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'Tis the Season for Elections



by Jenn Gonnely, LWVU Co-President

Like Christmas, the election season seems to start earlier and earlier each time around. This year is no exception. While we may not yet be inundated with campaign ads, September is definitely the time to dive into all things election. In this *Voter* you will read about all of the exciting things local leagues around the state are doing to get ready for the November elections — starting with registering everyone in the state to vote. In 2012, the U.S. Census Bureau

released estimates of the voting-age population of each state — showing 1.94 million Utahns are old enough to vote. That same year, Lt. Gov. Greg Bell reported that only 1.47 million Utahns were registered to vote. That means one in four Utahns who are eligible to vote were not registered. We have exciting changes this year with four counties (Salt Lake, Davis, Weber and Kane) participating in the Election Day Voter Registration Pilot Project, but there is still much work to be done to change Utah's trajectory towards lowest voter turnout in the country. Mark your calendars for National Voter Registration Day on September 23rd and check with your local league leaders to find out how you can be involved.

With more counties choosing to conduct their elections entirely through mail-in ballots, Grand County has put together some wonderful information about what everyone needs to know in order to participate in this sort of election and what pitfalls to watch for.

LWVUT will be partnering with the Utah Debate Commission to provide

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volunteers to help with their debates statewide. Additional candidate forums will be put on by each local league. Check out all the opportunities to get involved and learn the process.

There are many other exciting events going on including informational lectures about government structure in Weber County and canyon development in Salt Lake County. There is also an art project that you are invited to participate in at the Utah Museum for Contemporary Art put on by KUED to highlight the dreams and aspirations of Utah women.

The month of September is packed with events that we as Leaguers love. These are also the events that help to make democracy work for all Utahns.

Your Link to Women's Progress is Needed

What's the next link in your chain of progress? KUED, the Girl Scouts of Utah, and the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art invite you to be part of an exciting art project.

You may help create a paper chain link that will be installed outside the museum. Each link represents the dreams of Utah women and girls.

Using the water-resistant paper and permanent markers that will be supplied to you by your local or unit leaders, write and design your own paper link in this chain. Answer the question:

What's the next link in your chain of progress? Make it colorful, draw pictures and share your dreams. Talk about what empowers you to move on to the next step. Then return them to your leader who will be provided a pre-paid return envelope (we will provide) and drop it in a mailbox.

Do not bend or staple as that will be done at the time of installation. Then join us at the museum (20 South West Temple, Salt Lake City) on Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to noon to watch this chain of empowerment coming together. The League of Women Voters of Utah will provide a table to register visitors to vote. If you would like to volunteer to staff this table please contact me at jenn@gonnelly.com

This project is in support of MAKERS: Women Who Make America. MAKERS is a six-part series profiling the impact women have had over the past 50 years in six fields - politics, space, war, business, comedy, and Hollywood.

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Participate in the project and help us build the Chain of Empowerment.



Wasatch Canyons Development at Issue

by Anne Zeigler, 2nd VP Organization, LWVSL

Do you know what the plans are for the future of the Wasatch Canyons? The League of Women Voters Salt Lake is hosting a forum to help LWV members and the public understand the Mountain Accord's plans for the Central Wasatch Mountains. The event will be held September 18 (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Tessman Auditorium at the Salt Lake City Main Library on 210 E. 400 South. Panelists will present views on impacts to the economy, recreation, environment, and transportation. The panel will be moderated by Laynee Jones, program manager for Mountain Accord. The public is invited to attend and welcome to submit questions at the forum.

Because this is the opening event for the Salt Lake League of Women Voters and replaces our September unit meetings, we hope all members will make a special effort to attend AND bring guests.

Panelists scheduled to participate:

- Economy: **Natalie Gochmour**, Associate Dean, David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah
- Recreation: **Will McCarvill**, President, Wasatch Mountain Club
- Watershed: **Laura Briefer**, Water Resources Manager, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities
- Transportation: **Jon Nepstad**, Principal, Fehr & Peers, Transportation lead for the Mountain Accord
- Forest Service: **David Whittekiend**, Forest Supervisor of the Uinta-Cache-Wasatch National Forest

The Mountain Accord is a “multi-phase program that seeks to make long-term decisions regarding the future of the central Wasatch Mountains. This program encompasses a range of issues and goals centered on four areas including transportation, environment, economy, and recreation.”

