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Mark your calendars!

March Meeting

Understanding Water Issues in La Plata County

**Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, Christ the King Church
495 Florida Road, Durango**

Jack Rogers, Durango Public Works Director and
Peter Butler, chair, La Plata County Water Advisory Board

Learn about the creative processes and solutions developed by the city and county and what our water future holds. See article on page xx

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**Local program planning session, originally scheduled for
March 13 at 12:45 has been cancelled.**

See President's Message on page 2 for substitute process.

Two new articles on climate change are available on the LWVUS website:

["Cities Take Action to Curb Global Warming"](#) and
["Economic Effects of Not Taking Action on Climate Change."](#)

They can be read online or downloaded in .pdf format from www.lwv.org
(click on Take Action and Global Climate Change)

**Change in venue for Thursday Great Decisions sessions:
Sunlight Room, across the hall from the Twilight Room
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

See calendar for details.

A few briefing books are still available. Contact Pat Chatfield at 247-1692.



President's Message on Local Program planning

Let me start with a short process definition for our many new members (and a refresher for everyone else, including me).

1. Local Leagues can engage independently in studies of issues whose impacts are limited to the local community
2. Studies at the state level must be directed towards that State's issues and are proposed by that state's local Leagues during State Program Planning; state studies must be approved at the State convention
3. Nation-wide studies on issues that affect national policy are proposed as a result of local Leagues' National Program Planning input (we just did this February 14) and must be approved by the delegates to the national convention in June

State and National Program Planning sessions are conducted in alternate years corresponding to the staggered biannual conventions; local program planning happens every year.

As you can see, local Leagues are involved in all three of these activities, because all studies are conducted at the grass roots and then rolled up to the appropriate level. The Immigration study we just completed was an example of a national study, and our results will be consolidated with the results of all other Leagues ultimately resulting in a position taken by the LWV from which we can advocate. Last year we did a state-level study on Higher Education, and LWVCO now has a position on this issue for Colorado Leagues.

In our February newsletter we indicated that we would have a meeting in March on **Local Program Planning**. The purpose of this meeting is twofold:

first, to familiarize members with our existing positions, taken by this League over its lifetime; second, to suggest new studies of local issues that could lead to new positions taken by the La Plata League. In the past few years we have conducted several local studies, some very specific ones (support the proposed Health Care District and the new Durango Public Library Bond), some longer term (advocate for Affordable Housing, support the concept of Vote Centers, advocate for alternatives to the Desert Rock Coal-Fired Energy Plant).

At our February Board meeting, the Board of the La Plata League decided that as a board **we would not recommend a new local study at this time**. We are taking into consideration the facts that our energy will be largely directed toward Voter Service in this very important election year, and also that we may need to initiate an emergency study later this year should local ballot issues arise on which we wish to take a position, and for which there are no *existing* League positions to reference.

Consequently, **we are canceling the formal Local Program Planning meeting originally planned for March 13**, but if you have a strong argument for a local study that you wish to have the membership consider, and are willing to assist with such a study, please send it to me by March 25 including a description of the proposed study and your rationale. We will publish your request for consideration by the members at our Annual Meeting to be held Saturday May 10, 2008 (more about the Annual Meeting next month).

I have also included as an insert in this newsletter a summary of our existing local positions. Please take a moment to review these. The complete set can be found on our web site at http://www.lwvlaplata.org/files/lwvlpclocal_programs_2007-8_updated_october_2007.pdf

-Ellen Park, gellenpark@aol.com

Understanding Water Issues in Durango and La Plata County

No doubt you have read of recent resolutions of various outstanding water issues in the city and the county, such as the settlement of recreational water rights for Smelter Rapid, and the recent Pine River water agreement with irrigators, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the state to protect aquatic life. These are complicated issues and at least in the former case, may set valuable precedents for resolution of similar issues across the state.

Here's your chance to understand these and other difficult water issues in Durango and La Plata County: Wednesday, March 19 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall, Christ the King Church, 495 Florida Road, when Jack Rogers, Public Works Director for the City of Durango, and Peter Butler, chairman of the La Plata County Water Advisory Board and past member of the State Water Quality Control Commission, will speak to us.

