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League Changes as Our Media Changes

by Lola Britton, LWWUT President



Many articles have been written on how media has changed our lives. But it has happened so gradually that I don't think anyone has taken real note until recently. Most Utahns have a cellphone and access to a computer. We've gained hundreds of cable TV channels and satellite radio stations. Millions of bloggers and newspapers are available digitally, too. The media today are more diffuse and chaotic than ever. Don't miss the Salt Lake League's

program on October 13 to learn what's happening to your media today (see flyer below). The League of Women Voters of Utah is also evolving to become more involved with the media side of things.

During the 2016 general session of the Utah State Legislature Nicole Nelson and Vickie Samuelson, co-directors of the Legislative Action Committee, and I spent many evenings with Lara Jones, [RadioActive on KRCL, 90.9 FM](#), discussing happenings on the hill. KUER presented a panel on June 10, titled [Unlock the Vote](#), moderated by KUER news director Terry Gildea. Panel members were Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck (D-Salt Lake City); Sen. Todd Weiler (R-Davis County and Salt Lake County); Mallory Bateman, research analyst at the Utah Foundation; and me. Peggy Carrico and I were invited by KBYU-TV to tape an episode of [Community Connection](#), with host Tracy Christensen. We discussed many matters, including the League's 2016 Voters' Guide.

Peggy and I hope you will tune in to KCPW, 88.3 FM during their pledge drive on Thursday, September 29, from 12-1 p.m. when we will be on air with host Roger McDonough. We also need a couple of volunteers to answer phones and take pledges during that hour. If

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you'd like to help the League and KCPW, please contact me at lolabritton@comcast.net.

The League is also working on its [new website](#) that will provide more flexibility for delivering valuable information and an updated "look." There have been a few glitches along the way, but as we all know anything worth having may not happen overnight. Stayed tuned. The League only gets better.

Wasatch Canyons, Salt Lake Water Supply at Issue

by Ann O'Connell, NR Chair LWVSL

Utah's Quality Growth Commission met August 26 to discuss two items. I will start with the cheerful one. First on the agenda was approval of funding for the LeRay McAllister Fund. Many years ago the LWV of Utah helped to pass the bill that established the LeRay McAllister Fund for preserving open space. I am happy to report that the Legislature has returned to making small donations to the fund after some years of lapsed funding. The grants are usually for small projects like buying segments of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

The second item was, shall I say, more threatening and very complicated. It was titled "A Review of Watershed Management in Utah, particularly in Salt Lake County." In reality it was an opportunity to question Salt Lake City's control over its Wasatch Mountain watershed. I believe it has been more than 50 years since the Legislature granted Utah cities power to protect the watershed beyond the cities' actual boundaries in order to ensure their municipal water supply. Most

observers, or perhaps it is most environmentalists, agree that Salt Lake City Public Utilities has been steadfast in protecting the natural habitat of the parts of the Wasatch that supply its water. However, some canyon residents and developers are unhappy with rules and regulations and restrictions on development, often tied to inability or unwillingness to deliver water to "dry lots." In addition developers would also like to be able to use "excess" city-owned water that comes from the Wasatch canyons in other parts of the valley.

Keep in mind that there is an historical/legal issue embedded in this dispute. Why should

Salt Lake City have control over the water produced in these canyons? It is really an historical accident. The city was here first. Most of the Salt



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Lake Valley was sparsely populated and seemed to have an adequate water supply. To whom does this water belong?

I do not pretend to know what specifically might be asked of the legislature and will resist comment on the relationship between the legislature and Salt Lake City. But it is an issue the League Legislative Corps will need to watch.

Water Position for Salt Lake League Updated

by Ann O'Connell, NR Chair, LWVSL

The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake did a comprehensive review of water management and supply in 2015. In the spring of 2016 League members again reviewed the study with the purpose of revising the Salt Lake League's position on water, with special consideration of how water policy is governed. Members found that the current position has stood up well over time so recommended that only a few words be eliminated and greater emphasis put on public participation. The board of the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake has approved the following (changes are italicized):

LWVSL Position on Water Conservation and Management

The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake believes the demand for water should be managed as one means of insuring future local water supply. To this end we support price structure adjustments such as inverted block rates, flexible rates based on seasonal demands, restrictions on days and times of outdoor water use during periods of limited supply. *However, we suggest care in designing price structures that might favor one part of society over another.*

We believe transparency is essential to all aspects of water policy and governance, especially for water boards and how their members are selected. The public must be educated about and active in water conservation initiatives. To this end we recommend detailing the amount of property tax paid for the water system on water bills. We reaffirm our support of measures to coordinate management of local water supplies.

