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**by Jenn Gonnely, Co-President, LWVUT**

I so look forward to March. It brings so many wonderful things —warmer temperatures, refreshing rain, spring flowers, women’s history month, St. Patrick’s Day and the end to the Utah State legislative session. Oh wait, did I say that out loud?

Seriously though, as a political junkie I live for the kind of excitement and intrigue that comes from the legislative session. I enjoy watching the sausage grinder that is our lawmaking process. But when we are in the middle of the process, the 45 days can begin to feel closer to a 100-day cross country march. The Legislative Action Corps members have worked endless hours to bring this process closer to you. If you run into one of the members, be sure to give them a well deserved pat on the back. A special thanks goes out to the League’s legislative intern this session, Meagan Lang (pictured, next page). We hope she learned a lot in her trial-by-fire experience and maybe if we’re lucky she will consider doing it again next year.



Thanks to a heightened awareness of the issues, this session brought with it an impressive number of bills related to cleaning up the air and curbing campaign corruption. It also gave us contentious battles over the caucus system, education funding and Medicaid expansion. I am pleased that we saw good bills regarding voter registration and a few of them passed. Now voters can register to vote just seven days before Election Day and still have their vote on Election Day count. Even more exciting news, in the counties that apply to participate in a pilot program, voters will be able to register and vote on Election Day. In the instantaneous type world we live in today, this change is very important.

Unfortunately, we also watched a number of good bills fall by the wayside during the session. Rep. Brian King’s campaign contribution cap failed by only two votes in the House and a bill to allow the Division of Air Quality to set more stringent standards than the EPA failed in a Senate committee by one vote.

To wrap it up, the caucus system remains the same, but there will be an alternative way to the ballot in 2015. We don’t yet have a solution to what the

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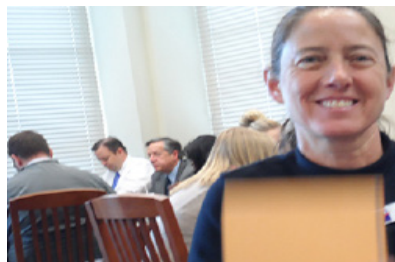
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state will do to expand Medicaid, but the governor has a plan he hopes will cover those who fall in the gap. What this means is that we must stay engaged in the process and not become comfortable thinking that it is all over. Come to the Legislative Wrap-Up on March 20 in Salt Lake to hear even more about all these issues.



Also in this edition of *The Voter*, read about the new consensus position from the Prison Relocation Study, mark your calendar for a new member orientation and learn what exciting program was presented at Alta High. There is plenty in this issue to engage you. So read it, and then share it with a friend you know will love it.

**We Want to Hear From You!**

**Join Us and Be Part of Our Annual Program Planning**

April 8 at 6 p.m.  
Girl Scout Headquarters  
445 E. 4500 S #125, Salt Lake City, UT

The Salt Lake Board wants to hear from you about topics you would like the League to pursue for the coming year! The format will be to break into small groups for discussion of a set of questions, i.e. a focus group approach with facilitators.

The questions will focus on identifying local issues of interest, discussing what types of meetings — such as unit meetings, panel discussions, subject matter experts — are of most interest, and discussing ways to attract members to events. Some local issues that have been mentioned so far are community gardens or another topic that would follow up on the agriculture study, county mental health programs, programs offered by the Salt Lake County Jail, local alternatives to incarceration (drug court, mental health court, halfway houses, probation and parole monitoring), local alternatives for aiding veterans, and more.

All of your input will be gathered, collated, and prioritized based on levels of interest. This information will be used by the LWV Salt Lake board for program planning beginning with the new League year. Your League + Your Input = A Great Year of Programs!

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**Join Us for Member Social and Orientation**

**by Jill Lesh, Membership Committee Chair, LWVSL**

Please come to the social and orientation meeting Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. Leaders from LWVSL and LWVUT will give energizing overviews of how the League works: studies, positions, lobbying, voter service, and the three-tiered organization.

If you have never attended a League orientation, take this opportunity. It is an invaluable introduction to the ins and outs of the League. All members, please consider bringing a prospective member. New members in particular, please treat yourself to this great introduction sponsored by the Salt Lake City League.

The social begins at 5 p.m., followed by the information session at 5:30, at Jeris Johnson’s home, 6114 Heughs Canyon Way in Holladay. For more information contact Jill Lesh, [435-655-1965](tel:435-655-1965), [jilllesh@me.com](mailto:jilllesh@me.com); or Jeris Johnson, [801-232-9083](tel:801-232-9083), [jerisj@nf.com](mailto:jerisj@nf.com).

