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CALENDAR 2014

- August 11** – LWVCC Picnic, Salida
- August 15** – LWVCC Affordable Housing Program, BV
- September 19** – LWVCO Membership and Leadership Day
- September 20** – LWVCO League Day
- November 4** – Election Day

Annual picnic August 11, Rep. Jim Wilson to attend



American Legion Hut Salida, CO

Members won't want to miss the annual picnic this year on August 11 at the American Legion Hut in Salida. Rep. Jim Wilson is confirmed for the event that begins at 5 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. Sen. Gail Schwartz has been invited. The Hut is located at the corner of 10th and H Streets. The cost is \$5 per person (children under age 12 are free).

The main dish of BBQ pork and chicken will be provided. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share, preferably more side dishes and appetizers than desserts. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be served. It is BYOB for alcoholic beverages. If you haven't yet done so, please RSVP by Aug. 1 to deborahlively@gmail.com and include what type of dish you will be bringing.

LWVCC members walk in 4th of July parades

Thank you to all the LWVCC members who walked in the Buena Vista and Salida Independence Day parades. Your support is appreciated!





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Members attend LWVCO leadership retreat

Last month two local members, Ann Graham and Linda Mulka, attended the LWVCO leadership retreat in Frisco. Discussions at the conference focused on membership and leadership development and advocacy.

According to Mulka, although the league has a highly respected reputation and a strong and proud history with great name recognition, there is limited awareness about the value of league membership. The league is currently in a period of declining membership and needs to conduct regular and intentional outreach to potential members highlighting the great work that league members do across the country to keep their communities healthy, vibrant and strong. Strategies for increasing membership include personal contact, media outreach, utilization of social media, and participation at community events such as parades, fairs and farmers' markets.

The league is both an advocacy and a voter service organization. It believes in informing voters, and in advocacy based on well-informed public policy positions. Through community meetings, letters-to-the-editor, lobbying of elected officials, and careful development of advocacy arguments, the league helps improve our communities and remain relevant throughout the year. Check the national or state league websites for action opportunities, model letters, issue background papers or advocacy. The league never supports or opposes candidates for elected office and does not support or oppose the political parties. Local leagues are encouraged to make advocacy a topic at every board meeting.

Results of June primary election available



Last month Colorado voters took to the polls for a primary election for several state and local races. Local Chaffee County results are available on the County Clerk's Web site at <http://www.chaffeecountyclerk.org>. Information on other races across the state can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/>. The league offers voter and election information at www.vote411.org. The general election will be held Nov.4.



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to everyone who volunteers!

Items of note...

The LWVCC is planning to have a program on affordable housing at 12 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15 in the Pinon Room of the Buena Vista Community Center. It will be preceded by a social hour with refreshments. The invited speakers are Brandy Reitter, BV Town Administrator, and Autumn Dever, Housing Director, Upper Arkansas Council of Governments. More information will be included in next month's newsletter.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) League Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 South Colorado Boulevard in Denver. The agenda has not yet been finalized. However, attendees should expect to be better informed on election laws, voter information and registration. Ballot issue pamphlets for the 2014 fall election will be available at the meeting. Look for more information about League Day and the registration form in the August issue of the LWVCO Voter and on the member page of the LWVCO website.

Additionally, there will be a full day of training the day before on Sept. 19 for Membership and Leadership Development (MLD). The morning will be devoted to coaches and the afternoon will be open to anyone wanting to know more about MLD or thinking about increasing or initiating participation in MLD. Contact Margie Beal, J_mbeal@msn.com or 303-748-1637 for more information about MLD opportunities.