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### CALENDAR 2014

**November 4** – Election Day

**November 17** – Behavioral Health Part 1, Methodist Church, Salida

**December 15** – Behavioral Health Part 2 and holiday potluck, Buena Vista Community Center, Pinon Room

## LWVCC candidate forum well attended



About 90 community members gathered Oct. 9 at the Buena Vista Community Center to listen to local and state candidates present their campaign platforms as well as answering questions from the audience. The event, hosted by the League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC), featured County Clerk and Recorder candidates Lori Mitchell (D) and Elaine Stewart (R) and Coroner candidates Randy Amettis and David Slavish (R). State candidates included those running for Senate District 5, Kerry Donovan (D), Lee Mulcahy (L), and Don Suppes (R). For House District 60, write-in Curtis Imrie and Jim Wilson (R) were present. League member Marjie Gray moderated the forum.

The local candidate portion of the forum took place first. The clerk candidates each gave an opening statement followed by the coroner candidates. Mitchell’s comments focused on her experience working in the clerk’s office as chief deputy clerk and recorder for the past year. She emphasized her commitment to the office and the citizens of Chaffee County. Stewart said she is running because she believes a change is needed and wants to improve the customer service of the office.

Current county coroner Amettis discussed his experience for the past 12 years and the knowledge and credentials he brings to the office. Slavish said he brings a law enforcement background and said that this experience will help him investigate death cases if he is elected coroner.

Next, state candidates took the stage. Donovan cited her diverse background in education and ranching and her dedication to improving the economy of SD5. Mulcahy touted his independence and non-conformist attitude as reasons for running. He currently works as a general contractor. Suppes stated he is frustrated by the current system and said he can help to make state government run more efficiently and effectively. He operates a heating and cooling business.

House District 60 write-in candidate Imrie said he believes voters should have a choice in every election and that is part of the reason he is running. He is also concerned about the local economy and jobs. Incumbent Wilson cited his success in the Legislature working with both sides of the aisle and effectively representing rural Colorado.

Audience questions followed the candidates’ statements and then a meet and greet. Both local papers covered the event. A video of the forum can be viewed at the league’s Web site at [www.lwvchaffeecounty.org](http://www.lwvchaffeecounty.org).



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## LWVCC member attends state league day

Voter Services Committee member Elizabeth Ritchie represented the LWVCC this past month at LWVCO League Day held in Denver at the Holiday Inn Select. Ritchie submitted the following information on the events of the day:

- A Secretary of State candidates' forum was conducted and televised. Joe Neguse (D) and Wayne Williams(R) were present.
- Professor Courtney Daum, Associate Professor of Political Science at Colorado State University, spoke on how to amend the U.S. Constitution and used the example of the *Citizens United* case. She provided several actions that can be done to potentially overturn this case.
- Gerry Cummins, Voter Services Chair, discussed and clarified the ballot issues. Nancy Crow, VP for Programs, discussed the LWVCO positions on the ballot issues. The LWVCO opposes Amendment 67, Amendment 68, Proposition 104, and has taken no position on Proposition 105.
- Kimberly Love and Ken Kyzer, Shared Hope International, presented a startling expose on Human Trafficking in the U.S. and in Colorado.
- Barbara Mattison, Task Force Chair, President-Elect LWVCO, reviewed the results of the Behavioral Health Task Force report. She has requested each league to review this report and make a formal proposal to the LWVCO board to do a formal study.
- Vote 411 banners (2) were sent to each local league to encourage youth to vote. It was suggested to hang the banners at CMC and/or the local high school with permission. The banners were sent to Scott Hartman, Voter Services, LWVCC.

## Poinsettia sales start November 1

It's that time of year again! We have 195 poinsettia plants to sell this year, so we need everyone's help. League members are asked to take orders for poinsettias through Nov. 28. The earlier you start the better your chance of getting the colors you'd like for yourself, your friends, and your neighbors.

These gorgeous plants are available in two sizes and several different colors. We are especially pleased to have the burgundy color back this year. Small 6.5-inch pots are \$12 each and are available in red, burgundy, white or red/white "glitter." Large 10-inch pots are \$30 each and come in red, burgundy or white.

You can use the 2014 order form attached to this e-mail or on the Web site to solicit your orders. Marilyn Box will be coordinating the poinsettia sale, but will be out of town in November, so please email your orders to her at [marbox@mac.com](mailto:marbox@mac.com) or leave a message on her cell phone at 719-239-1283. Please collect payment when the orders are placed, if possible, and mail checks to the address listed on the form.

Plants can be picked up at the BV Library, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Volunteers willing to help with the distribution please contact Marilyn Box. The League counts on this sale, along with our spring sale of geraniums, to support our community programs and forums, and to send members to LWVCO events, such as the convention, council, League Day, Legislative Conference and Leadership Retreat.



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**A BIG THANK YOU  
to everyone who volunteers!**

## Items of note...

**Mark your calendars for Nov. 17.** The LWVCC will host a program on Behavioral Health Part 1 at the Methodist Church in Salida. The program will begin at 11 a.m. for set-up and socialization. Welcome and announcements will begin at 11:30, followed by speakers from noon to 1 p.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. after half an hour of discussion and questions.

The program will cover behavioral health treatment and access challenges in the county. It will be followed up by a second part in December that will feature Barbara Mattison, LWVCO Behavioral Health Task Force Chair and President-Elect to discuss the task force's report. More information on the program will be sent via e-mail and will be available on the League's Web site.

If a cancellation is necessary due to weather conditions or speaker problems, members will be contacted via e-mail by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting.

**LWVCC's board met Oct 7.** The group discussed the upcoming candidates' forum, membership dues renewal date changes and strategies for increasing membership. Contact a board member for more information.

**Know before you vote.** Coloradans received their ballots last week and the election is Nov. 4. The LWVCC and the LWVCO offer ballot initiative and candidate resources for members to utilize. Visit [www.lwvchaffeeounty.org/elections/](http://www.lwvchaffeeounty.org/elections/) for information on voting and a listing of state and local candidates and the LWVCO's pamphlet on the ballot initiatives.

**The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions** is currently seeking applications from citizens to fill upcoming vacancies on their respective Judicial Nominating Commissions. These commissions are an integral component to the process of appointing judges to the judicial districts. Serving as a member of your local Judicial Nominating Commission provides the opportunity to make a direct and long-lasting impact on the quality of your local legal system and on Colorado as a whole.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park counties) will have three vacancies, two for attorneys and one for a non-attorney. No more than two of the three appointees may be registered as Democrats.

Applications can be completed at: <https://www.tfaforms.com/290254>. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mac Muir at [mac.muir@state.co.us](mailto:mac.muir@state.co.us) or (303) 866-6390.

**Missed the candidates' forum? Don't worry – watch it at [www.lwvchaffeeounty.org](http://www.lwvchaffeeounty.org).**

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