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**September 2008  
PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**2008 National Convention of LWV**

Portland, Oregon in June is a wonderful place for a League National convention. Perfect weather, great workshops and plenary sessions; and the delegates voted to move forward with important activities.

**Plenary Sessions**

Climate change throughout the world – reliable data from three distinguished scientists convinced delegates to add this item to the program list for 2008 – 2010.

Two of Oregon's former governors (one, the first woman to be governor there) gave open and direct opinions about redistricting, how to redesign primary elections for national elections. More on that in a subsequent article.

**Banquet Speaker**

A retired, Supreme Court Justice now working with an advocacy group based at the University of Denver is appalled by recent actions of some judges. She sees a move to change oversight of judges from the legal profession to the legislative branch of government, thus politicizing the process. The 2009 Sunshine Week in Salt Lake will focus on this problem in Utah.

**Workshops**

A workshop on judicial independence, adding information to that of the banquet speaker, shows how pressure is being put on judges, especially those who must be elected, to conform to some beliefs rather than retain their independence when ruling on cases.

A workshop on streamlining program-making will help us avoid some of the repetitive "yeas and nays" to give us more time for discussion. Won't that be a treat?

**Actions taken**

- ◆ Adopted a multi-level education and action campaign to fight Global Climate Change
- ◆ Adopted a Health Care program to educate members and communities in order to be better prepared to do health care advocacy as needed
- ◆ Voted to do a study about the advisability of using the National Popular Vote compact among the states as a method for electing the President

**In LWV SALT LAKE**

The June 28 Board retreat at Lugano's Restaurant can be described as lively and productive. The calendar, which appears elsewhere in the VOTER provides for diverse interests, action and debate. Isn't that what we're all about? Incoming and outgoing board members exchanged portfolios and ideas. I'm very excited to have so many well-informed and enthusiastic members representing our local chapter.

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We are fortunate to have several officers returning this year as well as several new faces. A new "mix" always energizes a group, I think, and this board is no exception. For example: the September adventure on FrontRunner will replace the usual unit meetings. We'll ride to Ogden on September 24, have lunch with a speaker knowledgeable about mass transportation issues and return to Salt Lake in the afternoon.

Noami Franklin's letter on energy and climate change published in the *Salt Lake Tribune* on August 19 entitled "Gubernatorial Inconsistencies" is a winner. Hope you had a chance to read it, along with Ann Wechsler's excellent August 18 letter "Coal-fired Moratorium," stating the League's national position favoring a 10-year nationwide moratorium on new coal-fired power plants. It's great that our members keep the League in the news in such positive ways.

Phyllis Frankel is getting ready to open the Democracy Store in October at the Salt Lake Main Library. Many should be trying the voting machine, looking up information on candidates and getting answers to myriad questions about the election. Please plan to volunteer a few hours.

The Salt Lake County Clerk is also looking for good folks to serve as election judges—not as volunteers—but as paid judges. Many members who served as judges in the

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**September Unit Activity**

**Wednesday, September 24th**

**RIDE THE FRONTRUNNER**

Our **September unit meetings** will be a fun trip on the FrontRunner to Ogden on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with lunch at the Athenian restaurant. Our speaker will be Marc Heileson of the Sierra Club who will give us a brief history of the Legacy highway and the FrontRunner. This is a truly "go-see" tour. **Here is the schedule:**

LV FrontRunner station - 10:55 (train runs every 30 min.)

AR Ogden - 11:53

**Lunch at the Athenian in Ogden (Ogden LWV members will transport us, if needed).**

LV Ogden - 14:08 (i.e.: 2:08pm) (or when ready – leaves every 30 min.)

AR SLC - 15:07 (i.e.: 3:07 pm)

**Cost:** \$3.00 one way for Senior 65+ yrs. (includes Trax fare of \$1.00)

\$5.50 – regular fare (Trax fare is \$2.00)

Lunch: About \$5 to \$10, depending on your choices

You can go on-line: <http://www.ride-uta.com/> to get the schedule and more information. If you ride Trax, pay your Trax fare, then when you buy your FrontRunner fare, click on discounts, then transfer, and it will deduct your fare paid on Trax so you will pay only the \$3.00 or \$5.50 rate. Good deal, eh??

