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Fall a Time for Farewells



Dear League Members,

According to the calendar another autumnal season is upon us. Fall is my favorite time of year. Like many of you, I love the cooler weather and falling leaves of autumn.

Of course, fall is also election season and the political geek in me loves the elections. I enjoy watching my friends and neighbors get as wound up as I do about politics. I only wish that more would choose to get involved and stay that way all year long.

In addition to changing weather, changing foliage and changing political fortunes, there is one more important change that I want to share with you. This fall will see my little family begin a new life in a new place. It is with great excitement and no small bit of sadness that I say goodbye to you, my friends and fellow League members. In December, Mark and I will be moving with our two dear little dogs to Mark's home of Ireland.

While it was no secret that this change was possibly on the horizon, I took on another term as co-president with Lola because I believe in the work we are doing and was anxious to get as much done as possible in the time I had here in Utah. I am pleased with what we have accomplished by pushing the League further into media consciousness, forging a strong bond with elected officials in state offices and growing membership statewide. I am confident that Lola with the assistance of the executive board will find a strong

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replacement for me among our membership. I know that our work will continue strongly into the League's 100th anniversary.

Let me take one indulgent moment to thank you all, every one of you, for teaching me so much about the world and myself, for all of your hard work, your support and most of all for your friendship. Over the years many people have asked me why I, with my progressive political views, chose to live in Utah. I said to them what I say to you now: In this place cream rises to the top and I am blessed to call the cream of the crop my friends. You are those friends and I will miss all of you.

But now I choose to move on to a new adventure — not better, just new and different. Much like the end of summer, this transition brings on beautiful changes and possibilities that I know the League will benefit from. A year from now I may not be talking politics. I may be talking cheese, or chickens or organic farming and hopefully Utah won't still be talking about Medicaid expansion. I will be back to visit and we will all catch up again then.

*Very Sincerely,
In League with You,
Jenn Gonnelly*

League Owes Much to its Co-President

Jenn Gonnelly, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Utah will soon be departing the League, Utah and the United States for the next chapter in her life in Ireland. For the past two and half years, Jenn has helped lead the League of Women Voters of Utah, has increased our visibility in the community, and has been instrumental in moving us into the information age.

With poise and dignity, Jenn worked among our Utah legislators and with many local nonprofits to promote the wellbeing of Utah. Using her skills with information technology,



Jenn moved the League into the era of social media, where the League has become an important political resource. She has gained the well-deserved respect of the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Generous with her time and willing to assist the entire Utah League membership with her knowledge of politics, the media and how to promote the League's outstanding work, she has been both a mentor

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and a teacher, sought after to teach classes by BYU and the University of Utah among others.

The League has benefited from her talents and is left with a legacy of respect and reliability. We wish her well, and thank her for being the face of the League of Women Voters of Utah.

- *Lola Britton, co-president, LWVUT*
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- *Terri McCullough, president, LWV-Weber*

Super PACs Pumping Money in Politics

by **Gigi Brandt, Vice President-Program**

Even though the presidential election is more than a year away, the media and public interest groups have focused on the amount of money in politics and who is spending it. Consider these facts taken from newspapers in the last month:



- Half of the reported money in the campaign so far has come from donations to groups outside the campaigns, like “super PACs,” that are not subject to limits.
- The 2016 campaign is significantly outpacing recent election cycles in contributions at this point, and the source of the money has

shifted from candidates’ own committees, which can accept only \$2,700 per election from individuals.

- 158 families each contributed \$250,000 or more to the campaign through June 30, according to the most recent available Federal Election Commission filings and other data, while an additional 200 families gave more than \$100,000. Together, the two groups contributed well over half the money in the presidential election so far.
- One 2016 presidential candidate has spent more than \$90,000 every day in his 70-day campaign this year.
- More than 95 percent of the total contributions to super PACs supporting another candidate came from donations of \$1 million or more,
- These facts are disturbing to many citizens. They are possible because of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. Essentially that decision allowed unlimited independent spending on candidate elections by corporations and unions (i.e. corporations are to be treated as

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individuals) and discounted any danger from undue influence other than explicit quid pro quo. As League material states, the decision “radically transformed the election landscape.”

Is this state of affairs desirable in a democracy? How can the situation be remedied?

