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Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events



by Lola Britton, LWVUT President

2016 New Year's resolutions are fresh on our minds until mid-January, then they begin to fade. Every January the League of Women Voters of Utah makes a resolution to keep you informed about happenings during the legislative session and the resolution doesn't fade. The League always keeps its resolution and this year will be no different.

The League will have a great presence at the Capitol during the 2016 Legislative session. Thanks to Nicola Nelson and Vickie Samuelson for all their hard work in assembling volunteers to attend sessions and be the eyes and ears for our members. I hope each of you reads the reviews from our Legislative Corps so you are current on what our legislators are proposing. And KRCL will do a live broadcast Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. with commentary from the League most evenings.

We certainly could not mistake that this is a presidential election year considering all the debates and political advertisements. Keep in mind that what goes on during the 45-day Utah legislative session will affect our state as much if not more than who is elected president. Recently, a couple of Utah legislators commented on the impact the Utah public has on how votes are cast during our state legislative session. The legislators representing us do listen and your comments have impact on how votes are cast. Stay tuned to what is going on and voice your opinion. If you don't get a reply from your emails or phone calls, do not become discouraged; your communications are heard. It is difficult for a legislator to answer each person.

Death with Dignity is the topic of a 2016 consensus study chaired by Vickie Samuelson. Educational studies on Human Trafficking, chaired by Luciane

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Fangalua, and Domestic Violence, chaired by Aaron Bryant, will also be available this spring.

We are excited about the prospects of a new look to our website. Stay tuned. Each local League will have control of what is displayed on their web page.

I encourage you also to follow the League of Women Voters of the U.S. and the League of Women Voters of Utah on Twitter and Facebook.

I want to express to all League volunteers how much your efforts are appreciated and express my gratitude. We couldn't do it without you!

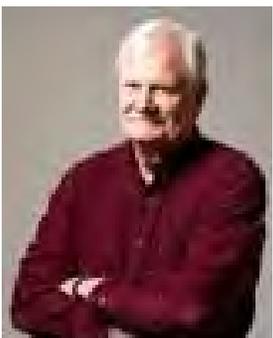


Community Lunch to Focus on World Affairs



by Sue Lind, Community Luncheon Coordinator
Ambassador Christopher R. Hill will keynote the State of the Community Luncheon on Tuesday, April 5 at Little America, addressing "Hot Topics in the World Today" and the role of diplomacy in current affairs. Hill has been ambassador to four countries — South Korea, Poland, Macedonia and Iraq. He was a special envoy to Kosovo at the time Yugoslavia was being divided. He served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 to 2009 and was head of the U.S. delegation to the Six Party talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. Hill served as a Special Assistant to the President and a Senior Director on the staff of the National Security Council, 1999-2000. Today he is dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, D-Salt Lake, will be honored with the Community Service Award. She has served the Salt Lake Community in myriad ways. She has been a state representative for House District 24 since 2008 when she was appointed to fill the seat of Ralph Becker when he became mayor of Salt Lake City.



Chavez-Houck has worked with many nonprofit organizations including Centro de la Familia de Utah, Utah Public Employees' Association, Girl Scouts of Utah, Natural History Museum, Envision Utah, YWCA, Intermountain Healthcare, ACLU, Plan-B Theatre Company, Utah AIDS Foundation and the United Way of Salt Lake.

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Paul Rolly will receive the “Making Democracy Work” award for his relentless research and storytelling about the citizens in our community, especially those involved in politics and government. He has a way of making politics and government more transparent.

Journalism has been Rolly’s career. He started writing his column for the Salt Lake Tribune in 1991, and for 20 years has written three to four columns a week. In the pre-column years he could be found sitting behind his desk from early in the morning ‘til evening with his phone plastered to his ear, collecting material on governors, lawmakers, business leaders and people from every walk of life.

Legislators Highlight Upcoming Topics

by Anne Zeigler, LWVSL 2nd VP-Organization
and Sandy Peck, Executive Director Emeritus

A panel of four legislators spoke to an audience of 85 at a recent Legislative Forum. Republicans Rep. Sophia DiCaro and Sen. Brian Shiozawa and Democrats Sen. Jani Iwamoto and Rep. Brian King highlighted the areas of concern for this year’s legislative session.

