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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS FOR THE COMPUTER-CHALLENGED

Our goal for the Utah *Voter* is to communicate with our members. If you don't read it, we have failed. Sending it electronically significantly cuts League costs and volunteer time but it's not worth it if you never get any further than this page. If you're receiving this newsletter electronically you may want to print a hard copy. Here are a few suggestions from one who is computer-challenged. If you know this, skip to the next page.

Look at the very important "INSIDE:" (that is the table of contents) to the left and see what you want to read. You may need to scroll down to see the entire list. Print only pages you need to read or take with you. Do you want to print most of the *Voter*? How about printing back to back? You can do it from the PDF file, which is the type of file in which the *Voter* is displayed. Printers vary in their capabilities and procedures, but most printers will allow some way to achieve the following: First, print only odd pages, reverse the order of pages, load those pages back into the printer (with blank side in proper position for your printer!), and print the even pages. My printer is VERY SLOW. By printing the *Voter* in black and white I cut down the printing time and save my colored ink. Most of you can print in black and white even on your color printer; again, printers vary in exactly where they locate this option and whether it is possible. Look for that option when you start up the printing feature.

We want to know what you think about the electronic *Voter*! You can respond to Sandy's email announcing the availability of the *Voter* with your comments. We'll ask Sandy to forward comments to the board. You can always communicate directly with the presidents. See their email addresses above the "INSIDE" (the table of contents). If an electronic copy doesn't work for you, call the League office (801) 272-8683 and ask to have a hard copy sent to you.

OTHER THINGS FOR YOUR "TO DO" LIST

Read the Water Study. March 1 is the tentative date set for consensus. Final

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discussion on the date will take place at the December 5 LWVU Board meeting.

Work on petitions. Both petitions now being circulated in Utah have been supported by the LWVU Board. These petitions address the very heart of what the League believes in: fair boundaries to support fair representation for all voters and ethics not based on personal friendship or party affiliation.

We have a rare opportunity to get these issues on the ballot. If we fail it may be a long time before the chance comes again. The petitions also are a great voter education tool. You can't talk about them without talking about what goes on in the Legislature. Many people are not even aware of the issues.

I hope all League members statewide will work on getting signatures on these petitions. The best way to get petitions to circulate is to access the relevant website and find the contact nearest you. (www.fairboundaries.org OR www.utahnsforethicalgovernment.org) If you need help or more information call Gigi Brandt, gigbrandt@att.net or 801-582-1102.

Marilyn O'Dell, LWVUT Co-President

NEWS from LOCAL LEAGUES

CEDAR CITY – Barbara Prestwich reported that activities for this year began with a kick-off Annual Meeting and dinner on October 1. All members have received the LWVU Water Study and met at the home of Mary Belle Royer on Nov. 12 at 7:00 PM to address the study. At the end of that discussion, the group planned to vote to determine whether to host a larger, public follow-up meeting to study the current status and feasibility of the proposal to bring Lake Powell water by pipeline up to the Cedar City area from St. George.

DAVIS COUNTY -- Nelda Bishop reported that the Davis County League worked with three cities on candidate forums for mayoral and city council races: Bountiful, Centerville and Syracuse. In each case they were requested to handle the forums by the city recorder. Some of the races were very contentious. Davis League members had petitions available at each forum with the approval of the city recorders and got many signatures as well as interest from some attendees to circulate petitions.

GRAND COUNTY – Grand County League of Women Voters had a very well attended candidate's forum in October covering the Mayor and City Council races, Spanish Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District Board races, and the Grand County School District Voted Leeway.

They held the forum in a new venue that provided a better space for the social afterwards. Barbara Browning, the chair for the social, did an outstanding job decorating and providing refreshments, so people lingered and chatted with the candidates. Our local weekly paper gave us front page coverage that week.

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information is on
a secure (safe)
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coverage that week. The forum was then broadcast on two local channels October 26 through November 2, except Sunday, at least once a day and sometimes more. Thanks to all the League members who worked so hard on our annual event. On November 20 we will be holding a social at a member's house to give us a chance to socialize and also include new people who are interested in the League.

League members Barbara Galler and Karen Robinson have been working with Colleen Smith in Grand County to get the Fair Boundaries initiative onto next year's ballot. Fair Boundaries representatives had petitions every Saturday at Farmers' Market and collected signatures at the Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival on Halloween Day. They will also be at the Moab Folk Festival in early November. Several people in the county have been willing to spend time gathering signatures, door to door or at their place of business.