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## Prison Study Results in League Position

by Lola Britton, Co-President LWV Salt Lake

During the League of Women Voters of Utah 2013 Convention, members voted to do a study on the recently passed SB72 which created the second Prison Relocation and Development Authority (PRADA 2). PRADA 2 is to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) for “a new prison development project, current prison land development project, or master development project.” (SB72, 63C-13-104.3); to review the submitted proposals; and to select a proposal to recommend to the 2014 Legislative session.

The four point position listed below reflects the consensus of League members throughout Utah after completing a major study titled *Relocation of the Utah State Prison at Draper*, dated January 8, 2014. The study which was used to reach the position may be downloaded from the [League website](#).

1. The League feels the economic development potential of the Draper prison property should not drive or be the leading factor of relocation decisions. Economic development should be peripheral to the vital issues facing the corrections system such as reducing the rates of incarceration and recidivism
2. The League believes improving the correction system should precede decisions concerning relocation or rebuilding. The League believes the legislature should work with the judicial system, the corrections system and other related agencies to evaluate sentencing. The League believes programs that have been shown to reduce recidivism should be established and funded.
3. The League supports alternatives to enlarging the prison. Some examples of these alternatives include sentencing reform, drug courts to reduce incarceration rates, programs to prepare inmates to successfully return to society, expanding mental health treatment and parole reform.
4. The League does not support moving the existing prison to a location which disconnects various support systems that exist for the prison, including correctional staff, professionals and volunteers who work with the prison population, victims and families of prisoners.

The position was adopted by the League of Women Voters Utah during the March 11, 2014, board meeting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the research, attending meetings and reporting on the consensus questions. This was a monumental task and could not have been accomplished without the immense support of our members.



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## Utah State Prison Tour

May 15  
LWV Salt Lake  
General Meeting

The League of Women Voters Salt Lake has arranged with the State of Utah, Department of Corrections, to tour the Utah State Prison Draper. There will be two tours (maximum of 15 people each), 9-11 a.m. and noon-2 p.m. Full names with birth dates and driver license numbers will be required no later than April 22 to secure your spot on a tour. Contact Lola Britton, lolabritton@comcast.net. This will be an event you will not want to miss; you will see firsthand the pros and cons of relocating the prison.



## Agriculture Study Grew Quickly

In less than two months the Salt Lake LWV's Ag Study Update Committee was able to not only organize a well-attended general membership meeting on GMOs, but also facilitate six unit meetings focusing on the five areas of the national study, including agriculture economic issues, food safety, animal management, research and development, and food labeling. In-depth information of these areas was provided by LWV: <http://bit.ly/1f13rwl>.

The GMO Agriculture Forum held on February 13 attracted more than 50 people and elicited lively discussion. The panel of experts — Louisa A Stark, Ph.D., director of the Genetic Science Learning Center at the University of Utah; Fred Montague, Ph.D., professor emeritus, U of U; Leslie Sieburth, Ph.D., botanist and professor of biology at the U of U; and League's own Sue Lind, rancher — presented informative introductions to their respective areas of expertise and answered questions knowledgeably. Feedback indicated both appreciation for presenters' expertise but also a desire for more information and discussions.

Approximately 50 people attended the various unit meetings where discussions focused on the 12 consensus questions that the national LWV Agriculture Study Update Committee asked individual leagues to address. The results from these six unit meetings will be collated by the study committee and sent to the national League office by April 18.

Kudos and thanks to the Ag Study Update Committee including chair Carol Straughn, Gigi Brandt, Kathy Fitzgerald, Karen McCoy, Nancy Melling, and Lynne Romney for a job well done.

— Karen McCoy, LWVSL Co-President

## Labeling Battle Continues

A GMO labeling battle is rumbling in the United States, with those demanding full disclosure of genetically modified organisms in food products pitted against big companies.

Although some giants such as General Mills have recently taken timid steps toward being more upfront with consumers, the United States, unlike some 60 other countries, lacks a legal requirement to do so.

— New Strait Times

Read more:  
[bit.ly/1qHxwsf](http://bit.ly/1qHxwsf)

## Women In Action Inaugural Addresses Inequities

by **Lola Britton, Co-President, LWVSL**

In 2014, Utah ranked number 46 with women only 16.3 percent of the Utah State Legislature, and yet women out-vote men and vote differently.

A program at Alta High School, in collaboration with Rutgers University, Center for American Women in Politics, is working to encourage and prepare young women to become politically active. Rique Ochoa, social studies chair at Alta High School, is the driving force for the project.

Workshops held March 7-8 included a session with Mary Ann Holliday, consultant for the Utah Valley University (UVU), Women in Education. The purpose of the UVU project is to lead efforts within the state to understand and motivate more young women to enter and stay in school long enough to obtain college degrees.

