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**May 2008**

**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

Our State of the Community Luncheon, honoring Senator Paula Julander and featuring Dr. Pamela Perlich, was well attended and very informative. Looking at Utah demographics showing growth in the older population, changes in the racial makeup, when and why growth in school populations will occur, plus myriad other information kept us in rapt attention.

Interested in being in a parade? Voter Service Co-chair, Mary Fogg and Sharon Walkington are having fun planning for the Murray parade on July 4. The sponsors include the Murray Parks Department and Chamber of Commerce (who hadn’t heard of the LWV!). Let’s make sure they never forget us!

This month’s unit meetings will discuss Angelique Goodhue’s study on mental health services in Salt Lake County. Learn about services available and services NOT available due to costs and, dare I say, discrimination. You’ll find the study on our website; take a look and be ready for a lively discussion at your unit meeting.

Note the non-partisan policy in this *Voter*. We are in an election year and it’s important that the League’s long history of being nonpartisan activists be remembered, especially now.

Thanks to Polly Hough who has received a grant from National and OXFam to work on an alternative energy initiative. More information on activities planned by Polly and her committee are in this *Voter*. We hope you’ll take advantage to become better informed about this vital topic.

The State Convention was held May 3. We enjoyed the hospitality at Utah Valley State College and heard President Bill Sederberg speak about the change from college to university status coming this summer. You’ll learn more about convention action in the *Utah Voter*.

— *Joyce Barnes*, Co-President

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**Looking at the Legislature**

If you would like to see legislators in action and get a head start on the next session that begins in January, interim meetings are for you. Every third Wednesday, interim committees meet on Capitol Hill. It’s a chance to see how legislators go about making laws and it’s fascinating – not usually like making sausage at all.

There are nine committees that meet from 9 to noon and from 2 to 5 with caucus lunches in between. Leaguers meet in the cafeteria to compare notes at lunchtime. Education, Government Operations, Transportation, Public Utilities (energy policy), Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment, Health and Human Services are favorites.

The next meetings are Wednesday, May 21. For more details, go to [Utah State Legislature Home Page](http://www.le.utah.gov) (www.le.utah.gov). Click on “Committees”, then “Upcoming Agendas” to find out what’s up this month.

Going with another member of the League Lobby Corps is best. Ann O’Connell, can help you pick a committee. Contact her at [connell@xmission.com](mailto:connell@xmission.com) or 363-9046

If you can’t make it in person, tune in to [Utah State Legislature Home Page](http://www.le.utah.gov) (www.le.utah.gov) on May 21. The home page will connect you with live audio so you can listen in.

— *Sandy Peck*, Executive Director

**Give a Gift of League**

The gift of membership to the League of Women Voters is an excellent way to introduce friends and family to issues that matter to everyone living in the Salt Lake area. The League of Women Voters believes that an active and informed populace is vital to the health of democracy. Help support the League’s mission by giving a membership to someone you care about.

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**MAY UNIT TOPIC — BRIEFING  
Mental Health Care**

Mental Health is our May unit study topic. Come to a briefing on Monday, May 12 at 6:00PM at the League office on Highland Drive. Angelique Goodhue has written a fantastic study and will help give you pointers on leading this discussion in your unit meeting. In addition to discussion leaders, others are welcome to attend.

Why not make your unit meeting a little social at this beautiful time of year? Meet for lunch at a restaurant, deli or grill, have a potluck, maybe plan a picnic at the park.

In case you didn't know, when we do a "study", we have discussion questions and consensus questions. The consensus questions enable us to take a "League position" and thus lobby at the legislature based on that position.

If you feel this is an area that is important, please come to a unit meeting that meets your schedule. The subject is the same at each unit meeting, the time and place varies; you may choose the meeting that is convenient for you. Give the unit chair a call (see schedule on last page of *Voter*) and let her know you are interested, particularly if you have not attended that unit before. It will help her plan space.

—*Anne Ziegler*, 3rd VP, Organization

**25% - 33% of U.S. HAVE BEEN or WILL BE AFFECTED!  
Access to Mental Health Care Services in Salt Lake County**

One-quarter to one-third of Americans have suffered from some form of mental illness in the past year. Forty percent to fifty percent will experience a mental illness in their lifetime. The rate of depression in Utah is higher than in any other state.