Myriad questions on topics dear to League and AAUW hearts were addressed: air and water quality, Medicaid expansion, public education, equal pay for women, funding for reinvestment in our criminal justice system, gun control management, redistricting to prevent gerrymandering, and Planned Parenthood funding. The American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake co-sponsored the forum.

Air and water quality

Shiozawa, ER physician: the number of patients and deaths increases during deadly inversions.

DiCaro: Utah’s growing population means growing pollution unless we take personal responsibility along with government action.

Iwamoto: The number of industry representatives on environmental regulatory boards is a concern. We need more energy efficient building codes and a tax on carbon. We can’t depend on more Colorado River water in the future because California and Arizona are already using Utah’s allotment.

Medicaid expansion

King: This year is our last chance to have federal tax dollars pay 100 percent of the expansion. Otherwise we will be left with a 70/30 match. The decision to expand could have been made by the Governor alone without involving a recalcitrant Legislature. Action now will take lots of public pressure.

DiCaro: Supported Shiozawa’s Healthy Utah expansion bill. A 70/30 funding match might at least give the state more say.

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Iwamoto: Supported Healthy Utah. Regrets that Utah has lost \$230 million in each of the past three years.

Shiozawa, author of Healthy Utah: Arizona's Medicaid expansion has reduced the uninsured rate from 22 percent to 11 percent of the population. Utah is covering only one fourth of the patients we could have covered. We are losing patients every day.

He will sponsor Medicaid expansion again this session.

Education funding

DiCaro: Utah spends fewer education dollars than other states. We can and should prioritize spending better, especially for economic development.

Iwamoto: Even developing countries spend more than Utah does. Education should be a higher priority than water projects. The 1996 constitutional amendment that granted income tax revenue to higher education as well as to public education has reduced teacher pay.

Shiozawa: Utah's education effort is outpaced by the world as well as by other states. Meanwhile teachers must deal with refugees (9 percent of their students) while lacking dollars and respect.

King: We need more dollars to pay for smaller classes and better teachers. The 1996 constitutional change plus the 2008 cuts to personal income tax rates has cost public education \$2.5 billion a year. ***Senator Jim Dabakis will try to reverse the constitutional change (SJR4) this session.***

Equal pay for women

Iwamoto: Utah law already requires equal pay but doesn't allow suing for damages the way other states do.

King: Better civil enforcement is needed to allow stronger cases, which incentivize lawyers to take cases on contingency because they are more likely to win.

DiCaro: The wage gap for women is due in part to an education gap; too many women don't finish college and choose low-paying occupations. Utah pays 73 cents on the dollar to women compared to men; 20 percent of that gender gap is likely due to discrimination.

Funding for criminal reinvestment

Shiozawa: Money spent on rehabilitation gives the system accountability and improves public safety. Expand Medicaid to break the cycle of recidivism and make streets safer.

King: Pew Charitable Trust advice helped create great Utah legislation. Medicaid is critical; we're foregoing \$17 million needed for rehab.

DiCaro: We did appropriate \$10 million. Work closely with local elected officials whose facilities may be overloaded by the reforms.

Iwamoto: Agrees on importance of reinvestment, based on her experience as a defense lawyer in California dealing with "three strikes and you're out" marijuana cases.

Serves on Executive Offices Appropriations Subcommittee.

Gun control

King: Tired of thinking about this! Guns should be regulated as cars are.

Get the Kids Involved Now

The League has been working with Rock the Vote and Vote18 to help youths understand the importance of voting — and getting registered to vote. If you are interested in this school-based effort, contact the League office.

DiCaro: Highly emotional issue. Focus on agreement areas. I need to understand better.

Iwamoto: Experienced officer shooting at a San Francisco law firm. Concerned about proposal for teachers to carry guns in school wearing on one's person without training or telling others they're armed.