WEBER COUNTY – In October, League members toured the new "state of the art" Pleasant Valley Library. On November 9, Trent Alvord, coordinator for Fair Boundaries, met with League members to talk about the redistricting petition.

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DEMOCRACY STORE

The League's Democracy Store at the Main Library of Salt Lake City was another great success this fall. Barbara Durst did an outstanding job getting it organized and lining up volunteers to put in 3 hours, 5 days a week. The Association of University Women filled the slots for 2 days of the week.

The store had a theme of encouraging "Vote by Mail". It also gave an opportunity to explain the importance of voting for initiatives, as well as, providing a public location for citizens to sign the petitions. Information via maps was available for those needing the location of their polling place, as well as information on the League of Women Voters. Hope you all had a chance to stop in and say Hi!

The following volunteered from Oct. 13 thru Nov. 3. Note in parenthesis the number of times they took a shift: Stuart Gygi (3), Betty Yanowitz (2), Mary Ann Lapsley (2), Sharon Walkington, Allene Keller, Susan Lind, Sue Click, Nancy Melling (2), Nancy McGee (2), Mary Buchanan, Anne Zeigler, Dana Kirk, Kathleen Hall, Gigi Brandt, Emily Hall, Joyce Barnes (2), Judy Short, Barbara Durst (4), Maxine Durst (2), Carolyn Dunn, Nicola Nelson, Margo Thurman, Sherilyn Bennion, Pat Klentzman (2), Sue Gordon, Kathy Fitzgerald, Jeanette Misaka.

We appreciate all those who volunteered, especially Barbara Durst and her sister Maxine for a great job and so well done!

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION SERIES Salt Lake City: Community Councils

Every city and county has ways for citizens to participate in civic affairs, though the ways vary from locale to locale. This is the first of a series of articles about ways for Leaguers to become involved in local community affairs and to impact local governments. This article focuses on community councils in Salt Lake City (SLC).

The City has facilitated the organization of community councils to represent smaller, more cohesive neighborhoods in SLC. These communities are as diverse as Capitol Hill, Federal Heights, Central City and Rose Park, to name a few. Each faces different problems and has different concerns.

Originally, there were eight neighborhood councils, one representing each of the planning districts set up by the City Planning Division: Northwest Quadrant, Northwest, West Salt Lake, Capitol Hill, Avenues, Central Community, East Bench and Sugar House. The ninth planning district is City Creek Canyon, which is committed to open space. As these areas grew more populous and differentiated, smaller areas felt the need to organize councils with more limited boundaries. The City now recognizes a total of 26 community councils.

According to the City's Community Council website (www.slcgov.com/citizen/comm_councils), a community council is a group of dedicated people with established boundaries organized to work to improve their local community. Their officers serve as advisors to the Mayor and City Council to make them aware of what services and improvements the community needs. Most community councils meet monthly to bring issues to the community and to hear concerns from residents. The issues can be as varied or specific, for example, as suspected meth houses, a faulty streetlight, noise made by fraternities, speeding on neighborhood streets, placement of bus stops, need for services of an aged neighbor, and zoning for non-permitted uses and restrictions on monster homes.

Neighborhood councils have several channels of communication by which to convey their issues to the City. The Mayor's office has three fulltime Community Liaisons, each assigned to 2 or 3 community councils. It is these people's job to communicate with Community Councils and address their issues or forward them to the appropriate city department. Also, once a month the Mayor holds a Community Councils breakfast with representatives of each of the 26 councils, where he conveys information to the councils and responds to questions from representatives. Of course, councils can always approach their own city council member. A problem brought by a community council can carry greater weight than one brought by an individual.

To find the meeting places, times and dates, go to the URL listed above, and under that go to "Chairs, Boundaries and Meetings." The meetings listed are open to the public. If you attend a meeting, let Kathy know at Kathryn.fitzgerald@yahoo.com.

Any Local Writers Available?

Here's a project you can do from home to facilitate participation in local government by League members: Research opportunities for local government participation in your own town.