We have provided to them an outline of topics, in addition to the two mentioned above, about which we would like a better understanding:

Status of the long-proposed water district for southeastern La Plata County

Whether or not developers in the city and in the county are adequately assuring homeowners of sufficient long-term water supplies

Potential local impact of new Interior Department agreement on water sharing with other CO River basin states in time of drought

Potential local impact of climate change

Join us and bring your questions to these experts.

As a follow-up to this meeting, a 2-hour tour of the Animas-La Plata Project will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 1:30. Details will follow in the April newsletter.

-Marilyn Brown

New LWV Policy: Use of Email Address List

As the use of email for LWV business increases, it has become apparent that like other organizations with email lists, we have to protect the privacy of our members, and also ensure that the content of messages sent to members is appropriate for the League's mission. With that goal, the Board of Directors of LWV of La Plata County adopted the following policy with respect to email distribution lists of LWV members.

Policy

The list of member email addresses contained on the membership roster is for the exclusive use of the League of Women Voters of La Plata County and may only be used only for LWV approved business.

Members who send email on LWV business to the entire membership using this member list should always use a blind copy facility so that the list cannot be copied.

Members who use one or more email addresses from the list for non-League purposes may not associate the information in the note with the League.

Website Hits Growing

In January our newly redesigned website received 4808 hits, more than any other month so far and totaling 18,000 since re-launch. New features include the LWVCO Legislative Letter, bi-weekly during the Legislative session, and a Legislative page, which will track Senator Isgar's and Representative Roberts' bills. Thanks to our webmaster, Ross Park, lwvlp@aol.com!

Donna Elder, of the County Clerk's office, reports that they regularly refer people to our website for election information. Check it out.

And while your're at it, check out www.vote411.org, the LWVUS Education Fund website of election information.

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Grossman and Roger W. Cohen,

who have worked out the parameters of their wager as to whether the Earth's average temperature will be higher or lower in 2017 as compared to 2007. We look forward to periodic updates on the progress of the wager, thus keeping the climate change issue in the public dialog in the Four Corners area and beyond!!



Another successful Legislative Lowdown

On Saturday, February 23, a small but enthusiastic crowd of 47 citizens braved snow, ice and fire to vigorously question our local Colorado legislators, State Representative Ellen Roberts and State Senator Jim Isgar, on legislative plans for topics from healthcare to water rights.

Ellen Roberts discussed her sponsorship of legislation to broaden the authority of advanced practice nurses to help bridge the lack of adequate healthcare providers in Colorado. She also discussed her bill establishing a Colorado Youth Advisory Council with intended representation from each Senate District. The audience showed strong interest in the Colorado Constitutional Reform Committee, of which Ellen is one of 6 members. With the help of the University of Denver, the group is examining the future of voter initiatives related to changing the Colorado Constitution. Finally, Ellen commented on the recent 208 Blue Ribbon Healthcare Commission report to the Governor. She believes that Colorado does not, at present, have the economic ability or the political will, given a well-funded opposition, to pass a single payer healthcare plan. She does support Governor Ritter's recent plans to insure all children from the present state budget.

Jim Isgar opened his remarks by saying "he is becoming convinced that Colorado does not need term limits, the job just wears you out!" In January, 2009 Jim will become the most senior Senator in Colorado. Jim raised an important point concerning his reluctance to proliferate state tax credits in that such credits reduce the general tax base. He reminded the audience that Referendum C will go away in 2010 and the tax base for going forward will be set from the highest point over the 5 years of Ref. C. Jim has recently introduced a bill to avoid Tabor restraints regarding local sales tax

increases by letting local voters make such a decision without state control. Jim also supports recent legislation concerning the Cover Colorado Insurance Plan which would increase eligibility by increased funding and reduced premium rates using the state unclaimed property fund and an assessment charged to commercial insurance providers operating in the state. Finally, Jim once again impressed the audience with his in-depth knowledge regarding state mineral rights, management of our state lands and the problems related to consumptive use rules regarding water rights. He concluded his remarks lamenting that he believes Colorado voters will not support a tax increase to aid the financing of higher education. He, with others, is searching for a different means of funding for both HE and K-12 education that may involve better management of state land and mineral assets.