Leagues in Utah will be studying these questions in the next three months. The Salt Lake League will study them at unit meetings in November. Study materials will soon be found on the Utah League website.

Constitutional Amendments Subject of Unit Meetings

by Ann O’Connell, Natural Resources Chair, LWVSL

By the time this Voter is published, the League’s first unit meetings of the season will be only a week away. It is critical that members contribute to this discussion because the consensus that is developed will guide how the National League confronts Constitutional Amendments. Currently two proposals for amendments are on the horizon. One is the Move to Amend effort to craft a constitutional amendment to thwart the Supreme Court’s support of money as speech in their Citizens United ruling. The other is the call by several state legislatures to convene a constitutional amendment convention to draft and recommend a federal balanced budget amendment. (Utah’s legislature has joined that call.)

However, the League will not be debating these two issues directly. We will be telling the LWVUS what principles they should apply if and when the League decides to support or oppose these and future proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Attend a unit meeting. Find the times and locations [here](#) on the LWVUT website. Bring the Constitutional Amendment Consensus Questions. The background readings are interesting and helpful to a degree. The LWVUT website has links to study materials [here](#). But as an informed citizen, you can contribute to the discussion without them.

Those of you who receive unit materials by U.S. Postal Service should have received a copy of the consensus questions by the time you receive your Voter. The LWVUS no longer designs materials to mail, but rather presents links to materials on its website [here](#).

All local leagues need to be making plans to send their consensus responses to LWVUS. It is important to get this right.



Plan Now for National Convention

Please join us at the 2016 LWVUS Convention June 16-19 in Washington, DC.

We would love to have a strong representation of the Utah League. This year the registration fee is \$395 per attendee and the room rates are \$209 per night. To accurately account for the number of needed reservations, we need to begin planning now.

Both White House and congressional visits require a request made at least one month in advance. The Utah League has not called on our representatives in Washington for several years.

If you are looking to attend and want to sync up with other local members please email Meg Griggs at megmgriggs@gmail.com for more details. [Here](#) is the LWVUS webpage with further information.

-- Meg Griggs, Co
Communications Director LWV
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LWVSL Joins Move to Amend on Campaign Finance

The Salt Lake League has been working with Move to Amend of Utah to persuade the Salt Lake City Council to lower the individual campaign contribution limit to \$500 and to forbid contributions from organizations, including corporations. After seeing some recent donation numbers, I am convinced that \$500 is a very reasonable sum.

In the past, the LWVSL was very active in negotiations for the limits we have now. For a council race, the current limit is \$1,500. I can remember the anguish and consternation of some of our members who compromised on that figure in the '90s. They will be proud of us if we can get to \$500 now.

The real credit goes to the Move to Amend committee that has worked long and hard on this issue. I would name the individuals but am afraid I would leave someone out. It is heartening that Move to Amend recognized that it might be helpful to have the League standing beside them. They have given us the opportunity to use our history with the city to accomplish even greater campaign finance reform for today - at a time when it may seem almost hopeless to try.

The council may have voted by the time of Voter publication so you will know the results. As of this writing the odds seem favorable.

-- *Ann O'Connell, Natural Resources Chair, LWVSL*

LWV 2016 State Convention

by Kathy Stockel, Co-President, LWV Davis County

You still have a chance to win! No one guessed the correct venue for the 2016 LWVUT Convention April 29th and 30th. That means you can still guess where LWV Davis County will be showering you with two days of rustic elegance. The gift for being the first to guess the correct location is payment of your registration fee.

I realize some of you might hesitate to enter this contest because you wonder if someone else might need the free convention fee in order to attend. Please guess anyway. If you win and don't wish to keep the prize for yourself, we will award it as a scholarship to a League member who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Email your guesses to Kathy Stockel at khs_nodak@yahoo.com and in

LWVUS Position on Campaign Finance

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process (1974, 1982).

the subject line put “LWVUT prize.”

And don't forget to mark your calendar with stars on Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th. This is one state convention you won't want to miss, and Davis County is very family-friendly with lots of activities for family members. It is the perfect family get-a-away while you are shaping the future of the League.

Members of LWVUT board and LWV-Davis County are not eligible to enter the contest.

