



March 2010

Influence in the 90th Year and Beyond

What an exciting year for the League of Women Voters! We will be celebrating our 90th Birthday all year long – a chance to show what the LWV is all about. The reason you joined and why we think everyone should be a member – to become informed citizens and learn how we can make our communities a better place to live. So ask yourself, what can I do to make democracy work, how can I have any influence, where can I go to get help, and when can I get started. The answer is simple – the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER’S WEBSITE – www.lwvutah.org. You will be amazed what you can learn from the various sites listed on the left side of screen. Check it out.

Hope you all got to see the fabulous coverage the *Salt Lake Tribune* donated on Sunday Feb. 14 – a full page ad – thanks to Sandy Peck, and all those who offered input. The article by Kathy McKittrick in the Utah section was also well done. (I’m prejudiced since my daughter Wendy was pictured.) On Friday Feb. 12, cookies were passed out to all the legislators in recognition of our 90th, with a “thank you” for all their efforts. Rep. Carol Spackman Moss asked for “personal privilege” and gave a nice tribute to the LWV at the House session. We in the galley were given a nice standing ovation. Tina Hose supplied us with two huge balloons – 9 and 0 and four smaller ones for “birthday.” They were attached to a table where we passed out LWV info, registration forms and petitions to sign. Thanks to the Durst sisters, Barbara and Maxine, Linda Johnson, and Tina Hose for helping with this project. Sharon Walkington made us patriotic aprons so we could pass out candy hearts to the Capitol staff and to anyone in the Rotunda. It was an exciting day and many more now know about the LWV.

Our Legislative Corps has done a fantastic job, being on the Hill every day, every session and reporting back to our members. We can’t thank them enough. A big thanks to all of you who have responded to your legislator. Maybe they didn’t vote the way you would have preferred, but it certainly made them think twice. We hope you have been stimulated and curious enough to tell yourself “next year, I’m going to get more involved”.

Since there are no “unit meetings” scheduled for March, please plan to attend our Legislative Wrap-up on April 1 (April Fool’s Day) with legislators such as Sen. Ben

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The Power of Unit Meetings

A question of influence

Since attendance is not high at unit meetings, the ones who do attend have an out-of-proportion amount of influence over what happens in the League. Unit meetings decide consensus on studies and program making at all levels. The only qualification one needs to have a voice is to be a member. No one votes you into that position; your dues grant you the right.

[Of course, if you want a voice, you only need email your thoughts/opinions/ideas/etc to the chair of the study or the program making.]

Should we disband unit meetings? Change the format? Develop another way to get membership input into the important issues the League addresses? Continue unit meetings as a social function rather than a policy decision-making body?

So, what would get you out to unit meetings? We have one that meets at night, to accommodate those who work. We have two that meet mid-day (11 a.m. and noon) and one that meets mid-morning. If you would like to respond to these questions, my email address is marie.fulmer@comcast.net.

Next Voter Article: Unit Meetings a Microcosm of the Macrocosm? A question of decorum and civility.

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McAdams (D-Salt Lake) and hear about the highlights of the last session. You'll get a chance to ask questions and get an update of legislation the LWV was concerned about.

March 18th, at 7 p.m. the film "Iron Jawed Angels" will be shown at the S.L. Main Library. This is an award winning film on how women got the right to vote – 90 years ago! The showing is in celebration of open government and Sunshine Week and will be sponsored by the LWV and Utah Foundation for Open Government. It's free, so bring the family.

The State of the State Community Luncheon will be April 15th, Tax Day. This is *the* big fund-raiser for the Salt Lake League. Committee members and Chair Sue Lind, have been working diligently to make this one the best ever. See page 3 for details.

League members are vitally concerned about the quality of our air, but what can we do about it? Plan to attend a very special public event on Saturday, May 1st at 10 a.m. at the Girl Scout Headquarters to hear Dr. Brian Moench, physician and air quality guru. Don't miss this one. See page 9 for more details.

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Plan for State of the Community Luncheon

The League of Women Voters will host its 17th Annual State of the Community Luncheon and 90th Birthday celebration on Thursday, April 15, at the downtown Marriott Hotel (76 South West Temple, SLC). It will commence with networking, a Sam Weller book table, and live jazz music at 11:30 a.m.



