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**January 2012  
Voter Info Pamphlets May Change**

Members of the LWVU Board met with Mark Thomas, state director of elections, on a bill that was proposed in the Legislature's Interim Committee on Government Operations and recommended for consideration by the Legislature.



The proposed bill was a product of the Elections Office. It would amend the current Utah Code, which requires that a Voter Information Pamphlet with information about the election be sent to every Utah household with a registered voter. The amendment would change that requirement, substituting a postcard that explains how to access the pamphlet online or how to get a hard copy mailed to your home with a phone call.

The goal is to save money. The Election Office isn't sure how much will be saved until it becomes apparent how many people request printed copies.

Another reason for changing from printing and mailing the pamphlet is voter registration deadlines. The pamphlet has included information about when and how to register, but it's hard to get it mailed before the registration deadline in early October. Printing takes about a month.

Another issue is pamphlet size and printing costs. Because of a new rating system for judges, their information takes up one page per judge. Smaller pamphlets can be printed by judicial district, but this complicates bulk mailing and increases mailing costs. Utah has about 1 million households.

As in the past, copies of the pamphlet will be available in public libraries, county clerks' offices, public colleges and universities and polling locations. The Elections Office has about \$500,000 of federal money this year for advertising that can be used to let voters know about the change.

**PAMPHLETS continued on next page**

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## Utah State Parks Need Money

By Ann O'Connell, Legislative Co-chair

The Utah League really does not have a position in support of state parks because we have never studied them. The National League has a very useful position in support of protection of places of special importance which some of our state parks certainly are but to use that statement would be a stretch. Furthermore, we cannot in good conscience add State Parks to our legislative priority list. Look at it and you will see why.

However, the Utah Legislative Action Corps has watched the painful process of cutting the division's budget back to 30 percent of what it once was. Parks have and will be closed; jobs have been lost; services diminished or abandoned. This at a time when so many family budgets have been pared to the point that an excursion to a state park must replace a more expensive vacation.

Legislative Action would like to recommend that you use the issue of state park funding as the subject of a pre-session introduction or reconnection to your legislators. Now is the time to send an email, make a phone call, write a letter – establish a relationship. Explain who you are and where you live so they know you are a constituent and make a short plea for park funding. There may be (probably are) a small number of state legislators who are out to get the state park bureaucracy, but for most this will be a friendly request, a good place for you to begin.

Pre-legislature correspondence with your senator and representative is a good habit to get into. (See 10-Minute Activist on pps 10-11.) During the session legislators have little time to do much more than count constituent votes. Now is the time to give reasoned arguments. And you may receive an informative reply.

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### PAMPHLETS continued

We told Mark that the League will be watching the impact on voters and their access to information if the bill passes but we will not oppose it. This year voter information will be available in Spanish in Salt Lake County because the Voting Rights Act makes that mandatory for any county where Census data shows 5 percent or more of the citizens speak principally something other than English and are not "English proficient."

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## New Member Orientation Successful

By Tina Hose, Office Manager

The beautiful hillside home of new member Jeris Johnson was the location for the November 10, 2011, New Member Orientation.



For the first half hour of the evening, League members chatted over drinks and appetizers. The social was then followed by presentations on League structure and operations, legislative presence, voter services and membership services by Salt Lake Co-Presidents Anne Zeigler and Linda Johnson, LWVUT Legislative Co-Director Ann O'Connell, Voter Services

Director Gina Fisher, and Membership Director Lea Cotter.

Dotti Brockbank, Pat Campbell, Nancy Dahill, Lane Latimer, Kris Mateus, Mimi Mortensen, Diane Sieve, and Suanya Schow were eight of the 21 new members who joined the League between November 2010 and January 2012 and who were able to attend the Orientation event. New member Jeris Johnson also invited two friends who joined the League following the Orientation presentations that evening – welcome to new members Paula Paterson and Gayle Denman!

