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CALENDAR 2014

March 4 – Precinct Caucuses Countywide

March 10 – LWVCC meeting Consensus for Agricultural Study; Salida

March 20 – LWV Forum for Buena Vista Candidates

April 1 – BV Election for Trustees and Mayor

April 14 – LWVCC Annual Dinner, MDWA in BV

May 12 – LWVCC Planning 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

Why All This Fuss about GMOs?

(Genetically Modified Organisms)

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How are these genetic additions to our agricultural crops different from hybridizing? Are they causing health problems and/or helping a hungry world get the food it needs?

Dr. Daniel R. Bush, Professor of Biology and Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at CSU (Ph.D., UC Berkeley), will explain the science behind GMOs and help us understand this controversial practice so we can decide for ourselves.

For a list of seven key crops that are grown with GMOs and the percentage of those crops that contain GMO, go to the [Huff Post Green Blog](#), 10/30/2012: Margie Kelly *Communications manager, Healthy Child, Healthy World*.

According to the article, "Market watchers estimate that upwards of 70 percent of processed foods in your local supermarket contain genetically modified ingredients."



Dr. Bush will be speaking with us via a distance learning program, which Gail Brooks has tested with him. We can see him, watch his PowerPoint, and hear his comments without his having to drive all the way from Fort Collins.

Date: Monday, March 10, 2014

Times: **11:00** Social gathering; coffee and tea provided;
11:30 Presentation by Dr. Daniel Bush
12:30 Pot Luck Lunch (Use at least one local food?)
1:00 Consensus discussion on agricultural policy
See page 4 for the consensus topics.

Place: United Methodist Church, 228 E. 4th St, Salida, CO 81201

Carpool: From Buena Vista, meet at 10:45 a.m., CUCC parking lot

NOTE: This meeting is for members only and their invited guests.



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Nancy Walters (web & print)

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Precinct Caucuses on March 4

Only registered voters who have been affiliated with a party for at least 2 months can participate in that party's caucuses.

Democrats

- North End: Buena Vista High School lunchroom on South Railroad Street
- South End: Salida Community Center at 305 F Street
Doors open at 6 p.m. Official start time is 7 p.m.

Republicans

Precinct caucuses for the entire county are at Salida High School, Jones Ave.

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Come early to register.
Caucus begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Primary Election is on June 24.



BV Candidate Forum Scheduled for March 20

On March 20, candidates for three open seats on the Buena Vista Board of Trustees and for mayor will present their qualifications and answer questions.

The candidates for trustee are Ed Barkowski, Eric Gibb, Earl Richmond (to be verified), Dave Volpe, and incumbent trustees Duff Lacy and Jerry Steinauer, who are running for re-election. Current Mayor Joel Benson is running unopposed for mayor.

The League will host the forum in the Pinon room of the Community Center, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Scott Hartman is organizing the forum. Contact him (shmhd@hotmail.com) if you can help that evening.

The election, which will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, is a **polling place** election. No mail-in ballots will be available. For more details and an absentee ballot see [Buena Vista 2014 Election](#)

*“In a democracy, agreement is not necessary
but participation is.”*



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!

Nominations Sought for Making Democracy Work Award

LWVCC is accepting letters of recommendation for the 2014 Making Democracy Work Award.

Think 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.

Submit your recommendation to

KarenRobinson@chaffee.net

The League will honor the selected recipient at our annual dinner in April.



League of Women Voters Chaffee County Annual Dinner Honoring Our Marking Democracy Work Recipient

April 14, 2014

Casa del Rio Club House
27665 CR 313, Buena Vista, CO
1/2 mile north of Coyote Cantina

Reservations Required by March 31
\$22 per person

Make reservations on March 10 at LWVCC meeting, Salida
Or mail check and entree choice(s) to Barb Brady
30440 Mountainside, Buena Vista, CO 81211
[\(609\) 468-8636](tel:6094688636), bhaxby@gmail.com

5:00 Social - BYOB

5:45 Members' Brief Business Meeting

6:00 Dinner by Chef Rory Gillet

6:40 Special Introductions

6:45 Making Democracy Work Award

7:00 Joe Cogan, Guest Speaker,
Local Rancher and Story Teller

Dinner Menu

Classic Mescalín Salad with Cucumbers, Tomato,
Homemade Croutons and choice of two dressings

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Entrée – Choice of One:

Beef Wellington: Beef Loin wrapped in Pastry with a Mushroom Duxelle
and Brandy Cream Sauce

or

Stuffed Chicken Marsala: Chicken Breast filled with Spinach, Feta, Onions
and Pignoli with Marsala Sauce on Rice

or

Lasagna Florentine: Stuffed with Pine nuts, Tomato, Spinach, Eggplant,
Peppers, Onions and Topped with Marinara

Vegetable: Lemon Pepper Asparagus

Dessert: Carrot Cake, Coffee and Tea

Please Join Us for This Special Evening! Page 3 of 4



GREAT DECISIONS

Through
Thursday, May 8,
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.



From USDA

Ag Study Consensus Topics

The study group will brief us on a subset of the consensus questions.

For the complete list of consensus questions, see the link on the [League Studies page](#).

Nancy Walters and Cheryl Brown-Kovacic will brief us on

Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector

Question # 1: Should government financial support for agriculture be directed to (selected questions).

Questions #2 & #3: What changes should government make to direct payment and crop insurance programs?

Nita Stevens will brief us on

Question #7 Research and Development: Which of the following approaches to R&D should government fund or accomplish?

Question #8 (in part) Food Safety: Which of the following approaches to food safety should government perform or fund?

Question #11 under Food Labeling: Recognizing that each food developed using any new technology can be unique, and assuming that required food labeling should be useful to consumers, should the following generalized information relating to how products or components are developed be presented on food labels?

Linda Mulka will brief us on

Question 5, Animal Management: Which of the following approaches to animal management should government achieve?

Question 6, Animal Management: Which of the following approaches animal waste management should government require or bring about?

Question 8f, Food Safety: Should the government limit the use of antibiotics in animal production to treat and control disease?

Question 9, Food Labeling: How sufficient are [four items] regarding current food labeling?

Question10, Food Labeling: Which of the following [three items] should the government achieve regarding marketing and ingredient claims on food labels?

Voice Your Opinion!