



November 2007

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Co-Presidents: Joyce Barnes Phyllis Frankel

The Immigration Study certainly is creating a lot of discussion in our unit meetings. Several have completed the questions; others are still working on them. It will be very interesting to compare our consensus results with those of leagues across the nation.

Kudos to Alice Steiner! In conjunction with the Honors College at the University of Utah and the Salt Lake Film Center she really raised and polished the image of the League of Women Voters. The week-long symposia on Understanding Immigration thru Film and Panel Discussions provided a wide and in-depth look at immigration issues from many points of view. The panel discussions followed by question and answer sessions were lively and informative. Many of us bought the DVD "Crossing Arizona" after hearing one of the filmmakers and seeing through his eyes what an immigrant faces when trying to enter the country on his own.

Our fall fete, honoring Stuart Gygi, gave us a chance to meet again after a summer away. In his remarks, Stuart challenged us: If we were elected to the Utah Legislature or to Congress, would we be able to keep our values and beliefs intact? The deafening silence after his question was an indication of just how challenging it was! I'm still thinking it over. Thanks, Stuart, for your many contributions to our organizations, and especially for that question.

At our last meeting, the board passed a motion to match \$2500 from the State League, using money from the Education Fund. Thanks to Missy Larsen we have a wonderful website guru who will help make our website inviting, easier to navigate and let us pay dues on line. In addition, we can add an hourly position to help Sandy in the office.

Marie Fulmer, our First Vice President, has resigned. Her duties include overseeing the work of the Directors of Education, Social Policy, Natural Resources and Local Government. It sounds like a big job, but with our very able directors, the position won't require more time than the person can give. Marie was very active in recruiting new members and in making election day a holiday. That may be your emphasis, or you can take off in

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a different direction. We welcome anyone who is interested to call Joyce at 278-2296 (jbarnz@xmission.com) or Phyllis at 582-8957 (P1863@yahoo.com).

PORTLAND, OREGON -- that's where our National Convention will be in June 2008. It's close enough to drive, bus-pool or car-pool and always is exciting and invigorating. Let us know if you're interested (notify Sandy). You can attend as a delegate from the Salt Lake League and vote on a myriad of issues, or simply attend as an observer and enjoy the excitement without having to vote. Save the dates: June 13 - 17.

Anyone who has been to one really wants to go again; it's like a "bug" and is contagious.

Also save December 2 for our Holiday Social at Old Farm from 3-5 p.m.

Many thanks to Anne Zeigler and her hard-working committee to recruit new members. They are a wonderful bunch, meeting early for breakfast to brainstorm and work on great new ways to entice women and men to join.

Angelique Goodhue, director of social policy, is working with Madge Fairbanks on a project or study about access to mental health care. Members who would like to contribute should call Angelique at 467-1752 (angeliquegoodhue@comcast.net)

— *Joyce Barnes*, Co-President

**Study on Access to Mental Health Services in Salt Lake County
in the Works. Help Needed!**

Attempting to find quality mental health services for yourself or a loved one can be a daunting task these days. The Salt Lake County League's Social Policy Committee will be researching this issue to determine the extent of the problem, identify the barriers to access and consider means of eliminating those barriers.

To find out more about this effort or to offer to help with research and/or writing, **please contact Angelique Goodhue at angeliquegoodhue@comcast.net or 467-6310.** Those who have had experience with previous League studies are especially welcome.

— *Angelique Goodhue*, Social Policy Chair

LEAGUE CONTINUES TO TACKLE IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Immigration Consensus Goal of Utah Leagues

This fall all local leagues are being asked to respond to consensus questions on U.S. immigration policy prepared by the League of Women Voters of the United States. The national League has never adopted a position on immigration but is planning to do so in the spring of 2008. The responses from the local Leagues to the to the

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**TITLES of
LWVUS
BACKGROUND
PAPERS
on
IMMIGRATION**

**(on the web
at
http://
www.lwv.org)**

Immigration
Policy:
Family
Reunification

What Motivates
Immigration to
America?

