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CALENDAR 2014

June 18 – LWVCO Colorado Leader of Democracy event, Denver

June 20-21 – LWVCO Leadership Retreat, Frisco

June 24 – Colorado primary election

June 26 – LWVCC lunch and nature walk, Brown's Creek

July 4 – LWVCC, BV & Salida Marching in Parade

August 11 – LWVCC Picnic, Salida

LWVCC's programs scheduled

On June 9 members of the League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC) met to discuss the group's programs for the 2014-2015 year. By consensus, all members present agreed on the following schedule of programs:

- July:** No meeting. All members are invited to participate in July 4th parades.
- August:** Picnic in Salida. Rep. Jim Wilson and Sen. Gail Schwartz invited to speak.
- September:** Work force housing.
- October:** No program. Political Forums.
- November:** Mental health part 1.
- December:** Mental health part 2.
- January:** County commissioners.
- February:** Renewable energy update.
- March:** Colorado water plan.
- April:** Annual dinner with speaker TBD.

Meeting participants decided to cover the mental health issues in two different meetings because the topic is so broad and involves treatment, schools, courts, and correctional facilities as well as community mental health providers.

Members with questions or speaker suggestions should contact a member of the Program and Studies Committee.



LWVCC members invited to walk in 4th of July parades

All LWVCC members are invited to celebrate the 4th of July by walking in the Buena Vista and Salida parades. In Buena Vista, members should meet at 9:45 a.m. at Carol Sanford's red 1925 Model T pickup truck in front of the elementary school. Sign painting for the event will take place at Carol's house on Wednesday, July 2 at 2 p.m. Members should contact Carol at caroljean1945@gmail.com for more information.

Members wishing to march in the Salida parade should meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Public Library on 4th Street.



LWVCC member Carol Sanford drives her Model T in last year's parade.



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LWVCO behavioral health report released

Last month the League of Women Voters of Colorado's (LWVCO) Behavioral Health Task Force released its final report providing an overview of Colorado's behavioral health system and offering recommendations for League of Women Voters action as well as for behavioral health policy. The LWVCO board accepted the report and its recommendations at its meeting on May 15.

The task force, authorized by the LWVCO board in March 2013, consisted of 17 members representing 10 leagues across the state and included behavioral health professionals as well as public officials and volunteers from behavioral health organizations and boards. Over the course of the year, the task force heard from 13 highly qualified experts in behavioral health, researched and read publications and obtained information from other Colorado resources.

The report recommends that the LWVCO's advocacy agenda on health care include positions on behavioral health and that the state league encourage local leagues to update their positions as well. The report also recommended the LWVCO use the final report to provide information and education to members of the league and the public on the status of behavioral health care in Colorado. A copy of the full report is available on the LWVCO's Web site at <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/behavioral-health.html>.

Colorado primary election June 24

All registered voters in Chaffee County who are affiliated with any party should have received a primary ballot the week of June 2. Mail ballots must be returned to the county clerk by 7 p.m. on June 24. They can be mailed, left at a drop-off location, or returned to a Voter Service and Polling Center in your county. To find the exact locations, visit the clerk's Web site at www.chaffeecountyclerk.org or by calling 719-539-4004. Affiliated voters may also vote in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center on June 24 or the 10 days before the election (except Sundays).

Unaffiliated voters may still affiliate with a party that is holding a primary up through the day of the Primary Election. Until June 17, you can affiliate with a participating political party by mail or online at www.Govotecolorado.com. You can affiliate in person at the county clerk's office or a Voter Service and Polling Center through Primary Election Day.



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Melissa Smith*

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Marjie Gray*
Tracy Craig
Rose Mirich
Libby Fey
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Elizabeth Ritchie
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Carol Sanford

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Publicity/Social Media

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Jan Scar*
Jenny Davis
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**A BIG THANK YOU
to everyone who volunteers!**

Items of note...

Don't forget to put the LWVCC annual picnic on your calendar. The event will take place at the American Legion Hut located in Salida at 10th and H Streets on Aug. 11. The event will begin at 5 p.m. More information on the picnic will be sent out next month.

Bring your lunch and head to Brown's Creek June 26 for an informal get together and walk. Members should meet at the intersection of CR 270, CR 271 and 272 to Brown's Creek, (where the pavement ends and the dirt road begins) at 12 p.m. Don't forget your chairs and bug spray. Contact Nancy Bob Smith at rps3@ridgeviewtel.us for more information.

Just another friendly reminder to renew your membership and pay your annual dues. Renewals can be made by visiting the league's Web site at www.lwvchaffeecounty.org and clicking on the *Join* button at the top of the page or by contacting Marilyn Box at marbox@mac.com.

Board contacts have been named for all the committees. Members should reach out to the board contact with questions or concerns.

- 4th of July Parades: Melissa Smith
- August Picnic: Deborah Lively
- Programs and Studies: Harriet Patton & Linda Mulka
- Finance and Fund Raising: Jeanne Younghaus
- Membership: Ann Graham and Melissa Smith
- Hospitality: Jan Scar
- Voter Service; Marjie Gray
- Publicity/Social Media: Deborah Lively and Nancy Walters
- Web hosting/Design: Deborah Lively
- Video: Deborah Lively
- By-Laws: Jan Scar
- Great Decisions: Linda Mulka
- Facility Coordinators: Jeanne Younghaus
- June Leadership Retreat: Marjie Gray
- September League Day: Linda Mulka
- January Legislative Day: Nancy Walters
- May LWVCO Convention: Marjie Gray