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### CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

- June 28-29** – LWVCO: Leadership Retreat, Frisco
- July 2** – Cty Commissioners Public Hearing on Geothermal continued: Commissioners Meeting Room, 104 Crestone
- July 4**– Parade: LWVCC March behind the League’s new banner in Salida and BV
- August 12** – LWVCC Annual Picnic with Legislative Update: Place TBD
- September 9** – LWVCC Agriculture/Food Issues, Salida
- September 28** – LWVCO League Day, Denver
- October** – Forums in BV and Salida
- November 11** – LWVCC Affordable Health Care, Salida
- December 9** – LWVCC Agriculture/Food Issues, BV
- January 13** – LWVCC Mayors Update, Salida
- February 10** – LWVCC Legislative Action, BV
- March 10** – LWVCC Commissioners Update, Salida
- April 14** – LWVCC Annual Dinner, BV



Photo of Chaffee County from Tripadvisor

## Proposed County Land Use Code Up for Discussion

For our June 10 meeting, Don Reimer, Development Director for Chaffee County, will discuss the impact of the proposed Land Use Code, the first major change to the code since 2000. Because some specifications in the code have been controversial, the program will allow time for questions and discussion. Alan Robinson will moderate the discussion. Gail Brooks will video tape the presentation for play back on our web site.

League members submitted questions to Reimer in advance, covering a variety concerns such as the main differences between the proposed code and the one offered by the citizens' groups and why industrial zones allow everything from residences to chemical plants.

You can find a complete list of the questions on our website by clicking on [Calendar](#). Click on the notice for June 10, 2013, and then click on "Event Link."

For background information about the proposed land use code, which includes the draft code and a short PowerPoint presentation, see "Planning and Zoning" on the [Chaffee County web site](#).

- Date:** Monday, June 10
- Time:** 11:30 for social time and announcements  
12:00 for the program, questions and discussion
- Place:** Bank of the West Community Room, 146 G St., Salida
- Who:** Members and their guests (invite a friend!)
- Carpool:** From Buena Vista, meet at 11:00 a.m., CUCC parking lot.

*Land use is one of those fields where everyone has an opinion; it's something that citizens encounter every day as they drive about and see housing, new office developments, shopping centers and they have an opinion about what looks good and what doesn't work.*

Tom Ragonetti, president of the [Rocky Mountain Land Institute](#)



## 2013-2014 Board

Marjie Gray, Chair  
Carol Sanford, Programs  
Jan Scar, Secretary  
Nancy Walters, Publicity  
Jeanne Younghaus, Finance  
Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, at-large

**Treasurer:** Marilyn Box

## Committee Members

### Voter Service for Sept-Oct

Elizabeth Ritchie, Salida Chair  
Scott Hartman, BV Chair

Marilyn Box  
Karen Dils  
Mary Helen Dunn  
Libby Fay  
Linda Mulka  
Dave Mustoe  
Karen Robinson  
Eileen Rogers  
Bob Sander  
Carol Sanford  
Melissa Smith  
Jackie Sobczak  
Nita Stevens  
Nancy Walters  
Jeanne Younghaus

### Finance

Libby Fay  
Scott Hartman  
Carol Sanford  
Jeanne Younghaus

### Fund Raising

Marilyn Box

### Meeting Venues

Tracy Craig: Salida  
Jeanne Younghaus: BV

### Membership

Ann Graham  
Nita Stevens

### Publicity

Gail Brooks (web hosting)  
Carol Sanford (web)  
Nancy Walters (web & print)

## Chaffee County League Garners Power Award at 2013 State Convention



Outgoing state president, Catherine Perrone, left, proclaimed Chaffee County the "Power League of the Year." She presented the award certificate to Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Nancy Walters, and Carol Sanford following the convention dinner on Saturday night.

The certificate cites the Chaffee County League for providing educational forums, conducting a geothermal study, leading Great Decisions discussions on foreign policy, promoting increased transparency in county government, issuing Making Democracy Work Awards to worthy citizens and holding annual meetings with legislators. All these activities increased the League's visibility and attracted new members.

Only two leagues, out of a possible 17, were finalists in the nominations for Power League; Boulder County was the second nominee.

Cheryl, Nancy and Carol had not planned to go to the dinner, wanting to save money by eating elsewhere. Luckily they made it back to the convention hall in time to accept the award!

We owe a big thank you to Karen Dils who wrote and submitted our nomination. It put our League in the spotlight and prompted several attendees to ask, "Where exactly is Chaffee County?"

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## News in Brief

### Geranium Sales

Marilyn Box reports that the League sold 125 plants for a profit of \$712.50. Good job everyone!

### Leadership Retreat

Libby Fay and Dave Mustoe will represent our league at the retreat in Frisco.

### Geothermal Meeting

Cheryl Brown-Kovacic presented the League's concerns at the public hearing in which the Board of County Commissioners considered the draft geothermal guidelines and regulations. After public comments and deliberation, the Board decided to hold a continuation on July 2, after the draft is revised and the proposed Land Use Code is adopted. By that time the Planning and Zoning commission will also have reviewed the guidelines.



## Committee Members, Cont'd.

**August Picnic**  
Carol Sanford

**Annual Dinner**  
Barb Brady

**Hospitality**  
Betsy Downing  
Mary Helen Dunn

**Great Decisions**  
Barb Brady  
Mary Helen Dunn  
Carol Sanford  
Nancy Walters

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

## 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 your check to  
**LWVCC** and mail it to  
Marilyn Box, 33890 Vista Verde,  
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.

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

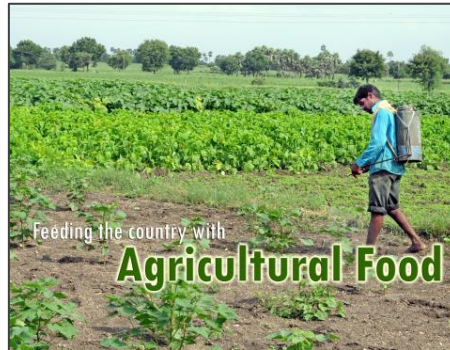


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## LWVUS Agriculture Study Will Focus on Technology and Finance Issues

At our luncheon meeting in May, there was significant interest in the upcoming Agriculture Study from LWVUS. We scheduled two meetings for the topic in the coming year. So far we have four people interested in forming a study group: Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Nita Stevens, Jeanne Younghaus and Nancy Walters. If this issue is important for you, contact one of them to join the study group.

Study materials from LWVUS will be ready later in August. Consensus deadline for the study is tentatively set for April 4, 2014.

### Scope of LWVUS Agriculture Study

The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on

- 1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, 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.

### Ideas to Get a Head Start on the Agriculture Update

The LWV Agriculture Update Committee recommends that we organize a visit to a local farm, or arrange for local farmers to come speak with our group.

Leagues with no initial contacts with farmers, can contact the state Farm Bureau or Department of Agriculture.

The [American Farmers' Association website](#) offers links to state bureaus and agriculture departments, as well as local Farmer's Markets. While making these contacts, keep in mind the scope of the Ag Study.

Questions should be directed to Norman Turrill at [LWVTurrill@mac.com](mailto:LWVTurrill@mac.com).

*The United States Department of Agriculture exerts far more effort developing disease-resistant fruits and vegetables than creating new varieties to enhance the disease resistance of consumers.*

"Breeding the Nutrition Out of Our Food" by Jo Robinson, *The New York Times*, Sunday, May 25, 2013