

## **BUSINESS MEETING** ~

Announcements & Reminders from President-Karla Marroquin included the following:

- Registration cutoff for *Conversations with Authors* fundraiser is now Sept. 30th.
- The League of Women Voters of Larimer County (LWVLC) invites you to attend the Oct. 3rd Community Conversation on Reproductive Rights, hosted by its Civil Liberties Team. Guest Speaker will be Sharon Davis, International Reproductive Justice Advocate & the League of Women Voters of Colorado Board Vice President. Registration is required for this videoconference (scheduled from 7-9pm).
- Per Member Jan Witt, there's a program planned by the League of Women Voters (& the MLK Loveland Events Committee) on the **History of Voting Rights in the USA** - to be held Thurs., Sept. 29th, 5:30-7:30pm, at Loveland Museum's Foote Gallery. There's an open invitation for a 4pm dinner/happy hour/social meetup @ *Origins* restaurant, then it's a stroll across the street to the Museum.
- Present Members expressed their appreciation to Jan for her Emails about upcoming events. Jan is Loveland AAUW's DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion) Officer, Membership Chair & Hiking Leader.
- Program Co-Chairs (Claudia Ward & Leni Bohren) informed us that Anne Hall (LWVLC) will be our OCT Meeting's Speaker @ Artspace on Mon., 10/24 - starting @ 6:30pm. There's also an open invitation for a 4pm dinner/happy hour/social meetup @ *Pourhouse* restaurant (prior to this Monthly Meeting). Claudia suggests we arrive with our Ballot Information Booklets in hand. [Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not be a NOV Meeting. However, Emily Jorgensen-Founder of Grace Upon Grace Project in Northern Colorado\* will be our DEC Meeting Guest Speaker to be held @ Wanda Marker's home.]

\*She's helping families grow with dignity by providing period/feminine products & diapers. For accepted product donations (under GIVE tab), please visit their website at [www.graceupongraceproject.org](http://www.graceupongraceproject.org).

- Member Jill Osofsky shared about Great Decisions (Briefing Book published by Foreign Policy Association) as America's largest non-partisan discussion program on world affairs, and she has offered to help Loveland AAUW roll out its own group. Until more details are forthcoming at our OCT Meeting, much can be learned from visiting their website at <https://www.fpa.org>. If it's of interest to join, please bring \$ to Artspace so that Jill can pre-order your 2023 annual publication (\$35).

- Leni provided information about OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) @ CSU, including their Fall 2022 Catalog Snapshot. For more information, view their full catalog at [www.osher.colostate.edu](http://www.osher.colostate.edu) or Email OLLI@colostate.edu.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS GROUPS (Existing & Future Possibilities Discussed) ~**

- FIBER ARTS & CONVERSATION - will continue to meet @ Claudia's home on the 3rd Monday of each month.
- HIKING - is being planned to meet year-round, and the group will continue to trek on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (Mother Nature willing).
- BOOK GROUP - meets on the 1st Monday of these 2022-2023 months (Sept.-Nov. & Jan.-June). For the June gathering, it was agreed to have a round-robin discussion of favorite reads (or listens) - to generate ideas for the following year.
- Future Field Trips to Boulder (Liberty Puzzles' factory) & to Denver (multiple venues) popped to the top.

Jody Shadduck-McNally joined us towards the end of this meeting. Prior to her arrival, there were exchanges around scamming. Jody recommends we contact Barbara Bennett - Coordinator with the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit of Larimer County - to speak at a Monthly Meeting about becoming Scambusters! Jody also suggested we consider having the City of Loveland's Mayor Jacki Marsh address our group about the Metro District. In final, Jody put an emphasis on utilizing the Reporter-Herald for announcements & she enthusiastically shared about using Canva - a free app to help create professional graphics (for social media, Email, or txt).