The luncheon program will focus on education. The League will present a community service award to Gordon Hanks, whose GAM Foundation has provided over \$1 million directly to music departments in schools and universities participating in the jazz education outreach program.

South Jordan City will receive a “Making Democracy Work” award for its university program which engages residents in local government and educates them about how their city works.

The League’s State of the Community luncheon speaker will be Martha Hales Ball, who was chosen in 2000 the outstanding teacher of United States History in the nation by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington D.C. Ms. Ball directed the “Utah 3Rs (Rights, Responsibility, Respect) Project” from 1999-2009 — a national program designed to train teachers about the importance of the Religious Liberty Clauses of the First Amendment. It is still taught today.

The luncheon will be \$45 per person. You may send a check to Judi Short, 862 E. Harrison, SLC 84121, or pay with a credit card from the Donate section of the League website: www.lwvutah.org.

Volunteer Corner

Opportunities for Involvement in the League

1. Be part of the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters
2. Get signatures on Ethics Petition. Email Gigi: gigibrandt@att.net
3. Get signatures on Redistricting Petition: Email Jenn: jenn@gonnelly.com
4. Help with mailings in the League office. Email Marie: marie.fulmer@comcast.net
5. Join Local Government Observer Corps: email Kathy: kathrynfitzgerald@yahoo.com
6. Go on line: www.VOTE18.org and check out the lesson plan. Need volunteers to go to 12th grade and get 18-year-olds registered to vote.
7. March 18, Salt Lake Main Library 7 p.m. Bring family to see “Iron Jawed Angels”
8. April 1, April Fool’s Day – come to our Legislative Wrap-up. Watch for details.
9. If you can’t participate in any of the above, just give! Go on line to do it – www.lwvutah.org and click on “Donate”.

Petition Support

“The League of Women Voters of Utah (LWVU) supports the Fair Boundaries petition. Our position, formulated in 1980, states that the basic criteria for reapportionment and redistricting are the standards of each citizen’s right to vote, the equal value of each vote and effective representation regardless of where that citizen resides. Therefore, we recommended standards and a bipartisan commission similar to the provisions of the petition. We renewed our support for these concepts when we voted at our convention in May, 2009, to support the Fair Boundaries petition.

In addition, we stand behind the collection of electronic signatures. In this technologically advancing world so much of our business is conducted with the assistance of the internet. If we can file our taxes, register our vehicles and pay bills, it is only appropriate that electronic signatures be acceptable in this situation as well.”

March to the Ballot Drive Begins

Fair Boundaries calls on the League of Women Voters for their “March to the Ballot” drive.



Utah Fair Boundaries is calling on the help of the League of Women Voters during their “March to the Ballot” push to collect the last of the 95,000 signatures needed by April 15. With only six weeks left until petitions are due now is the time to act! If Fair Boundaries fails to get enough signatures, we will have to wait ten years before reform can be attempted again. In the mean time legislators will become more and more radical and voters will feel further removed from their democracy.

Fair Boundaries has been endorsed by former Representative Jim Hansen, Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, the Salt Lake Tribune, and the Deseret News, just to name a few. We are proud to say that the League of Women Voters also supports Fair Boundaries’ cause.

Citizens from across the state must come together in order to ensure that that Fair Boundaries succeeds – having to gather enough signatures in 26 out of the 29 state Senate districts – this is truly a statewide effort that the League can and should help with.

Senator Howard Stephenson, sponsor of [SB275](#), claimed his signature removal bill is an “assault on hucksters.” But several of his Republican colleagues made it clear who the real target is: *You!* Suggesting petition signature gatherers use “subterfuge” and “deceit,” and that you have been “bamboozled,” they sent a clear message:

They are scared! They are willing to do everything within their power to keep Fair Boundaries off the ballot! Do what you can to make sure that the voice of the people is heard this November.

The group needs help with gathering signatures in neighborhoods, data entry, and making phone calls. If you would like to help, but can’t contribute time, donations would also be appreciated.

We encourage you to pick up a petition and tell your friends and family about Fair Boundaries and make sure that they sign. Also inform them of the option to sign online if they can’t access a physical petition by going to <http://fairboundaries.utahpetitions.org/> Turn in any completed petition to your unit leader or call Jenn Gonnely (801) 448-6536 and she will arrange to pick them up.