Given the high rates of mental illness around the country, and Utah in particular, chances are that you or someone you love will be affected directly or indirectly by mental illness. If the occasion does arise and someone you love needs psychiatric services, will they be available? If hospitalization or residential substance abuse treatment is indicated, will it be possible to find an open hospital bed or a substance abuse program?

Read this month's study to find out where we stand regarding access to such services in our community. Attend your unit meeting to give suggestions as to how access can be improved. Read the links below for further information. I look forward to your feedback.

[NIMH background:](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/index.shtml)  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/index.shtml>

[NIMH: Benefits to Employers Outweigh...Costs](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2006/benefits-to-employers-outweigh-enhanced-depression-care-costs.shtml)  
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— *Angelique Goodhue*, Social Policy Chair

**ARIZONA  
MOVES  
FORWARD  
with  
NATIONAL  
POPULAR  
VOTE  
(NPV)  
PROPOSAL**

**Arizona's Proposal on National Popular Vote**

**LWV Arizona** is presenting the following resolution regarding the National Popular Vote (NPV) compact at the LWVUS 2008 convention. We would like to share it with all Leagues and delegates prior to that time.

**In keeping with the spirit of the LWVUS position on abolishing the Electoral College, LWVUS resolves to allow each state League to support, oppose or stay neutral on the National Popular Vote compact for handling the Electoral College within their state. LWVUS maintains its resolve to ultimately abolish the Electoral College.**

**LWVUS has asked that we include their opposition stance** (which serves as a 'con' to this resolution) as we notify members of our intentions.

"LWVUS believes that this is a departure from our stated position and we have no way of measuring our membership's understanding and agreement with the National Popular Vote proposal. It is not a simple proposal and despite the timetable that seems to be on a fast track, we cannot assume that our membership as a whole either understands or agrees with the concepts of this proposal to allow us take action in the near term.

Clearly, a resolution that leaves it up to each individual state to support, oppose or remain neutral would create confusion and erosion of the LWV's reputation for our process of study, consensus and development of a position."

**AZ rationale on the National Popular Vote Resolution** (the 'pros' to this resolution in a nutshell):

1. We believe the resolution would be more timely for states where NPV is already being introduced (which is many). With the resolution and their own consideration, review or study, state Leagues would be allowed a voice in the debate.
2. Our resolution does not demand that any state study this if they choose not to.
3. LWVAZ believes that the materials already available from some other leagues (like NY State <http://www.lwvny.org/npv.html> ) are substantial. Thus the cost of a national study on National Popular Vote is not the best use of our funds or resources. Our members are somewhat interested in studying this issue, but resoundingly not at the national level.
4. We understand that the NPV is a work around the Electoral College. *We would rather see LWVUS **keep** the current position to abolish the EC.* Nationally that is our goal. However, it does not appear that the NPV plan is in conflict with the bottom-line goal of the LWVUS position; indeed statements by previous national League leaders about the case for abolishing the Electoral College are founded on the same fundamental policy result provided by the NPV plan, namely - every American voter having an equal vote for president. (Selected relevant League statements on back.)
5. We believe that we will maintain unity within our organization in continuing to support abolishing the Electoral College, but that states *can still improve their rules for allocating electors*, particularly if those improvements bring us closer to the League's national position and do not conflict with it.

If we do any of the following with the NPV compact (aside from the resolution) these are the possible results: **If we do not adopt it as a national study nor allow it as a state study** – we have no voice in the many states in which it is being introduced nor a voice in the debate. Additionally, we have no other alternative plans. **If we do adopt a national study and reject the NPV compact** we might be in an awkward and hard-to-explain position of ruining what might be the best chance the US has for direct election of the president, which is what we have long supported. **If we do adopt a national study**

**AZ Proposal...NPV continued on next page...**

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thanks



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**....AZ Proposal...NPV continued**

**and support NPV** we are saying that this is good enough. LWVAZ feels it would be better to maintain our position of wanting to eliminate the EC even if we are considering 'work-round's) in our states. Our national position is straight forward and explains our intentions

Thank you. If you have any specific questions on the LWVAZ resolution or plans for it, please contact Barbara Klein at [drbarbaraklein@120years.com](mailto:drbarbaraklein@120years.com) Please attend our convention caucus-Saturday night at the National Convention in Portland, OR in June.