Does your town have neighborhood councils? What other commissions or boards are open to citizen membership? What volunteer positions are available through your local city or county government? Research your town's channels for participation online and/or by calling your council person or Mayor's office, and write an article for the Voter about what you learn. We will be happy to publish it in our series on Participation in Local Government. This opportunity is open to leagues around the state as well as in the Salt Lake Valley. Contact Kathy Fitzgerald, Kathryn.Fitzgerald@yahoo.com, for more information and support.

Kathy Fitzgerald, LWVSL Director Local Government

VOLUNTEER CORNER

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LEAGUE With Small Commitments of Time

Utah's
Food Pantries
are experiencing
an increasing
number of fami-
lies needing help.

Please donate all
that you can to
help those in
your area.

Clothing, espe-
cially warm out-
door clothing,
socks, , gloves
hats, and new
underwear are in
great demand for
men, women,
and children.

Check your clos-
ets for what you
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- Distribute Ethics Petition. Email Gigi Brandt: gigibrandt@att.net / 801-582-1102
- Distribute Redistricting Petition: Jenn Gonnely : jenn.gonnelly.com / 801-252-7373
- Attend Legislative Interim Meetings at the Capitol on Nov. 18, 2009. Contact Sherilyn: lcbsb@q.com / 801-274-9215
- Join Local Government Observer Corp: Contact Kathy: kathrynfitzgerald@yahoo.com or 801-521-5790
- Come to a Unit meeting and learn about WATER. See Unit Meeting Schedule on pg 14 (where Mailing Label is located)
- Go on line: www.VOTE18.org and check out the lesson plan. Need volunteers to go to 12th Grade and get 18 year olds registered to VOTE.
- Help with mailings at the League office. Email Sandy at: lvvut@xmission.com or call 801-272-8683.
- Get involved with the WATER STUDY. Email Ann O'Connell.: aconell@xmission.com or call 801-363-9046

LWVSL ASSISTS at UTAH'S U.S. NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES

In 2009, LWVSL distributed voter registration materials to over 3,000 new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremonies held each month at the Rose Wagner Theater. Many thanks to the members who volunteered this year: Gigi Brandt, Maureen Brinkman, Mary Buchanan, Sue Click, Pat Denslow-Kilroy, Mary Fogg, Ruth Gardner, Jenn Gonnely, Stuart Gygi, Nancy Melling, Patti O'Keefe, Kay Papulak, Patti Pitts, Kathy Van Dame, Sharon Walkington, Corinne Wunderli and Betty Yanowitz.

If you'd like to join us in this rewarding activity in the New Year, call or email me. I will provide registration materials and information for those of you who'd like to help.

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**FAMOUS OLD
WORDS TO THINK
ABOUT**

**Lincoln's famous
words:**

**"...government
OF the people,
BY the people,
and
FOR the people..."**

**Now consider the
'cultural'
repercussions of
the paragraph to
the right.**

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**What will our
government be
WITHOUT
the
PEOPLE
being involved??**

**League has
much work
yet to do!!**

NOTES on LWV PROGRAM ISSUES

The League program is still, *initiatives, initiatives, initiatives*. All League members should be carrying petitions for Fair Boundaries (the independent advisory redistricting commission) and the ethics petition. Surely, all of us know at least 20 people that are good government proponents. If you have carried petitions, please report to the office or me (gigibrandt@att.net) how many signatures you have gathered for each petition. If you need petitions, contact the League office 801-272-8683. If carrying petitions is not your thing, both groups need office help to register petitions, etc. The political party leaders and legislators are clearly feeling the pressure.-- citizens need to keep it up. This attitudinal change seems ironic when one realizes that League officers were told by one party's officials in 2008 that they could be sure that party's candidates would not answer the League Voter Guide if a question on ethics was part of the guide.

Utah once had the highest percentage of participation of eligible voters in the nation-- in 2008 it was the lowest and the percentage of young people 18-25 who participate is even more disturbing. The November municipal elections did nothing to change that statistic. So, why don't Utah voters come to the polls? The Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy, appointed by then Governor Huntsmen to look at that issue, is concluding its work with some recommendations. In one of the meetings former legislator and now lobbyist Frank Pignalli remarked that he thinks "it is cultural." This comment was part of a discussion in which two high school classes observing were asked many questions. Over and over again the students remarked that they didn't discuss politics/current events at home. Two other efforts to encourage voting should be mentioned: the League's "Vote 18" efforts spear-headed by Nancy Cooper and Anne Zeigler and the work of Doug Larsen and his students. He is the head of the The Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah State University.

Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy: Nancy Cooper, Dixie Huefner, and I were observers at the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy November 5 meeting where several important recommendations were passed: campaign finance limitations, "same day" voter registration, giving the Lt. Governor more explicit campaign enforcement powers and making voter registration portable (i.e. once a citizen registered, the registration would follow one as one moved within the state.) As a veteran of many hours observing and testifying at legislative committees and sessions when these items were discussed, I had to pinch myself to be certain that I was not dreaming. Of course, the true test of these recommendations will come in January when the legislature convenes. Governor Herbert has already declared that he is opposed to campaign finance limits,

Registration/portability: The five states who allow same day registration had the highest percentage of voter turnout in the 2008 election. Two of Utah's neighbors, with same day registration, Wyoming and Idaho, had voter turnout of 64.3 % and 61.4 % respectively, compared to Utah's 53.1 % in 2008. Utah legislators in the past few years have lengthened the time for registration to 30 days and 15 days before an election and removed the requirement for satellite voter registration centers. Current Utah law allows those registered in Utah to cast a provisional ballot if they have moved, which is a type of same day registration. Jason Slocum, of the Salt Lake County Clerk's office, said that over 22,000 provisional ballots were cast in 2008. The voter's change in registration data would also automatically occur when they do any of the above, if they are a currently registered voter.

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They also recommended that a new voter can register by checking a box "to opt in to register" when they complete a driver's license application, tax return, or social service application if current registration requirements are met.

Water study. The water study has been mailed to members and in Salt Lake has been discussed at October Unit Meetings. Kudos to Ann O'Connell and her committee for the water study.

Elections Update. The elections update "study" is beginning its work. Members and others who are interested in registration, voting, and elections and are interested in participating in this, please contact Gigi at gigibrandt@att.net or at 801-582-1102.

Education. At the November Salt Lake Board meeting, concerns about education and Utah's last place in monies spent per pupil were discussed. The next day new Public Education Superintendent Larry Shumway spoke at a meeting of education leaders and asked that "rainy day funds" be tapped so that public education would not be harmed. Interest in an education study was expressed--members interested in doing work in this area should contact Lena Coombs, Dir. Of Education, LWVSL, at grajina@comcast.net or 801-533-2759.

Gigi Brandt, LWVUT Dir. Of Program

LWVUT WATER STUDY – Taking it to the Next Step: Consensus or Not

I have attended all the first round of water study unit meetings in September. I can report that all were lively and each one unique. In November each unit will try to concur in a water position and give any further advice they wish to the board.

Right now we are operating at the local league level. The Salt Lake Board will take all the input it receives and devise a Salt Lake consensus statement that will then be sent to the LWV of Utah to be combined with the consensus statements from other local leagues.

The League values the give and take of discussion in the crafting of our position statements. However, do not feel that you are excluded if you cannot attend the unit meetings. If you missed the first, do come to the second. If you read the study you will not feel lost. A fresh voice is very welcome. Some of the early units had not had time to read much if any of the material and they found they had a lot to say. If you attended a first water meeting but will miss the second, try another unit if you can—see November Unit schedule on page 14. If that is not possible, you do have another option. Send your own statement of position or advice about what you think the League should be doing – to the LWV office or your unit leader. Put LWV Water Study in the subject line. Tell us what unit you did attend so we know what your experience was. League Office Email: lwvut@xmission.com / Postal Mail: League of Women Voters, 3804 Highland Drive, Suite 8-D, SLC, UT 84106.

Furthermore, if you cannot attend a unit meeting, we still want your thoughts. You may have something very valuable to tell us.

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Come Share in the Spirit of the Season!