To learn more about Fair Boundaries, visit www.fairboundaries.org. If you would like to volunteer, contact Curtis Haring at curtis@fairboundaries.org.

Memorial Gifts

We regret the incorrect reporting of Memorial Gifts received from Ann

O’Connell.

The gifts are In Memory of:

- Pat Brim
- Dottie Bintz
- Pat Cowley
- David Blackbird
- Joe Stottern
- Mary Olsen

Ethics Initiative: March to 95,000 Signatures

Calling all volunteers for good government

We have less than one month to gain the signatures necessary to put the ethics initiative on the ballot. Those wanting to help can march:

- in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Salt Lake on Saturday, March 13.
- to a public library on a Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. to collect signatures
- around your neighborhood with a petition
- into the AARP offices at 6975 South Union Park Center in Midvale to help with data collection on Fridays after 10 a.m.

Volunteers covered 18 libraries in Salt Lake County for two to five hours each on Saturday, March 6 and UEG hopes to do this for the remaining Saturdays. If you have ideas about other places volunteers can be effective, call Irene Fisher at 801-272-2256. If standing in front of library or marching in a parade isn’t your thing, consider helping with entering data on Fridays.

Call Gigi Brandt at 801-582-1102 or email her at gigibrandt@att.net if you would like to help.

Educating Ourselves: Unit Program Planning

Education issues loom large in our lifetimes. We’ve all been impacted as taxpayers and students, many of us as parents, and some of us as educators. As League members, we support equal education for all in our state and nation. The national LWV is working on a study of the Federal Role in Public Education.

Also of note is the Waiting for Superman movie that may be in theaters this fall. The premiere of this documentary was a prime Sundance Film Festival event this year. David Guggenheim, formerly the filmmaker of An Inconvenient Truth, is clearly concerned about the changing face of public education in the U.S. as well as changes yet to come. Whether we like it or not, the democratic notion of education for all is changing.

What hasn’t yet changed in Utah is limited funding for increasing student numbers. I, for one, wish to better understand Utah’s multiple education funding sources, both actual and potential. And I hope there are others as interested as I. Therefore, I propose we consider a study of Funding for Education in Utah as part of our unit program planning.

**—Marilyn Bown
LWV-SL Board**



Make Your Voice Heard

If you have an opinion about the worth of unit meetings (see Page 2) please email Marie Fulmer, who is compiling information:

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League's 90th Birthday Year-Part II

The early years: Program and Voter Service Efforts

Since February was the month in which the Utah and Salt Lake Leagues focused on national program planning and the Utah Legislature, I thought it might be interesting to look at the early programs of the League and some outcomes of their lobbying efforts.

The first president of the League, Maud Wood Park, a social worker, defined the League's purpose as to "promote reforms in which women will naturally take an interest in a greater degree than men - protection for working women, children, public health questions, and the care of dependent and delinquent classes." She called the first program adopted "a kettle of eels." It included 69 items broadly categorized in subject areas: child welfare, education, the home and high prices, women in gainful occupations, public health and morals, and independent citizenship for married women! The first national legislative success was the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Protection Act of 1921 which provided funding for material and child health clinics. and the 1922 Cable Act, which granted independent citizenship to married women. Park recognized the value of coalitions in legislative advocacy. She helped to form and lead as president, the Women's Joint

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Why the Hats? Tribute to the League of Women Voters

As men and women in the USA celebrate the birthday of our League,
We share their dedicated hard work and what feels like battle fatigue.

When together, whether we march, educate, lobby or write,
We have seen that only in numbers do we have the civic might.

For many a year we have soldiered on— honoring the original mission,
Encouraging legislators and voters alike, just to sit up and listen.

We keep on studying the issues and carrying the founders' mantle,
Just as we protect good parts of government from ever-so-subtle dismantle.

It is on the shoulders of these suffragist giants that we continue to stand:
Women and men, working together, lending a hand all across this land.

Today or tomorrow or on any occasion to honor their history and ours,
Wear a hat in memory and recognition of all the League superstars.

And when you wear one of the hats and are asked if they are for decoration?
Proudly answer, "**certainly not**, they are to protect the brains of our nation."

