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2012 CALENDAR

- June 11, 10:00 a.m.**
Leadership Team meeting;
11:30 a.m. Annual Potluck and Program Planning Meeting, Salida.
- June 22, 12:30 p.m. to June 23 1:00 p.m.** – LWVCO Leadership Retreat in Frisco
- July 4** – Parades in Buena Vista and Salida
- August 13** – Annual LWVCC picnic with Massey and Schwartz; location TBD
- September 10** – LWVCC Meeting in Buena Vista
- October 4, 7:00 p.m.**
Candidate Forum in Buena Vista
- October 11, 7:00 p.m.**
Candidate Forum in Salida
- November 12** – LWVCC Meeting in Salida
- December 10** – LWVCC Meeting in Buena Vista
- 2013 Meetings**
- January 7** in Salida
February 11 in Buena Vista
March 11 in Salida
April 8 – Annual Dinner in ?
 Next Newsletter: September

Salad Potluck and Plans for LWVCC Programs 2012-2013



What's on our agenda for the coming year: County Government? Employment? Fracking? Transparency? Voter Registration? You get to decide when you attend this lively annual meeting.

All members contribute and discuss ideas for topics or studies that the League will pursue at its meetings, September through May. It's your opportunity to determine our direction and set our focus!

Date: Monday, June 11

Time: 10:00 Leadership Team Meeting
11:30 Arrival and salad potluck; coffee & tea provided.
12:00 Discussion, for members only

Place: Salida, United Methodist Church, 228 E. 4th Street

Carpool from Buena Vista:
Meet in CUCC parking lot, 217 Crossman.

For Team Meeting, depart by 9:30.
For pot luck and program planning, depart by 11:00.

Attention New and Renewing Members:

The LWVCO **21st Annual Leadership Retreat, June 22-23**, is a wonderful way to educate yourself about the League and to meet leaguers from across Colorado.

It's not for leaders only, it's far more interesting than it sounds, and it's even more fun if you go with another member of our League.

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

LWVCC will cover your registration, meals and lodging.

Deadline for registering is June 6.
Contact Carol Sanford: caroljean1945@gmail.com



**Leadership Team
2012-2013**

Carol Sanford, Liason to LWVCO & LWVUS, and Treasurer

Jan Scar, Secretary

Margie Gray, Voters Service

Nita Stevens, Membership

Myra Barrett, Membership

Jeanne Younghaus, Finance

Nancy Walters, Publicity

Karen Robinson, Meetings

Susan Bristol, Events

Tracy Craig, At-Large

Jackie Sobczak, At-Large

Nancy Sutherland, At-large

Committee Members

Finance

Jackie Sobczak

Meetings

Tracy Craig

Jeanne Younghaus

Voters Service

Marilyn Box

Karen Dils

Betsy Neas

Elizabeth Ritchie

Karen Robinson

Barbara Seeling

Jackie Sobczak

Nancy Walters

Fund Raising

Marilyn Box

Publicity

Tracy Craig

Gail Brooks (website hosting)

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Synopsis of May Meeting:

Some Things You Might Want to Know about The Buena Vista Correctional Complex



Warden John Davis introduced two supporting speakers: Associate Warden Bill Brunell, who earned his degree in Criminal Justice while working at the prison; and Siobhan Burltow, Shift Commander, who gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The complex, which is accredited by the American Correctional Association, has been part of the Buena Vista community for 120 years. It has an operating budget of 3.7 million dollars, plus a contingency fund. The grounds contain 80 buildings, including a historic ranch house currently under restoration. Operations at the complex promote safety first for both the inmates and the community.

Speakers emphasized two aspects of these operations. First and foremost the complex prepares inmates for a successful return to civilian life. Inmates are offered incentives for good behavior, such as more time outdoors or extra showers. They are involved in programs to change their thinking—their cognitive processes—so they can abandon their anti-social behavior. They're also offered GED classes, CMC classes for credit, and occupational training such as food preparation, gardening (the complex grows potatoes; 750 lbs. are needed for just one meal!), laundry service, and computer technology from Cisco.

Second, the complex uses its resources to help the community. Inmates who demonstrate appropriate behavior are allowed to assist in off-site projects like the Pro Bike Tour last summer, county fire control, and rescue missions such as the one on Missouri Mountain. Recently the Chaffee County Times announced that inmates will help with new construction at the O'Haver Lake campground in San Isabel National Forest.

Nine League members and five guests attended the program. Burltow invited us to visit the complex, saying the prison can accommodate about 15 people at a time on a tour. The League is considering the offer for late summer or early fall.



Committees, Cont'd.

Hospitality

Betsy Downing
Mary Helen Hunt

August Picnic

Marilyn Bouldin
Barbara Seeling
Beth Smith

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Carol Sanford
Nancy Walters

**Thank you, everyone who
volunteered your help!**

Membership

It's not too late to renew ☺

By renewing, you continue to receive this newsletter and other information about LWVCC events.

Individual: \$55.00

Household: \$82.50

Student: \$25.00

Write your check to LWVCC and mail it to Carol Sanford
31300 CR 384a
Buena Vista, CO 81211

Or use the [Membership Form](#) on our website.

Money in Elections: What the League Can Do

Based on a memo from Elizabeth MacNamara, President, LWVUS

The huge amount of special interest money, particularly in federal races, has been a problem for years. We also know that these problems have been magnified by the Supreme Court ruling in the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* case which unleashed corporate spending for supposedly independent campaign expenditures and which has resulted in millions and millions of dollars in secret contributions. And we are also concerned that a great deal of this money is going into highly negative, and often misleading, election-related ads.

There is a lot of frustration within the League—and around the country generally—about what can be done to minimize the ramifications in the 2012 election year and beyond. [See what LWVUS is doing.](#)

What Local Leagues Can Do

- ☐ **Engage in the League's Money in Elections reform campaign.** Call on your Senators and Representative to support [the DISCLOSE Act](#) [links to a petition]. Meet with your federal representatives or their staff in the state or district. [For contact info, see our [website](#). NW] Write a letter-to-the-editor of local papers and call attention to the [problems of secret money](#) in campaigns. Voters deserve to know where the money is coming from.
- ☐ **Participate in the "Stations: Stand by Your Ad" campaign.** LWVUS is encouraging Leagues to participate in this project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania that identifies ways TV and radio stations can reduce the number of erroneous campaign ads run by third party organizations. A description of the campaign and how Leagues and others can get involved is [attached](#). [I'm checking with LWVCO to see if this has been done. NW]
- ☐ **Engage in public education about how to watch TV campaign ads** – particularly those sponsored by third party (and supposedly independent) organizations – with a critical eye. This effort can build on work already done by many Leagues to develop skills on "[Debate Watching 101](#)" and "[How to Judge a Candidate](#)". [We'll provide more info on watching campaigns ads when it's available. NW]

We could also write letters to the editors of both local papers offering tips on following the election campaigns, with links to sites like those above and to [Vote411](#). Marjie Gray wants us to get our local candidates on Vote411.