## Upcoming Legislation — Unit Discussions

*Salt Lake City's unit meetings will revolve around upcoming legislation. There will be a review of the League's priorities, how to access legislative meetings online, and discussion of upcoming bills relating to our priorities. Here's a chance for you to let others know of your concerns pro or con for these bills. There are some hot ones out there, so don't miss this meeting. You are welcome to attend any of the unit meetings, subject will all be the same, so go to the one that fits your schedule or is nearest to your residence.*

Nite Owls ~ Monday, January 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
@ 862 E Harrison Ave 1375 South  
Judy Short, 801-487-7387, [judi.short@gmail.com](mailto:judi.short@gmail.com)

Bench Bunch ~ Wednesday, January 25 @ 9:30 a.m. @ LWV Office,  
3804 Highland Dr. Suite 8-D  
Carolyn Dunn, Unit Leader — 801-278-9409

Library Unit ~ Thursday, January 26 @noon-1:30 p.m.  
@Main Library, Room D (downstairs) 200 E 400 S  
Joyce Barnes, Unit Leader 801-278-2296 [jbarnz@xmission.com](mailto:jbarnz@xmission.com)  
Early gathering at Madeline's Restaurant for refreshments.

Girl Scout Unit ~ Monday, January 30 @ 11 a.m.  
@ Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 E. 4500 S  
Anne Zeigler, Unit Leader — 801 944-4163 [azeigler@xmission.com](mailto:azeigler@xmission.com)

Town Club ~ Wednesday, February 8 @10:45 a.m. @ Town Club,  
1081 East South Temple  
Alice Steiner, Unit Leader — [akarsteiner@aol.com](mailto:akarsteiner@aol.com)  
Call Alice to reserve lunch — 801.363.9193

## 2012 Election Dates

March 9-16  
Candidate filing period

March 13  
Democratic precinct/  
caucuses

March 15  
Republican precinct/  
caucuses

April 21  
Democratic State  
Convention

April 21  
Republican State  
Convention

June 26  
Primary Election

November 6  
General Election

## Program Planning Important Tool

### By Gigi Brandt, 1st VP Program

League of Women Voters Program, a core component of the League's mission, is composed of program planning, study and consensus, and advocacy. The League at every level — national, state and local leagues — engages in the same process for their respective programs.

Every two years state and local Leagues are asked to make recommendations about national program issues as part of the LWVUS program planning process — this is how the League remains a grassroots organization. The same grassroots process is repeated at state and local League levels.

Program Planning is an important tool to identify issues for League study. It gives members and Leagues the opportunity to balance pros and cons, assess possible support, and consider the current relevance of issues. The LWVUS program planning form is to be submitted by March 1, 2012. Each league board decides how to gather member input before filling out the form. The LWVUS board then uses the responses to determine its proposed program for 2012-2014, which will be adopted at League Convention in Washington, D.C., in June 8-12. New this year is a request to report any LWVUS positions that a state or local League has used in its work in its local community.

This past biennium the LWVUS has studied two issues: the federal role in education, which we studied in the fall, and privatization, which we will study this winter-spring with our consensus due to LWVUS on May 1.

Meanwhile start thinking about possible national issues on which the League does not have a position and needs to study. Members can refer to *Impact on Issues, 2010-2012* for current LWVUS positions at [http://www.lwv.org/files/ImpactonIssues\\_2010-2012.pdf](http://www.lwv.org/files/ImpactonIssues_2010-2012.pdf).

For more information, see <http://www.lwv.org/programplanning>.

Watch for the announcement of a program planning meeting soon.

## Report on Local Leagues

Most local leagues took a vacation over the holidays. We look forward to hearing more from them as the legislature convenes. Plan to join and become involved in the discussions and lobbying efforts.

The **Cache County League** has is seeking people who can help in their restructuring. If you live in Cache County and want a say in League activities, contact Joan McLean at [joan.mclean@usu.edu](mailto:joan.mclean@usu.edu). Let her know what you can do to help and what you would like to discuss. Ask your friends if they would like to join in the conversation.

January and February meetings for the **Weber County League** will be on the national study of privatization of federal and state governments. Meeting times are January 9 and February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Weber County Library. Terri McCulloch is the president, and she can be reached at [terrimcculloch@aol.com](mailto:terrimcculloch@aol.com).

The local leagues need member support.

## Utahns for Ethical Government Update

The UEG appeal to state court asking that their initiative for an independent state legislative ethics commission be allowed to go on the ballot has been reassigned to Judge Ryan Harris, a new 3rd District Court judge who replaced retired Judge Glenn Iwasaki.