League Maintains Continuity of Purpose

by Tina Hose, MLD State Coordinator

Continuity of purpose has been a defining characteristic of The League of Women Voters since its beginnings. While the actual language of today's LWV mission statement, "Encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government," may have changed since Carrie Chapman Catt's first convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, that purpose had already existed in the women's suffrage movement for 72 years. It still exists today.

Continuity of leadership is a vital component of continuity of purpose. With this in mind, the LWVUT board is exploring succession planning and

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leadership development strategies. The LWVUS Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Handbook provides a model strategy, “The Leadership Ladder,” which has proven effective in other state and local leagues.

The ladder is a way to “picture” succession planning and by which the League



continuously tries to move up capable and enthusiastic individuals.

At the base of the ladder are non-League volunteers/members. The third rung up the ladder is identified as active members. The next rung is identified as new and emerging leaders, and the top rung of the ladder is the leader’s position.

Usually leagues have a group of volunteers who start at the base of the ladder after coming to a League event or two. Not everyone on these beginning rungs will want to move up, but some who see an opportunity to develop other skills in a safe and supportive way will.

Active members are those who work on study committees, staff voter registration events, attend forums and meetings, and identify with League as “we.” They are prime candidates for future leadership roles and should be asked to assist in small ways that use their skills.

Now, to have continuity in our leadership and to serve members who don’t have to struggle with process and procedure, the LWVUT board is taking on the idea of mentoring and modeling prior to assigning leadership responsibilities.

This simply involves discovering individual abilities and what members find rewarding.

Every member, regardless of where you fit on the ladder model, should be working to develop yourself and others. And don’t be surprised if others see leadership traits in you and ask you about your time and talent.

October Unit Meetings: Confronting Population Growth

Every discussion in the spring unit meetings on water turned to the consequences of population growth along the Wasatch Front. League members are concerned but do not quite know what to do. The Utah Population and Environment Council (UPEC) is worried too and can tell us what they have learned from two major studies and their educational campaigns.

A UPEC board member will come to October unit meetings to tell League members about UPEC, explain what a Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI)

Voter Registration Deadlines

Here are **important deadlines** for registering and voting:

Last day to mail in voter registration forms:
October 11th

Last Day to register online or in person: Nov 1st

Salt Lake County Early Voting begins: Oct 26th

Summit County Early Voting begins: Oct 7th

Davis, Grand and Weber are Vote-By-Mail counties so they do not have Early Voting. Ballots will be mailed the week of October 10th

Salt Lake County Vote-By-Mail ballots will be mailed at least 3 weeks before Election Day

Election Day: Nov 8th

**Nickie Nelson, co-chair,
Legislative Action Committee**

is and whether Utah is making genuine progress. They will discuss how Utah's carbon footprint ranks with those of other states and tell us about UPEC's efforts to educate Utah citizens about population issues. Furthermore, they will ask for your thoughts on what you, the League of Women Voters, and UPEC should be doing in the face of a rapidly doubling population.

If you want to find out more, go to the UPEC website at <http://www.utahpopulation.org/>. There you will find links to Small Families, Genuine Progress Indicator, and the Ecological Footprint Study. If GPI is new to you, Wikipedia has a succinct explanation. There will be more information and links on the League of Women Voters website at the beginning of October.

— *Ann O'Connell, NR Chair, LWVSL*

Judi Short: Fall Fete Honoree

by Kathy Biele, LWVSL Co-President



Judi Short is one of the most accomplished and effective women in Salt Lake City – and now the recipient of our Fall Fete award for lifetime service.

Judi is a master gardener for which she has won many awards, and is on the board of directors of Friends of Gilgal Garden where she is their master gardener.

She spent years at the University of Utah medical school and hospital as director of graduate medical education and as their designated institutional officer. And during all of this professional work, Judi found time to work on many boards ... the rape crisis center, the League of course, and the Sugar House Community Council of which she is still the vice chair. She has been a member of Salt Lake's transportation advisory committee, the mayor's stormwater advisory committee, and she was the vice chair of the planning and zoning commission.

