



REMINDER:

Pick up poinsettias at the BV Library, Tuesday December 4, 1 to 5 p.m. (Cheryl Brown-Kovacic will deliver to Salida)

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**C A L E N D A R
2012 - 2013**

December 10 – LWVCC: The Case for Restorative Justice, Buena Vista

December 12 –Salida Forum on Home Rule, sponsored by LWVCC

January 14 – LWVCC: Fracking Study, with a Consensus; Buena Vista

January 24 – Great Decisions (foreign policy discussions) begin

January 28 – LWVCO: Legislative Conference, Denver

February ?? – LWVCC: Screening of Patriocracy in 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

The Case for Restorative Justice



Restorative justice is based on a theory of justice that focuses on crime and wrong-doing as acted against the individual or community rather than the state. It emphasizes repairing harm caused or revealed by criminal behavior. In RJ processes, the person who has done harm

(offender) and the person who has been harmed (victim) take an active role. The victim may receive an apology, direct reparation or indirect action to restore or fix the damage.

For our December meeting, Patricia LaTaille, Executive Director of Full Circle Restorative Justice, will tell us how RJ is implemented in the 11th Judicial District, including Chaffee, Fremont and Saguache counties.

Ms. LaTaille has been involved with FCRJ since its inception, and has served as a board member and president. She has over 20 years of experience in working with at-risk youth and has founded and managed a number of successful youth programs. She trains FCRJ volunteers in Non-Violent Communication and leads weekly Compassionate Communication study groups for the community and in the Chaffee County Detention Facility. Source: [FCRJ](http://www.fcrj.org).

Date: Monday, December 10

Time: 10:00 Leadership Team Meeting

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

12:00 Announcements, Presentation, Q&A

Place: Sangre de Cristo Community Room

29780 Hwy 24 N, Buena Vista

Car pool from Salida:

Meet at north end of Safeway parking lot.

For team meeting, depart by 9:30.

For program, depart by 11:00.

Consider what you think justice requires and decide accordingly.

— **William Murray, Earl of Mansfield**

1705-1793

Cited in Campbell's *Lives of the Chief Justices*, 1874



Leadership Team 2012-2013

Carol Sanford, Liaison to
LWVCO & LWVUS, and
Treasurer

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Marjie Gray, Voters Service

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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

Salida Chooses LWVCC to Hold Forum on Home Rule

At the request of City Administrator Dara MacDonald, LWVCC is sponsoring a forum where Salida citizens can learn about the ballot question of home rule for their city and about electing commissioners who would draft a home rule charter. The forum will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Touber Building, 448 East 1st Street.

Jacqueline Sobczak, Voters Service committee, is moderating the forum. Elizabeth Richie organized the event with the assistance of Marjie Gray, Voter Services Chair; additional members are assisting.

The forum starts with speakers discussing the merits and problems of having a home rule city. After the discussion, candidates who are vying for the 11 positions on the charter commission will answer questions about their qualifications and about Salida becoming a home rule city. The questions were submitted by LWVCC and included in each candidate's invitation letter.

Two items are on the ballot:

1. Shall the City of Salida form a home rule charter commission?
2. Select up to 11 of the following candidates to serve on the charter commission.

Candidates for the Home Rule Charter Commission are as follows:

John Merrell Bergin, Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Billy E. Carlisle, Lisa Connell, Vern Davis, Monika Griesenbeck, Melodee Hallett, Michael Harvey, Jane Jolley, Martin Jolley, Debra Juchem, Lisa Malde, Michael D. Scott, Jan Sebastian, William F. Smith, Christine May Sturgeon, Michael Whittington, and Powell T. Wood.

Mail-in ballots go out December 24 and voters must return them by January 15, 2013.

Once elected, the charter commission will have 180 days (six months) to draft a home rule charter for Salida. After that, citizens will vote again to either accept or deny the charter.

Note: Home rule is the power of a local city or county to set up its own system of self-government without receiving a charter from the state. ... The authority to act in local affairs is transferred from state law to a local charter, adopted and, as need be amended, by the voters through referendum.

Source: USLegal.com



Committees, Cont'd.

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Carol Sanford
Nancy Walters

Thank you, everyone who volunteers!

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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.](#)



Resources for Study of Fracking

At our January meeting, we will review the pros and cons of fracking—the controversial method for extracting natural gas. You might want to get a head start by reading one or more of the following documents posted at LWVCO.org

All documents are in PDF format unless otherwise marked.

- [Cover Letter](#)
- [Fracking Glossary](#)
- [Consensus Questions](#)
- [Fracking Background](#)
- [Letter to the Bureau of Land Management](#)
- [Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [CU HS Study on Health Impacts](#)
- [Chemicals Used in Fracking](#)
- [Important Links](#)
- [Memorandum - Local Government Authority to Address Impacts of Oil and Gas Operations Oil and Gas Operations](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#) (pptx)
- [Scientific Study Links Flammable Drinking Water to fracking](#) (propublica.org)

Colorado Gives Day

Support the LWVCO Education Fund and win a trip to the State Capitol by contributing \$125 or more on Colorado Gives Day, December 4. Give at givingfirst.org/LWVColorado.

Get a chance to spend the day with our legislative lobbyist at the State Capitol. One lucky donor will experience the League's influence first hand! Schedule your day based on your interests. Lunch will be



Poinsettia Sales a Success!

Yea! All our poinsettias have been sold—and then some. I'm waiting on confirmation of final numbers from Marjie and then I'll talk with Kim about getting the few extras we need. Thanks to all of you for great sales, once again!

— Marilyn Box
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