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LWV Lives By Conflict-of-Interest, Non-Partisan Policies



By Lola Britton, LWVUT President

Dear League Members,
It is worth repeating. The League of Women Voters neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate for public office. The nonpartisan policy adds strength to our positions on issues and has made possible wide acceptance of League voter service and other educational activities.

Candidates are willing to appear on our platforms because they have confidence they will be treated fairly. The League's purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. It urges all its members to become fully informed about candidates and issues.

To protect the League's nonpartisan reputation, it is important ALL MEMBERS of the League of Women Voters of Utah and the public understand the following:

The League takes a position only on governmental issues and not on candidates for elective (governmental) office.

The League is nonpartisan, not bipartisan. Bipartisan means representing both parties; the League represents no party.

Every LWV member must take the responsibility for clearly differentiating between her personal opinions and the League position.

All LWV members are expected to keep their League activity and their political activity completely separate and distinct. For example, members may not distribute League materials at the same time as

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material for a candidate or a party. This applies to partisan and nonpartisan elections of any type.

The League of Women Voters of Utah shall not elect or appoint any member to the board, or to a capacity in which the League is represented before the public, who has, within the prior six-month period, held a political office or engaged in partisan political activity to the extent she/he is publicly identified with a political party or candidate.

Please see the [League's bylaws](#) on our website or our [page on policies](#) for more information.

Be Warned of Fraudulent Mail

The League of Women Voters recently was a victim of mail fraud, and we would like you to be aware of this violation.

Recently I was notified that an individual in Grand County received a very inappropriate political letter regarding a presidential candidate. Of course the League, being nonpartisan, would not be sending information about one candidate. The letter, dated April 4, 2016, stated it was from the League of Women Voters at an incorrect address in Salt Lake City. Barbara Hicks, president of the Grand County League, was contacted by the letter's recipient, promptly scanned the letter and envelope and forwarded the information to me.

My first thought was to call the Utah Attorney General's office. After a brief discussion with the Utah Attorney General's office, I realized this is a federal issue and should be reported to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the federal law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Postal Service. I have done so.

It is very easy to report mail fraud. You can go to your local post office, call 1-800-275-8777 or go to the following link at the [U.S. Postal Inspection Service](#).

If you receive inappropriate mail, follow up by reporting it to the U. S. Postal Service. If you receive mail you suspect was not sent from the League, please notify the Utah League office and and the USPS.

—*Lola Britton, President LWVUT*

Utah League Opens Doors to Public

The League of Women Voters of Utah turned a new page in its history on Sunday, March 13, as we opened the doors of our new downtown office. Community members were invited to meet League members and tour the new space just above Tony Caputo's Market & Deli, 314 W. 300 South. Chef Michael Eldridge prepared a variety of Caputo's signature finger foods



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and beverages for the event, which took place in the deli after hours. Members of nearby local Leagues joined the festivities, and helped introduce visitors to the League's mission and activities. The League plans to make this an annual event to familiarize the public with our ongoing efforts.

—Kathy Biele, Co-President, LWVSL

State Legislature Interim Schedule Set

By Nickie Nelson, Co-Legislative Action Committee Director, LWVUT

Mark your calendars! The Legislative Management Committee confirmed the Interim Committee Meeting schedule for the summer and fall, as well as the topics for legislative study. These Interim meetings are always interesting, since they cover current issues, reports on results of past legislation, and proposed bills for 2017. You can attend them in person, listen to live streaming or listen to recordings of past meetings. Interim meetings are on Wednesdays, and the league will meet for lunch in the Capitol cafeteria. Please join us! Contact Vickie Samuelson at 801-250-9210 or vsam0236@gmail.com or Nickie Nelson at 801-231-7326 or nickie.nelson@gmail.com for more information.

Interim dates (committees meet at 8:30-11 a.m. and 1:15-3:45 p.m.):

May 18	June 15
July 13	Sep 21
Oct 19	Nov 16

We'll be sending agendas to the Action Corps when they're available. If you'd like to join us, contact the League office at 801-272-8683 or lwwut@xmission.com.

