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2012 CALENDAR

November 6, ELECTION DAY

November 12 – LWVCC
Organizational Structure of
Chaffee County Government;
Salida

December 10 – LWVCC
Restorative Justice,
Buena Vista

2013 Calendar

January 7 – LWVCC: Fracking
Study, with a Consensus;
Buena Vista

January 24 – Great Decisions
(foreign policy discussions)
begin

January 28 – LWVCO:
Legislative Conference,
Denver

February 11 – LWVCC:
Screening of Patriocracy
Buena Vista (tentative)

March 11 – LWVCC: Update
from Chaffee County
Commissioners; Salida

April 8 – LWVCC Annual
Dinner: Update on Browns
Cañon National Monument
(tentative) Salida

May 10-11 – LWVCO:
Convention, Colorado Springs

June 28-29 – LWVCO:
Leadership Retreat, Frisco

Christiansen to Explain How County Government Operates



After hearing Dennis Giese's update on Chaffee County government last February, League members learned there was more going on than we realized. So we've asked Robert (Bob) Christiansen, Director of General Administration for Chaffee County, to tell us how our county government works.

Bob said he will "provide a brief overview of the structure and purpose of county government and clarify the relationship, or lack thereof, with respect to the special districts that we have in Chaffee County." He has also promised to bring handouts in lieu of a PowerPoint presentation.

Date: Monday, November 12

Time: 10:00 Leadership Team Meeting

11:30 Gathering & greeting; coffee & tea provided; bag lunch.

12:00 Announcements, Presentation, Q&A

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

Carpool from Buena Vista:

Meet at CUCC, 217 Crossman

For team meeting, depart by 9:30.

For program, depart by 11:00.

Democracy is only an experiment in government, and it has the obvious disadvantage of merely counting votes instead of weighing them.

— **William Ralph Inge**
English author and Anglican priest
1860-1954



Leadership Team 2012-2013

Carol Sanford, Liaison to
LWVCO & LWVUS, and
Treasurer

Jan Scar, Secretary

Marjie 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

Committee Members

Finance

Jackie Sobczak

Meetings

Tracy Craig

Jeanne Younghaus

Voters Service

Myra Barrett

Marilyn Box

Karen Dils

Betsy Neas

Elizabeth Ritchie

Karen Robinson

Barbara Seeling

Melissa Smith

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



Poinsettia Sales Begin

League members can start taking orders for two sizes of poinsettia plants. These locally grown plants are gorgeous! They make wonderful presents as well as spectacular decorations for our homes. And the revenue helps keep our budget balanced.

Note: If the plants arrive already heavy with water, do not water them until the soil is dry.

Prices, sizes, and colors are as follows:

\$12 for small 6 1/2" pots: red, burgundy, white, and red and white.

\$30 for large 12" pots: red, white, and red and white.

[The "red and white color" is also known as "glitter," although there is no glitter on the plant!]

To record your sales, use the PDF order form at

<http://lwwchaffeecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Poinsettia-Order-Form-2012.pdf>

Plants will be available for pick up at the Buena Vista Library on **Tuesday, December 4**, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Marilyn Box is coordinating the sales. If you'd like to help with distribution, contact Marilyn at [395-9325](tel:395-9325) or marbox@mac.com

Both Candidate Forums Well Attended

If you weren't able to be there in person, you can see the forums on local TV or get a DVD from the library. For air times, see [Forums](#) on our web site. Gail Brooks is working the kinks out to stream the forums on the site also.

A BIG Thank You to all 20 volunteers who helped put on the October 4 and 11 candidate forums in both Buena Vista and Salida.

Thanks to Melissa Smith and Elizabeth Richie for doing a wonderful job as coordinators and to Jacki Sobczak and Myra Barrett who proved to be great moderators.

Members who helped in BV were Carol Sanford, Karen Robinson, Barbara Seeling, Alan Robinson, Jan Scar, Jeanne Younghaus, Betsy Neas, Pete Palmer and Nancy Walters.

Members helping in Salida were Ann Graham, Nancy Sutherland, Cheryl Brown-Kovasic, Tracy Craig, Nita Stevens, Gail Brooks and Bea Strawn.

Members of the public who helped as readers were Evelyn Baker, Jeff Donlan and Carol Smith.

— Marjie Gray, Voters Service

For a photo gallery, see page 3.

Committees, Cont'd.

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Carol Sanford
Nancy Walters

**Thank you, everyone who
volunteers!**

**Welcome new members:
Mark Zander and
Leslie Champ**

***Great Decisions Begin
January 24, 2013***

This will be our 5th Year!

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To reserve your copy, contact Carol Sanford at caroljean1945@gmail.com

Topics for 2013

- Future of the Euro
- Egypt
- Nato
- Myanmar and Southeast Asia
- Intervention
- Iran
- China in Africa
- Threat Assessment

[See more on our website.](#)

Local Candidates Present Their Case at Buena Vista Forum



L to R, candidates for County Commissioner Frank Holman, Jim Osborne, Dennis Giese, Kathryn Wadsworth and Rebecca Hitchcock; moderator Jackie Sobczak



Melissa Smith, coordinator, introduces the forum.



Above, Jim Wilson, Jackie Sobczak and Robin Ziperman prepare to present pros and cons of the BV school ballot issues. [The LWVCC board chose not to respond to the letter to the editor that criticized the League's presentation for being partisan.]



Candidates for Colorado House District 60: Democrat Pier Cohen and Republican Jim Wilson. Curtis Imrie, Independent candidate, also spoke.