Since League of Women Voters worked with the The Sierra Club on FrontRunner support (Ann O'Connell, thanks for all your efforts), Marc Heileson will have excellent information to give us; it will be very educational. Your friends, relatives, etc., are welcome and it will be a nice outing to let people know what we do in the League of Women Voters.

**If you plan to join us, please** email Anne Zeigler at [azeigler@xmission.com](mailto:azeigler@xmission.com) or call 801-944-4163. **We would like to let the restaurant know how many to expect to help seating go more quickly.**

— *Anne Zeigler*, Organization

**DEMOCRACY  
REQUIRES  
INFORMATION**

**The Utah League  
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of the  
[www.lwvutah.org](http://www.lwvutah.org)  
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encourage  
you to invite  
everyone  
to visit**

**THE  
LWVU  
VOTERS'  
GUIDE**

**It is a work in  
progress**

**Information for  
Utah candidates  
responding to the  
League question-  
naire on  
[lwvutah.org](http://lwvutah.org) is  
posted within 72  
hours.**

**Urge your  
candidates who  
have not yet  
responded to go to  
[lwvutah.org](http://lwvutah.org) and  
answer the  
questionnaire for  
their office.**

**COME JOIN US**

**“The Role of Women”**

Speaker: **Roz McGee**

(Recent Utah Legislator and Long-time League Member)

The YWCA is hosting a bring-your-own “brown bag” lunch on **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon**. Our own LWV member Roz McGee will be the speaker. It would be great to show our appreciation for all she has done for the League and for the causes we support by attending.

Bring your own brown bag lunch from home, grab a take-out in a carry bag on your way to the YWCA, or plan to have a late lunch with a friend afterwards.

The YWCA is located at 322 East Broadway, SLC. Ask for directions to the Helen Jarman Room on the second floor— elevator available. Free parking is available around the building. Iced tea and water will be provided. Please call Cassie at the YWCA for reservations to help planning: 537-8619

—*Kathy Dorn*, Co-President

**MURRAY PARK PARADE—JULY 4th**

The League of Women Voters members who participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade sponsored by the Murray Chamber of Commerce were awesome! Sharon Walkington organized the participation of her family members, friends and the following LWV members; Polly Hough, Ann Wechsler, Kathy Fitzgerald, Angelique Goodhue, Anne Zeigler, and Linda Johnson who helped drive volunteers back to Fashion Place Mall where it originated. Some rode in George Walker’s ‘67Chevy Camaro convertible and in Doug Robinson’s ‘59 Lincoln. We passed out taffy donated by Sweet Candy Co. and gave out over 500 registration forms to people along the parade route.

We carried posters and our theme was REGISTER AND VOTE. About 4 stations along the 2-mile route announced us in passing and gave some background info and let people know that the LWV was who to contact for voter information. A nice plug for us! Thanks Sharon for all your efforts in organizing, getting hats for all of us, aprons for her grandsons to carry taffy, and setting us up with the Chamber of Commerce. We shared a booth with the Chamber of Commerce at the Murray Park after the parade and Joyce Green, Mary Ann Latsley and Anne Zeigler gave out information on the LWV and registering to vote. A most successful event and thanks to all who participated.

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**One of the 25 Surviving Copies of the  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT THE UTAH CAPITOL**

Over the weekend of August 15-16, a copy of the original Declaration of Independence was on display as part of a traveling exhibit aimed at encouraging young people to make their own political statement and vote in the upcoming elections.

Volunteering at the Capitol for the Declaration of Independence display were Anne Zeigler and her two grandsons, Nick and Alex Longe, Margo Thurman, Maxine Haggerty, Sherilyn Bennion, and Kathy Fitzgerald. On Friday 225 registrations were recorded and those people received free t-shirts. Over 4,000 people stood in line, some over 2 hours to see the original copy. League members registered people, passed out our book marks and told visitors of our online Voters’ Guide. It was a great service project and many people now know who the League of Women Voters are and what we do. Several people were interested in joining the LWV. Many thanks to those who helped out at the last minute.