—Barbara Klein/ Arizona 2010

Confused about Campaign Finance Ruling?

Read this Q&A
from the Christian
Science Monitor:

www.csmonitor.com/.../Supreme-Court-s-campaign-finance-ruling-just-the-facts

Campaign Finance is Principal Concern

The Salt Lake and Utah League boards submitted program planning suggestions to LWVUS. Boards were asked to choose between four options: recommend a review of an existing position; a new study, recommend a concurrence or do nothing.

About 35 League members participated in unit discussions in Salt Lake. One member submitted her decisions electronically. The four units who had a full unit discussion all chose the recommendation to review the existing position on campaign finance. Clearly the recent Supreme Court decision in *Citizen's United v. The Federal Election Commission* played a large part in the decision. The Night Owls thought that a new study on campaign finance focusing on the ways that Congress could remedy the situation might be the way to proceed. The Girl Scout unit wanted to add looking at ways to shorten the process time of elections and public financing in light of this position.

The Utah League Board (possibly without the benefit of full discussion of the options afforded by the Salt Lake unit meetings) chose a new study on the federal role in education as proposed by the Santa Clara County California Leagues. It will be interesting to see how the LWVUS board chooses among all the options.

As an aside, the House Government Operations committee stripped campaign contribution limitations from the package of ethics bills. The limitation had been proposed by the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy Commission. Rep. Brian King's attempt to add the limitations failed.

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Congressional Committee (WJCC) in 1920, with representatives from nine other women's organizations which helped in the passage of these two bills. The League also served to pressure the Women's Bureau to end child labor and promote social legislation on behalf of women. The League also advocated a child labor amendment which was never ratified by enough states to be added to the Constitution. The League also worked for membership in the League of Nations and the World Court.

The League also set up classes to train volunteer teachers for citizenship schools.

Other League projects/ innovations included:

- organization of institutes to study defects in our system of government
- formulation of "Know Your Town" surveys,
- candidate questionnaires and meetings,
- nationwide get-out-the-vote campaigns activities.

In 1928 the League sponsored "Meet the Candidates," the first national radio broadcast of a candidate forum

Since March is the beginning of the 2010 election cycle, it behooves us to remember these words of Carrie Catt Chapman, "Is the (League) political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League."

—**Gigi Brandt**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF LWVU COUNCIL

by Marilyn O'Dell

The Board of Directors chose Moab for the 2010 Council of the League of Women Voters of Utah.

Everyone is invited to attend. A dinner with speaker will begin the activities on the evening of Friday, May 14. Business meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15. We hope delegates from local Leagues join us. You will need to make your own motel reservations and Moab can be busy at that time of year. If you want to make reservations now, contact me at maodell2@gmail.com and I will send have names, phone numbers and web sites of 6 motels within walking distance of the Moab Arts & Recreation Center where our activities will be held. See the April Voter for more details about registration.

Report: National Program Making 2010

The report to LWVUS on program planning was electronically mailed on February 28. Twenty-eight members attended February units; one submitted electronically to the email. The Board was asked to choose between four options: recommend a review of an existing position; a new study, recommend a concurrence or do nothing. All four units chose the recommendation to review the existing position on campaign finance with this wording, "The Position should be reviewed in light of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizen's United v. Federal Election Commission, with emphasis on action to promote public financing and measures to shorten the process time of elections." The Night Owls thought that this item should be a new study. The Town Club unit talked about possible items briefly at their January meeting before all the material was ready. They did not clearly favor a particular option--some liked the idea of the national role in education, others "flirted" with the importance of privatization as it related to water resources. The one e-mailed suggestion also favored a review of the position on Congress as her preferred option.

Other information received in Scribes Reports: Under new studies:

Girl Scout unit wanted privatization as a new study -9*
federal role in education -4

Library -2 members wanted federal role in education
Bench Bunch--report received by telephone. Interested in
education, particularly with civic literacy emphasis

Night Owls wanted to "educate our members on what
LWVUS policy on health care is."

2nd choice LWVUS option - concurrence on travel to Cuba.

Comments/questions/recommendations

Unit attendance in comparison with other programs: I think the unit attendance is about the same as a general meeting. Make program at general meeting in conjunction with board meeting. One person felt that in a larger group more ideas are explored - look at *

Program making is a Board responsibility: member participation? Perhaps in 2012 could start the process earlier with discussion in each one of the National Program areas: Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy for board members and in Voter Articles.

