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CALENDAR

Apr. 3 – Elections for Buena Vista and Poncha Springs.

Apr. 4 – Voters Service planning for HRRMC Forum. Place TBD

Apr. 5 – Forum for Salida City Administrator

Apr. 9 – Annual dinner with Ed Quillen at Casa del Rio Clubhouse, 27665 CR 313, Buena Vista; catered by Mary Lou Pentasuglio

Apr. 24 – HRRMC Forum TBD

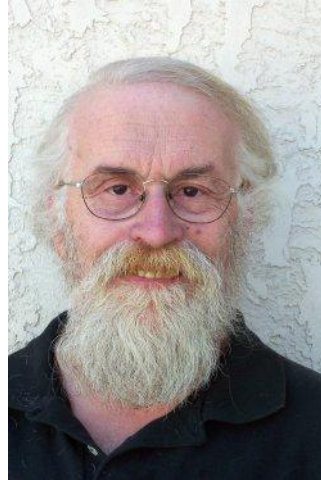
May 3 – Meeting of new Admin Team, BV Library, 2-5 p.m.

May 14 – Employment at Department of Corrections; BV

League Leaders

- Nancy Walters, President
 Cheryl Brown-Kovacic,
 Past President
 Jan Scar, Secretary
 Carol Sanford, Treasurer
 Marjie Gray, Voters Service
 Jackie Sobczak, Voters
 Service
 Karen Robinson, Programs
 Nita Stevens, Membership
 Myra Barrett, Membership
 Tracy Craig, Publicity
 Jeanne Younghaus, Finance

Quillen to Address League at Annual Dinner



Popular columnist, editor, and founder of Central Colorado magazine, Ed Quillen will speak at our League’s Annual Dinner on Monday, April 9, at Casa del Rio Club House, 27665 CR 313 in Buena Vista.

Quillen’s chosen topic, The History of Media in Chaffee County, will draw from his experience in local media and his interest in local history. The program is open to the public.

Dinner is a Fajita Fiesta, featuring chips with salsa and guacamole; tortillas with warm chicken, pulled pork, and sautéed vegetable fillings; plus seasoned rice and zesty black beans, multiple fresh toppings, and green chili for smothering. Dessert and cold drinks are included. The menu accommodates gluten-free and vegetarian diets.

Before dinner, we’ll hold a brief business meeting to approve the 2012 budget and bylaws and to elect an administrative team for our new, streamlined structure. Come celebrate our past year and prepare for the next!

Date: Monday, April 9

Time: 5:00 Appetizers
 5:40 Short Business Meeting
 6:00 Dinner
 7:00 Speaker

Place: Casa del Rio Club House
 27665 CR 313 in Buena Vista
 about 1/2-1 mile north of Coyote Cantina in Johnson Village

Cost: \$21 per person; byob

Reservations Required:

No later than Tuesday, April 3.

Call or email Myra Barrett at 539-9673 or myrab@aol.com.

Write your check payable to LWVCC and mail it c/o Myra Barrett at 8157 Buck Run, Salida 81201



Business Meeting at Annual Dinner

- Approve 2012 [Budget](#)
- Approve 2012 revised [Bylaws](#).
- Elect New Admin Team
- Sign Up for Committees you'd like to serve on

Proposed Administrative Team 2012-2013

Marjie Gray, Voters Service
 Jan Scar, Secretary
 Carol Sanford, Treasurer
 Nita Stevens, Membership
 Myra Barrett, Membership
 Jeanne Younghaus, Finance
 Nancy Walters, Publicity
 Tracy Craig, At-Large
 Karen Robinson, At-Large
 Jackie Sobczak, At-Large
 Susan Bristol, At-Large
 Nancy Sutherland, At-Large
 Spokesperson TBD
 Convener TBD



*When geraniums last
in the dooryard bloom'd*

Our Spring Fund-Raiser...

Geranium sales start April 2, in time for Mother's Day, May 13, or for your summer garden. You can choose from red, pink or coral; all are \$12. Pick-up is on May 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Buena Vista Public Library.

Make checks payable to LWVCC and mail them to Marilyn Box, 33890 Vista Verde, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Use either the Xcel order form attached to the email with this newsletter or the pdf form available on the [LWVCC website](#).