As usual questions for Ellen and Jim overran our time available. Evaluations by the attendees were in agreement that Legislative Lowdown continues to be both informative and topical. We, in La Plata County, continue to feel exceedingly pleased by our access to our highly competent and respected legislators.

-Ross Park



League President Ellen Park addresses audience just prior to start of Legislative Lowdown. State Rep. Ellen Roberts and State Sen. Jim Isgar prepare to share thoughts about the 2008 Legislative session.

Referendum, Initiative and Recall Procedures in Durango and La Plata County

The Concerned Citizens for Southwest Colorado organized an informative educational program on February 13 on the topics of city and county processes for referenda, initiatives and recall of elected officials. The session, moderated by LWV member Tom Darnell, featured Sidny Zink, former Durango city councilor and mayor and current LWV member, and Linda Daley, La Plata County Clerk and Recorder, describing and contrasting city and county processes. Both Sid and Tom are members of the Concerned Citizens group, whose mission is spelled out on its website, www.ccswColorado.org.

Persons wishing to initiate any of these three processes in the city or county should consult the City Clerk, if it is a city issue or councilor, or the County Clerk, if it is any other elected position or board, including a school board, special district, etc. in La Plata County, to be sure they understand and follow the correct process. The city is a home rule city, meaning it has developed its own charter and rules, so those processes are clearly spelled out and available to anyone in paper form or on the internet <http://www.durangogov.org/Resident/government/citycharter.html#I>.

The county is a statutory county, not a home rule county; so its rules are embedded in the CO Revised Statutes and more difficult to locate and interpret. In general, the city and county processes are similar; however, in some cases the timeframes for steps in the city processes are significantly shorter than the timeframes in the county processes. These processes, if applied to elected offices which cover more than La Plata County, are governed by the state, and handled by one of our three district judges.

Of particular importance is the petitioning committee, which represents the signers and makes decisions in all matters relating to the petition, including a situation where the candidate for office will not be able to serve his/her elected term.

The petitioning committee, which varies in size between the city and county from 3 to a minimum of 5, is not required in all cases; however, Clerk Daley advises that all unaffiliated candidates and all initiators of other types of petitions **WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO HAVE ONE**, whether or not it is required or the petition document itself has space for listing one. If a candidate is running as a Republican or a Democrat for a partisan office, the party is in effect his/her petitioning committee. In the city, the petitioning committee members are the only ones who can circulate petitions; whereas, in the county, others may help circulate petitions. If you are asked to sign a petition, ask the circulator about the petitioning committee.

Petitions to recall elected officials may not be initiated until the official has been in office for at least six months.

The discussion of referendum, initiative and recall procedures is the second in the series of sessions organized by the Concerned Citizens of SW CO and was videotaped for rebroadcast on Durango Cable Access Television. A previous briefing was held on caucus processes in CO and future topics include processes relating to assessment and property tax issues.

-Marilyn Brown



LWV member and author Tekla Miller entertaining AAUW members with her experiences as warden of men's and women's prisons at February Scholarship Luncheon

We Need You!

Do you have some spare time for the LWV? We have some jobs of varying time commitments that we need to fill for the 2008-9 year. The board will provide training, support and assistance:

Observer at meetings: City Council, County Commission, School Boards, others of interest to you (Some of these can be followed from home on DCAT)

Voter registration assistant (Farmer's Market, etc.)