Michael Maahs, volunteer coordinator for Declaration of Independence exhibit at the Capitol reported that during Friday and Saturday there were over 13,000 people visiting and Voter Registrations were received from 300 people. They locked the doors at 8PM but still had people waiting for 3 hours. Finally, the last visitor finished at 11 PM.

—*Anne Zeigler*, Organization

**OCTOBER's  
UNIT  
STUDY  
MATERIALS**

**Will be  
mailed to your  
home and posted  
on the Website  
early in October.**

**Topic:  
Energy Alterna-  
tives**

**A dedicated group  
of Leaguers is  
diligently working  
on this material.**

**Polly Hough is the  
chairman of the  
group.**

**LWV of Utah Water Study**

The study subject is the waters of Utah: how much we have, where it is, and how we use it. Most if not all of this information resides on web sites and with water districts and academic institutions so we will find it and then decide how best to present it in a easy to use format.

The study should have two purposes. One is to educate our members and update our water positions. Another should be to educate voters. We can do both if we do a careful and objective analysis and presentation.

To make this interesting and reasonably easy to do, I have been tossing around various subtopics which could be divided up among committee members. For example, comparative water usage around the world, Utah ground water, amount and quality, the Bear River contribution, the Colorado Compact, predictions of future water supplies and needs, and so forth. Clearly this is not a definitive list and we all can think of other hot button topics which may or may not be pertinent. I think you can see this study might be produced in segments so I would particularly like advice on what should be done first.

Please volunteer to contribute to this effort: phone 801-363-9046

—*Ann O'Connell*, LWVUT Natural Resources

**It's sexier than you think! A Call for Local Government Observers**

A revitalized local government observers corps is looking for members who can give two hours a month to attending a local government meeting of your choice. Though observing local governments doesn't sound like a sexy job on its face, it's exciting because it's the closest we get to hands-on democracy. You have many choices:

- City council meetings: Sandy, Murray, Salt Lake City, etc.
- City council work sessions. In many cities, these are the meetings where members get information, argue the issues and reveal their perspectives.
- City planning commissions
- County Council meetings
- County Council Committee of the Whole meetings. Like the city council work sessions, this is where the issues get aired.
- County Planning Commission
- Others of your choice

These groups meet at various times during the month, both daytime and evenings. When you let me know which entity you would like to observe, I will help you locate the time and place of the meetings, and if possible, attend your first meeting with you.

League observers are not expected to make statements at these meetings. In fact, we are not allowed to make statements for the League. Only the President can speak for the League. The observers' job is to

- ◆ alert me if topics come up that fit League position statements, so we can discuss a possible League statement, and
- ◆ write up a brief synopsis (300 words) of your entity's activities to turn in to me. I will collect and submit them to the Salt Lake Voter for publication.

Obviously, two hours a month will not cover all of most entities' meetings, but it is a reasonable amount of time for an observer to give up, and is enough to let council members know that someone is paying attention.

Contact me by telephone (801-521-5790) or email [Kathryn.Fitzgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryn.Fitzgerald@yahoo.com) to let me know your interests.

—*Kathryn Fitzgerald*, Local Government

## Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP)

The mission of the Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) is to create quality, affordable, comprehensive health care coverage for all Utahns through research, policy development, education and civic engagement. As our state embarks upon real health reform, UHPP is extending its efforts to get all Utahns actively involved in the health reform process.

To be successful in this effort, UHPP is in need of volunteers to assist with data entry, cultivation of phone trees and storybanking. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the Utah Health Policy Project, please contact Stacey Earle at (801) 433-2299 or email [Stacey@healthpolicyproject.org](mailto:Stacey@healthpolicyproject.org).

P.S. (from Editor): You may already know at least the name Judi Hillman from this same group. You may choose to be added to their regular email notifications which include what is happening in the legislature on health care issues.