Federal Immigration
Policy:Enforcement
Issues

Immigration:
Diversity and
Inclusion

Effects of Global
Interdependence On
Migration

Economic Aspects
of Authorized and
Unauthorized
Immigration

Immigration and the
Economy

Overview:
Federal Immigration
Policy and Proposed
Reforms

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consensus questions will be the basis for the national position. Local League responses are due at National on **February 1, 2008.**

The LWVUS has prepared study materials needed to reach a consensus on immigration since 2006. Each local League is being asked to use the study materials, plus any others that they deem appropriate, to educate their members. The League process can also be expanded to provide a community-wide discussion on immigration policy. The LWVUS website has a link to the study materials prepared for the consensus process. (www.lwv.org - Immigration Study; **SEE BELOW**)

The League of Women Voters of Utah co-sponsored public forums in October to address immigration issues as a means of educating both the general public and local League members. The debates, panel discussions and films presented were enjoyable, informative, and greatly appreciated by those attending (refer to September VOTER for details).

Unit Meetings: November will continue the immigration discussion with a focus on the basics as we learn the terminology and set our course. Units can benefit from the resources already available on the national website, which divides the issue into eight parts. Units may choose to research one or more of the subject areas.

**TO FIND THE BACKGROUND PAPERS on the LWV-US WEBSITE
LISTED AT LEFT:**

- ◆ Go to: <http://www.lwv.org>, then Click on “For Members”
- ◆ On the right-hand side of the next screen in a Blue Box marked “Quick Links LWVUS”, click on “Immigration Study”.
- ◆ On the next screen, click on “Background Papers...>> Get Informed!”
- ◆ On the next screen, click on each TITLE separately and it will display the paper by that title.

**You can print these papers (See best instructions at bottom of web article.)
OR you can contact Sandy at the LWV office to print & mail any article.**

At the top of your screen, click on the “**BACK**” button to return to the full list of papers by title.

— **As always, there are several different paths that reach each page**

VOTER SERVICE

Salt Lake League member response to serve at the **Democracy Store** was excellent again this year. In addition, members of AAUW continued to provide coverage two days a week. Colleen McLaughlin, Community Affairs Manager for The City Library made arrangements for free parking for our volunteers. This year, with the assistance of Kathie Biele, a number of students from West High School joined us to learn more about the process of voting and to lend their support. This community outreach continues to grow and to be of assistance to voters.

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**LEAGUE
PROVIDES
VOTER SERVICE
to the
COMMUNITY
in
MANY WAYS!**

VOTER SERVICE continued

We moderated and cosponsored with the Junior League the **Salt Lake Mayoral Debate** held at the Capitol building on October 8th. On October 18 we provided the same support for a Debate for **City Council candidates** along with a discussion on Vouchers in South Jordan. In addition, we provided assistance for a KRCL Salt Lake Mayoral Debate on October 19.

Our ongoing service to the State of Utah at **Naturalization Ceremonies** continues on a monthly basis at The Rose Wagner Center. Our members have the opportunity to participate in this event by distributing registration forms to new citizens. This volunteer effort allows you to attend this ceremony that includes family members but is closed to the general public and is rewarding to observe. We need members on November 14 at 10 a.m. and for a second ceremony at 2 p.m. so if you have an interest please let us know by contacting Sandy Peck at the League office (272-8683), Sharon Walkington (583-2284), or Mary Fogg (268-4357).

— *Mary Fogg*, 2nd V.P, Voter Service Co-Chair

**MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE
WORKING
TIRELESSLY
TO
ATTRACT
NEW
MEMBERS**

MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to be able to go on-line to renew your membership? Encourage a friend to join the League? Soon you will be able to go on line to both join the League of Women Voters and renew your membership. The Membership Committee has instigated and brought to the attention of both the local and State Boards that we need a “user-friendly” new web site. They in turn have approved to do just that and in addition are hiring a gal to help Sandy in the office who is computer “savvy” and can help Sandy while she is at the legislature.