UEG has applied for a special writ ordering the lieutenant governor to place the ethics initiative on the 2012 ballot. The group expects a hearing to be scheduled early in 2012.

The group is planning for a favorable outcome by planning to educate the public about the initiative. Nicole Anderson of UEG is coordinating volunteer efforts. To help input contact data for supporters who signed the initiative petition volunteers are needed on the following dates:

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, January 19

Noon-6 p.m., Wednesday, February 1

Noon-5 p.m., Tuesday, February 14

Volunteers may work whatever time they are available during those hours. The work is done at AARP Utah, 6975 Union Park Center, Suite 320, Midvale, Phone: 866-448-3616. Please contact Nicole at [nma9999@xmission.com](mailto:nma9999@xmission.com) or 801-809-1644 if you can help. (She needs to be sure to have enough equipment for volunteers, so let her know if you can bring your own laptop.)

— **Gigi Brandt, 1st VP Program**

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## Redistricting — Creating New Voting Districts

Utah Legislature and local governing bodies have determined the boundaries for the various election districts. Now county clerks are charged with coming up with voting precincts that incorporate all changes initiated by the 2010 Census.

For instance, the Salt Lake County Clerk's office must incorporate the changes in congressional districts, state Senate and House districts, state school board and where applicable, local government changes including school districts. And this is to be done by February 1, 2012!

Voters will have their first chance to experience the new districts at the caucuses/mass meetings scheduled March 13 and 15.

By statute, a voting district can be no larger than 1,200 voters.

— **Gigi Brandt, 1st VP Program**

## Get involved in the 2012 Utah Legislative Session

**By Jenn Gonnely, Co-chair Legislative Action**

With the redistricting process on 2011 behind us and the 2012 elections looming before us, the 2012 Utah Legislative Session promises to be an exciting one. There will be lots of bills and League's Legislative Action Corp will need all the help it can get to follow the upcoming legislation. The Utah Legislature will be meeting this year from January 23 to March 8 and League members will find plenty of opportunities to participate, at all levels, in this crucial process of government.

First, if you haven't observed the Legislature before, consider checking it out. It may seem like a daunting process to get involved but join us for the Legislative Orientation and give experienced League members a chance to ease you in gently. We will discuss how the Legislature works and how League interacts with it. Giving you tips and tricks to following the 2012 Session, as well as a preview of legislation that we will be looking out for.

### Legislative Orientation

**Everyone Welcome (Members bring a friend)**

**Wednesday, January 25, 11:30 am**

Utah State Capital Room 130 "Public Lounge"

Attendees are encouraged to purchase lunch in the capital cafeteria and bring it to the Multipurpose room before the session starts at noon.

If you are unable to make the orientation, consider teaming up with a member of the Legislative Action Corps to see the League in Action at anytime during the session. E-mail Jenn Gonnely ([jenn@gonnely.com](mailto:jenn@gonnely.com)) or Ann O'Connell ([oconnell@xmission.com](mailto:oconnell@xmission.com)), League Legislative Co-directors, to arrange for a partner to show you around who may be following a subject you are interested in.

Maybe you don't want to attend the session but you still want to know what is going on. The Legislative Action Corp maintains e-mail lists that will give you first hand accounts of what we are seeing on the hill. Membership to these email groups is available to all League members. You can join a group that interests you by going to the link below or by calling the League office

**LWVUT-LegAction** - All things legislative, often information from the more specialized groups, will be repeated here. <http://groups.google.com/group/LWVUT-legaction>

**LWVUT-Healthcare** - Issues relating to healthcare, Medicaid, Medicare, and other social services. <http://groups.google.com/group/LWVUT-healthcare>

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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.

Hinckley Forums <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/events/forums/index.html>

You can also find the Hinckley Forums on our website on the League Calendar! Sync the League's Google calendar with your own and always stay on top of League activities.

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## Legislative Lunch Set

For newcomers and veterans alike, the annual League Legislative Luncheon, featuring speakers from both sides of the political spectrum, will be on Tuesday, February 14, at 11:30 a.m., in the Spruce Room, Capitol Hill Complex, Senate Building.

