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CALENDAR 2013

March 4 – LWVCC:
Leadership Team meeting at Buena Vista Public Library, 3:00 p.m.

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

March 14 – Great Decisions at Congregational United Church of Christ in BV; Egypt, Moderator Doanne Houghton-Alico

March 28 – Great Decisions at BV Public Library; Intervention, Moderator TBD

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

May 10-11 – LWVCO: Convention, Colorado Springs

May 13 – LWVCC: Meeting TBD

June 28-29 – LWVCO: Leadership Retreat, Frisco

Welcome New Members!

Beth Cooper, Buena Vista

Leslie Muller and Mark Sander, Salida



Giese at February 2012 LWV Meeting

Commissioner Giese to Update League on High Priority Issues for the County

Dennis Giese will summarize projects and issues being discussed by the Board of County Commissioners. He'll focus on the current state of the Chaffee County Land Use Code, 1041 geothermal regulations, re-vegetation of Hill Ranch, and plans for combining the county's emergency services. He'll also accept questions from the audience.

"The commissioners have supported transparency in government. This will be a great opportunity for voters to hear from a commissioner, ask questions and learn whether issues important to citizens are being addressed," stated Marjie Gray, Voter Service Chairwoman.

To find agendas and minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings, go to [Chaffee County Clerk Home Page](#). Click on the far left tab, "Clerk to the Board."

To learn more about the commissioners, go to the [County Commissioners' home page](#).

Where: Bank of the West Community Room, 146 G St., Salida

When: Monday, March 11, 2013

What: 11:30 a.m. – Gathering and announcements
12:00 p.m. – Presentation by Commissioner Giese (Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be served.)

Car pool from Buena Vista:

Meet at CUCC, 217 Crossman; depart by 11:00.

"Lincoln reminds us that statecraft requires attention to both principle and compromise. Principle without compromise is empty; compromise without principle is blind. This is a valuable lesson for our politicians even today."

Steven B. Smith, political science professor at Yale, in a review of *Lincoln's Tragic Pragmatism* by John Burt; *NYT Book Review*, Feb 17, 2013



Leadership Team 2012-2013

Carol Sanford, Liaison to
LWVCO & LWVUS, and
Treasurer

Jan Scar, Secretary

Marjie Gray, Voter 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

Voter 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

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Patriocracy: What's Next?

At least 20 or more people attended The League's showing of Brian Malone's documentary, *Patriocracy*. Cheryl Brown-Kovacic moderated a lively discussion. Most attendees agreed that the movie should have devoted more time to suggestions for fixing the dysfunction in our capitol.

Here's a list of sites suggested for learning/doing more: nolabels.org; acreform.org; ruck.us; vote411.org; and commoncause.org.

Within a week or two, both public libraries will have a copy of the DVD to available for checkout.

We're grateful to the three speakers who shared their political perspectives: Bill Zollinger as a Libertarian, Hal Brown (a former GOP supporter) as an Independent, and Gail Brooks as a Democrat.

Save April 8th for the LWVCC Annual Dinner



It's a festive occasion for socializing, celebrating the year past, and for approving the budget and team members for the year to come. Many thanks to Betsey Downing and her committee members, Mary Helen Dunn and Nancy Sutherland, for making all the arrangements.

When: Monday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Salida Community Center, 305 F Street

Who: LWVCC members and their guests

What: A catered dinner with choice of roast beef, chicken, or vegetarian; salad, dessert, tea, and coffee included. BYOB, glasses provided.

Cost: \$20 per person. **Reservations required** by Wednesday April 3. No cancellations after that date. Contact Betsey Downing at 539-6454 or betsey@my.amigo.net

Program: Presentation by Keith Baker, Executive Director of Friends of Brown Canyon. This portion of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. and will be open to the public at no charge. More in April VOTER. Page 2 of 3



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!

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- Egypt
- Intervention
- Iran
- China in Africa
- Threat Assessment

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The Geraniums are Coming! The Geraniums are Coming!

Photo from www.soil-sisters.com

Not to be rushin' the season, but you might be thinking ahead to Mother's Day, May 12. Marilyn Box has ordered 125 plants from Mt. Princeton Greenhouse: 72 red, 23 pink, and 30 coral. We will again sell them for \$12 each.

Marilyn will email the order form to members on April 8, bring hard copies of the form to the Annual Dinner in Salida, and also put the form on our web site.

Members can pick up their plants at the BV Library community room on Wednesday afternoon, May 8.

If you want to help give out or deliver plants, let Marilyn know (marbox@mac.com or 395-9325)

[OK, so who recognized the headline allusion (and later pun) to the first film that Alan Arkin was in?]



February 4 meeting, your Leadership Team hard at work.