Areas for discussion at the forum include definition of the Mountain Accord; current status of canyon development and plans for future

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development; and the effect of proposed ski lifts between resorts on transportation issues.

Save These Dates for the 2014 Debates

by **Kathy Stockel, LWVUT Vice President, LWVDavis Co-President**
The League of Women Voters of Utah is joining the Utah Debate Commission to bring five debates to the election scene at universities around the state this fall (see details in the graybar). All debates will be televised and a limited number of seats will be available to the community to attend them in person.

Perhaps the best way of obtaining a ticket is to be one of the six LWVUT volunteers needed for each debate. League volunteers will be timekeepers and ushers, and will register voters (unless a student organization volunteers to do the voter registration).

Email lwwut@xmission.com (subject line: Debate Volunteer) with your name and the date you wish to volunteer. Do it soon, we are limited to those six volunteers per debate!

Another good way to obtain a ticket is to submit a question for the candidates. Information about submitting questions will be made available as soon as possible. At least some of the selected question-writers will be invited to sit in the audience.

Not able to be in the audience? Host your own Debate Party!

63rd SL Annual Meeting A Success

Approximately 50 LWVSL members came together on June 3 to elect new board members, discuss and approve the 2014-15 year program focus areas, and share conversation and great food.

2014-2015 Officers

Co-Presidents - Karen McCoy and Janice Gygi

1st VP-Programs - Kathy Fitzgerald

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Here Come the Debates

Tuesday, September 23,
6 p.m. 1st Congressional
District @ Weber State
University

Thursday, September 25,
6 p.m. 2nd Congressional
District @ Southern Utah
University

Wednesday, October 1,
6 p.m. Attorney General,
@ Brigham Young University

Tuesday, October 7, 6 p.m.
3rd Congressional District @
Utah Valley University

Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m.,
4th Congressional District @
University of Utah

*With board members from KSL,
Deseret News, Salt Lake
Tribune, FOX13 and KUTV,
each debate will either be
streamed live on
local TV networks or online,
ensuring that voters across the
state will be informed of the
issues and, hopefully,
increase voter turnout.*

Membership Director - Jill Lesh
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We are excited about the program areas approved. They impact Salt Lake and Summit counties, and we hope that you might find one for which you would like to volunteer your expertise and/or interest. Areas include: canyon transportation issues, water conservation, homeless-to-housing initiatives, preschool education, and mental health service. Please let us know!

— *Karen McCoy, Co-President, LWVSL*

Outstanding 2014-2015 LWVSL Programming

Kathryn Fitzgerald, Program Director

- Wasatch Canyons Development
- Homelessness in Salt Lake County
- Public/Private Pre-school Partnership
- Mental health services in Salt Lake County
- Water use and conservation in Salt Lake County

What a varied and urgent set of issues! These are just some of the topics the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake will be addressing this year.

We need volunteers! If you would like to join any of the committees that will be planning these programs, please contact Kathy Fitzgerald at klrfitzgerald@gmail.com. I will connect you with the committee chair.

Here's the calendar. As you will see, some details of time and place are still to be scheduled. Check future *Voters* for updates.

September

Wednesday, September 10: Debate, Holladay area candidates for Senate District. 4 and House Districts. 36 and 37, Holladay City Hall meeting room- 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, September 18: General Opening Meeting: Development Plans for the Wasatch Canyons
Salt Lake City Main Library, Tessman Auditorium - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

October

Friday, October 10: Fall Fete: Champagne and Chocolate
Millcreek Cacao Company - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22: New Member Orientation - 5-7 p.m.
Home of Jeris Johnson, 6114 Heughs Canyon Way, Holladay

SL League Needs Volunteers

If you would like to join any of the committees that will be planning LWVSL 2014-15 programs, please contact Kathy Fitzgerald at klrfitzgerald@gmail.com.

I will connect you with the committee chair.

Last week of October: Unit Meetings: The Homeless. How Well Is Salt Lake County Achieving Its Goal of Ending Homelessness by 2016?