## Take advantage of this community event at University of Utah

### PANEL DISCUSSION TOPIC:

**Health Care in Crisis: History, Challenges, and Opportunities**

**Free to Public**

**Saturday, September 6**

**7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m..**

**Sponsored by:** U of U Continuing Medical Education (CME)

**Location:** Alumni Hall, Spencer F. & Cleone P. Eccles Health Sciences Education Bldg.

**Online go to:** <http://medicine.utah.edu/alumni/reunions/2008%20CME.htm>

Scroll towards the bottom of the page for online registration and email links & phone contact.

**Participants:** Richard Sperry MD, PhD, Moderator

- ◆ Greg Poulsen, IHC, "Health Reform Issues"
- ◆ Jay Jacobson, MD, "Just Allocation of Health Care Needs"
- ◆ Brent James, MD, MStat, "Building Quality Care Systems"
- ◆ David Squire, Exec. Dir, Ut. Medical Educ. Council, "Medical Workforce Issues in UT"
- ◆ Linn Baker, Chair, Board of Trustees, UT Health Policy Project, "Market Driven Health Care"
- ◆ Joe Jarvis, MD, MSPH, Pres. Joseph Q Jarvis Consulting, Inc., "Too Much Market, Not Enough Care"

**Although free, registration is required to attend the CME.**

If you have questions about the CME, please call (801) 585-3818 or send your question by email to [kristin.gorang@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:kristin.gorang@hsc.utah.edu).

Notice of this event is shared with Leaguers by *Alice Steiner*, LWVU Co-President.

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— *Phyllis Frankel & Margo Thurman*, Membership Co-Chairs

**VOTE18**

How do young people get caught up in the responsibility and the excitement of participating in their community and their country? We hope that a new project coming to town September 18 and 19 will help show the way.

This is through a group named VOTE18 which presented at the League convention in Portland! I think I was the only one from our state that saw this interactive program which really caught my attention and I hope many of you will be able to participate when Kristen Bolini comes to Salt Lake to present at least one high school.

We would like you to volunteer to do this in a high school near or far from you as it has been found a voice other than the teacher often is heard better! This is a program built on the fact that people of this country did NOT always have the RIGHT to vote, and then it was many years before everyone over eighteen years of age got this opportunity!

It is a history lesson, a civil rights lesson and a voting lesson (I will give you candy if you will vote for me) all in one. And the class participates as the program unfolds. Then the voter registration books are whipped out and those eligible (sorry you are not old enough) can put their name on the list!

Look at [www.vote18.org](http://www.vote18.org) and then email or phone Anne Zeigler (944-4163) to sign up to be a part of this action program! I would hope this reaches those away from the Wasatch Front too!

— *Nancy Cooper*, LWV Member

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**Summary of Unit Reports Received on Mental Health Study**

Units met in May 2008 to review the study entitled *Access to Mental Health Care in Salt Lake County*. A summary of responses to discussion questions and consensus questions is provided below.

**Discussion Questions**

**Question 1:** What can be done to make mental health services more accessible in Salt Lake County?

Responses included a suggestion to have more VMH clinics like storefronts in several neighborhoods. Another suggestion was to keep mental health services under one umbrella so as not to duplicate services. Increasing access to and awareness of programs such as PCN and UHPP for those without insurance and expanding PCN to include mental health services was another suggestion. Education regarding available resources and addressing stigma were also recommended.

**Question 2:** Should we press for legislation mandating that preferred provider lists be expanded once a maximum wait time is reached?

All of the units replied in the affirmative.

**Question 3:** In Salt Lake County, should Mental Health be removed from Social Services and be placed under the Department of Health?

Library Unit replied that yes it should. They felt that health and mental health would be treated the same way and would compete for the same funding and that mental and physical health go hand in hand.

Other units were unclear as to the reasons for the original decision to place mental health under social services instead of the department of health. More information may be required.