Shiozawa: Our ER has full time guards who he believes will be needed eventually. He tried concealed carry training online; it took him 10 minutes to finish - without studying.

Redistricting – Independent Commission

Shiozawa: Voters have a right to fair representation for all. Don't disenfranchise them.

King: The Utah Constitution gives redistricting power to the Legislature only. And because constitutional amendments must originate in the legislature, not by citizen initiative, any commission bill must allow a legislative role. However, recommendations for standards in the bill might put pressure on the Legislature to set fairer boundaries.

Iwamoto: Worked on redistricting at the county level.

Will file a bill providing a commission of 3 Rs, 3 Ds and one Independent. But concedes it has little chance of passing.

Defunding Planned Parenthood

King: Spoke with governor. Will run a bill concentrating on the need for comprehensive sex education and contraception to combat sexually transmitted diseases and cancer, rather than abstinence-based education, but without concentrating on Planned Parenthood—a turnoff for many.

Shiozawa: Is pro-life. But says we need sex education in schools and home, which is not happening.

Iwamoto: President Jimmy Carter was also against abortion but for sex education.

How to encourage legislators to listen to constituents and compromise?

DiCaro: “The world is run by people who show up.” Don't just comment in the daily newspapers. Come to town hall meetings.

King: Tell legislators, especially legislative leaders, that you want cooperation between the political parties on issues like Medicaid expansion.

Shiozawa: Legislators and constituents should approach issues on the basis of “What's best for our state” instead of on ideology.

Why do some legislators respond only to emails and calls from voters in their district?

King: Please include your information. We have so many emails, especially at the end of the session, and no staff except volunteer interns, so must prioritize. Attending and testifying at committees is a good direct way to be heard.

Shiozawa: Reach out to your contacts in other parts of Utah and ask them to contact legislators from their districts.



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/>

DiCaro: Keep trying!

Many thanks to the AAUW for organizing our meeting, to meeting moderator Janice Gygi, co-president of the Salt Lake League, and to Gigi Brandt and Polly Hough for screening the audience questions. Appreciation goes also to the Girl Scouts who let us meet at their facility with a new and enhanced sound system.

Davis to Celebrate at Legislature

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

"Happy birthday to us, happy birthday to us..." After Davis members came to consensus on the Money in Politics study in January, it seemed totally appropriate to celebrate. And what better way than by heading to the Legislature on February 12 to celebrate League's birthday? That celebration will take the place of our February program meeting.

Several members are also planning to attend the "In the Know" training put on by the state League January 25, and to attend as many "Wednesday Lunches at the Legislature" as possible.

March 5 is the date our Joint Davis-Weber Water Study will be presented to members and interested others. The committee has diligently pursued each question raised in this informational study to find as complete information as can be found, and we are very proud of their efforts and success.

March 12 will bring a new perspective on a previous program: Rock the Vote and Vote 18 for Davis County! We are excited to present this training to Davis members and volunteers with the expertise of Marilyn Bown as presenter. We'll be testing the program with a few high schools this spring and fully expect more schools will want it in coming years.

April? Davis is thrilled to be the host League for the state convention and we hope to meet many of you in person as you enjoy our county's rustic elegance. See you at Convention!



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Get the Money Out of Politics

Are you interested in campaign finance and the important issue of reform? Since the Supreme Court *Citizens United* decision, corporate donations to political campaigns have skyrocketed. We are looking for someone to help us follow the Salt Lake City Council as they embark on new rules for campaign finance, made possible by the Salt Lake chapter of Move to Amend, with the help of the League. Join us. Contact Kathy Biele, howze@xmission.com or 801-243-1185.

Convention to Travel to Antelope Island

by Kathy Stockel, LWV-Davis Co-President

The largest island in Great Salt Lake is named after the pronghorn



antelope, native to Utah and to the island. They are the fastest animals in North America and can reach up to 70 miles an hour. We might get to see some while we are on the island Saturday, April 30, for day two of the state League convention, because they and all wild animals on the island roam freely.

