



**May 2009
President's Letter**

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Dear Friends,

You will be reading this soon after you celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Please toast the season of summer for me, too.

League planning for the future will highlight our May League meetings. Gigi Brandt will meet with us on Monday, May 11, at 5:30 at Girl Scout Headquarters for a general meeting (no units this month) to brainstorm Salt Lake League study and action. Please check out her article and our current program in this *Salt Lake Voter*. Since September we have concentrated on improving transportation, renewable energy use, air quality, health care, voter service and observing government in action. What would you like to see the League take on next?

We're also looking forward to the biennial League of Women Voters of Utah Convention, to be held May 15-16 at the Red Lion in downtown Salt Lake City. The convention begins at 4 p.m. on Friday May 15. We will hear the presidents' report and get a preview of program and budget proposals before dinner at 6:30. Paul Rolly, political columnist for *The Salt Lake Tribune*, is our dinner speaker. He is a keen observer of the Utah legislature and is willing to share his insights and answer some of our questions. Guests are welcome to join us for dinner (\$32 per person).

Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. we have three exciting morning workshops. Voting Equipment Security will be addressed by experts Paul Lehto, an election attorney and author; and Jim Marsh, a founding member of Black Box Voting. Nikki Norton and Glen Wright will explain the Fair Boundaries group's initiative petition for an Independent Redistricting Commission, and Ann O'Connell will report on the national League-sponsored *Conference on Issues and Solutions for Adapting to Climate Change* that she just attended in Washington. Buffet breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Our 12:30 luncheon speaker will be David Irvine, a leader in putting an initiative on the Utah ballot that would establish an independent ethics commission. Mr. Irvine has worked for years to end torture by the American government; he takes on the tough issues. Before adjourning at 3 we'll address the future business of the League, elect new officers, approve League program and budget, and give direction to the new board.

All this, plus visiting with old and new friends! I hope this sounds like an educational and energizing event. Please register by May 12 on line at <http://lwwutah.org> or call the League office at 801.272.8683 or use the enclosed form.

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Meet Our New Members

Mary Lou joined the League in New Jersey. She moved to Utah 14 years ago to join her daughter and grandkids. She has served as the President of the Utah County League and co-edited the LWVUT study on Juvenile Justice with Reva Servoss. Originally from Detroit, Mary Lou attended Wayne State University where she got a B.A. in English Literature. Her master's degrees in education – one in reading specialization and one in supervision and administration - are from Kean State College in New Jersey. She taught middle school in New Jersey. Mary Lou enjoys reading, painting, and bird watching. She ran for the Legislature this past session.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER continued

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday May 12. I hope to see each of you there.

This has been a great year for the League. We had an added presence on Capitol Hill this year with both Lobby Corps and Observer Corps. The *City Weekly* noted our increased presence and applauded us. At our State of the Community Luncheon, 27 NEW members joined. And the membership committee reports more people are attending unit meetings. New members are abundant, so that may be a new member next to you at convention. Introduce yourself and share your League stories. Welcome to all you newbies out there; we're going to have fun together!!

Recently we have received notice of three dedicated Salt Lake Leaguers who have died. Their stories are inside. They have many years of leadership and you can remember them with a gift to our Celebration Fund, formerly Memorial Fund. The donation goes to long-term League projects and can be sent to the League office.

Thanks for being in the League and thanks for all the feedback you have provided on all subjects this year, including the National Popular Vote consensus.

Looking forward to a new year with new challenges,

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High Court Limits Voting Rights

Washington, DC
– Commenting on today's U. S. Supreme Court decision in *Bartlett v. Strickland*, Mary G. Wilson, national President of the League of Women Voters said, "With this decision, the Supreme Court continues to undermine the Voting Rights Act. The result of this decision will be to concentrate minorities in a few particular election districts rather than ensuring continued integration of racial and ethnic minorities into American politics," she said.

Read more:

<http://bit.ly/votingrights>

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News from National League

National Council. Speaking of planning, the League of Women Voters of the United States uses annual conventions and councils for future planning, too. This year, the economy has led them to plan a National Virtual Council meeting. Instead of traveling to Washington D.C., state and local league presidents can participate in a webinar type broadcast on June 13 from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. MT. National encourages having a viewing party with the ability to project onto a larger screen, although voting by delegates will depend on individual computer log-ins. Utah League Co-President Alice Steiner is planning such a viewing party with lunch brought in, place to be determined. One issue is that the audio portion will be via phone, so the viewing party will need a speaker phone with good projection capabilities.

