

## **Do You Round Up?**

The generous grants supporting our biennial purchase of pro/con Ballot Issue pamphlets over the last decade have come from La Plata Electric Association's Round Up Foundation. This year we joined with the Archuleta County LWV in a grant request for 5000 English language pamphlets and 1000 Spanish language version for our two counties, since LPEA serves both Archuleta and La Plata Counties.

What is the Round Up Foundation? The Round Up Foundation was formed in 1996 and is funded when members opt to 'round-up' their electric bills to the next higher dollar amount (an average of 50 cents/month). If our electric bills at our residences or businesses come from LPEA, we are members. The Foundation, the non-profit arm of LPEA, is overseen by a volunteer board with community representatives from all LPEA districts. The mission of the board is to help the non-profit organizations and special community projects in LPEA's service area. LWV members have often served in the Round Up board, and Ellen Park joined the board in 2009.

Do you round up? If not, click on [www.lpea.coop/programs\\_services/Round up.htm](http://www.lpea.coop/programs_services/Round_up.htm) or call 247-5786. If you use budget billing, i.e., you spread your electricity charges evenly over the year, you can still 'round-up'. Do it now! The Foundation supports many invaluable community services, from Big Brothers, Big Sisters to the Manna Soup Kitchen and many, many others.

*-Marilyn Brown*