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CALENDAR

- September** – Dues Renewal
- September 19** – Colorado League Day
- September 21** – Meet the Mayors- BV
- September 22** – National Voter Registration Day
- October 12** – Salida City Council and School Board Candidate Forum
- October 14** – Buena Vista School District Candidate Forum
- October-TBA**-Salida School District Candidate Forum
- November 3** – Election Day
- November 16** – Area Council on Aging- Salida
- December 7** – LWVCO Behavioral Health Final Study- BV
- January** – County Commissioners- Salida
- February 15** – What is being done for our vets?
- March 21** – Impact of the legalization of marijuana
- April 18**-Annual Dinner/Masking

Membership renewal drive starts

Last year, the LWVCC board, at the request of Membership Committee chair Ann Graham, changed the annual membership dues renewal date. Renewing members and new members are now asked to pay their dues beginning on Sept. 1. According to the revised bylaws, members must pay by Sept. 30. Previously dues were collected beginning April 1.

To make it easier for members, the board also decided to have membership invoices sent out via PayPal. You should have received your invoice and for the first time-members may now pay on-line using a credit card, or send a written check to treasurer, Marilyn Box, 33890 Vista Verde, Buena Vista CO 81211.

Our membership is down to 57 from a high of 60. The goal of the board and membership committee, made up of Melissa Smith, Rose Mirich and Ann Graham, is to retain the current 57 members and add new members to reach 60 again. There were seven guests at the picnic and it is hoped that some will become a part of the league. Please pay your dues now and ask a friend to become a member.

Join the League today and help us make democracy work!

Meet the Mayors Sept. 21

The league has scheduled the second annual “Meet the Mayors” forum for Monday, Sept. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pinon Room located in the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main St.

The mayors of Buena Vista and Salida, Joel Benson and Jim Dickson, will attend the forum and will discuss the issues facing their towns. Members are encouraged to attend and bring questions and concerns you would like to be addressed by the mayors. Members are also welcome to bring a lunch. **Note: This year coffee and tea will NOT be provided at meetings.**



Benson and Dickson at a previous LWVCC event.

So stop by your favorite coffee house and get a cup to bring to the meeting!



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Great Decisions

Linda Mulka

“Join the League” picnic a success

About 50 members and guests attended the annual potluck picnic at Case Del Rio Clubhouse in Buena Vista on Aug. 17. Members received an update on League activities and were asked to sign up for committees they are interested in.



Board member Marjie Gray addresses members at the picnic.

Colorado State Senator Kerry Donovan and House District 60 Representative Jim Wilson discussed issues facing Colorado including education, energy, financing and water.

Both encouraged members to contact them with concerns. Kerry may be reached at kerrydonovansenatebulk@gmail.com and Jim at 719-221-8383 or 539-4452. Photos by Alan Robinson.



Donovan and Wilson addressed many issues important to members.

Check out lwcchaffeecounty.org

Want to stay up to date on the latest the League has to offer? Visit our Web site at www.lwcchaffeecounty.org. Use the site to learn about meetings, forums, and get information about elections, elected officials and governments.

And don't forget to visit our Facebook page with valuable information from the county, state and national leagues. Thanks to Gail Brooks and Marjie Gray for managing the Web site and Facebook account.



Membership

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Annual Dinner
TBA

A BIG THANK YOU
to everyone who volunteers!

Items of note...

Look for the LWVCC ads in the paper each month. LWVCC received a \$500 EZ Grant from the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) to help promote the Web site VOTE411.org. As a way to increase the League’s awareness in the community and attract new members, we will run ads each month in the *Chaffee County Times* and the *Mountain Mail* announcing our meetings, forums, etc. The ads will include the League’s logo and the VOTE411.org logo. VOTE411.org is a national site that has voter information for every district.

Sept. 22 National Register To Vote Day. LWVCC is checking into what can be done locally to get young people and under-served people to register or update their registration. Remember to see if your registration is correct go to www.govotecolorado.com

Candidate forums and ballot issue pamphlets coming in October. LWVCC has ordered 500 Colorado ballot issue pamphlets giving the pros and cons on the issue concerning the retention of the marijuana sales tax revenue. Chaffee County residents will also vote on a half-cent sales tax increase to support county emergency services.

A forum with the Buena Vista school board candidates is scheduled for Oct. 14 in the Pinon Room of the Buena Vista Community Center and the Salida City Council members and school board candidates will speak Oct. 14 at the Salida City Council chambers. Voter Service Chair Scott Hartman will be providing more information on the forums and one for the Salida school district election.

LWVCO Behavioral Health Study. On Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. LWVCC members will discuss the Behavioral Health Study Questions. Our answers will be submitted to the state league on Dec. 1. The meeting will take place at the Methodist Church in Salida. The regular program will begin at NOON. Please look over the questions and materials attached to this e-mail before Nov. 16. The information is also on the Web site under League Studies.