November

Monday, November 17: General Meeting: Proposal for Private/Public Pre-school Education Partnership
Girl Scout Offices, 445 E. 4500 South, SLC - 6-8:30 p.m.

December

Monday, December 1: Holiday Social
Village III Clubhouse - 5-8 p.m.

January 2015

Monday, January 26: LWWUT Legislative Orientation
Utah State Capitol Copper Room, Senate Building - noon-2 p.m.

Date TBA: LWWUT Legislative Orientation
Evening, Salt Lake City Main Library

Friday, January 30: Osher Lifelong Learning Lunch and Learn.
Utah State Capitol Olmstead Room (Senate Building). Speaker TBA.
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Last week of January: Unit Meetings: Follow-up on legislative orientation: How to monitor and lobby your Utah legislature and other representative bodies.

February

Friday, February 13: LWWUT Legislative Brown Bag Lunch.
Utah State Capitol Olmstead Room (Senate Building)
Speakers: two legislators yet to be determined - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Date TBA: General Meeting: Mental Health Services in Salt Lake County

March

Wednesday, March 18: General Meeting: Legislative Wrap-Up
Girl Scout Offices, 445 E. 4500 South, SLC - 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31: General Meeting: Water Use and Conservation in Salt Lake County - Time and Place TBA

April

Wednesday, April 9 (tentative): State of the Community Luncheon
Little America Hotel - Time TBA

Water Study Needs Committee Members

Would you like to serve on a study committee? The Salt Lake League is about to undertake a timely and important study, "Water Use and Conservation in Salt Lake County." The committee will meet from September to March, culminating in April with a program for a General Meeting and discussions at the Unit Meetings.

Please consider joining this study committee. The research will be fascinating and working together will be fun. If you are interested, please contact the committee co-chairs, Linda Clark (clark1841@comcast.net, 801-592-9860) or Jill Lesh (jilllesh@me.com, 435-655-1965).

Wednesday, April 22: New Member Orientation.
Time and place TBA

Last week of April: Unit Meetings: Follow up Discussion on Water Use and Conservation

May

Thursday, May 7: General Meeting: Program Planning
Girl Scout Offices, 445 E. 4500 South, SLC - 6:30-8 p.m.

Date TBA: Go-See Tour: Suggestions include South Jordan Conservation Garden, SLC Public Safety (Police) Headquarters Building, County Recycling Center

June

Tuesday, June 2: LWVSL Annual Meeting
Time and Place TBA

Thursday, June 25: LWVSL Board Retreat
Time and Place TBA

New Members

Lois Spiegel

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Lois Spiegel moved to Salt Lake from Ardsley, New York in 1979. She earned her undergraduate degree from Lesley College in Cambridge, MA and her Master's in teaching history at Columbia University. Lois worked as a teacher of the visually impaired, initially in Davis County and subsequently for 15 years for the Granite School District as an Itinerant Vision Therapist. She is a member of the Assistance League, and volunteers for Congregation Kol Ami, Jewish Family Services and the National Council of Jewish Women. She is a world traveler with frequent trips to visit children and grandchildren in Boston, Seattle and Israel. Lois was an active member of the League of Women Voters of White Plains, NY in the mid-1970s. She is especially interested in voter education and voter services. Welcome back to the LWV, Lois!



Orientation for New, Prospective Members

Plan to attend a delightful social and orientation meeting Wednesday, October 22 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.

Longtime members, please bring a prospective member. New members, please treat yourself to this invaluable introduction sponsored by the Salt Lake City League.

The social begins at 5 p.m., followed by the information session at 5:30 p.m., at Jeris Johnson's home, 6114 Heughs Canyon Way in Holladay. For more information contact Jeris Johnson 801-274-1234

Michele Weeks

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Michele Weeks is running for the Utah State Senate in District 11. She has lived in Draper, UT for the last 15 years. Michele earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Media Studies from Towson State University in Maryland, and interned for Joseph Kennedy on Capitol Hill. She was a lobbyist in Atlanta Georgia for several organizations before she moved to New York City. Michele worked as a ski instructor at Snowbird and is a business owner. As Mrs. Utah 2013, Michele is no stranger to community service. She has been a spokesperson for the American Heart Association and has volunteered to lobby on their behalf statewide and on Capitol Hill in Washington. Michele is currently an advocate for children with ADHD and other learning disabilities. She is actively involved in humanitarian projects around the world and has traveled to over 30 countries and six continents. She has helped build orphanages and organized humanitarian projects and many toy drives in developing countries. Michele has spoken to former President Jimmy Carter on several occasions about his humanitarian projects and the tremendous impact he has had on millions of people. Michele enjoys traveling and produced a CD of songs written by her son, Christian.