Day two is the business meeting day for the convention and will be held in the Antelope Island Visitors Center. State League officers and directors will be elected, studies for the following year may be introduced and adopted, as well as other items of business shaping League's direction for the 2016-2017 program year. If you are going to propose a study, it's not too soon to start lobbying for its adoption!

One "good to know" thing about traveling onto Antelope Island is that the price per carload is \$10. This price is not included in the convention fee. However a reduced fare is charged if one person in the car is 62 years old or older; so carpooling is highly recommended, as is ensuring that each carload includes one person at least 62 years old. A ride-share signup form will be available at registration Friday afternoon, April 29, at the Marriott.

One "fun to know" thing: the Island has oolitic sand, which is a unique feature of Great Salt Lake. This sand is round and is formed much as a pearl is formed, though it uses brine shrimp or mineral grains rather than oysters. The concentric layers are made of a form of calcium carbonate called aragonite.

After the close of the convention, midafternoon Saturday, you might want to explore the Island's history. Although prehistoric people inhabited the island more than 6,000 years ago, the first permanent residence on the island was built in 1848 by Fielding Garr. This home and ranch is a living history site just a scenic drive from the Visitors Center. Look for bison and mule deer on the way. You might want to explore on horseback or in a wagon; see the options when you register.

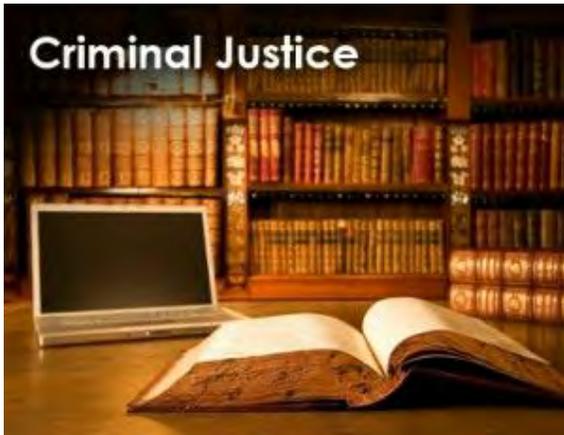
Be sure to look for the State Convention article in the *March Voter*.

State Convention April 30

Visit Antelope Island
and help the League
plan for the next year.

Smart on Crime Panel Discussion February 11

by Kathryn Fitzgerald, LWVUT Director-Development



HB348, the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Act, made historic changes in Utah's Criminal Justice System. Passed by the 2015 Utah Legislature, it is intended to reduce the size and costs of our prison population. Its revolutionary reforms include

- Reduced penalties for non-violent acts
- Increased emphasis on treatment for substance abuse and the mentally ill
- Increased support for transition from incarceration to freedom
- Increased support for those on parole and probation to prevent recidivism

The Act went into effect on October 1, 2015. The question now is, How is it working?

To hear the views of those whose jobs are to implement the act, the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake is hosting a panel discussion on February 11:

Smart on Crime: A Panel Discussion on the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Act of 2015

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 11

Time: 6:30 p.m. (Social hour beginning at 6:00)

Place: Girl Scouts of Utah Offices, 445 E. 4500 South, Salt Lake City

Our panel of experts consists of:

Ron Gordon, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)

Sheriff James O. Tracy, Utah County, President of the Utah Sheriffs' Association

Mark Thomas, County Attorney, Uintah County

Kent Hart, Executive Director of the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Geri Miller Fox, Division Director, Adult Probation and Parole, Utah Department of Corrections

Note that these people represent the spectrum of criminal justice processes: the arresting officer, the prosecuting attorney, the defense attorney and the parole and probation officer. Ron Gordon (CCJJ) will be able to give us an overview of how HB 348 affects the system.

Get 'Smart on Crime'

Mark the date on your calendars—February 11 — and bring friends to this eye-opening panel on prison and criminal justice reform in Utah.

Military Voters Need Not be Left Out

Military voters should know that if they are away from Utah, Utah provides an online ballot marking program, which allows voters to access, mark, review and print their ballot and required documents online.