Study topics can be found at <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001970.pdf> with the addition of Paid Family Leave in the Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee and Public/Private Partnerships in the Government Operations Committee. Note that End-of-Life Options and Redistricting Advisory Commission are two of the study items, among many others of interest to the League.

Membership, Leadership Team At Full Strength

By Tina Hose, State MLD Coordinator

The Utah Membership and Leadership Development Team (MLD)

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members serve as *your* coaches on cutting edge League best practices as well as a resource for National League operational information.

Salt Lake League member Paula Melgar recently came on board to complete the MLD Coaching Team. Her education and experience make her an excellent fit. Paula completed her Masters' degree in Public Administration last December and will walk in the University of Utah's graduation ceremony this May. Her four years in the Salt Lake League and her senior level administrative experience in the South Salt Lake City Attorney's Office add significantly to the combined skill set of the Utah MLD Coaching team.

Here are the League assignments and contact information for your MLD Coaches:

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Each month our coaches join a conference call with the National League Coaches who help the Utah Team understand and apply the latest in membership and leadership best practices. The training is broad and cumulative, but each month's topic is focused on a single aspect of MLD. Following the National call, the coaches pass on each month's guidance to their assigned local leagues.

Encourage your coaches. Ask them questions. Listen to them. They will help incorporate and bolster the effectiveness of best practices in the work your League is already doing. Their love of League and excitement in developing membership and leadership effectiveness in your League are contagious!

State of Community Lunch Dealt with 'Hot Topics'

By Catherine Weller, Vice President, Local Leagues, LWVUT

Attendees at the 2016 State of the Community Luncheon found both the familiar and the new this year. The gathering itself returned to its traditional venue at Little America. Over 200 attendees were greeted by members of the Luncheon Committee soliciting chances to win one of four "opportunity baskets," by members of the League old and new, and by the League's friends in the community who support our luncheon year after year. The two honorees this year, Paul Rolly of the Salt Lake Tribune and Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck (D-Salt Lake), are well known to League members.

Novel this year was the book signing table at the entrance to the dining room, where Ambassador Christopher Hill, the luncheon's keynote

How do I...print documents for League work I do?

If you have less than 50 copies to print you may come to the office and use the computer and printer. We also have envelopes for mailing. If you have a printing job larger than 50 copies please take your order to Alphagraphics, 3350 S. 2300 E., remembering to let Alphagraphics know which account to bill under, LWVSL of LWVUT. If you pay for the documents yourself please attach a receipt to our reimbursement form and then mail or drop this off and we will issue you a check.

If you need stamps for small batch mailing we may have some on hand in the office but in general please purchase stamps yourself; attach a receipt to our reimbursement form and then mail or drop this off at the office. We will issue you a check. If you are also mailing materials please get League envelopes from the office for you to prepare.

-- Trixi Sieger, LWV Office Manager

speaker, signed copies of his memoir, "Outposts: Life on the Frontlines of American Diplomacy," and chatted with League members. Also out of the ordinary was Hill's insightful speech, "Hot Topics in the World Today," which focused on international and national affairs, instead of issues closer to home. His broad view of U.S. foreign policy, formed over decades of experience in the State Department, proved interesting and enlightening for listeners.

Rolly was characteristically soft spoken and self-deprecating when he accepted the "Making Democracy Work" award for his relentless research and storytelling about citizens in our community, especially those involved in politics and government. Chavez-Houck, winner of the Community Service Award, recalled her parents and the strong role that education and reading played in her home growing up.

This year's State of the Community Luncheon grossed \$12,133 thanks to the generosity of League members and guests at the luncheon.

Spring into Naturalization Ceremonies

The Salt Lake League needs your help in reaching our newest citizens in the community to help them register to vote. Don't miss this special opportunity to help make democracy work. Please look over the dates below and sign up where you can!