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Sally Aulakh is a Salt Lake native who moved back to the area in 2007. She lived in Oklahoma, Colorado and most recently in Switzerland for seven years. Sally works for, and is a co-owner with her husband, of a software services company, BayaTree LLC. She attended the University of Utah and earned a degree in data processing from Utah Technical College. Sally's volunteer work has included serving on the board in her homeowners association, volunteering for her daughter's schools, for various political elections, and serving as a delegate from her precinct. Sally wants to become more involved in her community and is passionate about encouraging voters to be more informed on issues and exercising their right to vote. She feels the League gives her a good vehicle to further this goal.

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Aaron Bryant is a Salt Lake native. He earned an Associates of Science degree at Salt Lake Community College, a Bachelor's in Social Work, an Alcohol and Drug Counseling Program certification and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Utah. Aaron is currently enrolled in the Master's of Public Administration program at the

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University of Utah. He works for Assessment & Referral Services, University of Utah Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine as the DORA (Drug Offender Reform Act) representative. He is the clinical member of a team of probation officers from Adult Probation & Parole which assists offenders with substance use disorders in accessing treatment and providing collaborative care. Aaron is currently the President of the board of directors for the University of Utah LGBTQA Alumni. He authored a memoir titled *A Synchronous Memoir of Addiction and Recovery*. He notes a specific interest in sexual violence policy and hopes to impact legislation in the future which increases awareness regarding sexual violence and increases services provided to victims of sexual violence. Aaron is the proud single father of a 5 year old girl. Aaron recently accepted a position on the LWV Utah board as public relations co-director.

Meagan Lang

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Meagan Lang served as the intern for the League of Women Voters Utah this year. She is newly graduated from SLCC and is now working on a degree at Westminster College in Political Science and Gender Studies. Meagan is a Salt Lake native. She works for R&O Construction. Meagan's volunteer activities have included Kid's Crew at the Primary Children's Hospital, the Humane Society and of course the LWV. Her interests include cooking, politics and Dr. Who. Meagan hopes to start a League of Women Voters unit at Westminster this fall. She is especially interested in voter registration and voter education.

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Rodney Mosbacher is from Ohio; a graduate of West Point, a Vietnam veteran and retired from the Army. He also retired from the Defense Contract Management Agency where he was employed as an engineer. He is an avid genealogist, stamp and coin collector. He has volunteered for over 58 hours for the Boy Scouts of Utah. Rodney's wife is employed by the Salt Lake City School District. He has four children and is the proud Grandfather of eight grandchildren. Rodney has twice survived cancer. Rod had accepted an appointment to the office of co-director of Health and Human Services for LWV Salt Lake.

Shelly Pace

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Shelly Pace is one of three new student members this month. She is from Kaysville and recently moved to Salt Lake. She received her bachelor's degree from Weber State University in Psychology and



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.

<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/events/forums/index.html>

Sociology. Shelly is working on her master's degree in Community Leadership at Westminster College. She is employed by Albertson's and previously was with AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) for a year working with South Salt Lake. She has volunteered for the Safe Harbor Crisis Center and the National Organization of Women. In her leisure time she enjoys karaoke, dealing blackjack at private events and board games. Shelly joined the League of Women Voters because she is interested in elections and politics and is especially interested in our education issues.

Lynda Sayge

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Lynda Sayge grew up in southern California, raised by her mother and grandmother, two formidable women who helped shape her future endeavors in helping women. She also lived in Las Vegas, Germany and Salem OR, moving to Salt Lake over 20 years ago. Lynda served as an MP in the armed forces in Germany, worked as a dispatcher for the Las Vegas fire department and retired as an Air Traffic Controller, most recently at the Salt Lake International Airport. Most of Lynda's volunteer work has been helping to promote and protect women. She is now serving on the Board and as Treasurer for the Salt Lake Committee on Foreign Relations. She is an animal rights advocate and has volunteered for People Helping People, Zonta International, House of Hope, High Road for Human Rights, and the United Nations. Lynda's hobbies include knitting, movies, reading, gardening, golfing, outdoor activities and playing with her animals. She is interested in following local politics and states "joining the LWV seemed like a good way to do that with the added bonus of meeting powerhouse women." Lynda has accepted the job of public relations co-director for the board of LWV Utah.

