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2012 CALENDAR

- September 10** – LWVCC: Affordable Health Care Act; Salida
- September 22** – League Day in Denver at Holiday Inn
- October 4, 7:00 p.m.**
Candidate Forum; Buena Vista
- October 11, 7:00 p.m.**
Candidate Forum; Salida
- November 6**, ELECTION DAY
- November 12** – LWVCC Organizational Structure of Chaffee County Government; Buena Vista
- December 10** – LWVCC Civility and Democracy; Salida

2013 Calendar

- January 7** – LWVCC: Fracking Study, with a Consensus; Buena Vista
- February 11** – LWVCC: Intergovernmental Agencies within Chaffee County; Salida
- March 11** – LWVCC: Update from Chaffee County Commissioners; Buena Vista
- April 8** – LWVCC Annual Dinner: Update on Browns Cañon National Monument, Tentative; Salida

Affordable Care Act: What's Next for Chaffee County?



A panel of experts will address the League on health insurance issues related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), sometimes referred to as "ObamaCare." Speakers include Ken Leisher, CEO of the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center; Philip Maes, Director of Chaffee County Health and Human Services; and Tom Massey, newly appointed outreach consultant for the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange and out-going representative for House District 60.

Marilyn Bouldin, HRRMC board member and former Director of Chaffee County Public Health, will moderate the discussion.

They will discuss how ACA will affect Chaffee County residents and how the ACA might change our health care delivery system. They will also answer questions about confusing issues such as changes in insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and who is required to buy insurance. Massey will focus on the Exchange from a state perspective.

See also the [Official ACA website](#) where you can access the following:

- Full Text of the Law
- Key Features of the Law
- Timeline: What's Changing and When
- Information for You: How the law affects different groups of people
- Implementation Resources

For a cartoonish overview, see the [You-Tube](#) 9-minute video from Kaiser Family Foundation.

Date: Monday, September 10

Time: 10:00 Leadership Team Meeting
11:30 Gathering & greeting; coffee & tea provided; bag lunch.
12:00 Announcements, Panel Discussion, Q&A

Place: Salida, Bank of the West, 146 G St., basement meeting room

Carpool from Buena Vista:
Meet in CUCC parking lot, 217 Crossman.
For team meeting, depart by 9:30.
For program, depart by 11:00.



Leadership Team 2012-2013

Carol Sanford, Liaison 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)

Hospitality

Betsy Downing

Mary Helen Dunn

August Picnic

Marilyn Bouldin

Barbara Seeling

Beth Smith

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Speakers and Topics Announced for League Day

LWVUS President, Elizabeth MacNamara, to Address Members

LWVCC to Present Tips on Website Development

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Holiday Inn Select, 455 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver CO 80264

The LWVCO has the exceptional of honor of hearing the national president as our first speaker at League Day, Saturday, September 22. The exact nature of her talk is not yet known, but she will undoubtedly have something important to say for this election year.

Other presentations in the morning include

- Colorado Ballot Issues – Gerry Cummins
- Ballot Issue Recommendations – Christine Watson
- LWVCO Fracking Study – Fracking Committee
- The Affordable Care Act: After the Supreme Court
– Robert Semro, Policy Analyst with the Bell Policy Center

As part of the afternoon session, “Local Leagues in Action,” two members of LWVCC, Gail Brooks and Nancy Walters, will provide tips on website development, as a follow-up to the grant we received last year for creating our site. Boulder County will discuss its role in Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Larimer County will talk about an Old Fashioned Political Rally.

From 2:10 p.m. to the 2:50 p.m. adjournment, attendees can attend one of three simultaneous Hands-On Sessions:

- The Affordable Care Act: A Toolkit for Community Education
- VOTER GUIDE www.VOTE411.org
- Great Education Colorado: 2013The Year of the Student.

To see the complete agenda go to <http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/events/>
Click on LWV Colorado League Day. Then click on the Event Link.

To register, go to www.lwvcolorado.org/news.html and scroll down to “Register for League Day 2012.” Registration fee is \$39, which includes lunch. Let Carol Sanford know you are going: **LWVCC will reimburse you.**

Leaguers who wish to stay at the hotel can get a rate of \$99 a night for League Day weekend. Call reservations at 888-388-6129 – mention League of Women Voters to get the special rate. Consider doubling up and carpooling.

Committees, Cont'd.

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Carol Sanford
Nancy Walters

Thank you, everyone who volunteers!

Welcome New LWVCC Members:

Kathy and Owen Lentz

Changes in Voting Laws

Are you **sure** you're registered?

You are listed as an **inactive voter** if...

- you did not vote in the 2010 general election or any subsequent election **and**
- you did not respond to a mail-in postcard request.

Check or change your registration and party affiliation at www.govotecolorado.com

Voter Registration Drive

LWVCC is not sponsoring a voter registration drive.

If you would like to register voters on your own, you can use forms and venues provided by the Obama-Biden campaign office in Salida. Call Sara at 719-207-0234 for more information. It is a **non-partisan** drive. Training is provided.

As of publication, we do not know whether any other political party is registering voters.

A Double Header: The LWVCC Annual Picnic and

Presentation of the Making Democracy Work Award to Gail Schwartz and Tom Massey

Storm clouds and light rain did not dampen anyone's spirits when our picnic was held at Marjie Gray's home on August 13. As usual, Tom and Gail gave lively presentations on their accomplishments in the State Assembly.

Although we won't hear Tom speak again at our picnic, we did learn that he'll remain active in "policy without the politics." He has accepted the role of community outreach for the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange and will continue working with Colorado Children's Campaign. Gail Schwartz has two years remaining on her term-limited seat as State Senator.



Gail Schwartz and Tom Massey receive the MDWA for their service in the State Assembly.



Dennis Giese, County Commissioner running for re-election, chats with Susan Bristol, picnic organizer.



Jim Osborne, former County Commissioner, is running for re-election. Kathryn Wadsworth, the third candidate for commissioner, was unable to attend.



Marjie Gray addresses the League gathering.