### **ORIENT continued**

**LWVUT-edcorps** - Issues relating to education, teachers and education funding.

<http://groups.google.com/group/lwvut-edcorps>

**LWVUT-elections** - Issues relating to elections, ethics and open records law.

<http://groups.google.com/group/LWVUT-elections>

**LWVUT-NR** - Issues relating to natural resource, water, the environment, and energy.

<http://groups.google.com/group/LWVUT-NR>

Read over the League's Legislative Priorities (see list in this issue of the *Voter*), pick an issue and start to do a little at-home research on the Utah's award winning legislative website <http://le.utah.gov> to see what is happening. During the session, listen to Sandy Peck's League report every morning at 8:30 on KCPW. Send informed emails to your legislators in response to League calls to action.

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### **Additional ideas for involvement:**

- Track a bill through the legislative process on a selected topic.
- Work with one of the League legislative interest groups to keep track of bills on a selected topic.
- Attend weekly meetings of Legislative Action Corps members each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Senate Office Building cafeteria to hear reports and observations and develop strategies. **All League members are welcome.**
- Sit in on one or more committee hearings wearing a League button (available from the legislative co-directors) and report to the Legislative Action Corps on the proceedings.
- Listen to committee hearings on your computer at home and report to the Legislative Action Corps.
- Prepare informed arguments on issues of interest for use by League members when they contact their legislators.

*Salt Lake Magazine*, in its February 2012 issue, said of the Utah Legislative Session "The Greatest Show in Utah, Brace yourself for the jaw-dropping, mind-blowing spectacle." Sometimes the session may seem like a three ring circus, but it is none-the-less the process that shapes laws and lifestyle in Utah. Can you afford to miss it?

**League Sets Sights on Legislature**

Education, Natural Resources, Energy, Voting, GRAMA and Health are areas of interest for the League of Women Voters of Utah.

**LWVUT Legislative Issues for 2012**

**The League of Women Voters of Utah is watching bills in the following areas:**

**EDUCATION**

Funding

Teachers - collective bargaining, tenure, performance pay

Governance – partisan school board elections, governor as ultimate authority

Tax credits for private schools

Grading schools

Online education

Preschool and extended kindergarten

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Reorganization of the Department of Environmental Quality Boards, especially

Air Quality

Water financing to enable the St. George pipeline

Clean air policy task force

**ENERGY**

Renewable energy program for commercial consumers

Energy efficient residential building code amendments

**VOTING**

Online voter information pamphlet

Voter rolls purging – clean-up or disenfranchisement?

Direct election of the president — National Popular Vote

**We are monitoring the following areas where we expect but have not seen legislation:**

**GRAMA**

We are watching for piecemeal attacks on the citizen’s right to government information.

**HEALTH**

Medicaid – The state has requested waivers to avoid some federal Medicaid guidelines.

The federal Affordable Care Act – It appears that many Utah legislators oppose the program. They may work to avoid or dilute the federal legislation.

## Why Is This Important?

The “Water Grab” is important because of unhealthy dust pollution that can result, and because draining the aquifer will affect southwestern Utah. There’s also a basic ethical question: How many people really can live in a desert? With uncertain water supplies, what’s to be done about continuing population growth in a hostile ecological environment?

## The Nevada “Water Grab”

**By Linda Johnson, LWVSL Co-president**

The Nevada “Water Grab” decision will be made in March. Nevada State Engineer’s hearings included hours of testimony in person and televised. I testified by TV from Ely that destroying the ecology of the southeastern quadrant of Nevada would be a terribly wrong thing to do, and it would dramatically increase dust pollution in Utah. Others testified that “Folks... have already experienced the fact this water...is scarce. For over a decade, ranchers have had to re-drill their wells because the water table has dropped, ...Ely has...water rationing (now)...the water SNWA seeks is not sustainable...” Between 22,000 and 23,000 public comment letters were sent, most against the application to pipe an annual 125,975 acre feet from valleys in Eastern Nevada to Las Vegas. An acre foot is 325,851 gallons.

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There are also three interrelated Colorado River water issues that will affect us:

1] Denver and others are applying to take water out of the Green River and Flaming Gorge in Utah and Wyoming. They’ve piped and diverted water before. They can manage costs. Wyoming’s Governor Mead has stated opposition. The water runs through Wyoming into Utah and ends up in the Colorado River at Lake Powell.