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Eloise Runolfson was raised, educated, married, and raised three sons in the San Francisco Bay Area. She worked as a Director of Nutritional Services in an acute care hospital. After retiring 22 years ago, she and her husband moved to Pleasant View near Ogden. They moved to South Ogden 12 years ago. Living in South Ogden allowed them to be closer to their grandchildren and slow and begin to enjoy retirement. Living in Utah has been a bit of an adjustment for them as they came from such a diversified state. They both believe that Utah is a beautiful state and hope that it continues to change and become more open minded and diversified. Eloise and her husband are enjoying life and friends every day, and Weber League is fortunate to have her as a member.

Davis County Votes by Mail

**by Kathy Stockel, LWV Davis Co-
President, LWVUT VP**

The *Salt Lake Tribune's* Lee Davidson described it as "a primary election where races were few and voters scarce — except in counties where new all-by-mail voting boosted turnout."

The 2014 primary election may have begun to answer the question of whether or not mail-in voting will increase voter turnout in Utah. Some counties reported a turnout of only 6 to 7 percent while about 28 percent of Davis County's eligible voters voted in the 2014 primary election.

Davis County Election Manager

Brian McKenzie said the number of 2014 primary mail-in voters was similar to the voter turnout of the hotly contested 2010 primary. 2010's primary had many races, including the Mike Lee and Tim Bridgewater race for U.S. Senate. 2014's primary had only four races: one for county commissioner, one for House District 19, and for school board.

If the results of Utah's first experiment in all-by-mail voting holds true throughout the trial period, and as more counties participate, one can expect Utah will begin experiencing ever higher voter turnout.

Take a Look at That Tax Notice

by Marilyn O'Dell, Chair, LWWUT Tax Study Committee

Property owners recently received a 2014 Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Change. It's easy to just look at the total amount you owe and if it's the same as last year, put it aside. However, this year the League is doing a study of Utah's tax system so it's a good time to really look at that notice. Mine has 15 lines each representing a piece of my property taxes. If one of those is set to increase, there is a notice of the amount of increase and a time and place for a public meeting.

In 1992 the League of Women Voters of Utah did an excellent study on Utah's tax system. However, after 22 years things have changed and new concerns have arisen. A new study was proposed and approved at our recent convention. I agreed to chair the study committee and an excellent group of Leaguers volunteered to work on it. We've decided not to repeat the work of the 1992 study but to update it and add a section on fees. Fees are an important part of revenue, especially for cities, but weren't covered in the 1992 study. Many, but not all, fees are mandatory so you still have to pay them but they don't sound as bad as taxes.

League member and State Tax Commission retiree Doug Macdonald is advising the committee.

We're planning to be finished with the new study and ready for distribution by the end of November. We'll keep you up to date with future *Voter* articles.

Voter Service Helps Democracy Work

by Nancy Wingelaar Co-Chair of Voter Service, Salt Lake

I think I am drawn to Voter Service because it seems like the most "League like" thing we can do. How could we better follow our motto of "Making Democracy Work" than by registering voters, informing those voters of the process, publishing a Voter Guide, and moderating Debates and Forums? These things are the nuts and bolts of a democracy and they are what the League does so well and for which it is known.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Carole Straughn and Harry Tarter are very busy this summer coordinating our volunteers at four different Farmers Markets, Fairs and Festivals. We register voters, educate people about the League and talk to them about the voting process. It is very satisfying work and **you too can help with just two-to-three hours of your time on a weekend.** (as well as do your produce shopping.) Call Carole at 540 255-6747 to volunteer a bit of time and feel good about your

Fall (Fete) is in the Air

Friday, October 10 from
6:30-8:30 p.m.