**Question 4:** Should mental health services be separated from Substance Abuse/Dependence Treatment?

Again, some felt more information would be needed. Library Unit was mixed with some indicating that the funding streams should remain separate while others were in favor of combining funding. Going to a single payer system as has been done in other countries, a solution which would obviate the problem. The Girl Scout unit remarked that they did not like duplication of services or competition funding. They felt that combining services would improve efficiency.

**Consensus Questions**

1. Should we push the legislature to enact legislation to provide coverage for mental health care on par with physical health?

ANSWER: Affirmative from all reporting units.

Specific suggestions included ensuring that psychiatric inpatient bed days are reimbursed at the same rate as medical/surgical bed days and that total visits or total number of inpatient days not be arbitrarily limited by insurance companies.

2. Should PCN be expanded to include mental health services?

ANSWER: All units replied in the affirmative.

3. Should preferred provider lists be expanded once a maximum wait time is reached?

ANSWER: Again, all units agreed with this proposal.

—*Angelique Goodhue*, Previous Chair, Social Policy; now lives in Canada.

She wrote the *Access to Mental Health in Salt Lake County* for May 2008 Unit Meetings.

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for the  
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**By  
Ari Benowitz,  
CEO**

### **National Popular Vote for President through the State Compact System**

The Salt Lake League discussed using inter-state compacts to create a system for a national popular vote for president. Thirty one members attended five unit meetings in April. The questions were for discussion only and subsequently the LWVUS Convention did adopt a study on this topic for the next biennium. There we will be asked for consensus.

We clearly do have “consensus” on the following. We support a national popular presidential vote. We think more citizens would vote if they believed their votes counted for something. We hope that a national popular vote would improve presidential elections because candidates would be forced to speak to all Americans, not just those in the so-called battleground states. We are not fearful of the chance that change might weaken the two party system. And we suspect most Americans do not understand the Electoral College anyway and believe that it is an unfortunate relict of the past.

Some League members do harbor some misinformation or misunderstandings. In the last question, we asked if you felt prepared to vote on a National Popular Vote Study at the Convention. The key word here is “study”. You were not being asked to vote up or down on the NPV Compact System. Convention delegates had the same problem. They would get twisted up in the system and forget they were approving a study of NPV, not the system itself. This was hard for proponents of the study as well. We just could not stay away from the negatives of the Electoral College and the joys of direct election.

Also, no one would propose this workable but awkward system if a constitutional amendment had not been proved impossible hundreds of times. Congress will not even consider it in spite of the hundreds of surveys saying the voter wants direct presidential elections. The truth is that NPV campaign supporters will admit in private that they never expect it to happen. When enough states sign on to the compact to create a real threat, Congress will finally propose an amendment, state legislatures will approve, and the Electoral College will disappear by constitutional amendment.

Evidently some of you would like to discuss multi versus two party politics, some would not. I think you should keep in mind that direct election of the president would not guarantee a multi-party system. It is just that the current system with the Electoral College seems to ensure a two party system so that those who think the United States does better with a two party system are fearful of change.

A few members would be interested in multi-member districts/proportional representation. If these terms confuse you, I think you should want some study and discussion thereof.

*Ann O'Connell*, LWVUT Board

### **League Plans Program at Private Retirement Homes in the Salt Lake Area**

With this election year in full swing, the County Clerk’s Office has met with the SLC league and expressed a need for help in getting out information to elderly voters.

This year the expectation of a large turnout (perhaps 80%) for the presidential race and the use of voting machines will mean LONG lines on election day. The county has a

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the Downtown  
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TRAX to  
Symphony Hall  
&  
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the street**

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**Helping Veterans Register to Vote**

The League is part of an effort to reverse a recent decision by James B. Peake, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, that prohibits VA offices and facilities from offering voter registration and potentially registering tens of thousands of veterans across the country. The rationale given by Peake was that the VA lacked resources to provide this service and voter registration activities could violate the Hatch Act, which prohibits political activity by government employees. He also cited a court decision that VA restriction on partisan political activities. . .does not on its face violate the First Amendment rights of veterans.