The Committee has been meeting since May and discussing ways to increase our membership. We are working on a Question and Answer column in the City Weekly, expanding the LWV program to the West side and registering voters. We would like to mentor new members. If you are a leaguer and are unable to get out much, you could talk to new members on the phone about the League and answer their questions. We would love to have you volunteer. Please call Anne at 944-4163.

As you know, some times in our life are not conducive to being active in the LWV. We would like to activate former members as we feel they understand the importance of the work of the LWV. Although you may not be active, you might be able to help support us financially, which we would greatly appreciate. Contributions would help cover the office assistant’s salary and the website updates which are currently drawing against the Education Fund. In case you didn’t know, the only donations that are tax deductible are those made to the LWV Education Fund.

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MEMBERSHIP continued

We are working with the University of Utah, Westminster, and the Salt Lake Community College in educating young people about the LWV and encouraging them to register and to become informed voters. Lauren Littlefield will be helping us.

If you have suggestions for the Membership Committee and/or would be interested in mentoring or assisting in the work we do, please call any member of our committee: Kathy Dorn, Mary Fogg, Missy Larsen, Susan Lind, Jessica Mathewson, or Anne Zeigler. We are an enthusiastic, positive, optimistic group and feel “WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”.

—*Anne Ziegler*, 3rd VP, Organization

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAM
Opportunity Knocks!**

Do you like working with small groups of people? Do you have an interest in WHAT the League does?

The First Vice President, Marie Fulmer, has stepped down from this position due to family considerations. **We encourage any member with interest in this position to contact Sandy Peck at the League office: (801) 272-8683.**

The first vice president acts as backup to the president(s). However, holding this position does NOT infer in any way that this person will have to be the next President nor one of the next Co-Presidents.

Position Description

The first vice president is responsible to guide the efforts of the directors who report to her: Social Policy, Education, Local government, Transportation, Natural Resources, and International Relations. She is responsible for working with the Executive Committee to outline a program for unit topics and discussion for the year.

1. Attends and participates in all board (monthly, except some summer months) and executive meetings.
2. Takes primary responsibility for: a) facilitating the program making process prior to the Annual Meeting; b) calendaring monthly programs for the year; (this should be completed by the September board meeting); c) when program consensus is taken, assuring that the study director receives consensus reports and proposes consensus statement for board action.
3. Frequently reviews updated member-interest list and attempts to involve members in portfolio-related activities.
4. Prepares an annual report for the record on program activities and projects for future reference using reports from program directors. A copy should be given to the President and Executive Director.

Consider offering your skills, talents, and time to this rewarding position.

**LWV-SL
NEEDS
YOU !!**

NEW MEMBERS

**INTRODUCE
YOURSELF
TO A
NEW
MEMBER**

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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.

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Rochelle came to Utah from New York nine years ago. She is a retired educator who worked with children with learning disabilities and was a resource person in the field. Presently, she's taken a job as co-president of the National Council of Jewish Women. She loves skiing, gardening, cooking and has a therapy dog she takes to elementary schools. She joined the League because she's interested in progressive causes and knew that the League was, too.

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To Our**

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She is a student at the University of Utah in political science, and is considering law school. Bret has been taking classes in gender studies and politics, and found that the League kept coming up, so she decided to join. She likes skiing, water sports, boating, and water polo.

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—*Carolyn Dunn*, Membership Chair

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT VOTING AT LAYTON JUNIOR HIGH HOST PANEL DISCUSSION

BY BETH YOUNG, Standard-Examiner Davis Bureau byoung@standard.net, October 24, 2007

Considering that they can't vote yet, an unlikely group sponsored a meet-the-candidates event for Layton. Ninth-graders from a Central Davis Junior High School civics class ran the event, from greeting the public to introducing the candidates.