We have been lucky to call her one of our own and are most appreciative of her hard work every year since 1990 for our State of the Community Luncheon. Thanks to Judi for all she has done for us and for our community.



Help Promote the League

Interested in promoting an event or program for LWV? We are always looking for new ways to reach our community and inform the public of LWV work happening. One way you can help is to create and distribute posters and fliers around town, at local gyms, shops, cafes and other places you frequent that have message boards or stands. If you have an idea please contact the office or SL Promotions Director Shelly Pace shellypace@gmail.com to help out!

Weber County League Meets on Air and Diversity

by Terri McCullough, president, LWV Weber County

The Weber League sponsored a public meeting on Air Quality with presenter Marion Horna, member of the Air Quality Advisory Board in Weber County. The big issue his group has been tackling is diesel testing. Regardless of the recommendations of the committee, mandated emission testing for diesel vehicles continues to fail in County Commission meetings. A few interesting points were brought up. The Weber Morgan Board of Health contains very few members of the health professions. Also, all three commissioners are members of the 11-person board. The normal protocol is for each board to have one commissioner representing the entire commission. The question of why there are three commissioners on this one board raises a lot of red flags. The committee has made the same recommendation over and over and is basically ignored. The question also arises as to why you have an advisory committee if you do not listen to anything the experts recommend. Pollutants and poor air in Weber and Morgan are very prevalent and should be a very important issue. Why do gasoline vehicles have to have emission testing while diesel vehicles, which often put more garbage in the air, are exempt? This was a very interesting and thought-provoking meeting and resulted in many comments being sent to the Board of Health questioning the decisions made.

The Weber County League of Women Voters has been part of a Diversity Connections group designed by League member and Chief of Diversity Affairs at Weber State University, Adrienne Andrews, with Bill Cook,



Executive Director of Ogden City Council. The project began four years ago when 16 different groups representing different cultures present in Ogden started meeting to answer some probing questions. Groups such as Native American, Hispanic, NAACP, LGBTQ, Religious, Women, etc. were represented. Once the initial individual meetings were completed, all the groups came together to work on how to truly

represent the rich diversity present in Ogden, make all services available to everyone, and work together as a group to better our community. It was a fabulous experience and opened up so many opportunities for the League to be involved with other groups. On September 13, the city council voted to put our plan in place. There will be a diversity commission made up of members from the original group that is supported at the city level. They will design groups made up of community members to work on specific projects that tackle some of the



Real Women Run is a collaborative nonpartisan initiative founded in 2011 to empower women to fully participate in public life and civic leadership including, but not limited, to running for elected office and serving on administrative boards.

Real Women Run partners include the YWCA of Utah, Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah, Vision 2020, Salt Lake Community College, AAUW, League of Women Voters of Utah, Women Lawyers (Utah Bar Association), Utah Women and Leadership Project at Utah Valley University, Olene Walker Institute of Politics at Weber State University, Utah State University, Women's Leadership Institute, current and former elected officials from major political parties, and community members..

Real Women Run Winter Training

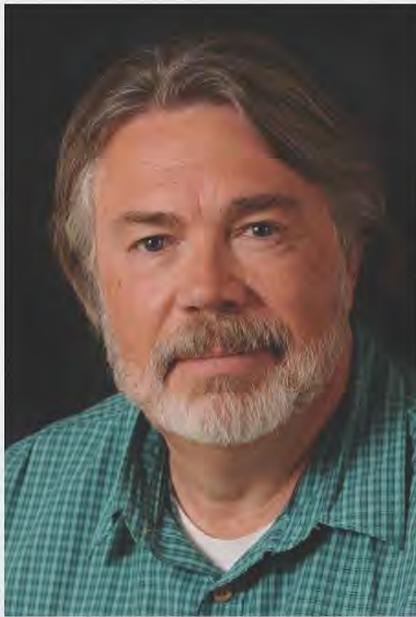
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Salt Lake Community College, Miller Campus
9750 South 300 West,
Sandy

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issues. These will disband when the task is done. This is a major breakthrough for the people of Ogden. I have never been in a diverse group like this where one felt so uplifted and full of energy following every meeting.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SALT LAKE

SALT LAKE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016



What's Happening to Your News?

*Please join us
to learn who you can
trust in the digital age*

BY ROGER PLOTHOW

Attend to hear Roger, news critic, editor and publisher, explain what you can trust in the digital age. Find out what's happening to the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News.

