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**CALENDAR 2013**

**January 4 & 5** – Collegiate Peaks Forum: Movie and Lecture on the Future of Energy; Salida. See p. 4

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

**January 15** – Ballots due for Salida's Home Rule Charter Commission

**January 24** – Great Decisions (foreign policy discussions) begin

**January 28** – LWVCO: Legislative Conference; Denver

**February 11** – LWVCC: Screening and discussion of Patriocracy in Buena Vista

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

**April 8** – LWVCC Annual Dinner: Update on Browns Cañon National Monument by Keith Baker; in Salida

**May 10-11** – LWVCO: Convention Colorado Springs

**June 28-29** – LWVCO: Leadership Retreat; Frisco

**What Will Be the League's Position On Hydraulic Fracking?**

**It could make us energy independent...**

"(CBS News) GREELEY, Colo. - Despite rising gas prices, oil production is surging in this country. That has some predicting the U.S. could eventually overtake Saudi Arabia as the world's largest petroleum producer by 2020. In the middle of a Colorado cornfield, sandwiched between cattle and farm houses, is the front line of an American oil boom."

The 12/27/12 report noted that hydraulic fracking is driving the new oil production in Weld County.

**But how do we regulate it?**



"NYTimes.com 11/26/12... This month, Longmont became the first town in Colorado to outlaw hydraulic fracturing, the oil-drilling practice commonly known as fracking. The ban has propelled Longmont to the fiercely contested forefront of the nation's antifracking movement... But it has also set the City on a collision course with oil companies and the State of Colorado. Gov. John W.

Hickenlooper, a Democrat, has warned Longmont residents that the ban is likely to mean a lawsuit from the state, which insists that only it has the authority to regulate drilling."

**The League Study:** "To investigate the impact of hydrofracturing for natural gas, oil, and methane on the State of Colorado and its citizens, and to discern what public policies are in place or need to be in place for this activity." Prepare to discuss the issue by reading the following:

- [Consensus Questions](#)
- [Fracking Background](#) [Additional resources at [LWVCO Studies](#) ]

**Date:** Monday, January 14, 2013

**Time:** 11:30 Gathering; announcements; bag lunch with coffee & tea provided;

11:45 Presentation by Fracking Study Group: Leader Carol Sanford, Reed Dils, Dick Lee, and Jeanne Younghaus

12:15 Group discussion and consensus

**Place:** Sangre de Cristo Community Room, 29780 Hwy 24 N, Buena Vista

Car pool from Salida: Meet at north Safeway parking lot.



## Leadership Team 2012-2013

**Carol Sanford**, Liaison to  
LWVCO & LWVUS, and  
Treasurer  
**Jan Scar**, Secretary  
**Marjie Gray**, Voters Service  
**Nita Stevens**, Membership  
**Jeanne Younghaus**, Finance  
**Nancy Walters**, Publicity  
**Karen Robinson**, Meetings  
**Tracy Craig**, At-Large  
**Jacqueline 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  
Jacqueline 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

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## Plan to Attend: 2013 LWVCO Legislative Conference

It's a once-a-year opportunity to hear what's really going on in our state Senate and House. No details yet about speakers or their topics.

If you want to go, LWVCC will pay for your registration and lunch (\$25.00). Carpooling might be available.

To register, email Carol Sanford at [caroljean1945@gmail.com](mailto:caroljean1945@gmail.com) or call her at 395-2417 and provide the following information:

- Your name as you want it to appear on your name tag
- Your email address
- Your lunch choice (see below)

Deadline for registering is January 18.

## AGENDA

### Monday, January 28, 2013

Old Supreme Court Chambers  
State Capitol, 200 East Colfax Avenue, Denver  
Seating in the Chambers is limited to 150 spaces.

