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CALENDAR 2014

May 9 – LWVCC
Board Meeting, BV library
All members welcome

May 12 – LWVCC
Meeting in Salida

May 16-17 – LWVCO
Council in Grand Junction

June 18 – LWVCO
Colorado Leader of
Democracy event, Denver

June 20-21 – LWVCO
Leadership Retreat, Frisco

July 4 – LWVCC, BV & Salida
Marching in Parade

August 11 – LWVCC Picnic



Making Democracy Work Award presented to Joe Cogan at annual dinner

On Monday April 14, at its annual dinner in Buena Vista, the League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC) honored Joe Cogan as the recipient of the 2014 Making Democracy Work Award. Pete Palmer, Chaffee County Sherriff and 2012 award winner, presented the award to Cogan. The award honors a community member who has been a leader and actively engaged in work to keep Chaffee County a strong and vibrant place to live.

In his presentation to the audience of over 45, Palmer quoted member Marjie Gray who said in her nomination letter, “I believe Joe Cogan is a great example of a citizen making a difference in Chaffee County. He has been a leader and inspiration to people in this valley for years.”

Cogan received the award for his numerous contributions over the years to improving the quality of life for Chaffee County residents. These include serving as a member of Search and Rescue for 48 years and volunteering for the Chaffee County Fire Department for over 20 years. He is a dedicated conservationist with a commitment to nature and the preservation of wide-open spaces.

Following the award presentation, Cogan delighted the audience with stories of ranching and living in the Upper Arkansas Valley.



Cogan with previous award winner Chaffee County Sheriff Pete Palmer and LWVCC members Jim Osborne and Dick Scar.



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August Picnic

- Larry Bussey
- Deborah Lively
- Carol Sanford

Programs

- Barb Brady
- Diane Lively
- Jackie Sobczak
- Linda Mulka

Fund Raising

- Libby Fey
- Mary Helen Dunn
- Scott Hartman
- Jeanne Younghaus
- Jackie Sobczak

Great Decisions

- Mary Helen Dunn
- Scott Hartman
- Carol Sanford
- Linda Mulka

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New board elected at annual meeting

The LWVCC held its annual meeting April 14 at the Casa del Rio Clubhouse in Johnson Village. Nancy Walters led the meeting of 27 members before the presentation of the MDWA. The proposed slate for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors was unanimously approved.



LWVCC members gather to elect the new board

Congratulations to Jeanne Younghaus, Melissa Smith, Ann Graham, Nancy Bob Smith, Nancy Walters, Deborah Lively, Linda Mulka, Harriet Patton, Marjie Gray and Jan Scar. Marilyn Box was unanimously approved to serve as treasurer. The new board will meet May 9.

Many thanks go out to our departing board members. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Budget, bylaws changes approved

In addition to electing a new board, the LWVCC at its annual meeting also approved a 2014-2015 budget and revised bylaws.

The budget was e-mailed to members prior to the annual meeting and reflects the LWVCC’s priorities for the year. To review the 2014-2015 budget and prior years’ financial reports visit the LWVCC’s Web site *For Members* section.

The new bylaws reflect changes made to the LWVCC leadership structure by moving away from elected officers to governance by a leadership team. The bylaws specify that the board will meet soon after the annual meeting to designate which members will perform the duties customarily pertaining to the offices of president, secretary and spokesperson for the LWVCC. The treasurer will continue to be elected by the members at the annual meeting.

For a complete copy of the bylaws visit www.lwvchaffeecounty.org/by-laws-2/.



Membership

Ann Graham
Melissa Smith

Studies

Jeanne Younghaus
Harriet Patton
Carol Stanford
Linda Mulka
Reed Dils

Voter Service

Marjie Gray
Tracy Craig
Rose Mirich
Libby Fey
Mary Helen Dunn
Scott Hartman
Elizabeth Ritchie
Eileen Rogers
Karen Dils

Publicity

Deborah Lively
Nancy Walters

Hospitality

Betsey Downing
Mary Helen Dunn

Web Hosting/Design

Gail Brooks
Reed Dils

Bylaws

Jan Scar
Jenny Davis
Marjie Gray

A BIG THANK YOU
to everyone who volunteers!

Items of note...

Don't forget to pick up your Geraniums on Wednesday, May 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Buena Vista Public Library. Thank you to the League members who stepped up this month and helped us successfully sell all 125 Geraniums!

It's that time of year again to renew your membership and pay your annual dues. Renewals can be made by visiting the League's Web site at www.lwvchaffeeounty.org and clicking on the *Join* button at the top of the page or by contacting Marilyn Box at marbox@mac.com.

Bring your thinking caps to the planning meeting of the League on Monday, May 12 at the United Methodist Church located at 228 E. 4th Street. League member Diane Lively will lead the discussion to determine upcoming program topics, issues and/or speakers for the year. The social begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the meeting from noon until 1 p.m. Members should bring a sack lunch and coffee and tea will be provided.

It's not too late to participate in Great Decisions 2014. The last meeting of this foreign policy discussion group will be held on Thursday, May 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational United Church of Christ (CUCC) located at 217 Crossman Ave. The topic is U.S. trade policy.

Members are invited to the first annual League of Women Voters of Colorado's event to recognize a Colorado Leader of Democracy on Wednesday, June 18 in Denver. This year's recipient is Carlotta Walls LaNier. More information is available at www.lwvcolorado.org.