



# The Voter

League of Women Voters of Arapahoe  
And Douglas Counties

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Season's Greetings to all and to all best wishes for a very happy holiday. Your gift of membership, support and involvement is very much appreciated. Thanks for all you do.

Our news this month is short and sweet as we prepare for the new year. See you in 2015!



No unit meetings will be held in December. The Holiday party is the only League sponsored event.

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**  
**LWVADC Holiday Party**  
**6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Heritage Greens Community Room**  
**4814 E. Links Circle**  
**Centennial**

**Monday, December 8, 2014**  
**LWVADC Program Meeting**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Contact Sonya Pennock**  
[sonsu@earthlink.net](mailto:sonsu@earthlink.net)

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**  
**Hanukkah begins at sunset**

**Sunday, December 21, 2014**  
**Brrrr.... First day of Winter**

**Thursday, December 25, 2014**  
**Christmas**

**Friday, December 26, 2014**  
**Kwanzaa begins**

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**  
**Happy New Year**

**Monday, January 12, 2015**  
**LWVCO Legislative Day**

## LWVADC HOLIDAY PARTY



Just a reminder of the LWVADC Holiday Party. Guests are also welcome. You are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Wine and other beverages will be provided. If you are bringing a guest please let Vicki Harimon know at [vickihariman@aol.com](mailto:vickihariman@aol.com).

The party is **Tuesday, December 2 , 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. @ Heritage Greens Community Room, 4814 E. Links Circle, Centennial.**

**Directions:** Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/CSvvd>. You can enter the Heritage Greens neighborhood from either Holly St. or Colorado Blvd. The clubhouse is located in the Heritage Greens pool and tennis complex where E. Links Parkway dead ends into E. Links Circle. Parking is available on the north side of the complex. If you have any problems call Deb Armbruster, cell, 303-956-2709

# JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

## PROGRAM PLANNING

Every year in January or February Leagues throughout the nation meet to discuss program planning. This annual event is designed to acquaint League members with the various national, state and local program positions, ascertain what they mean, how we, as a local league, can use them to advocate for issues we want to work on, and to determine whether the positions are timely, need to be updated, changed or edited. This is also the time to solicit member suggestions for future studies and programs.

## Planning and Program Review

As we traditionally use the January unit meetings to talk about program planning, the LWVADC January unit meetings will look at state and local programs. In odd numbered years we consider state and local programs; in even numbered years, we look at national and local programs.

**A program planning packet with lots of details will be sent to all of you later this month**, but to pique your interest, this year there are two new proposals for you to consider: A study from the LWVCO Behavioral Health Task Force to update the state position to include support for behavioral health issues, and a Larimer County League of Women Voters request to update the LWVCO Hydraulic Fracturing position.

All this and more will be included in the packet you will receive. So look for details in the program planning packet and the January newsletter.

## LWVCO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Another traditional League event is the state League's annual Legislative Conference held each January at the start of Colorado's legislative session. The program begins in the State Capital's Old Supreme Court Chambers at 9 a.m. and continues until noon. Members then walk two short blocks to another meeting room for lunch and a presentation from our LWVCO lobbyist.

Billed as a preview of the 2015 Legislative Session, the program will include presentations by Colorado legislators, speakers on Colorado issues and other items of League interest. Details to follow, but it is always an interesting day and a chance to meet the legislators and learn the priorities they believe will be considered in 2015.

**Monday, January 12, 2015**  
**Old Supreme Court Chambers**  
**State Capital, 200 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, 80203**  
**Registration: 8:30 a.m.; Program: 9 a.m. - noon**

**Lunch, & LWVCO Staff Lobbyist: 12:15 - 2 p.m.**  
**Scottish Rite Temple, 1370 Grant St., Denver, 80203**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, January 5, 2015**  
**Registration fee: \$32**

**Registration form on page 5**



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEMBERSHIP BRIEFINGS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### We welcome new members:

Lyn Chambers, Littleton  
 Carol Ann Mayne, Aurora  
 Ted Naiman, Aurora  
 Laura Fennell Nelson, Aurora

Hope to see many of you at our Holiday Party and other League events.

In the meantime, we urge those who have yet to renew to “gift” us this season with your membership. Send to Jo Ann Feder, 2363 Primo Road, Unit E, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129.

## ARAPAHOE/DOUGLAS COUNTIES LEAGUE

As announced last month, the LWVUS has agreed to us becoming the League of Woman Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties

To this end we have been changing our name on stationary, social media, the web site and the newsletter as well as some email titles. Several Douglas County members have been working on a draft set of bylaws, but we will still have to change our name with the IRS, Secretary of State and all other official channels. We're also in the midst of developing a communication strategy re informing the media and the various organizations we work with.