National Voter. Also due to the economy, the *National Voter* has been temporarily suspended. In the meantime, do check www.lwv.org for bountiful information on League national priorities: Global Climate Change, Health Care, Election Reform and D.C. Voting Rights – which just happen to be our priorities.

National Health Care. While health care reform is under way in Utah, it's likely in the view of experts such as Judi Hillman that comprehensive reform will happen at the national level first. Most recently, LWVUS President Mary Wilson told our representatives in Congress that "...the League believes that quality, affordable health care should be available to all U.S. residents. Other U.S. health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services, efficient and economical delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology, and a reasonable total national expenditure level for health care. Furthermore, the League believes that all Americans should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health), acute care, long-term care and mental health care. "Through decades of work in their communities, League members have learned that Americans believe that fairness and responsibility, as well as access, are important values for any health care system. We believe that healthcare reform can only succeed if it takes all these values into account."

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Report from Washington on Global Warming Ready or Not?

I have just returned from a conference in Washington, D.C. entitled *Ready or Not? A Conference on Issues and Solutions for Adapting to Climate Change*. The League of Women Voters of the US, OXFAM, and the National Wildlife Federation are among the long list of sponsors, which also includes many church groups and nonprofits directly concerned with the effects of global warming on the poor both in this country and around the world. The LWV of Salt Lake was asked to send a delegate rather at the last minute because our Congressman Jim Matheson is on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The subcommittee and then the full committee are in the process of developing the American Clean Energy and Security Act, sometimes called Markey-Waxman bill after the senate and house sponsors.

Useful Climate Change Info

Did you know that the EPA has a climate change website with useful information, including a Kids Page?

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/>

From the newspaper, emails, blogs, etc. you have no doubt heard that there is concern about how Representative Matheson might vote on this bill and/or how he might work to change it from its original form. And this is the week for “mark-up” of the bill in the subcommittee. If that term sounds a bit like editing a report, that is not too far from the truth; however, keep in mind that a major part of editing can be cutting things out or making major changes to content.

The LWVUS and other sponsors of the *Ready or Not Conference* support the original bill and intended that the conference would facilitate lobbying critical committee members. To this end, I and Christina Vamvas, the LWVUS grassroots lobbyist visited Matheson’s office. Here I should point out that the representative is concerned about global warming and wants to see a bill passed. He, however, wants to spend more time working on specifics of the bill that he feels uneasy about. The LWVUS and others are equally concerned that a bill that comes through the process with too many changes will not be the climate change legislation we want. This, of course, makes for a difficult conversation, but then that is what the legislative process (and politics) is all about.

If you want more specifics about the bill go to www.lwv.org – click on *Join Us in Urging Action Against Climate Change*. There is a lot of information there. You will notice that the LWVUS is placing emphasis on *International Adaption to Climate Change* and therefore is asking Congress to include funding for aid to the communities in third world countries that are suffering most from the changes that are already upon them. This was a major theme of the *Ready or Not Conference*.

It seems that although the large countries of the world are the ones who are mainly responsible for global warming, it is the small communities which can best confront the climate changes that are occurring even now. Money should go to on-the-ground projects initiated and carried out by local communities. There may be some need for large programs and infrastructure projects but we should question if that is the best investment in the long run.

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Hinckley Forums

The University of Utah's Hinckley Institute of Politics offers ongoing forums on topics of political and social interest. Please visit their website:

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

Local Program Making LWV Salt Lake General Meeting — May 11

What another meeting on program making? Yes, on May 11. This meeting, which occurs every year, focuses on the program for the Salt Lake League for 2009-2010. We brainstorm about local issues in Salt Lake County—i.e., planning and zoning, transparency for local governments, education policies for the five Salt County school districts (Salt Lake City, Murray City, Jordan, the Canyons and Granite), county and city property taxation, housing issues, police and fire issues, mental health issues, library policies, county/city green issues, etc. This does not mean that the Salt Lake League must exclude state and national issues from its discussions next year, but only the Salt Lake League studies, reaches positions, and acts on Salt Lake County issues.

