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Early Fall Calendar

Colorado Reapportionment Commission Hearing

Friday, August 12, 6 pm, 130 Noble Hall, Fort Lewis College

Commission staff will briefly explain the process and take public testimony on the current plans, which can be viewed [here](#).

Board meeting, Thursday, August 18, 1-3 pm, Trish Pegram's home

The Water Crisis at Home and Abroad

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, noon-2 pm, Program Room 2, Durango Public Library
Facilitator/moderator: Dennis Lum, Fort Lewis College professor emeritus

Co-sponsored by Durango Public Library, this extended series will engage the participants in discussions focused on the issues surrounding the growing global scarcity of water and the dwindling resource depletion in our local Four Corners region. A flier, session outlines and a recommended reading list are available [here](#).

Welcome Back to our 66th Year

Monday, September 12, 4:30-6:30, Durango Discovery Museum grounds

Welcome back to our 66th year of making democracy work in La Plata County! Join new and seasoned members at an exciting new children's museum and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres. Speaker: Past President Stephanie Huss will share her experiences in Washington in June at the Colorado Capital Conference and LWV leaders will discuss plans for this year's activities. Click [here](#) for the Durango Herald's article about the conference.

LWVCO League Day

Saturday, September 24, Holiday Inn Select, Denver

Here's one of those annual opportunities to get fired up about what is going on at the state level! Watch for further information...

October – 9-R (Oct. 13), Bayfield (Oct. 19), Ignacio (Oct. 11) School Board Candidate Forums, if there are open seats with two or more candidates

November – Federal Role in Education (national study), study/consensus, Saturday, Nov. 5, 10-1:30, Christ the King Church, click [here](#) for position papers from LWVUS Study Task Force.

December – Holiday Social, Friday, Dec. 9, 11:30-1:30 pm

Recent Activities

LaPlata LWV named LWVCO League of the Year!

‘Why should the La Plata League be the 2011 Colorado League of the year? Two words: growth and teamwork.’ These are the first words in our application, written by past president Stephanie Huss, to be named League of the Year by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Colorado. Click [here](#) to see a copy of our award certificate and [here](#) to read Stephanie’s complete application, which is essentially a listing of our activities during the last two years.

Report of 2011 LWVCO Convention

Your five delegates agree that the highlight of the 2011 State LWV Convention in Fort Collins was our selection as League of the Year! However, there were other highlights as well, including adoption of a study of hydraulic fracturing and, pursuant to the sustainability theme of the meeting, two excellent speakers: Anna Schoettle of Rocky Mountain National Park and Stuart Conway, co-founder and international director of Trees, Water and People. Click [here](#) for the full convention report

Annual Meeting of LWV of La Plata County

We had a great turnout for our annual meeting thanks to the very pleasant ambiance of The Rochester Hotel. The inaugural Gladys McBee Spirit Award was presented to Deanna Collins. Speaker Bobby Lieb was very generous with his time in bringing up to date on current activities and concerns of the county commissioners and even gave us a scoop! Photo and summary of Bobby Lieb’s remarks of the meeting, as well as of the meeting are posted [here](#). The official minutes of the meeting (available [here](#)) have been reviewed and approved by the minutes reading committee (Mary Barter, Maria Baker and Lois Carpenter).

New Format for Calendar and Newsletter

We hope the new format of our LWV calendar will be useful to you. We plan to provide you electronically each month with either a concise calendar or a full website based newsletter, such as this. Articles to which the newsletter links will go out on the website as soon as they are ready so that you will not need to wait for the newsletter if you are looking for a report of something particular. However, each newsletter will alert you to the articles about our projects that have been posted since the last newsletter providing you with a teaser and a link to each complete article. Please direct comments to Marilyn Brown at marilbrown@aol.com.