We need two volunteers for each ceremony held the Federal Courthouse, 350 S. West Temple. Please note the new times and dates. Please contact Jane Nelson, janenelson2004@msn.com, or Luana Chilelli, luanachilelli@comcast.net, if you need more information or to let them know the date(s) you can volunteer.

2016 Dates and Times

Large venue ceremonies held at This Is The Place State Park will be handled by Luana Chilelli and Jan Brock on July 13, Jane Nelson and Luana Chilelli on September 16 and December 7. We still need volunteers for the following dates and times:

June 8

9 a.m.

11 a.m. Claire Turner and _____

2 p.m.

August 10

9 a.m.

11 a.m.

2 p.m.

October 12

9 a.m.

11 a.m.

2 p.m.

November 9

9 a.m.

11 a.m.

2 p.m.

Thank You Donors!

In this community we are fortunate to have businesses which actively support our local Salt Lake League of Women Voters. Many graciously donated items, baskets, and gift cards for our opportunity drawing, contributing to the success of our recent State of the Community Luncheon. We owe many thanks to:

Trader Joe's Downtown

Overstock.com

Millcreek Coffee Roasters
/Millcreek Cacao Roasters

Squatters Craft Beers
/Wasatch Brewery

Kiwoodworks

Tanger Outlets

Please make an effort to support them and while there, give them a personal thanks.

*--Nancy Wingelaar,
Committee for the Salt Lake
League of Women Voters
State of the Community
Luncheon*

Don't miss a chance to be part of something great!

LWV Davis April and May Meetings

By Kathy Stockel, LWV Davis, Co-President

Human Trafficking study chair Luciane Fangulua led an informative discussion of this topic for the Davis League's April meeting. Special focus was on the difficulties of protecting victims while gathering necessary



information to prosecute human traffickers. The dialogue centered on the Utah experience in the context of national and

international trafficking. One particular victim's story made a striking point that human trafficking affects people of all racial, educational, and economic backgrounds.

Several members of the joint Davis-Weber Water Study committee met



with the manager and board of directors of the South Davis County Water District in Bountiful to discuss the results of the water study and possible implications for conservation planning. The Bear River Development Plan, impacts upon Great Salt Lake, and metering secondary water were discussed. All seemed in agreement about the need for conservation and that metering would probably help secondary water conservation, but

recognized that historical water rights may pose problems for metering.

The Annual Meeting for the Davis League will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th in the South Davis Metro Fire Hall at 255 S. 100 West, Bountiful. There will be a short presentation on a topic to be announced. Old Business will include a discussion of state convention and lessons learned. New business will include the election of officers and board members, 2016-2017 program planning, and consideration of a by-laws change that will enable us to become a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization under the umbrella of LWVUT. All members and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

Mark Your Calendar: S.L. League Program Planning Meeting

Please join us at the May 11 Program Planning Meeting to discuss and determine topics for the 2016-2017 general membership meetings and unit meetings, a fascinating go-see tour, lunch events, and other exciting possibilities.

Wednesday May 11 in the Girl Scouts of Utah offices located at
445 E. 4500 South

5:30: Social
6-7:30: Program Planning Meeting

Cookies and water will be served.

LWV-Grand County Fundraiser Fruitful

On April 9, our Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser was held at the Moab Arts and recreation Center. It is our only fundraiser of the year. The proceeds support our educational programs and outreach activities. It was the second highest grossing event in the 35-year history of the Grand County league. Cynthia Smith was the chair with help from the following fabulous volunteers Karen Robinson, Barb Lacy, Melissa Byrd, Eve Tallman, Sharifeh Robinson and Mary McGann.

The Board Strategic Planning meeting will be held on May 4 at 1 p.m. at the Grand County Library. We will discuss the 2015-2016 budget and calendar of events in preparation for the Annual Business Meeting which is scheduled for May 9 at 5:15 pm at the Library.

— *Barbara Hicks, LWV-Grand County, President*



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Keep Up-to-date On Elections

[Politics1](#) provides a complete directory of Utah candidates for governor, state Cabinet, United States senator and Congress in the current election cycle ... state political parties ... the official state election office ... and state news sources.

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