GIRL SCOUT OFFICES

445 E. 4500 South #125

Salt Lake City

OCTOBER 13TH

5:30 - 8 PM



Hinckley Forums

are held in the old College of Law Building, 332 South 1400 East, Bldg. 73, Room 101, in the Moot Courtroom, 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/>

Unit Meetings Stunned by Sexual Violence Facts

The September Unit Meetings discussed the League of Women Voters of Utah's [sexual violence study](#), with the goal of reaching consensus. Besides the many startling statistics surrounding this troubling issue, League members discovered that it is not solely a problem for women. Read a personal account from a young male victim [here](#).



Davis Prioritizes Voter Registration

by Ann Johnson, LWV Davis Publicity Chair

Nearly 1 in 4 eligible voters in the U.S. are not currently registered, and only 57 percent of Utahns voted in the 2012 election. LWV Davis members are attempting to improve these statistics by prioritizing voter registration efforts in areas with traditionally low voter turnout.



In August we contacted principals and participated in Back-to-School nights at several elementary schools in neighborhoods with fluid populations and lower rates of voting. The principals were very supportive of voter registration. They provided tables and chairs in busy activity rooms or hall areas where our members could invite parents to register to vote. Some teachers as well as parents needed to re-register because they moved since the last election. We found that non-voters who are turned off by this year's presidential campaign responded well when we talked about the importance of

school board races. We also handed out flyers informing parents about our Meet the Candidates meetings.

Besides targeting four schools in Davis County, we included two schools in Salt Lake County that are in our South Davis congressional and state senate district. We turned in 15 completed registrations from our school evenings, gave out forms (and stamps) to approximately 30 people who needed to complete them at home, and showed many potential voters how to register online. Each school requires only one volunteer for less

**Save the Date -
Friday,**

February 14, 2020

2020? Is that a typo? No, it isn't. February 14, 2020, is the League of Women Voters 100th Birthday!

Vickie Samuelson and Nickie Nelson (co-directors of the Legislative Action Group) are heading a committee to begin planning for this momentous event. We'd like to do something that celebrates the unique history of voting rights for women in Utah and gets our Utah League off to a good start for the next 100 years.

Yes, it's more than three years away, but we will need three years to plan meaningful events and raise money to fund them. Perhaps we'd like to do something in the Capitol Rotunda, or have a members-only luncheon, or create a permanent scholarship fund, or ???

If you'd like to be on our committee, or if you have special talents such as event planning or fundraising, or you just have some good ideas for celebration events—and how to pay for them—we want to hear from you.

Please contact Vickie, 801-750-2217 vsam0236@gmail.com, or Nickie, 801-231-7326 nickie.nelson@gmail.com

than two hours, so we consider Back-to-School Nights a productive place to register voters.

On September 10, Aaron Bryant and Kathy Stockel, authors of the LWVUT Study on Sexual Violence in Utah, conducted our consensus meeting on the study. After a lively discussion, we reached consensus rather quickly. Our members were especially adamant that rape prevention should be included in sex education classes for 7th- to 12th-grade students. We hope that following consensus, the League can convince lawmakers to recognize and act upon the problem of sexual violence in our state.

LWV Davis will conduct Meet the Candidates meetings in the North, Central, and South part of the county during September and October. We are working to publicize these events so Davis County voters can hear their candidates' positions on important issues.

Grand County Shares Community Information

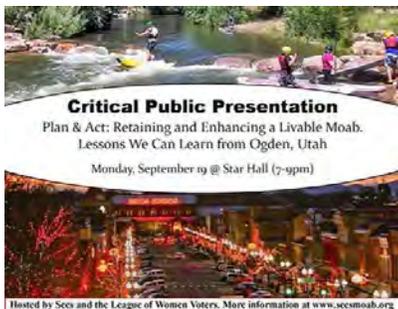
by Barb Hicks, President, LWV Grand County

The Grand County League began planning for our fall season with our August and September meetings.

We will present our 36th annual Candidates Forum on September 28. It will include four county council races, one school district race and several state offices plus two ballot initiatives. There will be a meet and greet afterwards with light refreshments. The forum will be videotaped and available for viewing on YouTube and our local channel 21 on cable TV.