Other voter service activities

Portfolio chairs for energy, environmental, water, social services, or education

Newsletter editor

Vice-president for our LWV

President for our LWV

Or Co-presidents for our LWV

If you would like more info about any of the above positions, call or email Ellen Park, gellenpark@aol.com or 247-8116, or ask any board member. If you think you can consider the offices of president, vice-president or co-president either now or sometime in the future, call or email a member of the nominating committee:

Sally Bellerue, 385-0848, bellerue@frontier.net

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Marilyn Brown, 259-3593, marilbrown@aol.com

We have an opportunity for everyone!!

Moratorium on Death Penalty

A milestone was reached at the United Nations in December. The General Assembly voted for a global moratorium on the death penalty. The vote for the nonbinding resolution was 104 to 54, with 29 nations abstaining. While the resolution had failed several times during the 1990s, progress came in Europe and Africa, where nations like Senegal, Burundi, Gabon and Rwanda have decided to reject the death penalty.

On the other hand, the United States joined Iran, China, Pakistan, Sudan and Iraq to oppose the resolution. These countries account for more than 90 percent of the world's executions, according to Amnesty International. However, progress is also being made within the U.S. Also in December, New Jersey became the first state in 40 years to abolish its death penalty. The Supreme Court is due to rule on the cruelty of execution by injection of a certain protocol of chemicals. And, of course, the LWV national convention adopted by concurrence a position supporting the abolition of the death penalty in 2006.

According to the Washington Post National Weekly (January 7-13, 2008) 42 people were executed in 2007 in the U.S., the fewest since 1994. And in 2007 fewer prisoners were sentenced to death than in any year since 1976, when the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment. Only ten states carried out the 42 executions in 2007; 86% took place in the South, with Texas executing the most, 26. New York state courts have struck down capital punishment and several other states, including Nebraska, New Mexico and Montana came close.

-Marilyn Brown

Gift Honors Pam Patton, Morley Ballantine

First National Bank has donated \$100 to our Education Fund in honor of Pam Patton, recent recipient of the Morley Ballantine Award. Pam requested that we be the recipients of the donation and that it also honor 50-year LWV member Morley Ballantine herself. Thanks to First National, Pam and Morley!!

Three Superpowers?

In his presidential candidacy suspension speech on February 7, 2008, Mitt Romney said “I am convinced that unless America changes course, we will become the France of the 21st century – still a great nation, but no longer leader of the world, no longer the superpower.” Parag Khanna, senior research fellow in the American Strategy Program of the New America Foundation, would argue that, in fact, we are no longer the world’s superpower. Instead he claims the U.S. is competing and losing in the world’s geopolitical marketplace alongside the European Union (EU) and China, which with the U.S. comprise the new Big Three superpowers.

The New York Times article “Waving Goodbye to Hegemony” (1/27/08) was used as supplemental reading material for the recent discussions of European Integration in Great Decisions 2008, facilitated by Ann Flatten. In the article, Khanna contends that globalization resists centralization, including a sole superpower, and that second-world countries will determine which of the superpowers will lead. He defines second-world countries as those swing states lying alongside and between the Big Three that will determine which of the superpowers has the upper hand for the next generation of geopolitics.

As the title of the article suggests, he foresees a demise of American hegemony or predominance and a morphing into a world of much more diffuse governance. He believes our foreign policy should be one of diplomacy and cooperation rather than American imperialism. In order to renew American competitiveness in the world’s geopolitical marketplace, he recommends the following five steps:

- Make the U.S. grand strategy a global strategy – universal first and American second. No more “us” versus “them, only “we”.

-Pentagonize the State Department, i.e., redesign our approach to the rest of the world into key regions, as the military does (and China does as well). There needs to be regional geographic

commands for American diplomats as there are for U.S. military commanders, instead of the approach of ambassadors to individual countries, who may not always communicate. Diplomatic relations in every key region including second-world countries should be increased and improved and State Department micromanagement reduced.

-Build a diplomatic-industrial complex with corporate sponsorship for regional aid and investment packages and send “marchmen” armed with good will and knowledge to second- and third-world countries. Increase the size of the Peace Corps, the number of student exchanges, English-teaching programs and hands-on job training overseas.