Input on quiz — Some units said they enjoyed. Few answered questions about civic literacy.

* LWV of Bartlesville, OK, just made this proposal on the program planning reporting site. It may be too late for this convention, but perhaps it will generate interest another time:

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Moench to Speak on Clear Air

For our annual spring environmental focus, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Moench, who heads the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, will be speaking on "Smothering Utah's Future."

"Right now, along the Wasatch Front, plans are being drawn up for more freeways, thousands of more cars, hundreds of thousands of new homes, more industry and a virtual limitless influx of people, all without any plan for the air pollution consequences. Without a drastic change in public policy, our air pollution will become intolerable, our children and grandchildren won't be able to live here, nor will they want to," he says.

Place: Girl Scout Headquarters - 445 East 4500 South, SLC

Date: Saturday, May 1

Time: 10 a.m.

Refreshments: Coffee, juice and rolls

LWVUT Comments on Air Quality

by Marilyn O'Dell

Since the LWVU's first air quality study, "What's in the Air," in 1967, our League has supported efforts to control air pollution in the state. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently opened a comment period on their "Intent to Disapprove" Utah's State Implementation Plan to control PM10.

Particulate matter (PM10) pollution consists of very small liquid and solid particles floating in the air. Of greatest concern to public health are the particles small enough to be inhaled into the deepest parts of the lung. These particles are less than 10 microns in diameter - about 1/7th the thickness of a human hair - and are known as PM10. This includes fine particulate matter known as PM2.5.

In the western United States, there are sources of PM10 in both urban and rural areas. Major sources include: motor vehicles, wood burning stoves and fireplaces, dust from construction, landfills, and agriculture, wildfires and waste burning, industrial sources, and windblown dust from open lands. Particulate matter also forms when gases, emitted from motor vehicles and industries, undergo chemical reactions in the atmosphere.

LWVSL Co-President Linda Johnson requested that the LWVU Board comment on the EPA action in light of a letter from the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment (UPHE) to the EPA. Board members agreed but rather than just endorsing the UPHE letter, LWVSL Member Kathy Van Dame, a member of the Utah Air Quality Board, helped to draft a letter from the League based on our position. We requested that the EPA work to identify the defects in the plan that adversely affect our air quality and work with the Utah Division of Air Quality to remedy defects. While we voiced our agreement with the Physician's health concerns we also cited our long-standing position on preserving our air quality. Our letter was submitted to the EPA the last week of February.

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Privatization of Services

A study of privatization of public services to include:

1. What services do we, as citizens expect our government to provide us;
2. The philosophical basis for privatization;
3. An examination of how privatization works in terms of:
 - A. Cost
 - B. Oversight, to include transparency
 - C. Efficiency
 - D. Observation of ethical and legal standards in safety, labor management, environmental issues, etc.
4. An evaluation of quasi-public institutions such as the USPS, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, private military contractors

SL Unit Meeting

The Town Club Unit is meeting April 7 at 10:45 a.m at 1081 East South Temple . We will be discussing Healthcare.

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Sex Ed Bill Falls to Silence

For over two years, advocates concerned about the reproductive health care of Utah's teens have campaigned for a reform to our current sex education curriculum in Utah. Planned Parenthood Action Council (PPAC) ran a statewide campaign, the Prevention Now Campaign, whose staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to gather more than 10,000 petition signatures in support of this change. We held numerous town hall meetings, and garnered the endorsement of many policy makers and elected officials including the Utah State Attorney General.

Support of a change to our current curriculum is so widespread that the American Academy of Pediatrics-Utah Chapter, National Assoc. of Social Workers-Utah Chapter, Utah Nurses Association, Utah Public Health Association, March of Dimes, Association for Utah Community Health, Utah Sexual Violence Council, American Association of University Women-Utah Chapter, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the YWCA Salt Lake City all signed on in favor of Senate Bill 54.

Unfortunately, the Utah legislature has not only been unresponsive but impertinent. Despite our efforts, there was a rallying cry on the part of parents, students, teachers and medical providers and an active groundswell continued into the 2010 legislative session.