It takes a small army of dedicated volunteers to make the Candidates Forum happen. Audrey Graham is the Forum Chair; Darcey Brown and Barbara Browning co-chair the set up committee; Barb Webb is in charge of advertising and sound system; Carey Dabney chairs the question committee; and Eve Tallman and Barb Lacy are in charge of contacting the candidates.

On September 19, the planning manager and the city engineer from Ogden Utah spent the day visiting with our City and County leaders and planners. That night at the Star Hall they shared how Ogden transformed itself into a nationally acclaimed community. We heard about how they worked with local citizens to create Ogden's vision and how the City works with residents and businesses. We also learned about the benefits of long-term planning, downtown revitalization, historic preservation and



“No matter your vision for our future, no matter the issues that matter most to you, your vote is needed in November... Now is the time to get registered and ask your friends and family to do the same. Then plan to join your neighbors by voting on Election Day. Our future is determined by those who show up at the polls. We’re asking you to stand up and be counted!”
Chris Carson, president,
LWVUS

infrastructure development, housing issues, alternative industries, and ways to stimulate citizen involvement. The presentation was co-sponsored by [The Sees](#) and the Grand County League.



Penny Jameson: Grew up in southern California, went to college in Northern California, spent two years in the Peace Corps in Jamaica, 20 years in South Bend, Ind. (and spent a year in Peru, a year in Denver, Colorado, three months in Mexico, and some time in Ecuador). She has lived 26 years in Utah.

She has a Ph.D in Developmental Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1974. Second Program in Clinical Psychology, post graduate training with the International Psychological Institute. Penny was a high school math/science teacher and college professor for 20 years and a clinical psychologist for another 20 years.

Her interests include training dogs, hiking, yoga, reading and grandkids. She is interested in the arts, and belongs to the American Psychological Association, Australian Shepherd Club of America, Wasatch Working Australian Shepherd Club, International Psychotherapy Institute - Salt Lake City, and AKC.

Irene Fisher and Dee Rowland introduced her to the LWV. She expects to gain a sense of being useful in an important area as she retires.

Susan Zangrille: Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she has lived in many places, including France and Holland as well as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and now Sandy. Her favorite place was The Hague, Holland although she loves Sandy now. She and husband David retired to Utah to be near one of their two sons.

She graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a degree in Zoology and got a Master's Degree in Art Education from The Pennsylvania State University. Her first job was a laboratory technician in endocrinology research at Rutgers University. Most recently, she was an interior designer for a Pennsylvania architectural firm where she created color schemes for school buildings.

She skis and as joined a sculpture pottery group, paints in acrylics and has taken drum lessons. She loves movies, local concerts, and hiking trails. Susan was a member of the LWV of Pennsylvania in 1970.



2016 Voters' Guide Coming Soon!

Watch for it on our website, LWVUTAH.ORG or on [our Facebook page](#).

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<p>POPULATION GROWTH</p> <p>Join us at any of the following unit meetings to find out about and discuss the challenges we face with a growing population.</p>	<p>LIBRARY UNIT – Thursday, October 27 - 12:30 P.M. Anderson-Foothill Library - 1135 So. 2100 East Unit Leaders – Kathy Fitzgerald 801-521-5790; Carole Straughn – 405-590-6982 klrfitzgerald@gmail.com</p>
<p>TOWN CLUB UNIT– Wednesday, November 9 - 11:00 A.M. Town Club - 1081 East South Temple Unit Leader – Alice Steiner – 801-363-9193 akarsteiner@aol.com</p>	<p>BENCH BUNCH – on hiatus</p>
<p>NITE OWLS – Monday, October 24 - 7:30 P.M. 862 East Harrison Ave. Unit Leader: Judi Short – 801-487-7387 judi.short@gmail.com</p>	<p>SANDY UNIT – Thursday, October 27 – 10:00– 11:30 P.M. Sandy Senior Citizens Center – 9310 So. 1300 East Unit Leader - Janice Gygi - 801-550-3585 janice.gygi@uvu.edu</p>
<p>WEST SIDE UNIT – Wednesday, October 26 - 6 to 8 P.M. Hunter Village Club House, 3440 So. Bambrugh Way (6845 W.) West Valley City 84128 Unit Leader – Vickie Samuelson – 801-250-9210 vsam0236@gmail.com</p>	<p>GIRL SCOUT UNIT – Monday, October 31 - 11 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 East, 4500 South Unit Leader: Anne Zeigler 801-944-4163 abzeigler@centurylink.net</p>

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