-Make the global economy work for us. Channel global, particularly Asian, liquidity into our own public infrastructure, creating jobs and technology platforms that can keep American innovation ahead of the pack.

-Convene a G-3 of the Big Three and suggest, not set, the agenda. Among key issues for compromise and trade-offs are climate change, energy security, weapons proliferation and rogue states.

Khanna believes these moves would aid peoples beyond our shores, repair our reputation, maintain harmony among the Big Three, protect our common planet, and help keep the second-world stable and neutral. His book “The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order” will be available in March.

-Deanna Collins



The New Texas??

Texas produced the most wind power in the U.S. in 2007 – 4356 megawatts. Can CO let them get away with that??



SMC-World 2007 Wrap-up

The Safer, More Compassionate World 2007 LWV-LPC and Fort Lewis Common Reading Experience planning team has been concluded with a one-week “e-meeting” to insure that we are ready to begin the planning for **SMC-World Act 2 which is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008.**

First, lessons we learned from 2007: time limits on all speakers, limit event to 4 hours, reduce administration and introduction times, more integration of the students with the community members, more engagement of the audience with personal stories and questions for the presenters and various logistics changes.

Second, as we promised at the event, after paying our bills, we have donated \$300 to humanitarian foundations including the Shanta Foundation, the Central Asia Institute and Partners in Health. We have banked an additional \$1500 to use for the 2008 event.

Third, we are working hard at keeping the momentum going for our 2008 event! Our blogsite (<http://lwv-blogger.blogspot.com>) is up and active with tracking local and global humanitarian activities. We are also keeping in contact with our 2007 speakers and will be reporting on their activities and plans. To illustrate, Shanta is back in Myanmar during February with plans to build schools in two new villages.

Finally, in case you haven't heard, we have booked Greg Mortenson, co-author of the best seller, Three Cups of Tea, to be our keynote speaker for SMC-World Act 2. If that won't keep the momentum going, I don't know what will!

If you would like to help us make the 2008 event even better than the 2007 one, please contact me at 799-1382 or lwvlpc@aol.com.

-Ross Park

Health Care

This topic has consistently been of primary concern to members, which was borne out twice this past month.

NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

On February 14th, several of you braved the snow and attended our meeting to discuss suggestions to National for program planning. Several other members had already given input to me via mail and email. Many thanks to all of you for your participation. Only one recommendation for REVIEW and/or one for a NEW STUDY were allowed this year. The result of our discussion was that we are recommending no NEW STUDY, but a REVIEW of the current national health care position (see pp. 67-69 of ‘Impact on Issues’ or go to www.lwv.org and type ‘Impact on Issues’ into search field), as follows (we were limited to 200 characters!):

- Use term “single-payer”; with independent oversight
- Remove 2nd sentence under “Financing & Admin.” & last bullet under “Equity Issues”
- Address shortage of access to primary care; impact of environmental issues & climate change

COUNTY CAUCUSES/ASSEMBLIES

Many of you introduced or supported the Health Care Single-Payer Resolution (included as an insert in last month's newsletter) at your precinct caucuses. Again, many thanks to all of you. The local Republicans will hold their County Assembly on March 1st, and we will report on that outcome in next month's newsletter. At the Democratic County Assembly on February 23rd, it was reported that 17 precincts had passed the Resolution, and when brought up at the full Assembly, it passed without dissent. The Resolution now goes to the State Assembly on May 17th in Colorado Springs for possible inclusion in the state Democratic platform. The final text of the Resolution should be available soon at www.laplatadems.org.

-Jill Patton

Membership in the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a grass-roots organization at work in our county, and at the state of Colorado and the U.S. levels of government. Individuals may join the League at any level, and they automatically become members at all levels. Members receive information and publications from local, state and national Leagues.

Although some people join the League in response to communications from the state or national organizations, most become members in the local community. This year La Plata County LWV has 80 local members and 2 national members. Members like the personal interaction with others in the local League, as well the direct participation in community civic activities. We cordially invite national members to participate locally, and to consider becoming a local member when it is time to renew.