When Utah's legislative session began in January, the sex education bill was introduced by a Republican Senator, Stephen Urquhart (Dist. 29). When the bill came before the Senate Education Committee for review, Senator Urquhart asked the members of the Committee to substitute his bill. This substitute was the draft that everyone on all sides of the issue could live with and it was the result of months and months refinement and conversation.

Senator Urquhart's request was met with dead silence for over five minutes. Not a single member of the seven-member Committee, not even the one Democrat in attendance, would make a motion to hear the Senator's bill. This stonewall tactic was used even after the Committee Chair asked the packed room full of spectators how many were there to testify regarding the bill, and approximately 60 people raised their hands.

The legislature's treatment of this issue clearly demonstrates their unwillingness to consider the facts or to hear from their constituents. It also blatantly represents an unwillingness to even have a discussion about a policy that involves thousands of young people and their future health and fertility.

To say we are disappointed is an understatement. It is the hope of all the

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Thanks 2010 Leg Action Corps

Legislative Action Corps members attended House and Senate meetings, spoke out before legislative committees, followed debates, met with legislators and strategized at weekly meetings. We lost several battles but won a few, as well. In any event, our presence was noted. As Rep. Carol Spackman Moss said when she recognized the League's 90th birthday, "They're here every day."

We want to recognize those who made frequent trips up the hill, among them Marilyn Bown, Gigi Brandt, Lena Coombs, Jenn Gonnely, Marilyn O'Dell, Ann O'Connell, Sandy Peck, Kathy Van Dame and Anne Zeigler. Thanks also to those who listened to sessions from remote locations, weighed in with opinions and suggestions, and responded to Action Alerts.

It was a bumpy but always interesting ride.

Sherilyn Bennion and Alice Steiner, LWVUT Legislative Co-directors

2010 Caucus & County Convention Schedule

The 2010 Utah political season officially begins on Tuesday, March 23, when the two major parties schedule caucus or "mass meetings" to select delegates for their respective county and state conventions. The delegates to the convention select the candidates to carry the party name into the November elections; Each party has its rules for participation but you must physically be present to participate.

Originally the idea of "mass meetings" was that people should gather in their local neighborhoods and precincts to talk about politics and elect delegates. Largely because of the small number of attendees in precincts, Salt Lake County Democrats combined the precincts into legislative districts several years ago. This year, Thomas Wright, the Republican county chairman, has organized the Republican caucuses in the same way. In less populated areas, counties may choose to hold their caucus meetings and county conventions at the same time.

To find out where your caucus is, go to:

Republicans: <http://slcogop.com/blog/7pm-tuesday-march-23rd2010-legislative-caucuses>

Outside Salt Lake County: <http://www.utgop.org/events> or call 801.533.9777 or 800.230.UTAH.

Democrats: <http://www.utdemocrats.org/resources/view/142986/?topic=13414> or call 801-328-1212 ext 207.

Information on other parties:

American Party: 801 -561-7023

Libertarian Party: <http://www.lp.org/states/Utah> or 801-565-1988

The Republican caucuses promise to be exciting. With at least four challengers to Senator Bennett's reelection, the next Senator from Utah might well be chosen at the caucuses.

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groups, advocates, and community members who have been involved in driving this conversation to the forefront that when the Utah State Legislature has another opportunity to learn about this incredibly important issue they will be willing to listen and will not impose such a deafening silence on such an important issue.

Melissa Bird, CSW
PPAC Executive Director

Leanne Webster
PPAC Field Organizer

Forums to Focus on Peace, Legislature, Health



Hinckley Forums are held in Orson Spencer Hall, Room 255, at the University of Utah. All forums are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the Hinckley Institute of Politics and The Sam Rich Program in International Politics.