FALL FETE FUNDRAISER
In honor of Sherilyn Bennion,
longtime member and
advocate

This is the Salt Lake
League's third annual
champagne-and-chocolate
pairing event, with great
champagne and chocolates.

Where:

Millcreek Cacao Roasters
651 South Main – Salt Lake
City

We will enjoy gourmet
chocolates, desserts,
beverages, and a drawing
(tickets for purchase will be
available) for baskets with
wine, chocolate and other
goodies.

It will also be a kick-off for
our new 2014-15 Calendar.

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contribution. You should have received an email outlining times Carole and Harry need help.

VOTERS GUIDE: Our Salt Lake Voter Service Committee is forging ahead with creating our Voters Guide. We have created questions for local school board candidates to answer covering a range of topics. Their responses will be published in September and should prove insightful. We will “Go Live” in coordination with the Utah Voters Guide which has asked questions of statewide candidates. You can help by **PROMOTING THE GUIDE** – talk about it with friends and those you meet.

DEBATES AND FORUMS: Since we are heading into the fall before a General Election, we will be offering our services to lead and monitor debates and forums. We are in the process of working on one debate which will be in mid-September. It will include candidates for Senate District 4, House Districts 37 and 38. Watch for more information on this. You too can help by volunteering at the debates or letting us know if you are aware of a need for our services.

Grand County Goes Strictly Vote-by-Mail

By Karen Robinson, League of Women Voters of Grand County

When the Grand County Clerk announced that voting would be solely by mail-in ballots, there were several questions raised about the process and its impact on ballot secrecy.

To get a better understanding, the League talked with personnel from a County Clerk's office that had already managed mail-in elections, the local postmaster to find out how the ballots would be received, postmarked and transferred to the County Clerk's Office, and on several occasions with the Grand County Clerk's Office to get full details on how they would be collecting, storing, recording and counting ballots.

We took the results from the various interviews and summarized the data to a size suitable for printing a double-sided three-fold flyer. These flyers will be widely distributed throughout the County. Download a copy of the flyer at lwwutah.org/lwvvc/Voter_info_brochure.pdf

We learned a couple of things as a result of this mailing:

1. Some people complained they didn't know they were supposed to get a card. More publicity from the County would have been helpful.
2. The League has been recommending for some time that a voters ensure they are registered by accessing vote.utah.gov. Unfortunately, that query does NOT return a mailing address, so

Weber to Host Membership Drive

The Weber County League of Women Voters is having a Membership Dessert Social/Meeting on Saturday, September 6 at 11 a.m. at Jaycee Park, 2465 Fillmore Avenue. The meeting will begin with a presentation by an officer from Ogden City Police detailing the new community policing process that is being incorporated in Ogden. The officer will explain what it is, where it came from, how the public is involved, etc. This will be followed by a potluck dessert feast. All members and the public are invited.

voters can be unaware if their addresses are invalid. The site has never shown mailing addresses, but it was not an issue before the County switched to mail-in ballots. Some people did not receive a card because they had a long-defunct P.O. Box as a mailing address. The Lieutenant Governor's Office is now aware of this problem and states they will remedy it.

We also learned, by virtue of an error made by a few voters, that there is a URL named voter.utah.gov, very easily confused with vote.utah.gov. Unfortunately, instead of bringing up voter information, the form allows voters to register, change address or party, or request an absentee ballot. Voters who signed into "voter" instead of "vote" ended up going through the entire registration process and becoming very bewildered.

To read more about the steps we went through to create the brochure, download the document at lwwutah.org/lwvgc/GrandCountyVote-by-mailfinal2Aug14.pdf

P.S. Grand County had a 51 percent turnout in the primary, so I'll concede mail-in is a winner for getting more people to vote even though I prefer voters go to the polls if they are able.

Weber to Update Local Government Study

by Terri McCullough

The Weber County League conducted a study in 1981 concerning the design of local government in our county. We reached consensus that alternatives really should be studied and possibly implemented because the size of the Weber County Commission did not seem large enough to represent the growing population. It also did not provide for any checks and balances. The executive and legislative functions are performed by all three members. In the '90s the initiative to study alternative forms of government did get on the ballot. Unfortunately, it was the last item after a great many other proposals that were being voted on that year. Only 11 percent of the people voting actually finished the ballot to the end and 48 percent of those were in support of the study. A lawsuit was filed about the wording of the initiative stating that it was prejudicial and the suit went to the Utah Supreme Court.