So, bring your knowledge, passion and curiosity and join us to brainstorm about what local issues should be on the Salt Lake League program next year. .

To get started, please check out the current program for 2008-2009 included in this *Voter* so you can see what we have been doing lately. Note that ***Starred italicized items in bold were new for this year, and program items that were completed this year are in [brackets].**

This general meeting is in place of unit meetings this month. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Girl Scout Headquarters, 445 East 4500 South. We'll have light refreshments before we brainstorm.

FYI – We will meet in a different room than usual. Folks should come in the front door and to the second floor – we'll post signs so that it's clear where to come.

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Speaking of Program. . . Are Initiative Petitions Part of the League's Future?

Many citizens were interested when Governor Jon Huntsman announced the formation of a Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy this winter with the charge to study ethics laws (gifts, conflict-of-interest laws and an independent ethics commission), campaign finance laws, redistricting laws and procedures, lobbying regulations (disclosure and revolving door issues) and elections (the caucus and convention nominating system, open or closed primary elections, voter registration laws, and voting system options). The day before the commission's April 16 meeting, the Governor withdrew his charge to study ethics and redistricting laws from the commission's list, at the request of House Speaker David Clark, who said

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Local Meetings Unmasked

If you are a member of the League's Observer Corps, or if you are just interested in visiting a local government meeting, Kathryn Fitzgerald has compiled a list, with dates, times and websites, which is available on the Salt Lake web page:
<http://lwwutah.org/saltlakecounty.html>



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that under the Utah Constitution ethics and redistricting are the responsibility of the legislature.

Those members who attended the April unit meetings know that the League of Women Voters of Utah has been included in groups considering two initiative petition drives to put a non-partisan redistricting commission and a non-partisan ethics commission for state offices on the ballot in 2010. Both groups think that this may be the only way to get these laws or some reform enacted into Utah law.

At press time neither group has formalized its petition. The redistricting initiative group Fair Boundaries (at www.fairboundaries.org) will present a workshop on their drive at the League's State Convention on May 16. David Irvine, who is drafting the ethics commission initiative, will speak to the convention at lunch on May 16.

Using initiative petitions to enact law is a rigorous process, made more difficult by the legislature a few years ago. To put the proposed law on the ballot requires 90,000 signatures (10 percent of the total votes cast for governor in 2008). This includes 10 percent of the votes cast for governor within each of 26 (out of the 29) Utah Senate districts. Most of us remember the work required to put vouchers on the ballot in 2007, and many worked on an earlier failed initiative petition drive to ban guns from schools.

The next meeting of the governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy will be in Salt Lake on Thursday, May 21, from 3-5:30 p.m. Place to be announced. See <http://www.strengthenedemocracy.org/meetings/>

In Memoriam

The League maintains a Memorial/Celebration Fund to honor our members. Family members will be informed about contributions to the fund, which go to long-term projects that reflect the goals of the League.

For your convenience, you may always donate online at:
www.lwvutah.org

Not Forgotten

Many of us have fond memories of Salt Lake League members we have recently lost.

Peggy Shaw was a native of Logan and a member of the League since the 1950s. In fact just two months ago she became eligible to be enrolled with the national League as a 50-year honorary member. She received a degree in Chemistry at Utah State University. She and her husband Roy traveled the world. They visited over two dozen countries and lived in Peru and the Phillipines. Peggy was proud to serve on both the Salt Lake City and Utah State boards of this organization and we especially benefited from her skills and judgment as treasurer. She continued to contribute to the League financially after retirement, and her work inspired her niece, attorney Joyce Maughan, to join us as well.

Dottie Bintz was born in New Jersey then spent part of her childhood in China, where her father was a diplomat for the United States, before returning to Trenton. She attended Cornell University and met her future husband Tom Bintz. He was from Salt Lake City, where they subsequently made their home. She was an accomplished diving and tennis champion, co-authored "Baby Love," an educational comic book about infant care, sang with the Junior League Choraleers, Utah Symphony Chorus, Jay Welch Chorale, and Oratorio Society, and participated in many other civic and community groups. We especially appreciated Dottie and Tom's enlivening League unit discussions with their wry sense of humor and conservative perspective. Tom can be reached at 2550 Elizabeth #8, SLC, 848106, (801-466-6262.)