**The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake Invites you
for holiday drinks, hors d'oeuvres and timely
conversation**

Thursday December 3, 2009

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Village III Club House

1525 E. Vine Street in Murray



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**Our website moved
to
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**Fourth Street Clinic Executive Director Allan Ainsworth
& PR Director Jenn Hyvonen will speak on
"The State of Homelessness and Healthcare in Salt Lake
County"**

**The Fourth Street Clinic is the health care home
for 6,000 Utah men, women and children who are not covered
by any kind of health insurance. Your at-the-door donation of**

\$10 will fill a prescription

\$150 will fund one office visit

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one patient**

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\$5,000 will fund a surgery

**Please join the League for this event and
give generously at the door or online at**

www.fourthstreetclinic.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO NEW MEMBERS

Make a New Friend

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CIVICS MAY BE 'BACK' IN HIGH SCHOOLS "VOTE 18"

League of Women Voters members participated in the Social Studies Forum at the Mt. Jordan Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 7:30 AM to 3PM. A presentation of the actual VOTE 18 Lesson Plan was given in the afternoon as one of the 9 presentations scheduled for the day. Marilyn Bown introduced the lesson plan and the following LWV members participated: Kathy Fitzgerald, Sylvia O'Hara, Stuart Gygi, Lena Coombs, Maryann Lapsley, Nancy Cooper and Anne Zeigler.

VOTE 18 is an interactive voting game teaching students the history of voting in the US. We wonder why young people don't vote. A big reason is they don't understand the political system and don't know why they SHOULD vote. For over 10 years in this state Civics was not taught in the high schools and only recently has it been reintroduced. Vote 18 is a national program that is being facilitated by League of Women Voter members throughout the US. You can go on line to: www.VOTE18.org and review the lesson plan. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Cooper at ncooper@maderahills.net or Anne Zeigler at azeigler@xmission.com.

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FAIR BOUNDARIES UPDATE

The Fair Boundaries initiative is well on its way. 5000 petitions are out, but the advisory committee would like to see an additional 5,000 petition handed out during the month of November. If you would like to circulate ("carry") a petition, please contact Jenn Gonnelly by email or phone (below). Thank you to all who are already carrying petitions. Please make sure that all of your petitions are turned in by the end of the year.

Now that signatures are being gathered, there are other volunteer opportunities for those who want to help. Fair Boundaries needs people for phone banks. Phone banks will be used to call people who have signed out petitions to check on their progress and encourage them to turn in the petitions. Additionally, many people will be needed for data entry so that the signatures can be tabulated to identify gaps in signatures by county. If you would like to volunteer call Cory Redstone at 801-833-6608 or Cori@fairboundaries.org Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

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LEAGUE WATER STUDY – Unit Responses in October

At the end of October, the LWVUtah Water Study was presented to all League Salt Lake Units, with great success. Each Unit had a stimulating discussion of the material; a summary of the input is being prepared. Ann O'Connell is the presenter of the Study in the Salt Lake area. She attended SL Unit meetings to assist in the conversations. A second set of Unit meetings is scheduled for this month. It is hoped that attendance will be even more complete, and that we will be able to vote on consensus questions then. If you are in the Salt Lake area and missed the first presentations, please read the Study and come to a Unit meeting in November (see Units' schedule, Page 14). If Salt Lake comes to consensus on the study, that consensus will go to the LWVUtah board.

We are eager to hear what you have to say, whether you are in Salt Lake League or a local League from another area, as we believe a new position on water in Utah is very important for the League to have at this critical juncture. Our most recent study was done in 1988. Do read the Water Study whether you received it by mail, or are downloading it from the League website, <http://www.lwvutah.org/LeagueStudies.html> . Please attend your own area League or Unit meeting discussion, if one is scheduled (some groups are discussing it now, some later); or email your comments to your Unit Leader or to the League office, lwvut@xmission.com if you can't come to a meeting.

There is a great deal of information about Utah's water supplies and usage in the study. Though Utah currently doesn't suffer from severe water shortages and precipitation predictions are not firmed up, it is anticipated that with continuation of the current warming trend, more of Utah's water will come as rain rather than snow and that the snowpack will melt faster, creating storage and supply problems.

Some of the discussions included questions about what causes climate change, and whether the apparent warming trend is real for the long-term, but that was not the primary subject of the study. A sensible answer to base our discussions on, as stated by Naomi Franklin, is that reasonable scientists think there's a real problem. There were discussions about the meaning of the term "water rights", and about whether current water rights law and policies can be changed if we have water shortages. Different coping mechanisms were described and talked about, including the probability that more environmental harm will result than we anticipate.

Ann O'Connell wrote an article for this *Voter* which contains information on LWV Steps toward Consensus. During November unit meetings we will pursue the League's unit-level step toward possible consensus . Be sure you read that information on page 7.

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IT COULD BE ME — COULD IT BE YOU, TOO??

