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**CALENDAR
2014**

April 14 – LWVCC
Annual Dinner, 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

Double Billing For Joe Cogan:

Winner of the LWVCC 2014 Making Democracy Work Award & Featured Speaker at Our Annual Dinner



The LWVCC is delighted to top off our year of agricultural study by honoring Joe Cogan. A member of a Chaffee County ranching family that dates back to the late 1800s, Joe is well known for telling stories about the history of our community and for speaking out about local issues. He has strong political opinions, but, as he's said, "I'd never tell anyone else how they should vote." We can look forward to an entertaining evening of his storytelling.

For a full description of Cogan's contributions to our community, see Marjie Gray's [letter](#) for nominating him.

Pete Palmer, winner of the 2012 MDWA, will present the award to Joe. To Marjie's nomination, Pete added, "Joe has been a long-time member of our search and rescue team, and that in itself deserves recognition."

Annual Dinner Meeting

When: Monday, April 14

Where: Casa del Rio, 27665 CR 313, Buena Vista

Who: LWVCC members and their guests

Program: 5:00 Social Hour and Appetizers (BYOB - glasses provided)

Photo from The Chaffee County Times

Approve [2014-15 Budget](#), revised [Bylaws](#), and new board members, who are listed on page 4

6:00 Dinner Beef Wellington, Stuffed Chicken, or Lasagna

6:40 Welcome, introduction of new board members, appreciation of outgoing members, highlights of the year

6:50 Presentation of Making Democracy Work Award

7:00 Introduction to speaker Joe Cogan



2013-2014 Outgoing Board

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Voter Service

Scott Hartman, Chair
Elizabeth Ritchie, 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
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)



Are You Ready for Some Color?

Then think geraniums!

Our spring sale runs through Wednesday April 30, with delivery on Wednesday, May 7, in time for Mother's Day. Choose from red (70 available), pink (25), and coral (30), at \$12 each. Ordered plants will be ready for pick up at the Buena Vista Library on May 7, from 1:00 to 5 p.m. You can print an [order form](#) from our web site or contact Marilyn Box at marbox@mac.com.

LWVCC Holds Two Spring Election Forums

The LWVCC Voter Services conducted a candidate forum for the Town of **Poncha Springs** Board of Trustees on Monday, March 17. Elizabeth Ritchie moderated, Ann Graham monitored the timing, and Town Clerk Diana Heeney helped with contacting candidates and room setup.

Five of the six candidates who were vying for three open seats spoke with an audience of approximately 18 people. Candidates answered questions developed by the staff regarding budget priorities, business development and plans for future town enhancement projects. Brian McCabe covered the event for *The Mountain Mail*.

The audience applauded at the end and expressed appreciation to the LWVCC for providing the forum.

In **Buena Vista**, Scott Hartman organized a forum for Thursday, March 20, featuring six candidates for the Board of Trustees. Joel Benson, who was running unopposed for another term as mayor, also participated. Jackie Sobczak moderated. Maisie Ramsay from *The Chaffee County Times* covered the forum.

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center had also requested Ritchie's help with a forum for an election of three new members to the Board of Directors. Because only three candidates opted to run, the forum wasn't held.

League Reaches Consensus on AG Study

At the March 10 League meeting, Dr. Daniel Bush of CSU presented the final program for the Ag Study, clarifying the use of genetically modified organisms in food. Afterwards about a dozen League members reviewed selected consensus questions. Our recommendations will be posted to the national study and our [website](#) by the April 18 deadline.



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

**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.

Renew Your LWV Membership in April

Write one check for two purposes: your dinner and your dues!

You can also renew your membership online by using a credit card to pay with PayPal, a trusted, secure service. However, you save the League money if you pay by check or cash at our Annual Meeting, April 14.

Individual: \$55.00 Household: \$82.50 Student: \$25.00

Make your check out to **LWVCC**.

If you're not coming to the dinner, mail your check to
Marilyn Box, 33890 Vista Verde, Buena Vista, CO 81211

To pay online, use the [Membership Form](#) at our website.

Where do your dues go?

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

Invitation to Council in Grand Junction

Here's an opportunity to learn more about League functions.

LWVCO presents Council 2014 from noon Friday, May 16 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Grand Junction. Attendees will elect board members, adopt the 2014-15 budget, hear a legislative wrap-up, and participate in leadership workshops.

Four educational tours in the area are also scheduled: a downtown walking tour, a guided geological tour, a tour of the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, and a wine country tour.

Our league can send two voting delegates and as many observers as space and funds permit. We will cover the registration fee of \$40.00 and might provide help with the hotel fee. Consider this opportunity—and learn more details in your Colorado Voter or on the [LWVCO website](#), including registration and a preview of events and tours.

Let Marilyn Box know if you're interested in attending so she can work out the registration payment with you. **Registration deadline is April 22.**

Leadership Retreat in Frisco: June 20 & 21

Yet another opportunity!

The Retreat will be a dynamic two days filled with creative energy, ideas and fun. Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain positive momentum for the coming year! Everyone we've sent to the retreat has been impressed with what they learned about how LWV functions. It's helpful if you've already been involved, but not necessary. (Ask Libby Fay or David Mustoe about their experience!)

For more details, see LWVCO [Member News](#).



10 Members Volunteer for New Board



Marjie Gray, current Board Chair, reported recently that ten members have agreed to serve on our new Leadership Team. She is shown here with member Barbara Brady as they review ballots from the April 1 election. We will be voting at our Annual Meeting to accept the new 2014-2015 Leadership Team.

Photo from *The Chaffee County Times*

Here, in alphabetical order, are members who volunteered, all have excellent qualifications and some provided background information.

Ann Graham grew up in Denver and pursued a project management career focused on eco-friendly interior design. In 2005, she and husband John decided to build a home in Salida because they wanted to live in a smaller community and enjoy the beautiful mountain environment. In retirement she is happy to volunteer for several organizations and has served on the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association board for many years. Her other favorite activities are gardening, hiking with friends, and singing with the Noteables.

Marjie Gray retired from teaching American history and government at Buena Vista High School. She's been a LWV member forever and helped start the LWVCC. She is a new weaver and also enjoys fly-fishing, hiking and camping.

Deborah Lively recently returned to her hometown of Buena Vista from Nashville, TN, where she served as the director of Government Affairs for a statewide health care association and on the boards of the Tennessee Lobbyist Association and the Tennessee Women's Political Collaborative. She is enjoying taking care of her niece and nephew and being back in the Colorado mountains.

Linda Mulka

Harriet Patton

Jan Scar

Melissa Smith

Nancy Bob Smith retired from teaching Reading for the Idaho Falls School District in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was an original League member. She continues to enjoy her animals, especially trail riding with her husband and her Norwegian Fjord, Pygmalion, square dances, hiking and camping. They volunteer to monitor a section of the Colorado Trail for the Forest Service. She lives in the country with their animals and has rural interests at heart. When the river is warm and friendly, she and her husband raft and duckie down the Arkansas.

Nancy Walters retired in 2005 from Visa Debit Card Services where she worked as the information architect for a web-based application. Prior to that she consulted with dot-com companies and taught in the UCD graduate program for technical communication. Now she enjoys time for hiking, traveling, fly fishing, bird watching, weaving, and (sometimes) writing.

Jeanne Younghaus moved to Buena Vista in 2000. She's been a League member since 1970. She joined LWVCC when it was reestablished approximately eleven years ago and has held multiple positions in the League over the years. She is presently the chairmen of the Finance Committee and a board member.