Natalie Mallinckrodt was honored at the 2003 League Fall Fete as a Founding Mother of the Salt Lake League. She moved to Salt Lake over 60 years ago from New York and saw a need for the type of voter education for which the League was known in other cities. Together with Peggy Kistler and other friends, she wrote to the national League for assistance in organizing, and helping to lay the groundwork for the Salt Lake League. Natalie was no stranger to public and political service. With a master's degree from Columbia University in political science and history, she was well equipped to jump into action on behalf of the League and others. One of her causes was an effort to establish guidelines for competent day care. She also became involved with the Salt Lake County Detention Home. She worked to raise money for the Detention Home to provide educational opportunities for the boys there and for the girls at the Utah Youth Village. Natalie was active in League until her death in October last year. Her daughter, Natalie Mallinckrodt, can be reached at 15 Park Way, Piedmont CA, 94611.



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2009 LWVUT State Convention
Registration Form and Info

An invitation to Members of the League of Women Voters of Utah -
Convention is an opportunity to network, learn, and determine study, action, budget and leaders for 2009-92011

Please join us!

RSVP Tuesday May 12!

Friday May 15th (4:00 PM to 8:30 PM)
Saturday May 16th (8:30 AM to 3:00 PM)
Red Lion Hotel
161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City UT 84101 801-521-7373

ON FRIDAY

4:00 Session I
Presidents' Report, Budget and Program
6:00 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner (Guests Welcome!)
Guest Speaker: Paul Rolly, Salt Lake Tribune
Understanding the Legislature

ON SATURDAY (8:30 AM to 3:00 PM)

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Session II Workshops
9:00 - 9:50 Fair Boundaries - Initiative to Redistrict Utah Election District Boundaries
10:00 - 10:50 Election Equipment Integrity - Protecting the Right to Vote
11:00 - 11:50 Adapting to Climate Change - Steps we can take
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Guest Speaker: David Irvine
Ethics in Government- Taking the Initiative
1:30 - 3:00 Session III Approve 2009 Program and Budget and Elect Officers

If you have not already done so

Please make your reservation by Tuesday May 12

By phone at 801-272-8683 or email at lwvut@xmission.com Checks made out to League of Women Voters can be paid when you arrive. Please fill out this form and bring it with you, too.

OR on line Register and Pay by credit card at www.lwvutah.org/donations.aspx (or choose Donations from LWV Home Page)

Registration \$68 Registration for Friday and Saturday (dinner, continental breakfast, lunch and materials)
\$38 Registration for Saturday only
Friday dinner \$32 per guest Saturday lunch \$21 per guest
Overnight Room Reservations are available for \$89 at the Red Lion - call them at 801-521-7373

Your name Your Local League?

Address

Phone Email address

I plan to attend : ()Friday and Saturday (cost \$68) ()Saturday only (cost \$38)
I will bring ()Friday dinner guests @\$32.00 each
()Saturday lunch guests @\$21.00 each

Directions: From I-15, take 600 South St. exit. 600 So. one-way running east. Red Lion is on south side of the street, so approach from west.

LWV-Salt Lake Program 2008-2009 (*Starred italicized in bold were new as of 06-09-08) [Updates in brackets]

1. Action to expand voter service

	P	Expand League use of electronic voter service tools	Education
	P	Partner with Community Councils and other civic organizations on voter service and education *especially in low turnout districts	Election Issues Registration Debates
	P	Work on voter service in Democracy Store [done annually at Main SLC Library]	
	P	Have a forum or study of security of voting machines [LWVUT workshop at UT Convention]	
	P	Find a way to get more younger voters to the polls [was part of 2008 voter service]	
	+	Encourage League members to serve as poll workers [done every election]	

2. Action to improve city and county government

	P	Monitor county government issues and procedures regularly	Forms
	P	Monitor County Council Committee of the Whole [under way]	Functions Finances
	P	Study how Salt Lake County spends its sales tax revenue (Scope to include distribution of funds and an overview of legislation proposed for Cache County in 2007 as it might apply to Salt Lake County)	

