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### CALENDAR 2014

**January 13** – LWVCC, Guests Commissioners Update, Salida

**January 13** – LWVCO Legislative Conference, Denver

**January 23** – LWVCC, Guests Great Decisions, BV Library

**February 10** – LWVCC Agricultural/Food Issues, BV

**March 10** – LWVCC Consensus for Agricultural Study; Legislative Action, Salida

**April 14** – LWVCC Annual Dinner, BV

**May 12** – LWVCC Meeting in Salida

**May 16-17** – LWVCO Council in Grand Junction

**June 20-21** – LWVCO Leadership Retreat, Frisco

**July 4** – LWVCC, BV & Salida Marching in Parade

**August 11** – LWVCC Picnic



## Chaffee County

One of the 64 counties of the state of Colorado  
Founded: 1879      Population: 18,150 in 2012  
County seat: Salida      Area: 1,015 sq. miles  
Unemployment: 5.4% in August 2013

## Commissioners to Provide Update on County Issues

At the Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> League meeting, which is open to the public, Commissioners Dennis Giese, Frank Holman, and Dave Potts will discuss current issues, such as...

- Results of the public hearing on the Land Use Code, scheduled for January 7
- Status of the Hill Ranch restoration
- What role the commissioners play in the CDOT restructuring of Hwy 24 through BV and of Hwy 50 through Poncha Springs and Salida
- Reasons for banning—until after December 2014—the submission, acceptance, or processing of applications and the licensing of recreational marijuana businesses
- How the county is involved in Brown's Canyon
- Sharing the costs of emergency services among the municipalities, the commissioners' role in making decisions about the service, and whether the hospital is taking over ambulance service.

**Date:** Monday, January 13, 2014

**Time:** **11:00** for social gathering; coffee and tea provided; bring a bag lunch  
**11:30** for welcome to new members & guests, reports, announcements  
**12:00** for the program, questions and informal discussion  
**1:00** for Board Meeting

**Place:** United Methodist Church, 228 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Salida

**Carpool:** From BV, meet at 10:30 a.m., in CUCC parking lot

**Link** to Chaffee County web site for [commissioner information](#).

**Link** to [agendas and minutes](#) for commissioner meetings, documents which are on the County Clerk's web site. Click on the tab in the upper left corner: "Clerk to the Board."



## 2013-2014 Board

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## Committee Members

### Voter Service for Sept-Oct

Scott Hartman, Chair  
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Mary Helen Dunn  
Libby Fay  
Linda Mulka  
Dave Mustoe  
Karen Robinson  
Eileen Rogers  
Bob Sander  
Carol Sanford  
Melissa Smith  
Jackie Sobczak  
Nita Stevens  
Jeanne Younghaus

### Finance

Libby Fay  
Scott Hartman  
Carol Sanford  
Jeanne Younghaus

### Fund Raising

Marilyn Box

### Meeting Venues

Tracy Craig: Salida  
Jeanne Younghaus: BV

### Publicity

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

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## LWVUS Announces Consensus Questions for the Agricultural Update Study

On December 17, 2013, LWVEF Board announced 11 consensus questions, covering 5 categories:

- Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector
- Animal Management
- Research and Development
- Food Safety
- Food Labeling

Each question has from 3 to 10 sub-sections, for a total of 53 related issues.

The complete set of questions is posted on the LWVCC website in a link from [League Studies](#).

The delayed release of the consensus questions and their broad scope affects how much research the Ag Study Group, and our league, can undertake. The Ag Study Group now has only three fully committed members: Nancy Walters, Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, and Linda Mulka. We will probably scale back the number of topics we can address. The group welcomes your suggestions—and your participation!

## Great Decisions Begin Thursday, January 23

Interested in world affairs but feel you don't know enough to discuss them intelligently? Join Great Decisions to hear and discuss impartial, thought-provoking analyses of eight **U.S. foreign policy issues**.

Sponsored jointly by LWVCC and BV Public Library, the discussions are based on a briefing book and a DVD published by the [Foreign Policy Association](#). The group meets twice monthly, on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For topics, dates, & location, see [Great Decisions](#) on our web site.

**You do not need to attend every session.**



## Poinsettia Sales Successfully Fund LWVCC Events for 2014

Treasurer Marilyn Box reports that our League sold a total of 197 plants: 168 small and 29 large. Our profit was \$1,014. Jeanne Younghaus sold the most plants overall (82). Tracy Craig sold the most in Salida (36).

## Mother-Daughter Team to Attend Legislature Day

Diane and Deborah Lively will represent LWVCC at the annual LWVCO Legislature Day in the state capitol. They'll be bringing back information on the legislature's agenda for 2014 and how our league lobbyist Chris Watson will address those issues. See also: [Legislative Letters](#).



## Committee Members, Cont'd.

### Membership

Ann Graham  
Nita Stevens

### August Picnic 2013

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!

## GREAT DECISIONS

**Start**

**Thursday, Jan 23,  
2014**

### Topics

- Defense Technology
- Israel and the U.S.
- Turkey's Challenges
- Islamic Awakening
- Energy Independence
- Food and Climate
- China's Foreign Policy
- U.S. Trade Policy

See [schedule](#) and  
topic descriptions.

## Nominees Sought for MDWA

LWVCC will soon be accepting letters of recommendation for the 2014 Making Democracy Work Award.

Be thinking about someone who might deserve the award, someone who leads in civic, political or community activities and has improved or inspired lives of county residents.

More information about submitting recommendations will come from the MDWA Committee. The League will honor the selected recipient at our annual dinner in April.

## American Government Class Wins Competition



On November 18, the Buena Vista High School American Government class won the opportunity to go to state finals for "We the People...The Citizen and The Constitution." They won by competing against three other high schools in a hearing held at the CMC BV campus.

We congratulate all the state finalists 2013 who competed in Denver:

- District 1: Denver East High School
- District 2: Platte Canyon High School, Bailey
- District 3: Ridgway High School
- District 4: Silver Creek High School, Longmont
- District 5: Buena Vista High School
- District 6: Grandview High School
- District 7: Thornton High School.

LWVCC donated \$100 to help pay the registration fee for the BVHS class, which is taught by Lee Robison (back row, left).

"We the People" is a national program co-sponsored by the [Center for Civic Education](#).