The annual membership dues amount is set by each local League. Currently, our dues are \$50 per year or \$80 for a household membership. National dues are \$55 per year or \$75 for a household membership. Membership at the state level is \$50 or \$75 for a household. The local League sends all but \$5.20 of the annual dues to support the work of the state and national Leagues. Contributions from individuals and businesses, and from grants make up most of the rest of the budget for our local educational and advocacy efforts.

Learn more about the many facets of League organization and activities on the websites www.lwv.org (U.S.), www.lwvcolorado.org (Colorado) or www.lwvlaplata.org (La Plata County).

-Sue Herbst

Welcome, New Member Gail Harris

Raised in the ghettos of Newark, New Jersey, at the age of 5, Gail Harris saw a WWII themed movie called *Wing and a Prayer* starring Don Ameche. Mesmerized by a scene of the actor briefing Navy pilots before the climatic Battle of Midway scene, she decided that was what she'd do when she grew up. Unaware of the existence of a federal law that prohibited women from going into combat, one that would not be changed until 1994 she forged ahead with her dream. In 1973 she became the first woman in Naval History to serve as an Intelligence Officer in a Navy aviation squadron and at her retirement in December 2001 she was the highest ranking African American female in the Navy. Her career included hands-on leadership during every major conflict from the Cold War to El Salvador to Desert Storm to Kosovo and at the forefront of one of the Department of Defense's newest challenges, Cyber Warfare. She was the first female or first African American for every job assignment and frequently hand selected for challenging jobs based on her outstanding performance.

Since her retirement she has worked in the Defense Industry as an Intelligence Subject matter expert. She was a contributing author to *Wake Up and Live Your Life with Passion* which reached number 4 on the Barnes and Noble best seller list. She's also had an essay "Reflections of a Retired Black Woman" published in *Lies and Limericks Inspirations from Ireland* in October 2006. A frequent guest on radio shows as a defense expert, she hosts her own weekly R&B show and is currently putting the finishing touches on her memoir *War on Any Given Day*. She recently moved to Durango, Colorado where she's living happily ever after.

FutureGen Test Plant Won't Be Built

The FutureGen clean coal technology project, written up in our January newsletter, has been 'redesigned', due to large budget increases and growing concern that the project couldn't test everything that needs evaluation. Feds will underwrite gas capture technology of commercial coal plants instead.

Congratulations, Deanna!

LWV member Deanna Collins changed all the light bulbs in her condo to compact fluorescent or halogen bulbs. When she compared her electric bill for December 2007 to December 2006, she found a savings of at least 20% even though it wasn't quite an apples to apples comparison.

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4 or 6	*Great Decisions , 'Russia and Putinism'										
13 Thurs	Board meeting, 9:30-12:30, Bowman Hall, Unitarian Fellowship, 419 San Juan Drive										
18 or 20	*Great Decisions , 'U.S. Defense & Security'										
19 Wed	Understanding Water Issues in Durango and La Plata County, 9:30-11:30, Christ the King Church, 495 Florida Road										
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1 or 3	*Great Decisions , 'Latin America'										
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15 or 17	*Great Decisions , 'U.S.-China Trade Policy'										
16 Wed	Tour of Animas-La Plata Project, 1:30-3:30, K-Bob's parking area, west of ALP site										
29 Tues	*Great Decisions , "Private Philanthropy"										
30 Wed	Looking Forward: Post Referendum C, 5-7:30, The Peaks, Durango Rec Center										
May											
1 Thurs	*Great Decisions , 'Private Philanthropy'										
8 Thurs	Board meeting, 9:30-12:30, Bowman Hall, Unitarian Fellowship, 419 San Juan Drive										
10 Sat	Annual meeting, LWV of La Plata County, 9:30-1, venue TBD										
16-17	LWVCO Council, 1 p.m.-noon, Strater Hotel Durango										
June											
13-17	LWVUS National Convention, Portland, OR 'Reaching New Heights Together'										
16-17	LWVCO Leadership Retreat, Best Western Motel, Frisco										
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