2] Private interests, including one former and one present Utah legislator want to build a nuclear power plant using Green River water for cooling in Utah, a major water diversion and loss. The Utah State Engineer has the sole responsibility to say whether the water can be taken. If he permits the use, there will probably be water shortages in the area served by the Central Utah Project (CUP) which basically is water diverted into the Provo River to serve Wasatch Front areas south of the Cottonwood Water District.

3] The proposed water pipeline in Washington County/St. George from Lake Powell, appears to be very expensive, but funding for it will be proposed in the 2012 Utah Legislature.

The water system is over-allocated and under-supplied. It doesn’t appear to be possible to provide this much water without drying up the river. How many people can live in a desert? With uncertain water supplies?

## Ten-Minute Activist

Become a Ten-Minute Activist!

Did you know it takes less than 10 minutes to make a phone call, write a letter, e-mail or postcard and make your voice heard on an issue you care about?

When you write or call

Identify yourself, the bill, the bill number if you have it, and what it's about

Explain how you or people you know will be affected

Be as brief and to the point as possible

If you can't answer a question, offer to find out and call back

Ask your legislator to state her/his position

Note what you agree on, and express appreciation for listening and for votes that please you.

When to call, email or write

Letters are good early in the session

Call or email just before upcoming votes in committee, on the floor, or late in the session

At the Capitol during the session you can reach your legislator or leave a message 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## NATURAL RESOURCES continued

### Air Quality:

My father from Philadelphia used to visit me in the mountains and say, "I don't trust air I can't see." He'd have been perfectly happy here in SLC this month. But Dr. Brian Moench, president of the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment (UPHE) announced Dec. 19 that WildEarth Guardians has filed a lawsuit against Rio Tinto/Kennecott for violating the Clean Air Act, to (1) force them to comply with all EPA regulations, and to (2) make them stop emitting their 30 percent of our particulate air pollution. The suit is in cooperation with UPHE, Utah Moms for Clean Air, The Sierra Club and concerned Utah residents.

But that's not enough. Kennecott is just part of the problem. The State generally supports processing shale for oil in the eastern part of Utah, and the refineries — Tesoro specifically — want to refine it. The refineries are a potent source of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, (Particulate Matter, in size 2.5 microns & smaller) which are a by-product of fossil fuel burning and refining. There are many other industrial sources. A major problem is gasoline burned in cars. These PM<sub>2.5</sub> particles are invisible molecules of things that are corrosive and damaging to lungs. Sulphur oxides (SOX) and nitrogen oxides (NOX) are extremely damaging to living things.

The physicians' presentation detailed exactly how PM<sub>2.5</sub> byproducts damage us, on a cellular level, and on a "breathing" level. Several research physicians in several specialties showed details. For example, air pollution during gestation, even shortly before impregnation, affects intelligence, heart and lung function later in life, and causes deformities and brain dysfunctions. Birth weight, prematurity, and autism, which are especially prevalent in Utah, are also affected. Utah is in a very high category of problems with the last three in the list if not all.

This issue is very important to us.

**Activist continued ...**

- Try calling at home evenings and week-ends and between legislative sessions

More hints, from legislators

- Legislators appreciate good information
- They listen most to their own constituents
- Just a few calls or letters on an issue make a difference
- Conciseness counts in a short 45-day session

How to get information on legislative issues

Go to the League website at <http://www.lwvutah.org/>

- Read your *VOTER*, newsletters and newspapers
- Listen daily during the session to an 8:30 a.m. League update on KCPW (88.3 and 105.3 FM) in SLC
- Join the LWV network for email or phone updates and action alerts
- Use the legislature's website for bills, agendas, legislators background, phone numbers and mail addresses.

Legislative Website:  
[le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov)

**Questions About Education**

By Marilyn Bown, LWVSL Education Chair

**What has the League done about Education Issues recently?**

Members studied and responded to the LWV-US national study of the Role of Federal Government in Public Education during 2011. Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent of Utah schools spoke to LWV-UT in May and LWV-SL in December, most recently sharing that every school district in Utah has homeless children. Brenda called upon us League members to become delegates at mass meetings/caucuses in March as well as constant advocates for children.