Utah allows you to send your voter registration/ballot request form electronically when you are in a hostile fire zone or other area where the mail service is unreliable and not sufficient to accommodate timely mail service. If you choose to electronically send your voter registration/ballot request form, you must also follow up by sending the original, signed form in the mail.

Utah allows you to receive the blank ballot electronically in the situations described above.

Utah allows you to return the voted ballot electronically if you agree to waive the right to a secret ballot and affirm in writing that you are currently deployed in a hostile fire zone or other area where the mail service is unreliable and not sufficient to accommodate timely mail service.

— *Lola Britton, LWVUT president*

Representatives Should Not be Choosing Voters

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

“We've got to end the practice of drawing our congressional districts so that politicians can pick their voters, and not the other way around.”

This familiar slogan, repeated by President Obama in his State of the Union Address, is critical. It is 2016, just four years from the 2020 elections and the 2021 redistricting process. If we are to have any hope of success, we must begin to raise the issue in the public's mind now. Both Rep, Rebecca Chavez-Houck, D-Salt Lake, and Sen. Jani Iwamoto, D-Salt Lake, have indicated that they are drafting bills for the 2016 legislative session creating an independent *advisory* commission.

Any Utah redistricting commission would have to be advisory since the State Constitution gives the power of redistricting to the Legislature. There is a successful model of an advisory redistricting committee in Salt Lake County's process in 2011. A bipartisan citizen committee presented Salt Lake County with three maps for the County Council and the three school districts that encompass more than one municipality (Granite, Jordan and Canyons); the Council chose one.

National Program

Every two years the Board of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. asks its membership for its input on LWVUS program for the next two years. (The Utah League and local leagues plan program annually.)

Who Chooses?

“We've got to end the practice of drawing our congressional districts so that politicians can pick their voters, and not the other way around.” —

President Barack Obama, State of the Union address, 2016

Read more at

<http://bit.ly/1Jvp4cs>

All members received an email from LWVUS in November asking their interests in LWVUS programs and some questions about participation. The response of most respondents was that most important for this biennium are the three legs of the *Making Democracy Work* program (redistricting, constitutional amendment and money in politics), voting rights and climate change.

With these results, the program planning committee is suggesting that leagues consider a focus on *Making Democracy Work* to act on currently existing League positions and principles at all levels and “to fully engage in core democracy issues at local, state and national levels.” Thus LWVUS program planning material includes a question about support for this proposed focus and for any new studies.

Local and state boards are responsible for submitting answers to LWVUS by March 1. Boards can use a variety of means to get member input. Let’s plan to have all Utah local Leagues and the State Board respond. Contact your local board if you’d like to participate.

Thinking about a focus on *Making Democracy Work* can be a useful tool in state and local planning.

For more more information go to:
<http://bit.ly/1PuwzMV>

What’s Your Choice for Study and Action?

The LWVUS biennial convention is in June in Washington, D.C., where delegates will adopt a program of study and action for the next two years. Each local and state league is invited to suggest a topic now to be considered in the planning for this convention. It must be submitted to the LWVUS by March 1.

Although this happens every two years, the timing is always awkward for the Salt Lake and State Leagues. We are so focused on the legislative session of February and March that it is difficult to think of anything else. However, it is an opportunity not to be missed.

The Salt Lake Board has discussed the possibility of suggesting that the LWVUS work with others on congressional passage of a carbon tax. It is not currently a national league focus although it is certainly supported by current league positions. We would be suggesting an action item, not a study. (See the article Carbon Tax to be Discussed at Salt Lake Unit February meetings on the last page of this *Voter*). However, this is not exclusively a board decision. Our membership may have other ideas. Please let us know what you think the LWVUS should be doing. To do so contact LWVSL Co-president Janice Gygi at Janice.Gygi@uvu.edu.

Study and Action

Local League Input to
National League Program
for 2016-2018
Due March 1
[Program Planning
Response Form](#)

The Davis, Grand, and Weber County leagues should each send in their own suggestions. Go to [Program Planning Response Form](#) to see what to do. The National League asks:

1. Do you support the proposed program focus, *Making Democracy Work*, for the 2016-2018 biennium? Or
2. Would you like to recommend another program item, in addition to or instead of *Making Democracy Work*?