The League is made up of volunteers--even Sandy and Marie are volunteers; they don't make anywhere near a full-time or part-time salary, given the number of hours they work/volunteer. In the last couple of months I've been made aware of a lack of civility when we work with one another. Surely this is unintentional, but it hurts the recipient anyway, and may make a volunteer less willing to volunteer again.

Let's all be aware of how we come across to others; if we expect civility from our leaders, let's lead the way.

Joyce Barnes, LWVSL Co-President

EASY HOLIDAY SHOPPING

LWVUtah wants to remind you that donations to the League's Education Fund are tax deductible and very much needed in these busy times. Please go to the LWV Utah web site, www.lwvut.org, select "Support Us" on the RED menu bar below the top banner, then click "Donations". On next page, choose "**-Ed Fund**" for the group you belong to or want to donate to--there is a listing for each local League.

Making a donation now will give you a nice tax deduction for your U.S. and State taxes for 2009, and will help the League.

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—The Christmas Elf

HINCKLEY INSTITUTE OF POLITICS: Forums

Wed. Nov. 18 *What's Burning? Immediate National Priorities*
9:10 a.m. Cynthia A. Watson, Chairman, Department of Security Studies,
National War College

Wed. Nov 18 *Access to Health Care*
Noon Dianne Fuller, MS, APRN, FNP-C from the college of Nursing
Jessie Olyer, Director of Health Access Project
TBA, Student Health, Contact for further information: 801-581-8501
Hailey Skinner, Bennion Center Leader
Presented by – The Lowell Bennion Community Service Center

Mon. Nov 23 *Washington Update*
10:45 a.m. Congressman Jim Matheson (UT-D)



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SALT LAKE CALENDAR November—December, 2009	
SEND <i>VOTER</i> MATERIALS BY DAWN, FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH TO: Voter.Materials@gmail.com	
<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER Unit topic: WATER STUDY</p> <p>03 GENERAL ELECTION DAY 04 SL BOARD Meeting, 5:00 pm 04 SL November VOTER Material— Deadline - Emailed to Voter.Materials@gmail.com 11 Veteran's Day 18 Legislative Interim Meetings 26 Thanksgiving</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL Dec 3, 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>02 SL BOARD Meeting, 5:00pm 03 HOLIDAY SOCIAL Thursday, Dec 3, 5-7:00pm Village III Clubhouse See full page Invitation, Page 8 of this <i>Voter</i></p> <p>05 LWV-UT Board Mtg on Legislative Priorities, Noon @ League Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO VOTER THIS MONTH</p>

State of Community Luncheon Set for "Tax Day" 2010!

Don't forget to set aside the date of Thursday, April 15, 2010 for the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake "State of the Community Luncheon".

It will be a special luncheon with public education recognized and supported through our State of the Community speaker, Martha Ball. Martha taught in the public education system for many years as a junior high US History teacher. Our honoree is Gordon Hanks, a co-founder of GAM. Gordon has given over 1,500 scholarships to aspiring, young jazz musicians.

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November — LWVSL— Unit Meeting Schedule — Topic: Utah Water Study

We have 5 units meeting at the following locations.
You are welcome to attend any of these units as the subject matter is the same for all.

Town Club ~ Wednesday, December 9, 10:45 a.m.

1081 East South Temple Street
Alice Steiner, Unit Leader, 801-363-9193 akarsteiner@aol.com

** To stay for lunch (\$13) MUST make reservations early with Alice Steiner.
Dress is ladies professional/nice casual; no T-shirts/jeans; all LWV members welcome.

Nite Owls ~ Monday, November 16, 7:30pm

862 E Harrison (1375 S)
Judi Short, Unit Leader, 801-487-7387 judi.short@gmail.com **Note: new email**

Bench Bunch ~ Wednesday, December 2, 9:30am

LWV Office, 3804 Highland Dr.
Carolyn Dunn, Unit Leader, 801-278-9409

Girl Scout Unit ~ Monday, November 30, 11:00 am

Girl Scout Headquarters 445 E 4500 S
Anne Zeigler, Unit Leader, 801-944-4163 azeigler@xmission.com

Library Unit ~ Thursday, November 19, Noon [BR- / LUNCH: 11:00 at Les Madeleines, 216E. 500S.]

Main Library 200 E 400 S
Joyce Barnes, Unit Leader, 801-278-2296 jbarnz@xmission.com

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