**What can all we League members do now?**

Go to [www.educationfirstutah.org](http://www.educationfirstutah.org) website. Read about this citizens group "dedicated to improved accountability, innovation, and increased funding for education in Utah". Check out its mission, steering committee, and please consider signing its call to action right away.

Determine the best way to contact your Utah Senator and Representative for immediate input on bills between January 23 to March 8. Connect with them now before the session begins. Some prefer email, some phone. All pay attention to personal letters.

**In what ways does the League need volunteers now?**

Attend in person or listen online ([www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov)) to any of the following education legislative committees during January, February, and/or March, 2012:

- Senate Education
- House Education
- Public Education Appropriations
- Higher Education Appropriations
- Executive Appropriations

... so that LWV can follow developments in education funding; tax credits for private schools; partisan governance; assessment of schools, online education, and teachers; preschool & extended kindergarten; class size; etc.

Attend & report on State Public School Board & Public Charter School Board meetings and/or District School Boards. (See list on homepage of [www.lwvutah.org](http://www.lwvutah.org))

OR

Host a table at the Social Studies seminar during the morning of Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, sharing voting and LWV information as well as encouraging teachers to inspire students to be active voters.

Please call 435-649-3968 or contact [marilyn.bown@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn.bown@yahoo.com)

## Non Party Letter Yields Results

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who responded and donated to our Fall Non Party letter. It was a rousing success. From 257 letters sent, we received donations of \$2,725 to the general fund and \$680 to the Ed Fund. This money will go a long way in helping us do our important League work, support our office, and serve the community. Let us pat our selves on the back and we on the Board say to you, "Job well done." Thank you to all who contributed.

— **Nancy Wingelaar,**  
**Development Chair**

### Joan Baxter

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Joan grew up in Detroit, Michigan. She first came to the Salt Lake City area in 1953 to teach and stayed for five years. She then lived in many areas of the world including Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines, Alaska, and Mesa, Arizona. Locally she taught at Horace Mann Jr. High and for many years as an English teacher at South High. Joan has always respected the League of Women Voters and thinks we do a good job of alerting people about various issues.



### New Members

### Nancy Dahill

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Nancy was born and raised in West Virginia. She then lived in New Jersey before moving to the Salt Lake area 28 years ago. She earned a degree in marketing at West Virginia University and a master's degree in Special Education. She has been a teacher and has raised two daughters. She is married to Bill Brown. Recently Nancy has become very interested in politics and local government. She is active in Cottonwood Heights city as a grass roots community organizer and a founder of CH Voters. She feels that the League of Women Voters is a well respected organization and likes that they are politically neutral, but also take a stand on important voter issues. She has already agreed to work as a volunteer with the Local Government program for the League of Women Voters of Salt Lake.

### Vickie Rayborn

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Peggy is a partner in Dorsey & Whitney LLP law firm. She lists her interests as her children and husband, her community and service, as well as fitness and reading. Peggy would like to "support the good work of the LWV in our community in providing information, education and community activism." She thinks the information on radio and email is helpful to her. Even though she is extremely busy, she wants to support the LWVUT as a member.

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## Celebrating Charlotte's Life

Many thanks to League members and Charlotte Newman's family and friends who made contributions totaling more than \$1,000 to the League's Celebration Fund in Charlotte's honor:

Nanette Benowitz,  
Carol & Lee Howard;  
Norma Matheson;  
Nancy Melling; Janice Miller; Judi Short;  
Nancy Young; Betsy Lee Frame, Candice Gunnarsson and Linda Petersen of Ohio; Jackie Stagg of Texas; and Ted Stagg of Salt Lake.

### MEMBERS continued

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Gayle was born and raised in Allen Park, Michigan. She graduated with a degree in accounting from Eastern Michigan University, and moved to Utah in 1980. She earned her MBA with emphasis in accounting at Westminster College in 2007. Gayle worked for Masco Corp. in Michigan and Dyno Nobel Inc. in Salt Lake City, retiring this year as Vice President of Finance Reporting. For over 15 years, Gayle has been a licensed AKC dog show judge and continues judging in the U.S. and as well as internationally. She is very active and loves to ski. Gayle is a member of the Nature Conservancy of Utah. Since retirement she has wanted to become more active in her community and thinks the LWVSL will give her a good vehicle for this.