Mountain Accord Moves into Second Phase

by Laynee Jones, Mountain Accord Program Manager

Last summer more than 20 stakeholders signed the historic Mountain Accord on the Central Wasatch. Moving into phase two, we will pursue the plans and vision spelled out in the signed Accord and work to continue gathering information on important issues like transportation in the canyons. Here's what's next.



Champion Federal Land Designation

The signed Accord, directs us to ask the U.S. Congress to create a special designation for the public lands. This special federal designation will provide special protections

against development and environmental degradation for approximately 80,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service land and would allow all existing recreational uses and permits to continue.

Execute Land Exchanges

One of the major accomplishments of the signed Accord was settling on a plan to clean up the land ownership map in the Central Wasatch. Many lands currently used for public water supply and public recreation areas are in private hands. Land exchanges among the U.S. Forest Service and the four Cottonwood Canyons ski resorts would clean up the map. The public would receive important lands for watershed, environmental protection and recreation in exchange for land in established base areas.

Move Transportation Solutions Forward

The future promises more traffic congestion and the continued exclusive reliance on private automobiles to access the Central Wasatch is a grave threat. Transit that serves all populations, in all seasons is a goal of Mountain Accord.

Dig in on Trail Plans

Trail Improvements, like the Grit Mill Project, underway at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, will help organize and improve the vast

Train with LegCorps

January is just around the corner—well, after Halloween, and Thanksgiving, and December holidays—and January means the beginning of Utah's 45-day legislative sessions.

The 2016 session will begin on Monday, January 25 and the League Legislative Action Corps will be offering a noontime presentation on “How to Lobby Your Legislator” on that day at the Capitol. We will repeat the presentation at noon on Friday, January 29 in conjunction with the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Utah.

For either event, bring your lunch or pick up something at the Capitol Cafeteria, and bring your laptop if you would like hands-on help with the www.le.utah.gov website.

Would your local League Unit like to receive this training at a unit meeting? Contact Nickie Nelson at nickie.nelson@gmail.com. We will try to arrange for a member of the League to show you the best ways to make meaningful contact with your state legislators.
-- by Nickie Nelson, title

network of trails within the Central Wasatch. Organizing trails helps prevent erosion and confine recreation to managed areas.

Wade into NEPA requirements, Start Environmental Dashboard

Right now Mountain Accord leaders are putting together Requests for Proposals and preparing to seek bids for the wide-ranging engineering and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) needed to continue the work under the rules of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). We will also establish an environmental monitoring program that will allow the identification of changing environmental conditions and adjustments to management practices.

Update on Sexual Violence Education Study

by Aaron Bryant, Study Chairman, and Kathy Stockel, co-president, LWV-Davis

The League's upcoming Sexual Violence study will provide members with an overview of the emotional, physical, fiscal, and social costs of sexual violence in Utah. The scope of the study is necessarily broad because the goal is to better understand the myriad ways sexual violence impacts our communities.

We will include in our study demographic information about how prevalent sexual violence is in Utah (number of known victims) and what resources are available to assist them, as well as how Utah manages treatment, incarceration, and follow-up supervision of sex offenders.

The fiscal costs of dealing with sexual violence include emergency room, physical and mental health treatment services for victims, as well as costs of sex offender incarceration and treatment. The social costs of sexual violence in Utah may be more difficult to obtain accurately, and most likely will reflect broader based research as well as Utah data.

A Social Violence panel discussion scheduled for January promises to be both informative and interesting. Further details of this meeting will be in January's Utah Voter.

A Personal View of the Sexual Violence Study

by Kathy Stockel, co-president, LWV-Davis

The first day I participated in the Sexual Violence study, I was to meet Aaron Bryant, the study chair, at the Rape Recovery Center. I couldn't find it. I drove past it several times, but had to call Aaron to find my way. Of course the sign is a discrete one on a door in the rear of the building. So I was already stressed when I walked into the office to find a group of people, including Aaron, waiting for me.



Register New Citizens to Vote

A Change is Coming! Beginning in January, New Citizen Naturalization Ceremonies will be held on one Wednesday each month. The first date is January 13. Future monthly dates will be announced soon.

There will be three ceremonies - at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. They are held in the Jury Assembly Room at the Federal Court House located at 350 West Temple. League members assist in presenting and gathering voter registration forms to be sent to the correct county clerk. If you would like to sign up for a January time, please be in touch with Jane Nelson at janenelson2004@msn.com or Luana Chilelli at luanachilelli@comcast.net

We would like to have two league members at each ceremony. We look forward to hearing from you.