So watch for future announcements and updates from Management team. If you have questions about our expansion and future plans please send them to me, Marlu Burkamp, [marluburkamp@gmail.com](mailto:marluburkamp@gmail.com) and we'll answer them in this newsletter.

## COMMUNICATION NOTES

Members have asked if this newsletter is on the LWVADC web site. It is!

In addition to receiving it by email, you can read it on our web site. Just go to [www.lwvarapahoe.org](http://www.lwvarapahoe.org) and click on the words “LWV Newsletter” in the list of items on the left side of the page.

Also: If you have moved or changed your email address please notify me, Marlu Burkamp, [marluburkamp@gmail.com](mailto:marluburkamp@gmail.com), 303-798-2939. That will help me keep our newsletter and notification list current.



## LWVADC MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES

At its November meeting, team members reviewed committee reports from the League's Oil & Gas Development committee; the progress of the Arapahoe/Douglas Expansion the membership report and the program committee activities and events.

Management Team will also conduct a mini retreat, Saturday, January 3rd at the Lone Tree Library. Topics will include units, mobilizing members, effective communications, and voter service.

Gladys Hodges of Aurora was elected to replace Janice Green on the Management Team and Deb Armbruster and Alice Ramsey will join Sonya Pennock, Marlu Burkamp and Fern Black on the Administrative Committee.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LWVUS FORMS COMMITTEES FOR LEAGUE PROGRAMS

Just a few notes to let you know what's ahead for League members 2014 and 2016.

Two new committees have joined the already - established LWVUS Redistricting Task Force as part of the **League's Key Structures of Democracy Education Program. They are:**

**LWV Money in Politics Committee.** This committee will review and update the LWVUS campaign finance position. League members from California, Tennessee, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Kentucky and Ohio will work with LWVUS personal to develop and provide educational materials and activities to inform members and citizenry about complex issues around money in politics. Committee members will conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing the lack of member understanding and agreement as to whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. The campaign position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.

**LWV Constitutional Amendment Committee** This includes a study on the process of amending the U.S. Constitution. LWVUS committee members include women from South Carolina, Indiana, Maine, California and Tennessee. The committee will study the process by which the U.S. Constitution can be amended, including the constitutional convention method, and identifying the gaps and challenges in those methods.

## LWVUS EXTENDS THANKS FOR VOTER SERVICE EFFORTS

A graphic from LWVUS on our Facebook page says it all, but here's a message from LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamera. Thanks to League members and supporters Leagues throughout the country:

- ▶ Provided 1.5 million people with information they needed to vote in the 2014 midterm election through VOTE411.org
- ▶ Defeated two dozen anti-voter laws in states across the country
- ▶ Registered tens of thousands of new voters
- ▶ Held hundreds of candidate debates around the country
- ▶ Sent over 50,000 letters to Congress in support of the Voting Rights Amendment Act
- ▶ Submitted 40,000 comments (and counting) to the Environmental Protection Agency in favor of regulations that limit carbon pollution.

**LWVCO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORUM**

**Monday, January 12, 2015**

Old Supreme Court Chambers  
State Capitol, 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver 80203  
Seating in the Chambers is limited to 150 spaces.

**Registration: 8:30 a.m.**

Preview of the 2015 Legislative Session: 9 - 12:00 noon

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**Lunch, LWVCO Staff Lobbyist: 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.**

Scottish Rite Temple, 1370 Grant St, Denver, 80203

**Choice of box lunch:**

- 1. Chicken Wrap with Avocado and Cucumber
- 2. Tuna Salad w/Green Apples Croissant Sandwich
- 3. Vegetarian Wrap

**Legislative Conference Registration Form – Deadline Monday, January 5, 2015**

Registration Fee: \$32.00 includes program and lunch

**Name:**

**Local League:**

**Email address or phone:**

**Lunch choice** (circle one): *1 Chicken Wrap 2 Tuna Salad Sandwich 3 Vegetarian Wrap*

**Payment options:**

Check payable to LWVCO

PayPal at [www.lwvcolorado.org](http://www.lwvcolorado.org) (accepts all major credit cards)

Visa or MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mission

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, 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 households and \$25 for students. For more information call Jo Ann Feder, 904-608-3932, [jolvs10s@gmail.com](mailto:jolvs10s@gmail.com)

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