Paula Paterson  
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Paula grew up in Perrysburg, Ohio. She graduated from Smith College with a degree in economics. Following graduation, she worked in banking in Manhattan. She first came to Salt Lake when her husband accepted a medical residency. After a brief time in Colorado, she moved back to Salt Lake in the late 1950s and has made Salt Lake her home. She has graciously volunteered her time in many areas of her community including Junior League, the Cancer Wellness house, Hogle Zoo and St. James Episcopal Church. She worked as docent at the Utah Museum of Natural History. Paula spends her leisure time with family and is an avid reader, tennis player and skier. She feels joining the League will help her stay informed about the many issues we face.

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Grace was born in New York City and spent most of her young and adult life in Westchester County, NY. After earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in education, she worked as a teacher and a learning facilitator in the Scarsdale, New York school district. She graduated with a Ph.D. from Fordham University with emphasis in First Language Learning, Literacy and Linguistics. After retirement she moved to the Salt Lake City area with her husband to be closer to grandchildren. She has continued her work in education as an assistant professor in the Westminster College School of Education. She served as interim director and principal for the Guadalupe school and on the board of trustees for The Disability Law Center. She is on the Westminster

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## Learn to Give

Didn't we learn a lot at the Holiday Social? Not only in the individual conversations going on at each table, but when Brenda Hales took the microphone, she was amazing. I've asked her to send us the statistics she reported so they can be noted in an upcoming *Voter*.

The donations totaled approximately \$880 and will be put to good use as you'll see in the accompanying letter from the school.

Many folks left their package of favors at the table; they were donated to The Road Home for parents to use for Christmas gifts.

Thanks to all who came, cooked, ate, donated and made our annual party a great celebration.

— **Joyce Barnes**



December 19, 2011

Dear League of Women Voters,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you sincerely for your generosity towards the children of Washington Elementary School. Because of your kindness and generosity, we will be able to better meet the many needs of our students. Your donations will be used to help provide warm clothing and coats for those children who need them. In addition, your donations will help us as we strive to raise the funds necessary to provide much needed extended day, and summer school services for our students this June and July.

In my office I have a quote from Gandhi that inspires our work as educators and community members in working with our students. He said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." It is as simple as that. Good people like you make the world a better place.

We are tremendously grateful for your support and goodness.

Sincerely,

Rebecca H. Pittam  
Principal  
Washington Elementary School

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the LWV, White Plains chapter. She feels the League is a group she wants to support, and appreciates our work and the nonpartisan approach to issues.

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"Lane" grew up in Magna and, except for a short stint in California, has lived in Utah. Lane works as a prop assistant with the Utah Opera. She has her own business doing work for other individuals and companies as an expert in custom sewing and upholstery. She enjoys any phase of construction and home improvement, including remodeling her own kitchen. Lane gardens, plays guitar and spends time with her children and grandchildren. Lane considers herself a political junkie and is passionate about being an advocate for people exercising their right to vote. She thinks the League of Women Voters of Utah serves this purpose well.

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### **Upcoming Legislation**

Nite Owls ~ Monday, January 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
@ 862 E Harrison Ave 1375 South  
Judy Short, 801-487-7387, [judi.short@gmail.com](mailto:judi.short@gmail.com)

Bench Bunch ~ Wednesday, January 25 @ 9:30 a.m. @ LWV Office,  
3804 Highland Dr. Suite 8-D  
Carolyn Dunn, Unit Leader — 801-278-9409

Library Unit ~ Thursday, January 26 @noon-1:30 p.m.  
@Main Library, Room D (downstairs) 200 E 400 S  
Joyce Barnes, Unit Leader 801-278-2296 [jbarnz@xmission.com](mailto:jbarnz@xmission.com)  
Early gathering at Madeline's Restaurant for refreshments.

Girl Scout Unit ~ Monday, January 30 @ 11:00 a.m.  
@ Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 E. 4500 S  
Anne Zeigler, Unit Leader — 801 944-4163 [azeigler@xmission.com](mailto:azeigler@xmission.com)

Town Club ~ Wednesday, February 8 @10:45 a.m. @ Town Club,  
1081 East South Temple  
Alice Steiner, Unit Leader — [akarsteiner@aol.com](mailto:akarsteiner@aol.com)  
Call Alice to reserve lunch — 801.363.9193