-- Jane Nelson, title

Most striking was the art — lots of it — hanging on the walls. I would have been happy to sit and drink it in; the emotion elicited by the art was intense. We toured the building and nearly everywhere we went similar art grabbed my attention. Art is one of the therapeutic activities provided for Rape Recovery Center clients.

Later I learned what the bins of fuzzy warm throws were for. They are provided to clients in hospital emergency rooms. Rape counselors can expect to be called at least once a day to meet a new client in the ER. One a day. I find that overwhelming, because I strongly suspect more victims do not even go to the ER after such violence.

After the Rape Recovery Center, we headed west to a correctional center with only sex offenders as inmates. And here too I learned something new. Offenders on the registry may not have committed a violent crime. They might have viewed images on the internet without ever engaging in a violent act. I also learned that locating housing for inmates who have served their time is a major problem to be addressed.

I am really looking forward to the January panel discussion where a representative from the Rape Recovery Center and one from the Correctional Center have agreed to participate. Coming from different perspectives, they are two people trying to help solve, or at least lessen, one of Utah's — and society's — complex problems.

Human Trafficking Crosses All Boundaries

by Luciane Fangalua, Panel Coordinator

On September 10, a panel discussion focused on defining and identifying the different forms of Human Trafficking here in Utah (specifically sex and labor trafficking) and the collaborative efforts of various government entities and local non-governmental organizations to address and combat this problem. The discussion also highlighted the complexity of the situation and the precarious role set for the victims by their traffickers. The panellists noted that victims come from all socioeconomic backgrounds and upbringing.



The discussion, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake, was part of an upcoming LWV statewide educational study on Human Trafficking in Utah. The audience consisted of many of our LWV members, as well as members



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/calendar/>

of local organizations. The panellists were local experts actively working on the issue of Human Trafficking in Utah. We were fortunate to have Tammie Atkins, victims coordinator for the Attorney General's Office and chair of the Utah Trafficking in Persons Task Force (UTIP); Elizabeth Hendrix, program director for the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Program at the Refugee and Immigrant Centre- Asian Association of Utah; Fernando Rivero, Salt Lake City Fire Department captain and EMT-P, and member of UTIP; and Utah House Representative Sandra Hollins, D-Salt Lake.

Please stay tuned for more on Human Trafficking in Utah.

Grand County Hosts Forums, Booths

by Barbara Hicks, LWV-Grand County President

The LWV of Grand County set up a booth at City Market from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on October 17 to help residents register to vote in the upcoming city and county elections on November 3. Karen Robinson, Eve Tallman, Deb Gracen and Carrie Dabney worked the booth.

The League also hosted the 34th Candidates Forum at the MARC from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, October 19. All six city council candidates answered questions selected by the League and fielded questions from the attendees. Speakers for and against Grand County Proposition 1 Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation were at the forum as well. Audrey Graham chaired the committee, and Dee Gullege, Emily Niehaus, Barb Webb and Jean Binyon helped out.

Emily Niehaus hosted a pizza party in her backyard on Friday, October 23 for 20-somethings in a get out the vote effort. Emily is founder and director of a nonprofit in Moab called Community Rebuilds that builds affordable energy efficient straw bale housing for income qualifying individuals.

Steve Wren, principal of the high school, will speak to the general membership on Monday, November 9 on the improved test scores of students. Also, Karen Robinson and Eve Tallman will provide an update on their Vote By Mail research and outreach to Rep. Brad King, D-Price, and the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Weber League Begins 2015 -2016 Season

by Terri McCullough, LWV-Weber President

The Weber League has had a great start to 2015-16, starting with a social at a local rooftop bar. While there were some other community conflicts with the date, we had a good turnout and had a real opportunity to get to know each other better. We have found that if we include socials

Holiday Social



Mark your calendars for our annual potluck and philanthropy event, our Holiday Social on Monday, December 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the Village III Clubhouse, 1525 East Vine Street, Murray

Our speaker will be Shawn McMillen from First Step House. He was one of the excellent speakers at our Mental Health Panel discussion this past year. First Step House serves adult males ages 18 and older who have been diagnosed with substance abuse and mental health disorders, including unemployment and homelessness. They also work with the veterans in our community and have veteran-specific programming.