The big misunderstanding here seems to be considering voter registration a partisan political activity. League members know it can be done in a non-partisan way with very little resources. We do it all the time. We also know that the NVRA (“motor voter”) law, which we helped pass, authorizes state election officials to designate as voter registration agencies government agencies, such as those for public assistance and services for people with disabilities. Of course it should go without saying that veterans who have served and sacrificed for their country should be able to participate in our democracy.

LWVUS alerted us to the problem. They, along with the American Association of People with Disabilities, Common Cause and DEMOS (an organization that tries to reduce barriers to voter participation) wrote to state election officials urging the VA to require their facilities to offer voter registration.

Our thanks to Utah’s Lt. Governor Gary Herbert, who signed on to that effort. Also, on July 28<sup>th</sup> the National Association of Secretaries of State passed a supportive resolution, which urges Congress to amend NVRA to require VHA facilities to offer voter registration opportunities. Since then, bills have been introduced in Senate and House, and an appropriations bill amendment would prevent paying to administer the VA ban. Congress may act on these after their return on September 8.

Here in Salt Lake, League member Bonnie Fernandez and her husband Matt, who are active in veterans’ affairs, report the good news that Belinda “Belle” Karabatsos, volunteer resources manager at Utah’s VA hospital, does not agree with the ban and goes room to room registering patients to vote. She is organizing volunteers and would welcome non-partisan help from the League. If you would like to help call Mary Fogg at 268-4357.

*—Sandy Peck, LWV, Executive Director*

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limited budget and each ballot has several offices and a referendum to vote on. The concern is that the elderly population may have to be in line for an hour or more. The clerk’s office is doing a program at the County owned facilities and the League has offered to go to the private assisted living and retirement homes in Salt Lake.

I am asking members to contact a retirement home from our list and to call the activities director and set up a time. The “program”, for which there are preparation notes, starts with a little League history and then explains our concern for them “standing in line” and suggests that they can vote by mail PERMANENTLY.

The Clerk has permanent vote by mail applications. We will have the applications with us and will help them fill them out .We will take the applications away with us so that they can be mailed or delivered to the clerks office. At the end of our visit, will ask them to tell us their voting stories like: Who was the first president they cast a ballot for? Or how many years they have voted? We will thank them for their time and assure them that this is the best way for them to insure their vote is cast with the least complications.

*—Kathryn Dorn, Co-President*

### Provide Opportunities for Citizens to Register to Vote

As the presidential elections draw closer, we are receiving many requests from the public to assist them in registering to vote. We are reminded daily of the importance of providing local citizens with opportunities to register for the first time or to update their registration information. Hopefully, this will result in an increased level of participation from them to cast their vote this year. My involvement with Voter Registration for several years has increased my awareness of providing that opportunity in our community. Also, of how helpful the general public sees the “League of Women Voters” when they encounter us in their neighborhoods and work places. If this sounds interesting to you then you may want to join us in responding to public requests for our help. Currently, we have had the following requests:

We have been asked to distribute **Voter Registration forms at ARUP**, a corporation located at Research Park. They ask that we be there on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. They will set up a table outside of the cafeteria for the convenience of their employees register or to update their voter information during their lunch break. This is also an opportunity to **introduce Salt Lake County voters to “Permanent Vote By Mail”**. Two years ago, we were thanked by employees for making those forms available for them to take to their family members who had difficulty waiting in long lines to use the voting machines.

In addition, we have been contacted by **American Express**, located at 4315 West 2700 West, to assist their employees to register on “Patriot Day” September 11 and on “Constitution Day”, September 17. Space will be provided outside of the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on one evening from 6 to 7 p.m. We have found that there are a significant number of voters registering for the first time in this setting.

A request has been made for us to provide an information program on the election at **privately owned senior and assisted living centers in Salt Lake County**. We have had members volunteer to be involved but can use more. Kathy Dorn is coordinating this project. She can be reached at 277-0897 or on email at [kmd1965@msn.com](mailto:kmd1965@msn.com).