A presentation by Janice Gygi of the League of Women Voters focused on the history of women in politics in Utah and the current need for voters to become educated on issues. Janice described the structure of the League and spoke of the importance of the role the League plays in doing research on local and national issues.

“From Passion to Politics” was presented by Deborah Walsh, director of Center for American Women in Politics, and Kelly Dittmar, assistant research professor of the Center for American Women in Politics. It would be impossible to list all of the information brought to the attention of the young women and men in attendance.



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## Utah Women Made History

Did you know in 1896, Martha Maria Hughes Cannon, noted physician was the first female state senator in the United States and she was from Utah?

## Legislative Wrap-Up Set for March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Our Annual Legislative Wrap-up will be held Wednesday, March 20 at the Girl Scout Building, 445 E. 4500 South. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., potluck dinner 5:30.

At 6 p.m., Ann O'Connell and Angie Abram, co-chairs of our legislative group, as well as Sandy Peck and Jenn Gonnely will be members of the panel discussing the bills that were listed as our Legislative Priorities for 2014. Please save the date for this always-informative event. Guests are certainly welcome and encouraged.

— *Lola Britton, LWVSL Co-President*

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## Salt Lake Board Nominations Open

The Nominating Committee for the Salt Lake LWV would like to encourage new members to volunteer for board or committee positions.

Most terms are for two years, some are appointed, and two positions are to fill one-year expiring terms. We are looking at co-chairs or directors to share the responsibility and to fill in when one is traveling or has other commitments.

It's a great opportunity to learn what is happening in our community and all that the League does to be of service. If you would be willing to serve on the board or on a committee, please email Anne Zeigler at [abzeigler@centurylink.net](mailto:abzeigler@centurylink.net) or Jill Lesh, [jilllesh@me.com](mailto:jilllesh@me.com) with your interests.

## Voter Privacy Bill

Read the *Standard-Examiner* story about how displeased open government advocates are with this bill.

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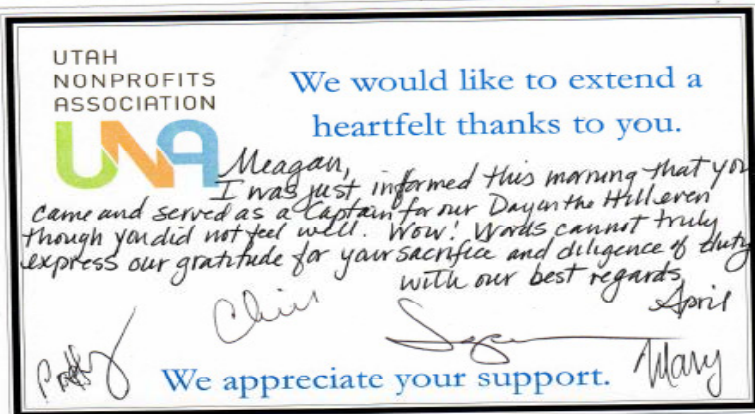
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### Leg Corps Helps with ‘Day on the Hill’

Annually The Utah Non Profits Association (UNA) sponsors a “Day on the Hill” for nonprofit organizations to connect with legislators, and inform them of the work they do.

LWVUT Legislative Co-Director Ann O’Connell and legislative intern Meagan Lang served as captains for the UNA and their “Day on the Hill.” They directed and oversaw the process for each participating nonprofit organization to contact, connect, and converse with Utah representatives and senators.

See thank you notes from UNA on a job well done, Ann and Megan!



### ACA Gets Help

MIAMI — President Barack Obama has called upon LeBron James to come through in the clutch.

The president’s signature initiative, the Affordable Care Act, is facing a critical deadline, as open enrollment into the marketplaces on HealthCare.gov is scheduled to end on March 31. In a race to beat the buzzer, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have been enlisting celebrities popular with young adults, including several in sports, to raise awareness and promote the merits of signing up.  
—bleacherreport.com



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**New Members**

Camille Broadwater-

Hollifield recently completed her

Ph.D. in Public Health - Healthcare Quality Improvement from the University of Utah School of Medicine. She earned a master's degree in public health and health promotion from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and a bachelor's in political science and international relations from the University of Utah. Camille is a Salt Lake native, having returned about five years ago. She lived in Los Angeles, CA, Jackson Hole, WY, Charleston, SC, Washington, D.C. and served in the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa. Camille worked as the divisional clinical research coordinator for the Division of Emergency Medicine (DEM) at the University of Utah as well as various clinical and public health jobs. Camille's fields of interest have been HIV research, health policy, systems process, and health economics. Her volunteer activities have included working for the Asian Association as a case manager for HIV positive refugees. She served an internship at the Hinckley Institute of Politics. Camille's outside interests include skiing and outdoor recreation, music, travel and cooking. Camille joined the League of Women voters to renew her involvement in politics. She's interested in the areas of social policy and health and human services.

