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CALENDAR 2015

April 9 – Great Decisions, Syria’s Refugee Crisis, CUCC

April 20 – LWVCC Annual Dinner, Salida

April 23 – Great Decisions, Human Trafficking, Library

May 16, 17 – LWVCO convention

Annual dinner and meeting April 20

All members of the League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC) are invited to the annual dinner and meeting on April 20 at the Steamplant Annex in Salida. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a social and cash bar followed by the annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and Ann Carter, regional director with the Alzheimer’s Association of Southern Colorado, will speak at 7 p.m.

At the annual business meeting members will vote on new board members, the budget as well as a minor change in the bylaws regarding membership dues. Members Gail Brooks, Libby Fay, Rose Mirich and Scott Hartman are running for the board. The amendment to the bylaws proposes to change Article VIII, Sec. 2 Dues., on page 4. The proposed change will revise the deadline for payment of membership dues from April to September of each year. Members who do not pay by Dec. 31 will not longer be considered voting members. Both the budget and bylaws are attached.

Following the annual business meeting and dinner, guest speaker Ann Carter will deliver a speech on Alzheimer’s disease, supports and services. As regional director, Carter provides family consultations, education for professional caregivers and the general public, support groups and links to other resources, including the Alzheimer’s 24-hour HELPLINE at 1-800-272-3900. Carter has over 20 years experience in nonprofit administration and benefiting families in need. She lives in the mountains near Cotopaxi with her husband of 33 years.

Please make reservations as soon as possible because seating is limited. The cost is \$25 per person for dinner. Members or others wanting to only listen to the speaker should RSVP as well. Contact Jeanne Younghaus at jlarkriver@rockymountains.net by **April 13.**

March program focused on water

On March 16, about 20 league members enjoyed a presentation by Reed Dils on Colorado water policies. Dils serves on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and has been involved in water law and issues for several years.

Dils presented information about Colorado water organizations including the Arkansas Basin Roundtable that was created in 2005 by the “Water for the 21st Century Act.” The legislation provided for roundtables in each basin that “facilitate discussions on water issues and encourage locally driven collaborative solutions.” More information can be found at www.arkansasbasin.com.

Dils also discussed the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) draft water plan released in 2014. The plan offers strategies, policies and actions for dealing with the state’s water issues. The CWCB is currently seeking public comment on the draft plan. A copy of the plan and more information can be found at www.coloradowaterplan.org.

Dils provided an update on the water rights and issues surrounding Ice and Yale Lakes in Buena Vista. A list of resources on Colorado’s water issues is available on the league’s Web site www.lwvchaffeecounty.org under Local Issues.



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Members needed to help with geranium sales

It's that time of year again – time for our annual geranium sale! Once again, league members are being asked to sell these beautiful spring plants to friends, family and neighbors to benefit the LWVCC. This is one of only two fundraisers we hold during the year and we depend on the income from these sales to fund our community activities throughout the year.

The geraniums are available in red, pink and coral and are \$12 each. Please work on your orders throughout the month of April. All orders must be submitted by Friday, May 1. Pick-up of the geraniums will be at the Buena Vista Library on Tuesday, May 5 between 1p.m. and 5 p.m. Just in time for Mothers Day!

Attached to this e-mail is a list of businesses in Buena Vista. There are four main areas, U.S. Highway 24, East Main Street, South Main Street and West Main and churches. Carol Sanford has volunteered to take the U.S. 24 area. Volunteers are needed for the other three areas as well as Salida's businesses.

Also attached to this e-mail is an order form that you can print out and use to record your orders. Orders can be submitted to Carol Sanford at caroljean1945@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 395-2417. So that she can stay up-to-date on the inventory of plants and let members know if we run out of any colors, please e-mail Carol your orders or leave a message on her phone as they are placed. You can then mail your order form and payments. Checks should be made out to LWVCC and payments can be mailed to Carol Sanford at 31300 County Road 384A, Buena Vista, CO., 81211.

Both forms are also available on the Web site at http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/04/geranium_order_form_2015.pdf

<http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/BV-Businesses-LWVCC.docx>

Brainstorming session planned for May

On May 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Buena Vista Library members are asked to bring their ideas for league programs for the 2015-2016 year. Programs topics are needed for September and November of this year and for February and March of 2016.

The annual picnic will be Aug. 17 in Buena Vista and the January 2016 program will be the annual update by the county commissioners. There will not be a program in December.

Suggestions for programs include continuing the behavioral health study, health care services for our county's aging population, a panel of the mayors from Buena Vista, Salida and Poncha Springs, and other state or national studies.

An update of the state convention and business meeting will also be provided to attendees.



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

Items of note...

This year, the League of Women Voters celebrates its 95th anniversary.

Suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt founded the League on Feb. 14, 1920, just six months prior to passage of the 19th Amendment. Since its inception the league has focused on empowering citizens to take part in our Democracy and improving our great country— from helping to lead the effort to establish the United Nations after World War II to promoting the National Voter Registration Act. Visit www.lwvchaffeecounty.org to learn more about the league’s contributions over the years.

Renewable energy isn't boosting electric bills study contends. Visit

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/thebalancesheet/2015/03/23/renewable-energy-isnt-boosting-electric-bills-study-contends/12570/> for more information.

The next Great Decisions discussion will be Thursday, April 9 at Christ United Congregational Church. The topic is Syria’s Refugee Crisis. The next topic will be Human Trafficking on April 23 at the B.V. Library.

Need a ride? Carpooling is available for the LWVCC’s monthly meetings. Members should meet at the public parking lot next to Safeway in Salida at 10:30 a.m. for a ride to Buena Vista. From Buena Vista members can meet at the CUCC parking lot at 10:30 a.m. for travel to programs in Salida.