

Volunteers Needed!

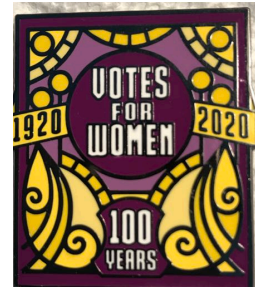
You make the difference.
Details, below.



Management Team Held
Annual Retreat July 11

**MEMBERSHIP
HITS RECORD 124!**

**WELCOME TO ALL
OF OUR NEW
MEMBERS.**



**19th Amendment
Centennial: Aug. 26**



September marks start of our local League year

New programs, new opportunities for collaborating on *Making Democracy Work™* and the chance to learn and grow are in the forecast. It's time to step off the sidelines and join a committee, help get out the vote and work on issues that matter to you and your community. Together, we can make a difference!

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Friday, Sept. 4 — [Voter Services Committee](#) online meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 11 — [Program Committee](#) online meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21 — [Fall Kick-Off Party](#), online, all members and their guests are invited, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 — [National Voter Registration Day](#)

Saturday, Sept. 26 — [Making Democracy Work Day](#), online event, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., \$10, pre-registration required.

Sunday Sept. 27 — [Education Committee](#) online meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 28 — [Management Team](#) online meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Contact committee chairs to request email invitations to their online Zoom meetings.

Local League is Working to Empower Voters

With just about 60 days left until Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3, the League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWV-ADC) is working hard to educate voters about local ballot issues, encourage voter registration and spread the word on how and where to vote.

Since our in-person voter registration events and our on-site ballot issue presentations have been cancelled due to COVID-19 health concerns, our team plans to use online tools to expand its reach. And we need you to help!

**[Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) has
local ballot info
and your voter
registration status;
now also in
Spanish**

Our local Voter Services committee, led by **Paula Moore**, will meet tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 4 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom to jumpstart the process. Join us to hear updates on the ballot issue booklets the state League is compiling as well as news on how, and where, our ballot issue presentations are going online. We continue outreach to local civic groups that have asked for information. Learn about how you can get involved and how our partnership with the National Register to Vote Day organization will boost our efforts

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee seeks members to help launch our action plan

Diversity, equity and inclusion are not just buzzwords. They are commitments to our organization's mission. The League believes that democracy is strengthened by the inclusion of all of the diverse voices within the community. To make progress toward that goal, we applied for and have been awarded a \$500 grant from the national League. Forging more diverse partnerships is a key goal of our action plan. And we can use some of the grant money for that outreach. Our purpose is to make it a priority to create an inclusive League.

- **Diversity** includes all of the similarities and differences among people.
- **Equity** is fairness-based approach to ensure equal opportunity for all.
- **Inclusion** is an ongoing process, not a static state of being.

— *Jo Feder, Committee Chair*

2020-2021 LWV-ADC Board/Management Team

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Want to get more involved? There's a committee for that!

In addition to the committees listed above, volunteer opportunities are available on the following committees and programs. Get in touch!

Be the change you want to see.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee— Help us to diversify our local League and its outreach, to be more equitable and inclusive. — Jo Feder: (904) 608-3932, joluvs10s@gmail.com

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Denver to be site of next LWV national convention, in 2022

That was just some of the big news to come out of the national convention of the League of Women Voters, which was held online the last week in June.

Ann Roux and **Amy Sherwood** were our local League's delegates for the convention. Some 1,700 members worldwide participated over 10 time zones, no easy feat. Key issues discussed included statehood for the District of Columbia, fair maps commissions for redistricting, abolition of the Electoral College through the National Popular Vote effort, and, of course, voter service.

There also will be a new emphasis on racial justice, being sensitive to our organization's negative history with women of color. Our new president is Deborah Turner from Iowa. There were 23 caucuses presented, among them one from members of our League on climate change, You'll see their presentation at our September 21 kick-off meeting. As reported in our prior newsletter, their climate change resolution was passed by the full assembly.

Management Team and Committee Updates:

- The Program Committee plans a ballot issues presentation Oct. 9.
- A new Climate Change Committee that will include our previous work on local water issues is in the works.
- In-person unit meetings will not be held due to COVID-19 health concerns. Instead, meetings will be held online via Zoom. Email invitations will go out the week prior to each meeting.
- Movie Nights are on hold until next year.
- Member renewal letters are in the mail. Please send in your check!
- Our [website](#) and Facebook page are updated regularly, take a look!

On this Date: August 26

On Aug. 26, 1920, eight days after it was ratified, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect -- giving women the right to vote. But millions of people, men and women, were still denied that right as barriers to voting remained, largely tied to racist beliefs and practices. Poll taxes, literacy tests and violence denied universal suffrage for many more decades.



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Arapahoe County wants you! Be one of the more than 400 election workers it will hire and train this month for these vital, paid, temporary jobs.

From their website: “The Arapahoe County Elections Division welcomes interested citizens to serve as temporary election workers. Positions are paid. Wages start at \$13.50 per hour. Paid training is provided ... positions are open, and interviews are occurring for the November General Election. Assignments are based on applicant interest and experience, areas of election need, and political party affiliation balance. Election Judges assist voters at our Voter Service and Polling Centers across the county, or help with processing ballots at the Arapahoe County Elections Facility in Littleton.” To learn more, visit their website at arapahoevotes.com.



Arapahoe County election workers. Photo: arapahoevotes.com

Our Mission Statement

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Our Vision Statement

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

Our Value Statement

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

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