**Sally Jo Fuller**

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Sally Jo Fuller is an Illinois native, but has lived in Utah since 1979 when she moved to Sandy. She and her late husband traveled extensively in the western U.S. Sally Jo worked in the insurance industry, and for many years owned an insurance agency, specializing in small businesses. She is now retired and has a myriad of interests. She is a passionate chess player. Other interests include a rock and mineral collection, classical music, reading, science and working hours in her perennial garden. Sally is very interested in learning and joined the League of Women Voters for our information and education on political issues. She is especially interested in voter registration.

**Luciane Fangalua**

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Luciane Fangalua moved back to Utah a year ago after completing her Ph.D.

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**Voting Laws  
Still At Issue**

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states and local governments with a history of discrimination no longer needed to submit new voting laws for federal approval. Now, voting rights advocates are trying to put them back under oversight using the courts and Congress.

—propublica.org

Read more:

<http://bit.ly/1kwSSVz>

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in Middle East and Islamic Studies/Politics from Durham University, UK. She was born in Tonga and attended schools there and in Sacramento California. Luciane obtained a B.A. from the University of Utah majoring in anthropology, Middle East Culture/Sub-Saharan Africa. Luciane earned an MLitt, International Security Studies from the University of St. Andrews, UK. She has worked in Amman, Jordan and Palestine in research and project management specializing in state building processes, political and social development, transparency, accountability, democratic process and Middle Eastern affairs. Luciane is currently a board member for The Sojourner Group in Utah. She has volunteered with The American Women of Amman Association, Tongan High Commission, in London, the Salt Lake Gang Project, and Multi-Ethnic Advisory Committee in Salt Lake. Luciane enjoys reading, opera, traveling and family. She joined the League of Women Voters because she is interested in democratic issues including corruption and transparency. She agrees with the importance of many of the League's priorities.

**Beth Chardack**

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Beth Chardack is a native of Detroit, Michigan, moving to Salt Lake 11 years ago. She is currently enrolled in the master of public administration (MPA) program at the University of Utah. Beth received a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She worked as an urban and environmental planner in the area of transportation planning for an engineering firm in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Beth is a past member of the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and a volunteer for the Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School and Crossroads Urban Center. Beth enjoys reading, Pilates, hiking, traveling and photography. She is interested in policy decision and the legislative processes, especially in the areas of education and environmental issues.



Check out the forums offered by the Hinckley Institute of Politics:  
<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/events/>

## Meet Two of LWV-Davis's New Male Members

Membership and Leadership Development training last summer emphasized the importance of asking, "Would you be interested in joining the LWV?" Four who answered yes and joined us are men; we introduce you to two of them this month. Meet the others in upcoming *Voter* editions.

### John Logan:

After my wife became active with the League, I realized there was



a benefit to being educated on the bills in the Legislature in a non-partisan way. Many times small groups can lobby for legislation that adversely impacts the general public. Without widespread public knowledge, some of these bills actually get passed and have unfortunate impact until eventually replaced.

I am an active business person currently developing a restaurant and brewery in Park City, UT. There are new bills constantly being introduced that could negatively impact this industry and the public in general. Being aware of the legislation and its potential impacts allows one to help build consensus for a good bill or to generate opposition to an ill conceived bill.

Maybe there should be legislation to change the name "League of Women Voters" to "League of Voters!" What do you think?"

### George Johnson:

When the Legislature is meeting, George's first order of business



each morning is to search the Salt Lake Tribune and make unprintable comments about Utah lawmakers. Naturally, George became interested in attending League meetings with his wife, Ann, to learn more about Utah issues and politics.

George is a Korean War veteran who spent 8 years in the Navy. He retired from Hoj Engineering in Salt Lake City. Besides following Utah politics, George spends time writing and researching about family members, reading, solving Sudoku puzzles, and putting together anything electrical, electronic, or mechanical.

## A Look into the Future

You won't want to miss this year's State of the Community Luncheon. KUER's Doug Fabrizio will be joined by Alan Matheson and Andrew Gruber in a fascinating discussion about what Utahns can expect in the coming years.

Tuesday, April 17  
 Little America Hotel  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Cost/\$50

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## **Utah State Prison Tour**

May 15

LWV Salt Lake General Meeting

The League of Women Voters Salt Lake has arranged with the State of Utah,  
Department of Corrections, to tour the Utah State Prison, Draper, Utah.

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