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October	
Various	Candidate and ballot issue forums,
Wed 6	+Creating a Safer, More Compassionate World III (Immigration Panel), FLC SU Ballroom, 7-9 pm
Tue 12	Info on Amendments 60, 61 & Prop 101, Lavenia McCoy Library, Bayfield, 6-8
Thu 14	Info on Amendments 60, 61 & Prop 101, Durango Public Library, 6-8
Mon 18	+Film: <i>Maid in the USA</i> , 130 Noble, FLC, 7-9 pm
Sat 23	AAUW Lunch: Dene Thomas, FLC President, Dalton Ranch Dining Room, 12, \$17, call Marilyn Sandstrom, 764-4596
November	
Tue 2	Election Day, 7 am - 7 pm
Tue 9	Board Meeting, Deanna Collins' home, 1-3
Thu 11	How Do We Become a Sustainable Civilization? Dave Gardner, 130 Noble, FLC, Life Long Learning
December	
Sat 11	Holiday Party, stay tuned...

+FLC Common Reading Experience

Link to our website

http://www.lwvlaplata.org/voter_newsletter.html#LWV LPC 2010 voter for info on past and future activities.

Check www.lwvcolorado.org to download copies of Ballot Issue pamphlet, Proponents and Opponents of Ballot Issues, Positions taken by LWVCO on some Ballot Issues. The state 'bluebook' is available at www.leg.state.co.us. Additional info on 9-R School Mill Levy is at www.durangoschools.org. Info on judges at www.knowyourjudge.com and bluebook.



Mark your calendars!
October Local Meetings

Remaining Candidate and Ballot Issue Forums

Durango

Local Races (County Commissioners, Clerk and Surveyor)
Thursday, October 7, 5:30 pm
Durango City Council Chambers, Durango

State Races (House of Representatives and State Senate)
Thursday, October 21, 6:30 pm
Durango Public Library, Durango

Bayfield

Ballot Issues
Monday, October 11, 6:30 pm
Bayfield Township Hall, Bayfield

State Races (House of Representatives and State Senate)
Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 pm
Bayfield Township Hall, Bayfield

Ignacio

Local Races (County Commissioners, Clerk and Surveyor)
Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 pm
Ignacio Community Library

Ballot Issues
Wednesday, October 13, 6:30 pm
Ignacio Community Library, Ignacio

State Races (House of Representatives and State Senate)
Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 pm
Ignacio Community Library, Ignacio

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2011 Great Decisions Topics

The Great Decisions topics for next year have been announced. Be ready in November to sign up!

- Rebuilding Haiti
- U.S. National Security
- Horn of Africa
- Responding to the Financial Crisis
- Germany Ascendant
- Sanctions and Nonproliferation
- The Caucasus
- Global Governance

Check out the descriptions for these topics at www.fpa.org.

Impact of Health Care Reforms on Colorado

The presentation by Elisabeth Arenales from the CO Center on Law and Policy on September 22 was excellent. Our audience numbered between 30-40 and we were especially pleased to welcome several non-members. Elisabeth did a great job of bringing order and sense to a difficult, complex subject. There were quite a few audience questions afterwards. Our timing was good in that a number of the provisions in the new law were to take effect the next day, September 23 - six months after the law took effect on March 23. Check our website for several articles on understanding the new law and its effects.

Durango Herald Election Night Open House

It's a tradition in Durango for the *Herald* to host an election night open house. The public is invited through newspaper ads and mailed postcards. Big screen televisions are set up in the office, hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer are served, and the returns are reported as they're available. The festivities start at 7 pm when the polls close, and wind up around 10 or 11 pm, depending on when the crowd leaves. With about 150 people attending, lots of bunting and red, white and blue balloons and a live 'statue of liberty', it's a fun event and good way to celebrate the end of another election season for us Leaguers who have been busy with forums and voter registration for months.

Each election year a non-profit organization is invited to co-host the evening, helping the *Herald* get the special event permit and assisting in serving drinks. This year, the League has been invited as the co-host, and offered a donation of \$1000 for our help for the evening. That will give you an extra incentive to drop by the Herald office after the polls close and join our friends watching the returns. If any one of you wants to get involved in the party, we will need a few volunteers who will help with the serving.

Please contact Trish Pegram at 382-8248, trishpegram@bresnan.net, if you're interested in helping.

CitySpan10 Covers LWV Durango Forums

Candidate and ballot issue forums held in Durango will be broadcast and webcast live, except for the state House and Senate candidate event on October 19. All forums, including October 19, will be

re-broadcast on the following Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am and Monday at 6 pm. We thank the City of Durango and CitySpan10 for supporting us as we educate voters about the issues and candidates in the November 2 election.

Have You Renewed Yet??

Half of our members have already renewed. If you are not in this group, please find your membership form (or use the attached), prepare your check and mail them to our treasurer Nadine Ancel, P.O. Box 2113, Durango, CO 81302.