Hope to see you all there.

-- Vickie Samuelson, Health and Human Services Director

in our meetings, members enjoy it and feel much more comfortable with each other.



Weber State University celebrated Constitution Week September 14-18. Thanks to Leah Murray, we co-sponsored a joint meeting on the national League's Constitutional Amendment study. Professors took the discussion questions and designed a presentation on the material in the study. It was open to all students and the public. This gave us a great opportunity to talk about the

League, the topic, and how we perform a study, while at the same time celebrating the Constitution of our country. The turnout was excellent and the discussion interactive. It was really great to see students asking excellent questions. We served a light lunch, which also went over well with hungry college students!

Members set up a booth at the Ogden City Police Night Against Crime community event. We registered about 20 voters, which is amazing considering all the ways voters can register. We also continued the tradition of participating in National Voter Registration Day. College students worked at registering voters and were able to register 84 new voters. Registering voters is something that sometimes goes by the wayside because of the many opportunities available to register, but the face-to-face is as fun as it always has been.

Weber League held its annual membership potluck on Saturday, September 19. The speaker was Adrienne Andrews, director of diversity at Weber State. She is co-chairing a community group called the Diversity Connection. About 20 groups were brought together to begin the process - Hispanic, Women, Religion, Indian, LGBT, African American, Weber School District, Ogden Police, etc. The first step was to meet with each individual group and determine where the community currently is and what would be a realistic goal in the mind of each group. The basic objective of the group is to bring the rich heritage and ethnic diversity in Ogden to all members to establish connections and build community.

It is amazing to feel the energy and power in the room when all groups are brought together. Adrienne explained the purpose and goals and answered questions from the group.

LWV-Davis Holds Candidate Meet-ups

By Ann Johnson, LWV-Davis Publicity Co-chair

LWV-Davis was asked to conduct Meet the Candidates for City Council meetings in Woods Cross and Centerville this month. We had informative discussions by the candidates and city officials were most appreciative.



League Member Celebrates Centenary

League of Women Voters member Jessie Johnson will turn 100 years old on November 3rd. Jessie accompanies her daughter Janice Gygi, LWV-SL co-president, to nearly all Salt Lake League events and many beyond. Please join us in wishing her many happy returns of the day!



At the Woods Cross meeting, Thursday, October 8 at Woods Cross Elementary School, Peggy Carrico moderated, John Logan timed, Ann Johnson and Nancy Cooper greeted attendees and collected questions



from the audience. Candidates are Gregg Dayley, Jessica Gertsch, Wally Larrabee, James Sheldon, and Erin Sims.

Centerville residents heard from their candidates at the Centerville City Hall, October 15. Peggy Carrico moderated, John Logan timed, Meagan Lang greeted attendees, and Ann Johnson collected questions from the audience. Candidates are Ken Averett, John Higginson, Bill Ince, George McEwan, Robyn Thompson Mecham, and Becki Wright.

LWV-SL Fall Fete Honored Sue Lind

Incredible weather and a glorious afternoon were what we experienced for the Salt Lake Fall Fete Fundraiser. Held at the home of Nancy and Bob Young and overlooking the Salt Lake Valley the event couldn't have been held at a more spectacular spot.

We gathered in the late afternoon on Saturday September 28 to honor longtime State of the Community Luncheon Chair Sue Lind. Being on her committee is more fun than drudgery and we all were thrilled to acknowledge her work in such a special way. Sue has done an outstanding job directing, organizing, and encouraging all those who have worked to make the Luncheon such a continuing success.

There were more than 50 guests in attendance and we enjoyed terrific food prepared by our members (especially the Nite Owls). With wine and other beverages to enhance the appetizers, I know I needed no dinner that evening. As special activities, we invited two artists to display their work. Teri Hyde showed her photographs of Utah lands and animals and Louise Earl displayed her oils and watercolors.

Monetary donations from members and guests and donated hours from member volunteers made the event a great financial success for the Salt Lake League. Thanks to all who donated, attended, and volunteered. Your efforts are what make our League the success it is.

-- by Nancy Wingelaar and Kate Hancock, Fall Fete Committee

What Does Voting Mean?