It is still only August, so we expect many more opportunities to serve the public by providing opportunities for them to register to vote or to update their registration information. If you are interested, please contact Mary Fogg at 268-4357 or email [m.e.clarke@msn.com](mailto:m.e.clarke@msn.com).

—*Mary Fogg*, Voter Service

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past donated their pay to the league, thus contributing twice to our citizen participation goal. If you have the time, it's for a great cause. **Please call Salt Lake County Elections at 468-3477 if you are interested in serving as a poll worker.**

Yesterday I read a wonderful quote that polished up my optimism: How often we fail to realize our good fortune in living in a country where happiness is more than a lack of tragedy. It's by Paul Sweeney, quoted in Utah Policy Daily on August 18 from *Quote Garden*. Now it's on my refrigerator with a Peanuts cartoon. Lucy tells Snoopy that he wouldn't be so happy if he knew what was going to happen. After a moment of thought, Snoopy resumes his dance and thinks “Maybe it's already happened.” **Keep dancing!**

—*Joyce Barnes*, Co-President

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**FUTURE EVENTS  
through  
END OF YEAR 2008**

(any changes will be noted in future *Salt Lake VOTERS*)

SEPTEMBER—Topic: Mass Transit

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | Labor Day<br>Ramadan begins                      |
| 8  | SL BOARD Meeting                                 |
| 12 | SL October VOTER Deadline                        |
| 17 | Legislative Interim Meetings<br>Constitution Day |
| 24 | FrontRunner Trip to Ogden<br>Transit Meeting     |

OCTOBER—Topic: Energy Alternatives

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 6     | By-Mail Voter Registration Deadline   |
| 8     | Yom Kippur                            |
| 13    | Columbus Day                          |
| 13    | SL BOARD Meeting                      |
| 15    | Legislative Interim Meetings          |
| 17    | SL November VOTER Deadline            |
| 20    | Clerk In-Office Registration Deadline |
| 21-31 | Early Voting                          |

NOVEMBER—Topic: Utah Health Policy Project

|    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 4  | ELECTION DAY                 |
| 10 | SL BOARD Meeting             |
| 11 | Veteran’s Day                |
| 19 | Legislative Interim Meetings |
| 27 | Thanksgiving                 |
| ?? | SL January VOTER Deadline    |

DECEMBER— Holiday Social

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>NO VOTER this month</b> |                           |
| 6                          | *LWVUT Board Meeting      |
| 7                          | HOLIDAY SOCIAL            |
| 21                         | Hanukkah                  |
| 25                         | Christmas                 |
| ??                         | SL January VOTER Deadline |

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## SALT LAKE VOTER

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### Unit Meeting Schedule

#### **September Topic: Recent Improvements in Mass Transit**

Join us for a trip on the FrontRunner—Wednesday, September 24  
(see page 2 for details)

There will be unit meetings once a month in the coming year, except in September when we take our Frontrunner trip.  
We have 4 units meeting at the following locations.

You are welcome to attend any of these units as the subject matter is the same for all.

| <u>Unit Name</u> | <u>Unit Leader</u>   | <u>Meeting Place</u>                             | <u>Time</u>                      |
|------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Bench Bunch      | Carolyn Dunn<br>(h) 278-9409   | League Office                                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.<br>9:30 AM  |
| G.S.Hdqrtrs      | Anne Zeigler<br>(h) 944-4163<br><a href="mailto:azeigler@xmission.com">azeigler@xmission.com</a>   | G.S. Hdqrts.<br>445 East 4500 So.                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.<br>11:00 AM |
| Library          | Kathy Dorn<br>277-0897<br><a href="mailto:kmd1965@msn.com">kmd1965@msn.com</a>   | Main Library<br>2nd E. 400 So.<br>Salt Lake City | 1:00PM<br>Last Thurs of Mo.      |
| Night Owls       | Judi Short<br>487-7387<br><a href="mailto:judi.short@hsc.utah.edu">judi.short@hsc.utah.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:jpshort@exolo.com">jpshort@exolo.com</a> | 862 Harrison<br>Salt Lake City                   | 7:30PM<br>Mon. Nite.             |

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