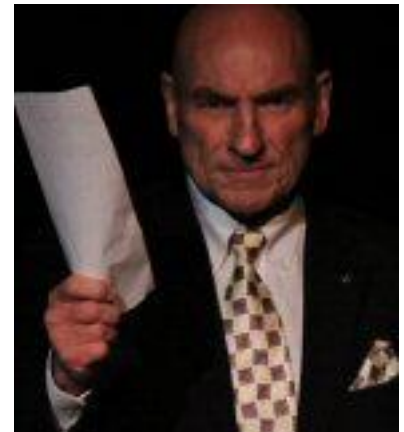
You can also contact Marilyn at 395-9325 or marbox@mac.com

Making Democracy Work Event Well Attended

An informal count of the audience for the event came in at over 130 people. Attendees seemed pleased with the award going to Pete Palmer and they enjoyed Deborah Blanche's performance, especially as she stayed fully in character during the Q & A.



The Honorable Jeannette Rankin



Sherriff Pete Palmer



April is the Month to Renew Our LWV Membership

This year you can renew your membership online using a credit card to pay with PayPal, a trusted, secure service.

However, we prefer that you pay by check or cash at our Annual Meeting, April 9. (It saves money.)

The [Membership Form](#) is on our website.

Individual: \$55.00

Household: \$82.50

Student: \$25.00

Where do our dues go?

A portion of our dues goes to LWVColorado and LWVUS. The balance goes to our chapter to support local activities.

Welcome New LWVCC Members!

Carrie Carey
KM Joffe
Nikol Noll

Total Members: 61

Busy Spring Season for Voter Forums

By the end of this spring, the Voters Service team will have conducted two candidate forums and a forum for city administrator finalists. Recently they also taped candidates for the Buena Vista trustee election.

Buena Vista Trustees: On March 2, in lieu of a public forum, the team interviewed and taped four candidates running for three seats in BV. Candidates were given up to five minutes to answer the same four questions. Their separate interviews, along with the mayor's interview, are aired on BTV and our League website through the April 3 election.

Poncha Springs Mayor and Trustees: On March 13, the team co-sponsored a candidates forum for the three people running for mayor and the candidates running unopposed for town trustee.

Salida City Administrator Finalists: On April 5, the League is co-sponsoring a forum for applicants seeking the city administrator position. It is being held from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Salida City Chambers.

HRRMC Board Candidates: On April 24, the League will host the nine candidates running for two open seats on the Heart of the Rockies Medical Center Board. This forum will be held in the Salida City Chambers from 7-9:00 p.m.

I thank each of the following for their help with the early forums this spring: Nancy Walters, Jacki Sobczak, Marjie Gray, Barbara Seeling, Jim Osborne, Gail Brooks, Dick Lee, Melissa Smith. A special thanks to Gail who has worked to get the forums on lwvchaffeecounty.org.

I am also grateful to those who are helping on April 5: Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Myra Barrett, Gail Brooks, Pete Palmer, Jacki Sobczak, and Gwen Perschbacher.

We need helpers for the April 24th HRRMC forum. Let Jackie or me know if you can help, or sign up at the Annual Dinner.

— Marjie Gray



Geothermal Position

To culminate our League's discussions and programs on geothermal development in Chaffee County, Cheryl Brown-Kovacic and Jeanne Younghaus have written thoughtful letters addressed to the Salida City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. The letters express our concerns and suggestions about the issues.

Before we can send the letters, we need approval from LWV Colorado and consensus from our members. After I hear from the state League, I will make the letters available for our members to review and reach a consensus at the May meeting.

Great Decisions

Apr. 12 Exit from
Afghanistan & Iraq

Apr. 26 Indonesia

May 10 Energy geopolitics

Meetings alternate between BV Library (fourth Thursdays) and Congregational United Church of Christ (second Thursdays), from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Sanford at caroljean1945@gmail.com or 395-2417.

Two Opportunities to Travel and Learn More about LWV

These trips are "all-expenses paid" for interested members.*

The first is the biennial **LWVCO Council** meeting in Pueblo from Friday, May 11 at noon until Saturday May 2 at noon. It's the League's business meeting, where elections are held and the budget is approved. Sessions also include updates on legislature and ballot issues.

The after dinner speaker will be Joanne West Dobbs, prolific author, historian and biographer, plus entertainment-- "What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?" Friday afternoon includes optional tours to Pueblo's History Museum, Sangre de Cristo Art Center, and an Arkansas Riverwalk. More at <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/news.html>.

Registration deadline is April 20. If this looks good to you, let me or Carol Sanford know.

The second option is the **21st Annual Leadership Retreat**, June 22-23 at Best Western Lake Dillon Lodge, Frisco, CO

When I was new to LWVCC, I found this a wonderful opportunity to understand what I was getting into and to meet with other members from all over the state—many of them also new to the League. It's far more interesting than it sounds!

For complete information, download the [21st Annual Leadership Retreat Brochure](#).

— Nancy Walters

*Includes registration, meals and lodging, not transportation