The University of Utah Department of Communication's 29th annual B. Aubrey Fisher Memorial Lecture featured a talk by Dr. Sharon Jarvis, associate professor of communication studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

The talk, titled "What Does Voting Mean?" was presented Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Languages and Communication Building (LNCO), Room 1110 on the University of Utah campus. The event was free and open to the public.

Jarvis's address presented original research on how voters have been portrayed in news coverage of presidential elections, how citizens respond to these portrayals, and why journalists treat voters as they do. Her key findings show how coverage is more likely to depict voters as pawns of elites than as engaged actors, how the pawn frame increases cynicism about politics and frustration with the media, and how journalists are surprised to have sidelined voters so steadily.

Vote! It's Your Right as a Citizen

A national League study revealed a major reason people don't vote. They don't see that voting directly affects their everyday lives. But be it a local, state or national election, as LWVUS says, your vote affects "Your job. Your taxes. Your Social Security. Your children's education. It's about you and your family."

Here are LWVUT's Top 10 Reasons to Register and Vote

It's your money. The county commissioners, governor, state treasurer, legislators, president and members of Congress you vote for will decide how much of our wealth to invest in public services and how to fairly share the tax burden.

It's your children's education. You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children and grandchildren will be for the future. Decisions by our legislators, governor, members of Congress and president also affect the public schools-- and the quality and cost of higher education as well.

It's your job. Congress, the president, the governor and your legislators influence what job training is available, minimum wage, pay equity, fairness in hiring, health insurance through your employer, job and pension security, and workplace safety.

It's your health care. Action by the governor, legislature and Congress has made health insurance accessible to thousands but 1 of 10 Utahns is still uninsured. Their decisions on Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance laws determine your access to health care.

They're your highways. Utah's population and traffic are growing rapidly. Your county commissioners, legislators, governor and members of Congress decide what highways are needed, what alternatives to highways such as public transit to support, and how to pay the bill.

It's your Social Security. The president and your members of Congress decide how much payroll tax you pay, cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension, and what Medicare services you receive and share payment for.

You breathe the air and drink the water. Your county, state and national elected officials set pollution standards, enforcement strategies and budgets. They plan and zone where roads and industries will be built and how public lands will be used -- decisions that can determine how safe your air and water are.

Leadership Training

Leadership is the emphasis of the Membership and Leadership Development Program (MLD) for the Salt Lake League this year. Because many of the great new board members requested training in League organization, resources and policy, a training session will be held after the next board meeting on Wednesday, November 4 at the League office. The training is planned for 6 p.m., right after the board meeting and is open to everyone. If this timing works out training sessions on other topics will be held after future board meetings

*-- Marilyn O'Dell, MLD
LWVSL Coach*

It's your neighborhood. Your elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.

They're our children. We do our best to keep them healthy, fed, safe, educated and cared for when we are at work or unable to provide. The officials you elect can help or hinder Utah families trying to do their job.

It's your democracy. Make it work. Register and Vote.

from the League of Women Voters Utah website

Debates, Registration on SL Voter Service Agenda

Salt Lake League was involved in several Voter Service activities this October. We were approached by various groups to help with voter registration, debates, and spreading the word about the League.

We helped at the General Mayoral and City Council District 6 Debate at Clayton Middle School. We collected questions, organized the questions, timed responses, and staffed a League table.

Chelsea Kilpack held a conference on feminism at the SLCC Redwood Campus. We also worked a table where we will talked about the League, how it works, what we stand for and how and why to register.

Sue Ativalu put on an Ethnic Community Event at the Pacific Heritage Academy in Rose Park . She plans to interest youth in registering to vote by having them help adults register. She is working with the group YouthWorks. All registration was online because the last ballots went out by mail on October 29. We helped answer questions, and had our hard copy information there.

Thanks to all the volunteer who are helping with these events and helping to make our democracy work.

-- Nancy Wingelaar, Co-Chair LWV-SLC Voter Service

League Vocabulary Can be Tricky

by **Beatrix "Trixi" Seiger, Office Manager**

If you are new to the League of Women Voters, you may be hearing some unfamiliar terms in our conversations and emails. Here is a list to help you navigate them:

BOARD - the group of members who serve as officers and directors and are either elected or appointed.