[Hinckley Forums](#)

- Fri. Mar 12 10:45 a.m. *Peace Movement: Nuclear Arms Race*
Lawrence S. Wittner, Professor, History Department, University at Albany, State University of New York
Co-sponsors – University of Utah Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Utah Valley University Peace and Justice Program, Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
- Fri. Mar 12 Noon *Legislative Wrap Up*
Rep. Craig Frank, Sen. Patricia Jones, Rep. David Litvack, President Michael Waddoups
Dan Jones (moderator)
Presented by the Representative Rob Bishop Civic Engagement Fund
- Sat. Mar 13 7:00 p.m. *No Apology: The Case for American Greatness.*
Mitt Romney
Salt Palace Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellow
Tickets
- Mon. Mar 15 Noon *ASUU Election Debate*
NOW Party v. ICE Party
NOW Candidates: Chase Jardine (President), John Pearson (VP)
ICE Candidates: Clint Hugie (President), Cameron King (VP)
- Wed. Mar 17 Noon *Service and Politics of Increasing Health and Ability*
Cathy Chambless, Faculty Center For Public Policy & Admin
Brinton Woods, 2009-2010 Bennion Center Tanner Fellow
Phil Shumway, Executive Director of Turn Community Services
Rachel Barnes (moderator) Bennion Center Student Leader
Presented by – The Bennion Center
- Thur. Mar 18 10:45 a.m. *Lobbying in America: A Changed Game?*
Ron Hrebenar, Professor, Political Science Department, U of U
Lobbyists, TBA
- Thur. Mar 18 12:25 p.m. *A Fresh Look at Africa: It's Growing Strategic and Economic Importance*
Ambassador Princeton N. Lyman, Adjunct Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR);
Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University
- Fri. Mar 19 10:45 a.m. *U.S. Hungary Relations*
His Excellency Béla Szombati, Ambassador to the U.S. for Hungary
- Wed. Mar 31 1:00 p.m. *Changing Values of Chinese Youth and the Rise of Materialism and the Middle Class in China*
Stanley Rosen, Dir. of the East Asian Studies Center/U. of So. Calif.'s College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, USC prof. of Political Science
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“The fight for good government, while a winning one, is never permanently won. It must be waged afresh each day. To keep eternally at this job is an act of faith and courage.”

— from Genevieve B. Earle, a president of the Brooklyn New York League of Women Voters who in 1937 became the first woman to be elected to the New York City Council. She said this as part of Edward Murrow’s “This I Believe” Series.

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Aurora is a student at the University of Utah. Her majors are Philosophy and International Studies and she is taking minors in French, Political Science and Applied Ethics. She grew up in Los Angeles and took a position as a nanny in San Francisco wherein she visited Salt Lake and liked it. She has been a Sustainability and Environmental activist. She feels we have been reacting to symptoms and need to change the path we are following. Aurora is a member of the Women’s Democratic Club and looks forward to being active in the League with the small amount of extra time she has.

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Born in the Czech Republic and raised for a time in Germany, Alena emigrated with her family to Salt Lake when she was 11 as her father had a job at Eimco. After graduating from Skyline High School, she attended the University of Utah where she obtained a degree in English. She was a co-owner of a manufacturing company and also did mortgages for 15 years. She teaches at the Salt Lake Community College. She joined the League because she wants to be more involved in what is going on in the country. She would be interested in joining the Lobby Corps in matters regarding education. Her special interests are reading and writing. She spends much of her extra time in Escalante where she owns the Cowboy Blues Restaurant.

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March Events at the Public Library

The S.L. Main Library has some great eco-minded programming lined up that might interest you.

Energy: the Big Picture – Sat. March 27 2 p.m., Main Library, Conf. Rooms A&B

Join Joe Andrade from The Leonardo for a two-hour interactive workshop on energy. He will look at what energy is, how it’s made, and how much it costs (financially and environmentally), as well as what the future holds for generating energy. Recommended for ages 12-adult. Co-sponsored by the Utah Science Center.

For more information contact Emily J. Smith, 801-524-8231 at esmith@slcpl.org, at the Salt Lake City Public Library.

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Unit meetings

Sunshine Week - General Meeting

Thursday, March 18

6-9 p.m.

Salt Lake City Main Library auditorium

“Iron Jawed Angels”

Katja von Garnier’s “Iron Jawed Angels” tells the remarkable and little-known story of a group of passionate and dynamic young women, led by Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and her friend Lucy Burns (Frances O’Connor), who put their lives on the line to fight for American women’s right to vote.

Utah Foundation for Open Government annual awards

Town Club ~ Wednesday, April 7 @ 10:30 a.m.

Town Club, 1081 East South Temple

Alice Steiner, Unit Leader — akarsteiner@aol.com

Call Alice to reserve lunch — 801.363.9193

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