



January 16: Update on Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center



Our January meeting, Ken Leisher, CEO, and Dan Downing, Chairman of the Board of HRRMC, will talk with us about what's happening at the hospital.

If you have particular issues or questions that you want Ken or Dan to address, email them to Program Chair Karen Robinson at karenrobinson@chaffee.net. She will forward them to the speaker(s).

This is the first in a series of three meetings about economic development in Chaffee County.

Time: Monday, January 16, noon to 1 p.m.
League discussion at 1, board meeting at 1:30.
Place: HRRMC, 1000 Rush Dr., Salida
Car Pool: BV members who want to carpool should meet at the Alco/Dollar Store parking lot by 11:15.

Background

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center moved into its new facility on April 1, 2008. The design allows HRRMC to provide state-of-the-art care using advanced medical technology and practices. Patient care was the principal factor in the design.

The hospital serves nearly 20,000 people, throughout the hospital district (Chaffee County and parts of Fremont and Saguache Counties).

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Under a federal program, most U.S. hospitals now sample recently discharged patients and ask them about their stay. In a year's worth of surveys, here's how HRRMC's patients responded to a key question, along with averages within the state and nationally.

Whether patients would recommend the hospital to friends and family:

Definitely	69%
State Average	74%
National Average	69%
Probably or definitely not	4%
State Average	4%
National Average	5%

Source: health.usnews.com

See also: hrrmc.com

2012 MEETING CALENDAR

- January 8** – MDWA committee in Mesa Antero
- January 16** – Hospital Update in Salida
- January 23** – League Legislature Day in Denver
- February 13** – County Government Review with Dennis Giese in Buena Vista
- February 13** – Iron Jawed Angels Screening
- February TBD** – Leadership/Membership Strategy
- March 12** – Making Democracy Work Award at Salida SteamPlant, with dramatic portrayal of Jeannette Rankin, first U.S. Congresswoman
- April 9** – Annual dinner with Ed Quillen in Buena Vista
- May 14** – Employment at Department of Corrections; in Buena Vista



Free Screening of Iron Jawed Angels

In 1917, strong women protested on the streets of Washington, D.C., for our right to vote. The HBO movie, *Iron Jawed Angels*, exposes their fierce fight against the ruling male establishment.

Lest we forget their heroic effort (and the subsequent birth of LWV), plan to attend this free screening of the award-winning movie starring Hilary Swank, Frances O'Connor and Angelica Huston. And forward the message to every woman's group you belong to!

Where: The Roadhouse, 402 E Main, Buena Vista

When: Monday, February 13, 5-7:30 p.m.

What: Movie, free popcorn, cash bar, followed by a brief discussion

See also <http://iron-jawed-angels.com/reviews.htm>

Special thanks go to Nita Stevens and Myra Barrett, who organized the event, and to Kathy McCoy, who designed our poster—coming soon!

Government Class Thanks...



LWVCC donated \$100 to the BV High School government class for "We the People," a program that enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles. We received the following thank you note from the class teacher, Lee Robinson:

"We participated at State on Dec 12th. The students performed nicely and they enjoyed a wonderful visit to the capitol building. Without your generous gift our trip and participation in the We the People program may not have been possible."

Nominations Sought for Making Democracy Work

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to civic, political or community activities in Chaffee County?

If so, you can recognize and thank that person by nominating him or her (must be a registered voter) for the third annual Making Democracy Work Award. The League will honor that person in March for his or her contributions to our community.

Submit a paragraph including relevant demographic information and specific examples of how the nominee's participation and leadership in county activities has improved or inspired lives.

Email the nomination to nitannst@gmail.com or mail it to LWVCC c/o N. Stevens, 16434 CR 356-10, Buena Vista, CO 81211. Deadline for nominations is February 3. Other MDWA committee members include Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Karen Robinson, Betsy Downing, and Nancy Walters.

Great Decisions Begin January 26

Great Decisions—a stimulating foreign policy discussion group co-sponsored by the League and Buena Vista Library—begins its fourth year on January 26 at the library. The following topics are up for discussion:

- Promoting Democracy
- Mexico
- Middle East Realignment
- Cybersecurity
- Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq
- State of the Oceans
- Indonesia
- Energy geopolitics

Meetings alternate between the library (fourth Thursdays) and Congregational United Church of Christ (second Thursdays), from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Materials used for discussions—a briefing book and DVD—are supplied by the Foreign Policy Association. See <http://www.fpa.org/>.

You need not come to every meeting. To learn more, contact Carol Sanford at caroljean1945@gmail.com or 395-2417.

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