EDUCATION FUND - the tax- exempt, tax-deductible arm of the League,

League of Women Voters of Salt Lake Welcomes New Members

Marsha Bloom
Park City

Deborah Drain
Salt Lake City

David Folland
Sandy

Bernard (Bernie) Hart
Salt Lake City

Colleen Kuhn
Salt Lake City



established to accept contributions to fund educational and citizen-information projects.

UNIT - small groups in local Leagues that meet regularly to participate in League program at convenient times and places.

PROGRAM - issues chosen by members annually for study and action.

STUDY COMMITTEE - a group of interested League members who study or update a program topic.

CONSENSUS - agreement among a substantial number of members (not a majority).

POSITION - a statement of what League supports or opposes on the basis of a particular consensus.

ACTION - whatever the League does, at every level of government to implement its program.

CALL TO ACTION - a request to all members to participate in a concerted effort to implement a League position.

Help Empower Young Voters

by Carole Straughn, Co-VP Voter Service, LWVSL

Join a team of volunteers who will present “Democracy Class” in high school government classes this spring. You can lead or help with a presentation that will show students the importance of their vote and register them for upcoming elections. Teams will enter senior high classrooms, where most young people will turn 18 before November 2016. Twenty Salt Lake Leaguers have already volunteered.

Our training sessions will be in late January when you will hone your diversity skills, familiarize yourself with the curriculum and bone up on Salt Lake County elections law. Marilyn Bown will introduce the curriculum. Anne Zeigler is working to bring Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen or one of her deputies to teach.

Classroom sessions are being booked by Carol Jenson for February and March in every school district in Salt Lake County. Curriculum for Democracy Class was developed by Rock the Vote, rockthevote.com.

To volunteer, contact program coordinator Carole Straughn. Call 450-590-6982 or email carolefs222@gmail.com.

Know About Electing the President

It may not even be Election Day 2015, but we all know that the battle for the White House in 2016 is already well under way. With presidential primaries just a few months away, the League has answers to voters' most frequently asked questions about the process of electing the president. We have once again teamed up with the [Newspaper in Education Institute](#) to produce [Electing the President](#), a handy guide outlining all you need to know about the presidential election process. The guide will appear in newspapers nationwide as well as be shared with schools, community organizations and voters who need a helping hand as they navigate the election process.

From helping navigate the complex nomination process to providing succinct tips for making sense of the daily barrage of campaign coverage and [advertising](#), [Electing the President](#) serves as a go-to resource all the way up to Election Day. [Check out our PDF guide here.](#)

—Maggie Bush, LWV Blog

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November Unit Meetings
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TOWN CLUB UNIT –

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

Town Club - 1081 East South Temple

Unit Leader – Alice Steiner – [801-363-9193](tel:801-363-9193)

akarsteiner@aol.com

GIRL SCOUT UNIT –

Monday, Nov. 16 -11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 E., 4500 South

Unit Leader: Anne Zeigler [801-944-4163](tel:801-944-4163)

abzeigler@centurylink.net

NITE OWLS –

Monday, Nov. 23 - 7:30 p.m.

862 East Harrison Ave.

Unit Leader: Judi Short – [801-487-7387](tel:801-487-7387)

judi.short@gmail.com

LIBRARY UNIT – Thursday, No. 19 - 12:30 P.M.

(CHANGE IN LOCATION) Anderson-Foothill Library -

1135 So. 2100 East

Unit Leader - Joyce Barnes – [801-278-2296](tel:801-278-2296)

jbarnz@xmission.com

BENCH BUNCH –

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - 9:30 a.m.

3804 Highland Dr. Suite 8D

Unit Leader: Nancy Melling [801-277-9118](tel:801-277-9118)

ngmelling2@gmail.com

WEST SIDE UNIT –

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - 6- 8 p.m..

Town@ Hunter Village Clubhouse, 6869 Bamburgh Way,
West Valley City

Unit Leader – Vickie Samuelson – [801-250-9210](tel:801-250-9210)

vsam0236@gmail.com

SANDY UNIT – Thursday, Nov. 19 - 10-noon

Sandy Senior Citizens Center –

9310 So. 1300 East

Unit Leader - Janice Gygi - [801-550-3585](tel:801-550-3585)

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