"Government can either be really exciting or really boring," said Vicki Young, civics teacher. "So, this is a way of getting kids involved with politics." Each election year, Young tries to find a hands-on way to get her students involved in local government. Last election, she had her students collect a penny for every resident of Layton. "We had over 71,000 pennies," Young said. "We dumped them all out as we told the candidates, 'This is how many people you are responsible for.'"

This year, in addition to sponsoring the meet-the-candidates night, each of the students interviewed a resident of Layton who has lived in the city more than 20 years. The class came up with several questions, such as what changes residents have seen in the city and if these changes were positive or negative.

"There is a question, 'What do you think Layton needs to be a better place to live?'" said Cooper Jackson, 15. "I think that might help the candidates know what the people want." All of the interviews have been compiled in booklets that will be given to the candidates.

"A lot of the people who live in Layton like the small town feel it has," said Paige Stelly, 14. "A lot of people don't want to lose that. I think it's important that the candidates know what the residents think."

All of the candidates were present at the event, and each gave a six-minute presentation. Afterward, refreshments were served and attendees had an opportunity to talk to the candidates. "They (residents) should come to help influence the way their city is run," said Austin Rasmussen, 14. "They need to learn what the candidates are like, more than just the posters and signs."

Renny Knowlton said one of the biggest challenges candidates have is reaching the voters. "I think it's wonderful to get the kids involved, because they will be voters in the future," he said. "Even though they don't vote, a lot of times their parents and neighbors will come to meet-the-candidates night. It creates an opportunity for us to visit with voters." Knowlton said he is also interested in seeing the booklets the students have put together. "It's always a good idea to have input from people who have lived here a long time," he said. "It gives us an idea of how the city functioned in the past and where we are headed in the future."

Through this project, the students have been learning other facts about local government. For instance, they learned that only 14 percent of voters visited the polls for the primary election. "These people are going to be running our city," Stelly said. "You don't want just 14 percent of our city having an opinion on who's going to run it."

Young said she thinks she has future politicians in her class, and hopes that by getting her students involved in the election process, she will get them excited about politics. "Hopefully it will light a spark in a few of them," she said.

LAYTON
STUDENTS
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BY TEACHER
LOOKING TO
THEIR FUTURE!

FUTURE
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**VOTER
IDENTIFICATION
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TO CAUSE
QUESTIONS**

NAACP TO CHALLENGE NEW VOTER LAW

Local chapter digs in its heels, calls Mich. ID requirements a 'poll tax.'

Santiago Esparza, *The Detroit News*, Friday, October 26, 2007

The Detroit Branch of the NAACP announced Thursday that it will continue to fight a controversial new state law requiring Michigan voters to show photo identification or sign an affidavit in order to cast a ballot, while fighting a similar measure in Indiana.

"We view this voter identification as another version of a poll tax," the Rev. Wendell Anthony, head of Detroit's NAACP, said Thursday. "It is just intimidation."

Already, attorneys for the national NAACP and its Detroit branch have filed a challenge to the law with the state on the grounds the law was not properly implemented because there were no public hearings. They also have sent a letter to the Department of Justice outlining their concerns and reminding officials that election law for Clyde and Buena Vista townships can not be changed without federal approval under the Voting Rights Act.

Anthony told members of the media that the NAACP's Detroit branch is preparing a brief to support those who oppose a similar law in Indiana. That law requires picture identification to cast a vote. People who are indigent, object on religious grounds or live in state facilities that serve as their precinct's polling site are exempt from the law, according to the Indiana secretary of state's Web site.

The U.S. Supreme Court in September agreed to hear the Indiana case, and oral arguments could be heard by the end of this year, said Melvin Butch Hollowell, the Detroit NAACP's lead attorney.

The NAACP Detroit staff and volunteers spend many hours a week on the case, he said. "We will fight until we win," Hollowell said. Courts have upheld voter ID laws in Arizona, Michigan and Georgia.

