



In This Issue

- ✓ Febuary Meeting
- ✓ Calendar
- ✓ Team Meeting
- ✓ Leadership Team and Committee Members
- ✓ Program Planning
- ✓ Follow Up on Fracking
- ✓ Great Decisions 2013

CALENDAR 2013

February 4 – LWVCC:
Leadership Team meeting and
Program Planning in Buena
Vista

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

February 14 – Great
Decisions at Congregational
United Church of Christ in BV;
NATO, Moderator Owen Lentz

February 28 – Great
Decisions at BV Library;
Myanmar and Southeast Asia,
Moderator TBD

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

April 8 – LWVCC Annual
Dinner: Update on Browns
Canyon National Monument by
Keith Baker, Salida

May 10-11 – LWVCO:
Convention, Colorado Springs

June 28-29 – LWVCO:
Leadership Retreat, Frisco



**A non-partisan examination of Washington dysfunction
Free and Open to the Public**

This timely film seeks to answer these questions:

How bad is it in Washington?

**Has the political environment always been this angry,
this gridlocked, this broken? And what can we do about it?**

www.patriocracymovie.com

Where: Sangre de Cristo Electric Assoc., 29780 Hwy 24, Buena Vista

When: Monday, February 11, 2013

What: 11:30 a.m. – Gathering and announcements

12:00 p.m. – Showing of the documentary, "Patriocracy"

1:30 p.m. – Discussion moderated by Cheryl Brown-Kovacic
with representatives from both Republican and
Democratic parties.

Why: Because we want to make political discourse more civil!

Car pool from Salida:

Meet at north end of Safeway parking lot.

For program, depart by 11:00.

About Brian Malone: Brian, who lives in Colorado produces, directs,
and edits films, with five Emmy Awards to his credit. He has produced
more than a dozen independent documentaries for broadcast and
cable. His programs have aired nationally on PBS and cable
networks, covering the gamut from Grammy-Award-Winning
recording artists, to environmental issues, to Native American culture.

Read more about Brian at the.patriocracy filmmakers.



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

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

Continued on page 3.



Have you ever watched a flock of geese fly for a while and noticed that the leader will fall out of place and another goose will come from behind and take over? They all seem to know where they're headed, and they take turns leading the way.

Leadership Team Meeting

When: Monday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Buena Vista Library, Community Room

Who: Anyone who wants to be there

Agenda:

- 3:00 p.m. **Gathering/Social Time**
 - 3:05 p.m. **Announcements**
 - 3:10 p.m. **Minutes** – Jan Scar/Nancy Walters
 - 3:15 p.m. **Money Person/Treasurer Report** – Carol Sanford
 - 3:25 p.m. **Leadership Team Reports**
Voters Service – Marjie Gray
Meetings – Karen Robinson
Membership – Nita Stevens
Publicity Report – Gail Brooks/Nancy Walters
and discussion of social media
Finance – Jeanne Younghaus
 - 3:45 p.m. **Old Business**
Film – Patriocracy, Nita Stevens
 - 3:55 p.m. **New Business**
Appoint a nominating committee
Appoint a committee to plan the annual dinner
- Adjourn for Program Planning (see next page)**



Committees, Cont'd.

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Carol Sanford
Nancy Walters

**Thank you, everyone who
volunteers!**

*Great Decisions
Resumed January 24,
2013*

This is our 5th Year!

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

Topics for 2013

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

For more details
[See more on our website.](#)

Program Planning For Studies



“Program planning” is an opportunity to review League “Positions” on various issues in Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy. Positions are arrived at only after careful study.

In League Lingo, “Programs” with a capital “P” means “selected issues chosen by the members at the local, state, and national levels for **study** and action.”

Now is your opportunity to have a say in what programs/issues the state (and local) League studies.

When: Monday, February 4 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Buena Vista Library, 131 Linderman Ave.

What: Review current League positions and decide whether to

- Recommend an Update
- Recommend a New Study
- Recommend a Concurrence (Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.)
- Drop a Position

To learn about current LWVCO positions,

1. [Download the LWVCO Program for Study and Action - Positions for Action\(pdf\)](#)
2. Print pages 4 and 5 to review the “Positions in Brief.”
3. If you want to know more about a specific position, go to that section in the PDF.
4. Read or print out the relevant pages.

See you on the 4th!



Many thanks to the Fracking Study Committee!

Carol Sanford, Reed Dils, Dick Lee, and Jeanne Younhaus reviewed issues from their background reading, prepared supplemental material and offered a short video and PowerPoint presentation.

In addition to the comments on each question, LWVCC submitted the following.

- 1) Consensus questions are too simplified. The LWVCC Fracking committee found that researching the subject of rules and regulations and the air and water environmental and health issues to be overwhelming.
- 2) LWVCO should find a way to communicate this information to the general public, perhaps could publish flier or booklet about oil and gas regulations, related air and water issues, etc., similar to the Water book.
- 3) In light of the abundance of negativity to processing our oil and gas resources, we have to keep in mind the perspective that there is no "perfect" energy, and we do need energy. However, we do feel that there is technology available to remedy most of the current concerns; it just has to be regulated and required.
- 4) LWVCO should encourage funding studies on health issues arising from contamination of air and water during oil and gas resource harvesting.
- 5) Finally, we feel that the oil and gas drillers could pay more in fees, taxes, whatever, to use for more monitoring and inspections and for health and environmental studies related to oil and gas drilling.



Follow Up on Fracking

Consensus questions for the study on fracking are listed below; LWVCC answers and comments are in red.

1. During the permitting process at the state level for oil and gas operations, public participation through notifications, hearings and similar events should
 - A. Be encouraged and expedited
 - B. Remain at the current level or
 - C. Be reduced

Communication with the public needs to be improved

2. After a well is permitted and there are issues or additional hearings, public participation in hearings and stakeholder meetings should
 - A. Be enhanced
 - B. Remain as it is now, or
 - C. Be reduced

Hearings need to be more accessible

Role of Local Government vs. State COGCC

3. The role of local government in regulating oil and gas operations in the areas of land use and environmental impacts, including traffic and noise should
 - A. Be enhanced
 - B. Remain the same or
 - C. Be restricted or limited by state legislation

Local governments should be able to have stricter regulations than at the state level as local conditions require.

Environmental and Safety Regulation

4. Environmental and safety regulation of water quality in oil and gas operations by state and local agencies should
 - A. Be strengthened
 - B. Remain the same or
 - C. Be reduced

Monitoring should be not be done by the oil and gas industry itself.

5. Environmental and safety regulation of air quality during oil and gas operations by local and state agencies should
 - A. Be strengthened
 - B. Remain the same or
 - C. Be reduced

6. Environmental and safety regulation of health impacts from oil and gas operations by state and local agencies should
 - A. Be strengthened
 - B. Remain the same or
 - C. Be reduced

7. The quantity of water (acre feet) used in oil and gas operations should be monitored and transparent.

- A. Agree
- B. Disagree