That is where you can make your suggestion in 300 words or less. A third question asks for your league's activities with a long checklist. Please do fill that in. Each of our leagues accomplishes much with relatively small memberships and we should let the national league know about it.

— *Ann O'Connell, LWVSL Natural Resources Director*

League Wasn't Organized Around Women Voting

by Marilyn O'Dell, MLD Coach

The very first program of the newly formed League of Women Voters in 1920 contained 69 items grouped in broad subject areas: child welfare, education, the home and high prices, women in gainful occupations, public health and morals and independent citizenship for married women. Their first legislative success was passage of an act providing federal aid for maternal and child care programs.



This surprised me because I always thought that the League was organized for the purpose of educating women who had just received the right to vote. Many members of the National American Women Suffrage Association became leaders of the newly formed League. This led me to believe that voter education and voting would have been their main interest. The League's history is much more complex.

They did organize institutes to study defects in our system of government, initiated "Know Your Town" surveys, candidate questionnaires and meetings and nationwide get-out-the-vote campaigns as well as training volunteer teachers for citizenship schools. They certainly had an interest in increasing voting participation and learning about government.

The history emphasizes that the basic concept of study, member agreement, and action has remained constant throughout the League's history.

Source: *The League of Women Voters through the Decades, Media Library, League of Women Voters of the United States.*

Death with Dignity Study Available

The League is studying and taking consensus on this important topic during the legislative session, where a related bill is expected. Read what the League is considering: <http://www.lwvutah.org>

Registering Naturalized Citizens a Success

by Carole Straughn, LWVSL-VP-Voter Service

Jane Nelson, Luana Chillelli and their volunteer teams registered 1,099 new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies in 2015. They attribute their success to the practice of arriving about an hour before the ceremonies to engage citizenship candidates and their families as they filter in before the ceremonies. Leaguers greet them, congratulate them and exclaim, "Now you get to vote!" Volunteers encourage them to fill out the voter registration form, then return once or twice to help, to chat and to collect the forms, which are mailed to LWVSL Voter Services Co-Vice-President, Carole Straughn, to be tallied and taken to the Salt Lake County Elections Division.

Anne Ziegler recruited Jane and Luana in 2014 for the Naturalization Project, and together they worked out a method of maximizing effectiveness in collecting voter registrations. They recruit volunteers by personal contact and by appealing to the whole membership through email messages showing dates and times where they are needed.

Anne encourages everyone to help with voter registration at Naturalization Ceremonies, because, she says, "It's heartwarming to see these people so proud to be citizens. It's such a positive experience in a world with so much negativity. It makes you proud to be an American."

Carbon Tax to be Discussed

by Anne Zeigler, LWVSL VP-Organization, and Carole Straughn, VP-Voter Service

The February unit meetings in Salt Lake will discuss a carbon tax. Members of the Citizens Climate Lobby of Salt Lake (CCL-SL) will come to our unit meetings and educate us on their proposal for a revenue neutral carbon tax and why it is needed to combat global warming. (See unit meeting schedule on bottom of last page of the *Utah Voter*.)

A carbon tax was proposed years ago by a number of concerned thinkers, such as NASA climate scientist James Hansen. Since then the idea has gained momentum, so that now it is promoted by business moguls such as the CEO's of FedEx, Caterpillar and Shell Oil.

CCL has a unique proposal that is beginning to garner bipartisan support, because it corrects the carbon market without growing government or hurting the economy, and it cushions the effects of rising fossil fuel costs for the poor and middle class. For a preview, click on the tab "Carbon Fee and Dividend" on the website: www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

Ann O'Connell, LWVSL natural resources chair, is working with local CCL members David Folland, M.D., Deb Drain and Steve Glaser on how to tailor the February unit discussions to the interests of League members. Dr.