**Submitted by Ann O'Connell**

**Some Quotes from League of Women Voters in Support of NPV**

The League of Women Voters-US (LWV-US) has been an eloquent and persuasive voice for establishing a national popular vote for president. Its preferred mechanism to achieve this goal has been through abolishing the Electoral College. Following are quotes from League presidents about the particular value of a direct national election for president.

**Kay Maxwell, President of LWV-US, 2002-2006**

"The current system violates the one-person, one-vote rule. It's essential to representative government to get it changed."

*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Sept. 14, 2004

**Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, LWV-US President, 1998-2002**

"The course of American history has been an inexorable trend toward greater fairness, uniformity and inclusiveness in our democracy. Yet, the systems for electing the most important representative of the American people are stuck in a time warp. The Electoral College, a curious vestige of the 18th century, violates the principle of one-person, one-vote. The time has come to abolish it. It's time to bring our elections into the 21st century. It's time to streamline the confusing patchwork system that under-mines voter's faith in their government. It's time to ensure that the President of the United States is directly elected by the people he or she will represent. It's time to guarantee that, across the country, every person's vote counts - and counts the same."

**News release from LWV-US, Nov. 9, 2000**

For all these reasons, the League believes that the presidential election method should incorporate the one-person, one-vote principle. The President should be directly elected by the people he or she will represent, just as the other federally elected officials are in this country. Direct election is the most representative system. It is the only system that guarantees the President will have received the most popular votes. It also encourages voter participation by giving voters a direct and equal role in the election of the President.

**Testimony before the U.S. House Subcommittee on the Constitution on**

"Proposals for Electoral College Reform: H.J. Res. 28 and H.J. Res. 43": **Sept. 4, 1997**

**INTRODUCE  
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She came here 10 years ago from Georgia and she and a partner set up a children's foundation called Kids4FitKids. The purpose of the foundation is to focus on obesity and malnutrition, especially in Native American children. They are producing a film trilogy on the environment and Native Americans. She likes camping and hiking. She has a grown daughter at the University of Utah. Jan joined because she wants more information on the issues.

Ellen Hartz  
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Retired alternative high school teacher, transferred from the Iowa League. She is very interested in science and the environment. She is a volunteer who helps disabled people to participate in outdoor activities. She loves camping, hiking, biking and snowshoeing.

Geneva Thompson  
777 South 2300 East, South Weber, 84405  
801-940-0381

Geneva will be a student at the University of Utah this fall, majoring in history and political science. She's involved in modern dance, is president of her history club and is a history "guru." She joined at the suggestion of one of her professors.

Georgia Baddley  
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Georgia, who has an MBA from the University of Utah, has worked for 21 years for the State Division for Disabled Persons, She likes hiking and reading British fiction. A League friend convinced her to join, and she said that, considering the state of affairs, she felt she needed to become more involved.

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—*Carolyn Dunn*, Membership Chair

**"LIVE GREEN" FESTIVAL  
FULL OF FUN AND SURPRISES  
&**

**Launches LWV Participation in Clean Energy Study**

Come on down to the SLC Main Library Plaza on May 10 for a huge **"LIVE GREEN"** festival sponsored by the Downtown Alliance of the Chamber of Commerce. You've probably seen an advertisement for this, but did you know your League is sponsoring two talks by local favorites? Ted Wilson, who now leads Utah Rivers Council, will speak at 10:30; Brian Moench, who is a pediatrician with Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, speaks at 11:30.

Moench will talk about how we can clean up the air and get out of our horrible ranking as seventh worst polluted city in the nation. Wilson will discuss how we can protect and preserve our rivers in the face of serious drought. Both are dynamic speakers. We are also participating by hosting a League booth at the festival, showing what we do, and what the public can do to improve our lives.

Expect music, games, art displays, a garden show and sale, a kid-craft program, and almost 100 vendors of greener products to help you do your part to reverse our dangerously damaging energy approach using fossil fuels and to move toward renewable, clean energy. You can take TRAX easily, to the Main Library or, if driving, you can usually park behind the state Board of Education building on the NE corner of 5<sup>th</sup> South & 2<sup>nd</sup> East, then walk across the street.

LWV participation in **"Live Green"**, and in a venture to initiate a local research study modeled on a national study of note, is made possible by a grant from League of Women Voters of the U.S. and Oxfam of America. This branch of Oxfam International works to bring relief and lasting solutions to the urgent problems of poverty around the world, which global warming is greatly increasing.