3. Action to achieve more effective planning in the Salt Lake area

	P	Continue to monitor regional growth planning	Metropolitan
	P	Partner with other organizations on planning issues	Foothill Canyon
	P	Monitor current updating of the 1994 Salt Lake County Master Plan	

4. Action to protect and improve environmental quality

	P	Monitor and protect wildlife habitat and wetlands	Flood Control
	P	Continued study and action on the effect of population size and growth on the natural environment and the quality of human life	Sewage Treatment Water Supply Air Quality Hazardous Material
	P	Education and action on canyon issues	Recycling
	P	Study effects of drought and increasing xeriscaping	*Nuclear Waste
	P	Education on watershed issues	
	P	Field trip to Energy Solutions [done?]	
	P	*Action on energy alternatives *Tour of a recycling plant and update where to recycle *Unit meeting on alternative energy [done with study October 2008]	

5. Action to achieve effective public transportation

	P	Education and action on planning for transportation needs	Planning
	P	Support tax increase for TRAX expansion * Mass Transit general meeting with speakers [done September in Ogden]	Financing Management

6. Action to achieve equal rights for all and to combat discrimination and poverty

	P	Monitor welfare reform and access to quality affordable child care	Employment
	P	Education on access to health care, including mental health	Child Care Education Housing
	P	Update on low-income housing in Salt Lake County	
	P	Discuss the effect of minimum wage laws	
	P	Participate in Sunshine Week with a project on Safeguarding Democracy [done March] * Affordable Housing general meeting	

7. Action to achieve excellence in education for Salt Lake County Schools

	P	Education on Salt Lake County charter schools status and followup on home school accountability and voucher programs	
	P	Investigate No Child Left Behind effect on minority students *Study education reform initiatives; class size and differentiated pay	

8. Action to improve community mental health services in Salt Lake County

	P	LWV Utah to advocate for mental health insurance parity	Increased Funding Public Awareness
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Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow

The *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a broadly supported public vision for the future of Salt Lake County’s major Wasatch Canyons: City Creek, Emigration, Red Butte, Parley’s, Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood. The vision will form the basis of an overdue revision of the Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons Master Plan (adopted in 1989) and include principles, best practices and tools to guide future management policies. The *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* process seeks to explore management alternatives and to educate the public on growth impacts on the canyons and watersheds. Likely issues include watershed protection and water quality, transportation, recreation and public access, natural resource management, land-use regulations, and public safety and hazards.

The State of Utah, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, and the U.S. Forest Service are jointly sponsoring this process, and Envision Utah is facilitating it. The public will be able to voice their preferences for the canyons’ futures through workshops, open houses, and on-line surveys.

With the doubling of county’s population in the next 30 years, *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* will strive to ensure the long-term health of these treasured canyons, balancing land-use, transportation, and environmental concerns.

Kick-Off Event (May 7th)

On May 7th, a kick-off event will take place at City Creek at 11:00 a.m. Governor Jon Huntsman, Mayor Peter Corroon, Mayor Ralph Becker, and Brian Ferebee, Forest Supervisor, will explain their support of this process and the importance of the Wasatch Canyons to our region.

Workshops (May 12th, 13th and 14th)

Educational workshops will inform the public about canyon issues and stimulate informed participation in the process. Interactive keypad polling gauges reaction to planning strategies in real time; participants will anonymously vote on survey questions. **Workshops will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

May 12th	Alta High School Media Center 11055 S. Hawk Highway (1000 East) (Sandy)	Hunter High School Cafeteria 4200 South 5600 West (West Valley City)
May 13th	Skyline High School Cafeteria 3251 East 3760 South (Mill Creek)	Sandy City Multi-Purpose Room (2 nd floor) 10000 Centennial Parkway (Sandy)
May 14th	Westminster College Gore Concert Hall 1840 South 1300 East (Salt Lake City)	West Jordan High School Cafeteria 8136 South 2700 West (West Jordan)

To RSVP, contact canyons@envisionutah.org.

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GENERAL MEETING

May 11

Program Making

5:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Headquarters

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Utah Convention

May 15, 4-8:30 pm.; 6:30 dinner

May -16 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Red Lion in downtown Salt Lake City.