Carbon Tax Proposal

For a preview click on the tab "Carbon Fee and Dividend" on the website: www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

Folland, co-chair of the Salt Lake CCL Chapter, and Ms. Drain, conservation chair for Great Salt Lake Audubon Society, recently joined the Salt Lake League. Mr. Glaser had an opinion piece recently published in the *Deseret News*. See: “My View: Chicken Snakes and Climate Change.” (<http://bit.ly/1RGh4aQ>) Dr. Folland also suggests a pithy update on the urgency of global warming by two USU climate scientists: “Another #\$\$@%! Climate Talk” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLLtDX9ykYw>)

Legislative Priorities For 2016

The League’s Legislative Priorities for the 2016 Utah Legislative Session are:

- **Health:** advocating for the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion;
- **Voting:** opposing changes to the open primary in addition to the caucus system;
- **Corrections:** supporting reforms to reduce incarceration and increasing help for offenders;
- **Taxation:** opposing food sales taxes, supporting taxation of nonrenewable resources and adequate transportation taxes;
- **Education:** support increased equitable funding, including early education, and oppose partisan school board elections;
- **Open Government:** support transparency and access to government information and advocate for campaign finance reform;
- **Energy:** support renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel use;
- **Federal Lands:** Oppose state control of federal lands and support enlarging wilderness and national monuments;
- **Environment:** Oppose weakening the Public Trust Doctrine ;
- **Water:** Oppose new water diversions and dedication of state taxes to water projects;
- **Air:** support efforts to restore clean air;
- **Immigration:** Oppose infringement on federal immigration policy;
- **Social Policy:** support affirmative action and oppose attacks on reproductive rights and sex education.

Members are encouraged to follow legislative proceedings at www.le.utah.gov, where Committee Meetings and House and Senate Sessions are live-streamed and recorded for later viewing. This award-winning website also provides the text and status of each proposed bill, and a legislative calendar for each day of the session. If you would like further information, contact Nickie Nelson, 801-231-7326, nickie.nelson@gmail.com or Vickie Samuelson, 801-250-9210, vsam0236@gmail.com.

Keep Up with Legislature

The League’s Legislative Action Corps will be updating its priority list, and giving you updates on progress all during the 2016 session. The complete list of priorities may be found on the League’s website www.lwvutah.org, under Utah Legislative News. These priorities are used to focus the League’s actions while the Legislature is in session. Members can expect to receive Action Alerts from the Legislative Corps asking them to contact their legislators about bills that address these subjects.

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February Unit Meetings — Carbon Tax Discussion

TOWN CLUB UNIT – Wednesday, Feb. 10 & March 9
11 a.m.
Town Club - 1081 East South Temple
Unit Leader – Alice Steiner – 801-363-9193
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GIRL SCOUT UNIT – Monday, February 29
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 E. 4500 South
Unit Leader: Anne Zeigler 801-944-4163
abzeigler@centurylink.net

NITE OWLS – Monday, February 22
7:30 p.m.
862 E. Harrison Ave.
Unit Leader: Judi Short – 801-487-7387
judi.short@gmail.com

BENCH BUNCH – Wednesday, February 24
9:30 a.m.
Holladay Library, 2150 E. Murray Holladay Rd.
Unit Leader: Nancy Melling - 801-277-9118
ngmelling2@gmail.com

WEST SIDE UNIT – Wednesday, February 24
6-8 p.m.
Town@ Hunter Village Clubhouse, 6869 Bamburgh Way,
West Valley City
Unit Leader – Vickie Samuelson – 801-250-9210
vsam0236@gmail.com

SANDY UNIT – Thursday, February 25
10-11:30 a.m.
Sandy Senior Citizens Center – 9310 S. 1300 East
Unit Leader - Janice Gygi - 801-550-3585
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LIBRARY UNIT – Thursday, February 25
12:30 p.m.
(*NEW LOCATION*) Anderson-Foothill Library
1135 S. 2100 East
Unit Leaders – Kathy Fitzgerald 801-521-5790; Carole
Straughn – 405-590-6982
klrfitzgerald@gmail.com

*You are welcome to attend any of the above unit
meetings that fit your time and location.
The subject matter will be the same.*

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