We have sent LWVUS our proposal to participate in launching this local study under the direction of Arjun Makhijani. The working group is sound (five organizations currently involved) and the leadership to build the team is under the direction of Kent Udell, Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Utah. You can learn more about this by coming to a free breakfast, May 22, sponsored by HEAL as a fundraiser for the study. Makhijani will speak on why this study is needed and why Utah is his first choice in location to set up the five-state study. The breakfast begins at 7:30AM at the Rose Wagner Theatre's Rose Room.

Call Polly Hough for more details (801-953-1320). We are helping to set up tables and have six League members already. Please call by May 16 to reserve your place.

— *Polly Hough*, VP Program

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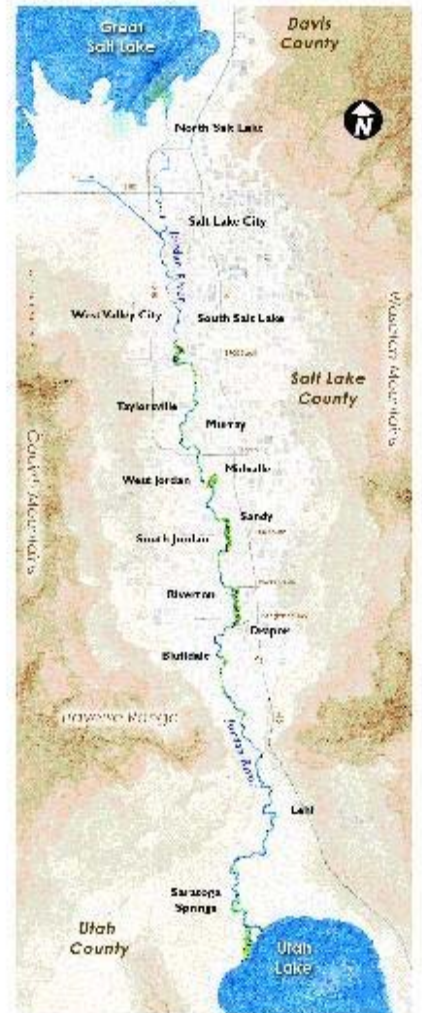
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## Workshop Dates

- **Tue., May 6th.** - Sandy City Hall, 10000 Centennial Parkway (upstairs room)
- **Wed., May 7th.** - Salt Lake Community College, 4600 Redwood Rd. (Oak Room - Student Union)
- **Thu., May 8th.** - Day Riverside Library, 1575 W. 1000 N. in Salt Lake City
- **Tue., May 13th.** - Utah Cultural Center, 1355 W. 3100 S. in West Valley City
- **Wed., May 14th.** - Bluffdale Elementary School, 14323 S. 2700 W. in Bluffdale
- **Thu., May 15th.** - Saratoga Shores Elementary School, 1415 S. Parkside Dr. in Saratoga Springs

**All workshops begin at 6:00 PM**

WORKSHOP ATTENDEES MUST RSVP BY CONTACTING MARY AT (801) 303-1459 OR [MDAVIES@ENVISIONUTAH.ORG](mailto:MDAVIES@ENVISIONUTAH.ORG)

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## SALT LAKE VOTER

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### May - Unit Meetings Schedule

**May Topic: Mental Health Care**

<b>MAY 19</b> Monday 6:30PM	<b>NIGHT OWLS</b> Home of Sharon Walkington 999 S 1500 E Pot Luck Dinner Judi Short, Unit Chair, 487-7387	<b>MAY 22</b> Thursday 1:00-2:00PM	<b>MAIN LIBRARY</b> 210 E 400 S Conf Room D, Level 1 Kathy Dorn & Joyce Barnes Unit Co- Chair, 277-0897
<b>MAY 19</b> Monday 11:00AM To 12:30PM	<b>GIRL SCOUT Headquarters (HQ)</b> 445 E 4500 S Anne Zeigler , Unit Chair, 944-4163		
<b>MAY 20</b> Tuesday 7:00-9:00PM	<b>YOUNGBLOODS</b> (50 Yrs.and Under) Home of Missy Larsen 1288 E. Crystal Ave. Missy Larsen, Unit Chair, 915-9782	<b>MAY 28</b> Wednesday 9:30-11:00AM	<b>BENCH BUNCH</b> League Office 3804 Highland Dr. Carolyn Dunn, Unit Chair, 278-9409

**NOTE:**

**Feel free to attend any of the units listed above**

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