**Sign-in:** 8:30 a.m.

**Preview of the 2013 Legislative Session:** 9:00 - 12:00 noon

**Lunch, League Lobbyist:** 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman (2 blocks north of the Capitol)

**Box Lunch:** All sandwiches come with fruit, dessert, bottled water, tea, or coffee. Choices:

**(1) Classic Chicken Salad** (seared chicken breast, Gouda cheese and peppery arugula with Udi's aioli on rosemary focaccia bread).

**(2) Roasted Salmon** (roasted herb-glazed salmon and peppery arugula with lemon caper tartar sauce)

**(3) Veggie Wrap** (provolone, cheddar, cream cheese, roasted bell pepper, crisp cucumbers, and more, in a whole wheat tortilla.)



## Committees, Cont'd.

### Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin  
Mary Helen Dunn  
Scott Hartman  
Carol Sanford  
Nancy Walters

**Thank you, everyone who volunteers!**

*Great Decisions  
Begin January 24,  
2013*

### This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Year!

The [Great Decisions](#) briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. foreign policy makers today.

If you reserved a copy of the briefing book, you can pick it up Wednesday, Jan. 2 or later.

### Topics for 2013

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

[See our website for dates and location.](#)

[See also the Foreign Policy Assoc. website.](#)

## What is Program Planning, Why is It Important, and Why Do We Do It Every Year?

In January each year local leagues are invited to review program positions for the State League. In League Lingo, "Programs" with a capital "P" means "selected governmental issues chosen by the members at the local, state, and national levels for study and action."

This yearly process is an opportunity for League members to learn what the League's program positions are, what they mean, and why we review them.

It's also the time to solicit member suggestions and opinions about future studies. We'll be organizing a "chew and chat" (informal meeting/discussion) to review the complete program planning file and decide what our chapter wants to recommend.

Our league has a form to fill out and submit by [Feb 22](#). To participate, send an email to [info@lwvchaffeecounty.org](mailto:info@lwvchaffeecounty.org) so we can set up a meeting time and send you the program planning file for your review.

You can also learn more about LWV positions at the national, state, and local levels by going to [www.lwvchaffeecounty.org/league-positions-2/](http://www.lwvchaffeecounty.org/league-positions-2/)

## LWVUS Plans National Study on Agriculture For 2013-2014

The tentative scope for this update study is

(1) Current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, sustainable farming, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and

(2) Current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process.

Given the agricultural base of our community, this study might be one our League can consider for participation.

Happy  
New Year  
to All Our  
Members  
and  
Voters!

If you live in Salida,  
remember to vote  
by January 15  
on the charter  
commission for  
Salida Home Rule.



## Final Poinsettia Report

Marilyn Box, committee chair for this fundraiser, reports that we sold 191 plants: 169 small plants and 22 large for a total of \$2,692. After paying the greenhouse \$1704, we netted \$988. Just 8 people sold 98 percent of the plants. Imagine how many more poinsettias (or geraniums) we would sell if every member bought and/or sold just one or two plants!

**Thank you, everyone!**

Proceeds from fund-raising help pay for our program activities, publicity, and election forums; and for registration fees for members who want to attend State Conventions, State Councils, Leadership Retreats, League Days, and Legislature Conferences.

## The Future of Energy: A Presentation that Broadens Our Discussion of Energy

The movie *Switch*—"the first truly balanced energy film, embraced and supported by people all along the energy spectrum – fossil and renewable, academic and environmental"—will premier in Salida on January 4, 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Collegiate Peaks Forum is sponsoring the premier, as well as a lecture the next day at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Scott Tinker, who, in the film, "explores the world's leading energy sites, from coal to solar, oil to biofuels, many highly restricted and never before seen on film. He gets straight answers from the people driving energy today, international leaders of government, industry and academia."

Dr. Tinker is the Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and the State Geologist of Texas. He is also the acting Associate Dean for Research, and a Professor holding the Allday Endowed Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin.

For details on the presentations, see [Collegiate Peaks Forum website](#). Read about *Switch* and watch the trailer at [Switch Energy Project](#).