Weber County citizens passed a bond that would fund a new library and upgrades to many of the current ones. This passed by a good percentage. The commission then began debating on whether they wanted to spend that entire amount of money on libraries, and it was suggested that this money could be spent in better ways. This sounded alarming to the Weber League - if the community votes for a bond to be used for something, why would it not be used for that purpose? As a



Debates Are Coming Up

The League is offering its services to lead and monitor debates and forums before the November General Election.

result we formed a committee to update the study completed in 1981 and get consensus on this topic so we had a current position statement to use. The same problems - representation matching the size of the population and no checks and balances - are still present. As the committee continued to work, we realized that we would like to get public opinion on the topic. Working with the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service at Weber State University, we have arranged a "Public Forum on Local Government" on September 3 at 7 p.m. in the Shepherd Union Building - Ballroom A. The moderator will be Max Roth and panel members will be Di Allison (chair of the former Weber County study), Dr. Leah Murray (political science professor at WSU), Duncan Murray (the attorney who took the case to the Supreme Court for prejudicial wording), and Adam Trupp (with the Utah Association of Counties). The public's opinion will be incorporated in the study and will help us decide if we are ready to go forward with signatures to get the initiative for a study group back on the ballot.

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 - Ability to establish and maintain successful working relationships with individuals of diverse backgrounds, differing opinions and communication styles.
 - Candidate has authorization to work in the United States
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Water is the Next Big Crisis

by Linda Johnson

The first week of June, I went to Gov. Gary Herbert's Energy Conference. Afterward I was part of a panel arranged by Joe Andrade which featured Ted Nordhaus, as the governor's keynote speaker, and several other environmental speakers. Nordhaus is chairman of the advisory board of the Breakthrough Institute, an environmental think tank. I spoke on water in the West. (Some will recall the water paper I did a couple of years ago for the League.)

Nordhaus takes the position that everything will be fine, that we should continue to use all the fossil fuels we can find except for coal. We should also work on developing renewables, but we can't do it fast enough to give up fossil, carbon-based fuels. He thinks we need lots of energy and will find a solution to all the warming problems because using lots of energy makes our lives easier and gives us time to invent new things. The *New York Times* ran an op-ed stating the same positions exactly, written by someone from a different think-tank, within the week.

A co-panelist from the climatology department at Utah State University said he doesn't think global warming is reversible, although it can be slowed if we stop adding carbon to the atmosphere.

He explained that there has indeed been substantial global warming, which has caused weather unpredictability and severity. I spoke about the water implications of climate change, including the related dust and air problems. The Southwest, including most of Utah, is predicted to become hotter and drier. A small part of Utah, north of about Provo, is predicted to be warmer but no one's sure if it will be wetter or drier. The science is unclear.

You need only to travel around the West to see the effects of warming —



Water Has High Cost

“Our state will need more than \$32 billion for new water demand and existing facility repaid and replacement costs through 2060.”

—Prepare60

heavy precipitation in Colorado, high water in Lake Powell, but not enough to refill it after years of low water, dry streams in the Sierras and a dry Central Valley in California.

San Francisco is very water thrifty, and Utah, which is a heavy water users, could learn from their enforcement. There has been little snow on the Wasatch mountains, our main water source here.

Water in the West, Mid-August 2014:

August has been satisfactorily damp, and much cooler. The monsoon rains have been adequate. Nevertheless, Lake Mead is less than a foot above the crisis-mode water level that requires rationing water to downstream users.

Early in August the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsored a special “Water Is Your Business” lunch. Among the topics discussed was how much water the state would need by 2060, and where it would come from. The panelists concluded there would be no problem, as the amount needed was almost exactly the amount which would be provided by the planned Washington County Pipeline and diversions and dams on the Bear River. “Prepare60,” an organization of the Big 4 Water Conservancy Districts is having follow-up meetings in September. Their handout at the lunch featured this quote in large print: “OUR STATE WILL NEED MORE THAN \$32 BILLION FOR NEW WATER DEMAND AND EXISTING FACILITY REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT COSTS THROUGH 2060.”

