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CALENDAR 2013

May 7 – Vote on Hospital Board Term Limits

May 7 – County Commissioners Public Work Session on Geothermal, 1:30 p.m. Salida

May 8 – Geranium Pick Up, BV

May 10-11 – LWVCO: Convention, Colorado Springs

May 9 – Great Decisions at CUCC in BV: Topic is Threat Assessment

May 13 – LWVCC Salad Lunch & New Member Welcome, BV

May 17 – LWVCC Board Meeting, BV

May 21 – Cty Commissioners Public Hearing on Geothermal, 10:00 a.m. BV

June 28-29 – LWVCO: Leadership Retreat, Frisco

July 4– Parade: LWVCC March behind the League banner in Salida and BV

August 12 – LWVCC Annual Picnic: Place TBD



You are Invited to a Salad Luncheon for Our May Meeting

Welcome New Members!

Let's have a social gathering where we can briefly introduce ourselves and get to know new members better. "New" means everyone who has joined since March 2012. And if you joined before then but have never come to a monthly meeting, then "new" includes you, too!

Date: Monday, May 13

Time: 11:45 to gather
12:00 to share a potluck

Place: Sangre de Cristo Community Room, 29780 N. US Hwy 24

What: Introduce ourselves and **discuss three or four issues we're interested in.**

Who: Members and their guests (invite a friend!)
If your last name begins with A through R, bring a salad.
If your last name begins with S through Z, bring a dessert.

Carpool: From Salida, meet at north end of Safeway parking lot.

Last Week to Order Geraniums!

We have over 40 plants remaining, so we need everyone's help in selling a few to our friends, neighbors and local businesses. All colors are available – RED, PINK and CORAL. They're beautiful and cost only \$12 each!

Email your orders, leave a phone message, or mail your order forms and checks to my home address. Whatever is most convenient!

It's important that we don't end up paying for plants we aren't able to sell. Thanks for your help!

And thanks to those who have already submitted their orders. Pick up plants on [Wednesday, May 8](#) from 1:00 - 5:00 at the Buena Vista Library.

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2013-2014 Board:

Cheryl Brown-Kovacic
Marjie Gray
Carol Sanford
Jan Scar
Nancy Walters
Jeanne Younghaus

Treasurer

Marilyn Box

It's Time to Renew Your LWV Membership

Individual: \$55.00

Household: \$82.50

Student: \$25.00

You save the League money when you pay by check.

Write the check to **LWVCC** and mail it to Carol Sanford, 31300 CR 384a, Buena Vista, CO 81211

You can also renew your membership online by using a credit card to pay with PayPal, a trusted, secure service.

Click on the [Membership Form](#) at our website.

Where do our dues go?

A portion of our dues goes to LWV Colorado and LWVUS. The balance goes to our chapter to support local activities.



On the Issue of Term Limits for Hospital Board Directors

Tuesday, May 7, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- In Salida at Heart of the Rockies Medical Center, 1000 Rush Dr.
- In Buena Vista at the American Legion Hall, 338 N Railroad

To learn more about this issue. . .

Watch the [DVD](#) that Gail Brooks produced from the LWVCC Issues Forum, which was organized by Elizabeth Ritchie.

Read the [pros and cons](#) summarized by Barbara Brady.

A hearty thank you to members who helped make these resources available: Tracy and Steve Craig, Gail Brooks, Bea Strawn, Elizabeth Ritchie, Ann Graham, Barb and Doug Brady, Marjie Gray, and Myra Barrett.



Baker Makes Persuasive Case for Supporting Browns Canyon Proposal

Using a slide show and maps of the proposed Browns Canyon Monument and Wilderness area, Keith Baker pointed out that little will change from current use of the canyon. However, the area would be preserved for future generations to use as it is.

Voice YOUR opinion to our elected officials:

[Senator Mark Udall](#) or call toll free @ 877-768-3255

[Senator Michael Bennett](#)

[Representative Doug Lamborn](#)

Results from the League's annual dinner/business meeting:

- We elected a new Board of Directors for 2013-2014 (see side bar).
- We elected Marilyn Box as Treasurer.
- We approved the [budget](#) for 2013-2014.



Great Decisions Finish on May 9, 2013

This was 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 our website.](#)

Food for Thought:

I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well, if they attack one personally, it means they have not a single political argument left.

— Margaret Thatcher



Geothermal activity, unknown site

Commissioners to Hold Two Public Meetings on Geothermal Regs

[Official Notice](#)

Public Work Session: An overview presentation of the proposed guideline and regulations for "Use of Geothermal Resources for Commercial Production of Electricity"

May 7, 2013 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

County Commissioners Meeting Room
104 Crestone Avenue, Salida
719-539-2218

Public Hearing: The proposed guideline and regulations will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners. Citizens can comment and ask questions.

May 21, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Buena Vista School District Office
113 N. Court, Buena Vista
719-539-2218

LWVCO Defines Position on Hydraulic Fracturing

Adopted by LWVCO Board on March 20, 2013

HISTORY

After a two-year study, the Hydraulic Fracturing position was adopted at the 2013 Convention.

POSITION IN BRIEF

LWVCO supports policies that enhance public participation in the permitting and monitoring of oil and gas operations in the state. LWVCO supports efforts to improve coordination with local governmental units for environmental management and wise land use. We support strong environmental regulations for water quality, air quality and impacts on human health. [Continued on page 4]



Chaffee County Voter

2012-2013

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)

August Picnic

Marilyn Bouldin

Barbara Seeling

Hospitality

Betsy Downing

Mary Helen Dunn

Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin

Mary Helen Dunn

Scott Hartman

Carol Sanford

Nancy Walters

**A BIG THANK YOU to
everyone who volunteered!**

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POSITION

Support for:

- Public hearings in the actual community of the drilling
- Public notice on web sites and other media
- Use of the Local Government Designee (LGD) and education for LGD's in the state in order to more easily respond to local citizen concerns
- Strong environmental and safety regulation of water quality and air quality
- Transparency in the reporting of all chemicals used during drilling, posted on a neutral website that is easily accessible to the public
- Adequate number of inspectors for the number of wells in the state to ensure that accidents are properly reported and mitigated
- Research, development and use of environmentally friendly extraction methods and equipment, including those providing for the capture of methane
- Pre and post testing of water wells and air around all oil and gas well sites
- Monitoring of the water quantity used for oil and gas drilling operations in a manner that is transparent to the public
- Reporting of information on the demands for water used for oil and gas drilling in specific river basins
- Reuse of produced water, with regulatory oversight

Colorado has a rich mineral history that includes oil and gas drilling. By early 2013, Colorado had over 49,000 oil and gas drilling operations, predominantly on the Front Range and in the southwest part of the state. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was established in 1951 to handle the permitting and oversight of these operations. There is increasing concern in many counties and municipalities regarding the public participation in the permitting process and during drilling operations. The nature of hydraulic fracturing raises issues that relate to land use, water and air quality, and public health impacts.

Click here for a summary of ideas and issues from the national LWV blog:

[Voices of the League](#)