The law was passed in Michigan in 1996 but former State Attorney General Frank Kelley believed it violated the 14th Amendment and refused to allow its implementation. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled it was legal in July, paving the way for it to go into effect November 6.

The law, which requires photo identification or for voters without identification to sign an affidavit, is aimed at keeping African-Americans from the polls, Anthony said. In 2004, about 69 percent of black adults were registered to vote compared with 75 percent of whites, according to U.S. census data. About 87 percent of registered blacks and 89 percent of registered whites voted in the last presidential election. Anthony said he has asked Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land for a meeting, but she declined.

Land's office on Friday afternoon confirmed that Anthony requested a meeting, but said

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Wed. November 7 *Who Won and Why* -- 10:45 a.m.

Dan Jones, Professor Lecturer, Political Science Department; President, Dan Jones and Associates

Kirk Jowers, Director Hinckley Institute of Politics

Paul Rolly, Political and Current Affairs Columnist, Salt Lake Tribune

Bryan Schott (moderator) News Director and Host, KCPW's Morning Edition

Thurs. November 8 *U.S. – Pakistan Relations* -- 9:10 a.m.

His Excellency Mr. Mahmud Ali Durrani, Ambassador to the United States for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Fri. November 9 *U.S. – Belgium Relations* -- 10:45 a.m.

Her Excellency Dominique Struye de Swielande, Ambassador to the United States for Belgium

Wed. November 14 *The War on Terrorism: An Assessment* -- Noon

Bruce Hoffman, Professor, Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service Security Studies Program, Georgetown University; Distinguished Scholar in the U's Institute of Public and International Affairs

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Tues. November 20 *Washington Update* -- 10:45 a.m.

Congressman Jim Matheson (D-UT)

Congressional schedule permitting

Mon. November 26 *Turkish American Relations at the Crossroads* -- 11:50 a.m.

Hakan Yavuz, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, U of U

Wed. November 28 *Radical Islam in Europe* – Time TBA

Leslie Lebl, non-resident Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council of the United States and Principal of Lebl Associates; writer, lecturer and consultant on political, security and military matters; former Foreign Service Officer with particular expertise in European political and defense issues, Balkan peacekeeping and Russian politics and economy.

NAACP CHALLENGES VOTER LAW continued

the time frame for it conflicted with Land's schedule. Land offered to have the state's director of elections and her chief operations officer meet with Anthony in Lansing as an alternative, said Land's spokeswoman, Kelly Chesney. Anthony said he deserved to speak to Land and not someone who reports to her.

University of Detroit-Mercy law professor Lawrence Dubin said the NAACP is right to question whether photo identification is needed to vote. But he wonders if the NAACP is going to be able to do anything about the laws in Michigan and Indiana. "The reality of the situation makes it an uphill battle," Dubin said.

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November - Unit Meetings Schedule

November Subject: Immigration Issues

NOV 26 Girl Scout Hdqtrs ** New Location **
Monday, 11:00—12:30 PM
445 East 4500 South
Anne Ziegler, Unit Chair, 944-4163
(formerly Old Farm)

NOV 28 Bench Bunch
Wednesday, 9:30—11:00 AM
League Office, 3804 Highland Dr.
Carolyn Dunn, Unit Chair, 278-9409

NOV 19 Night Owls ** New Location **
Monday, 7:30 PM
Home of Judi Short—862 E. Harrison Ave.
Judi, Short, Unit Chair, 487-7387

NOV 29 Main Library
Thursday, 1:00—2:00 PM
210 E 400 S, Conf Room D, Level 1
Kathy Dorn—Joyce Barnes— Co- Chair,
277-0897

NOV - Challengers ** New Time **
NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER
Marilyn Zipser, Unit Chair, 578-2069

****NOTE:**

- ◆ OLD FARM WILL MEET AT THE GIRL SCOUT BUILDING
- ◆ CHALLENGERS HAVE CHANGED TIME TO THURSDAYS

If you cannot attend your regular unit meeting, feel free to attend any of the units listed above.