Agriculture in Utah uses too much water and produces too little economic benefit, according to a member of the Chamber. Do think about these issues. This is going to be the next big, bad thing needing your careful attention. That’s why water is on the LWVSL program list.

An Anniversary to Celebrate

August 18, 1920 will mark the [94 anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment](#) giving women the right to vote. With that ratification the work of the newly formed League of Women Voters, founded to finish the fight for suffrage, really began. An estimated 25 million women were, with the stroke of a pen, eligible to vote. The task of registering and informing those new women voters was enormous. Add to that the understandable desire of those who had worked so long and hard for woman suffrage to make a difference with their votes.



(From left) Nelda Bishop, Nicola Nelson, Nancy Cooper, Kathy Stockel.

Davis County League Registers Voters

by Ann Johnson

Davis County members (above) dressed as suffragettes and registered 14 new or recently moved voters at Bountiful's Summerfest festival on August 6. Besides registering new voters, the David League created positive visibility in the community. Many people thanked us for our efforts. We also gave interested individuals LWV brochures and information about our upcoming event with State Sen. Todd Weiler speaking to county residents.

National Voter Registration Day is September 23

by Kathy Stockel, LWVUT Vice-President and LWVDavis Co-President

No matter what National Voter Registration Day event(s) you have decided to sponsor, be sure to bring a camera and a notepad. As you register new voters or voters who have changed their address since they last voted, ask them for their stories. What inspired them to vote?

Take pictures of your event. Write your stories also. What inspires you to register voters? Then email them to lwwut@xmission.com and in the subject line put "Voter Registration Event." Utah voters' stories, pictures, and events combined become a graphic, engaging look at one of the core activities of the League of Women Voters of Utah — for your use in

Voting Rights Act Turns 49

For 49 years, the Voting Rights Act (VRA) has protected the right to vote regardless of race or language, but legislation to repair damage from the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby v. Holder* is currently stalled in the U.S. House.

This August, tell your Representative to stop stalling and move the Voting Rights Amendment Act forward! Use the League's [online contact form](#) to send a message to your Representative or visit with your Representative in-district during the August recess.

promoting your local League.

Here are four reasons the LWWVUS is excited about National Voter Registration Day (from the national League website, lwwv.org.)

1. More than 1,000 nonprofits, government officials, businesses and other groups have already signed up to participate in National Voter Registration Day 2014, the third annual holiday to register voters.

They're all in for one reason: they believe voting is something to celebrate, and they're committed to spreading the word to every eligible American. As my League colleague, Cheryl Graeve, puts it, "I vote because it is a simple and powerful act. Every individual, regardless of wealth or heritage, has the same opportunity to create honest change."

2. The League is on track to have an unprecedented number of NVRD participants in 2014. Nearly 300 League affiliates participated in both NVRD 2012 and 2013, and we are on track to top that in 2014! Not only has NVRD been a fun way for League volunteers to get out and know their communities, but the day has also helped leverage the League's grassroots power around a single day of action on voter registration. The result? Almost 10,000 new voters registered by Leagues *on one single day* in 2012 and again in 2013.

3. Everyone is getting onboard the #celebrate NVRD train! Nancy Pelosi, Glenn Beck, Usher, Pearl Jam, the president and thousands of other public figures have publicly supported the goals of National Voter Registration Day. And recently, the bipartisan National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), representing chief state elections officials from every state, issued a five-year resolution declaring the last Tuesday of September as National Voter Registration Day.

4. Everybody can get involved with this important day! If you volunteer with your local League of Women Voters or another community organization, there is still time to talk with your team and sign up as a partner. You'll be provided with free training materials (including free posters if you sign up before September 5!) in order to start planning a community registration event for National Voter Registration Day on September 23. Or, you can celebrate as an individual by encouraging your social networks, email contacts and friends and family to register to vote or update their registration if they've moved, changed their name or changed their political affiliation since the last election.

League Supports People's Climate March

In September, the United Nations will gather for a summit on the climate crisis where leaders around the world will make commitments to fight climate change.

Organizations from across the country are mobilizing to show support for the fight against climate change with a March and demonstration in New York City surrounding the summit. The League will be joining them for the People's Climate March on September 21. For additional information and to get involved, visit peoplesclimate.org.

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