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## CALENDAR 2014-2015

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

**January 12** – LWVCO Legislative Day

**January 12**- LWVCC County Commissioners Update, Salida

## Membership Renewal Changes

At its last meeting, the League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC) board decided to align membership renewal dates with its Fall programming. This change will help the LWVCC to initiate a new member recruitment program in conjunction with the programs. Going forward, the membership period will run from September to September. The good news is that for all members that dutifully renewed in April your membership will be extended to Sept. 1, 2015.

Additionally, the Membership Committee is in the process of implementing a PayPal invoicing system to notify members when it is time to renew LWVCC membership. New and renewing members will be able to pay through the PayPal system, with a Visa or MasterCard, or by sending a personal check if that is more convenient.

We currently have 57 active members that have paid their dues for the year September 2014 – September 2015. Twenty-three of those memberships are individual memberships and 17 are family (two person) memberships. Below is a list of our current (paid up) members. If you don't see your name, it means that your dues haven't been paid for the current year. You can find dues and renewal information on the LWVCC's Web site at [www.lwvchaffeecounty.org](http://www.lwvchaffeecounty.org).

**We have a new member, Anna Hobbs-Ulrich. Anna lives in Salida. Please make her feel welcome!**

Active Members – paid as of 10/31/14

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Myra Barrett                         | Marilyn Bouldin               |
| Marilyn & Bob Box                    | Barb & Doug Brady             |
| Susan Bristol                        | Gail Brooks                   |
| Cheryl Brown-Kovacic & Larry Kovacic | Eileen Rogers & Lauren Bussey |
| Tracy Craig                          | Jennifer Davis                |
| Karen & Reed Dils                    | Betsey Downing                |
| Mary Helen Dunn & Scott Hartman      | Libby & David Fay-Mustoe      |
| Linda & Michael Forman               | Ann Graham                    |
| Marjie & Bob Gray                    | Ann Klaiman                   |
| Dick & Gina Lee                      | Deborah & Diane Lively        |
| Kathy & Mike McCoy                   | Rose Mirich                   |
| Linda Mulka & Bob Sander             | Betsy Neas                    |
| Kathy & Jim Osborne                  | Pete Palmer                   |
| Harriet Patton                       | Gwen Perschbacher             |
| Elizabeth Ritchie                    | Karen & Alan Robinson         |
| Carol Sanford                        | Jan & Dick Scar               |
| Melissa Smith                        | Nancy Bob Smith               |
| Jacqueline Sobczak                   | Nita & Gene Stevens           |
| B Strawn                             | Nancy Walters                 |
| Jeanne Younghaus                     | Anna Hobbs-Ulrich             |



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### Great Decisions

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Scott Hartman  
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Linda Mulka\*

## November program covers behavioral health issues

Over 40 members and community representatives attended the LWVCC's program on behavioral health issues and solutions in Salida on Nov. 17. The program featured a panel of behavioral health experts including Mandy Kaisner, Chaffee and Lake counties program supervisor for Solvista Health (formerly West Central Mental Health Center), Amy E. Ellis, M.D., psychiatrist at Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, and Jessica Bena, Salida School District psychologist.

All speakers discussed the challenges facing both behavioral health treatment professionals as well as those seeking care. Each described the services they provide as well as needs they see in the Chaffee County.

After the panel presentation audience members asked questions and offered comments. More information on the panel can be viewed on the LWVCC's Web site at <http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/2014/11/18/behavioral-health-2-part-series/>. The second part of the Behavioral Health series will take place next month in Buena Vista (see below).

## Part 2 of Behavioral Health Series December 15

The LWVCC's December program is scheduled for Dec. 15 at the Pinon Room in the Buena Vista Community Center. The program will feature Barbara Mattison, president-elect of the LWVCO and chair of the LWVCO's Behavioral Health Task Force. Mattison will discuss the findings outlined in the task force's final report issued in May.

The report, titled "An Overview of Colorado's Behavioral Health System" provides an in-depth discussion of the state's system and offers recommendations for improving behavioral health policy and education. The report can be found on the LWVCO's Web site at <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/docs/behavioral-health-task-force-may-2014.pdf>.

The program is also the holiday potluck for the LWVCC. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Call or e-mail Mary Helen Dunn at [shmhd@hotmail.com](mailto:shmhd@hotmail.com) if you can bring a casserole for the potluck (six are needed). Everyone else should bring a side dish or dessert. The potluck is for members only but the program is open to the public.

## Poinsettia sales end November 28

If you haven't ordered your poinsettia yet it's not too late! Nov. 28 is the order deadline. Poinsettia sales help to support the league. More information and the order form can be found at [www.lwvchaffeecounty.org](http://www.lwvchaffeecounty.org).



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

## Items of note...

**Great Decisions** starts the fourth Thursday in January at the BV Public Library from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meetings for 2015 are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month alternating between the congregational church and the library in Buena Vista. More details will be coming.

The titles and topics for this year are as follows:

- o Russia and the Near Abroad
- o Privacy in the Digital Age
- o Sectarianism in the Middle East
- o India Changes Course
- o U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- o Syria's Refugee Crisis
- o Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
- o Brazil's Metamorphosis

**The LWVCO Legislative Conference** is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2015 at the Old Supreme Court Chambers in the state capitol. The LWVCC will pay for two members to attend. Please e-mail [deborahlively@gmail.com](mailto:deborahlively@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. The registration deadline is Jan. 5.

**Colorado's midterm election results.** The Republican Party now controls the state Senate by a one-seat majority. The Democrats will retain control of the state House and Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) won a closely contested race against Republican Bob Beauprez. Democrat Kerry Donovan won the state Senate District 5 race and Republican Jim Wilson will keep his seat as House District 60 state representative. On the federal side, Republican Cory Gardner unseated Democratic incumbent senator Mark Udall and Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-U.S. House District 5) won re-election. Locally, Lori Mitchell (D) won her race for Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder and Randy Amettis will keep his seat as County Coroner.

**Missed the a LWVCC program? Don't worry – watch it at [www.lwvchaffeecounty.org](http://www.lwvchaffeecounty.org).**

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