 25 years to 21 years.

* Amendment W- Judicial language ballot language change - Under the current language in the constitution, county clerks are required to write a separate retention question for each justice or judge on the ballot for retention. This would allow county clerks to write a single ballot question for each level of court s. It would shorten and simplify the ballot.

* Amendment X - moves industrial hemp from constitutional to statutory regulation - Changes the definition of Industrial Hemp from a constitutional definition to a statutory definition. It would define Industrial Hemp accordingly with the federal definition in state st atutes .

* Amendment Y - Congressional Redistricting - Establishes a 12-member, independent, citizen commission to draw Congressional boundaries. The Commission is comprised of 4 members from each major political party and 4 citizens who are unaffiliated.

* Amendment Z - Legislative Redistricting - - Establishes a 12-membe,rindependent , citizen commission to draw state legislative boundaries . The Commission is comprised of 4 members from each major political party and of 4 citizens who are unaffiliated.

* Amendment A - Repeal the exception to the constitutional ban on slavery - Prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime and in all other circumstances.

ONGOING INITIATIVES-

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



KING SOOPERS CARDS- WE EARNED \$1,600!

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 \$1,600 over the last fiscal year, which makes many of our activities possible. Ann will have cards available at the annual meeting, or you can contact her directly (ph: 303-674-7163). With a very busy voter service schedule coming up in the fall before crucial elections , we can put these profits to good use.

Contact Ann Roux for more information

- Email: landaroux@comcast.net

Phone: 303-674-7163

OBSERVERS CORP

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

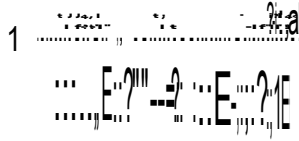
As an observer, you will attend governmental meetings, note what happens at the meeting, and report back to the League. By attending these meetings, you and the League, will learn what our government is doing , learn about issues facing our Counties, and if warrant ed , take action through the League.

Simple Observer fo rms, as well as "how to" information to participate will be made available- no speaking required .

Contact Jo Feder for more information -

Email: jo1uvs10@gmail.com

Phone: 904-608-3932

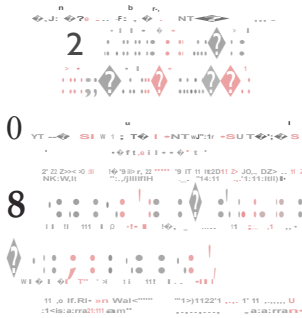


EQUIPMENT LOG

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
- Email: lenabrown20068@gmail.com



FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

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

[Memberships dues](#)

Contact Jo Feder for more information - Email:
jo1uvs10@gmail.com
Phone: 904-608-3932

LEAGUE INFO & MISSION, VISION & VALUE STATEMENTS

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

Mission Statement:

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Vision Statement:

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.