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**November 2008**

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

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Whatever will we do with our time and thoughts for the next 4 years? How about putting our energy (or at least some of it) into EARLY VOTER EDUCATION? The VOTE18 program, directed at high school students, can be replicated at any time and doesn't take hours and hours of preparation. If we can get sophomores and juniors thinking about their place in the world after graduation, perhaps the next generation will educate their peers, parents and even their own children. More about this in another month or so.

Our tireless State President, Alice Steiner, has been especially busy helping unregistered voters become informed and registered. Reaching those in areas with low voter turnout is a goal for leagues at the national, state and local levels. In Utah, we've been contacting people through the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce, African-American churches and other organizations.

Problem: We ran out of registration forms. Requests to the Lieutenant Governor Gary Herbert, brought the response that they weren't going to print any more this year. This was in early September. Thanks to other groups, we received a lot of forms but were still very short. Mr. Herbert told us he doesn't like mail-in registration/voting; it is legal however. We missed a lot of people and hope they took the initiative to register in person at the County Clerk's office before the election.

As the election heated up, ads and rhetoric became more distasteful. My daughter in Montana wrote to Senators McCain and Obama in addition to candidates in her state and city encouraging them to take the high road, becoming good examples for the younger voters and voters-to-be. Taking her lead, I made some calls too. If you and your friends and neighbors did the same, maybe we could have a grassroots "civility campaign." in the future.

Many thanks to everyone for their efforts at the Democracy Store, led by our energetic Phyllis Frankel. And thanks to those registering voters all over the county. Not enough room to name everyone, but three people come to mind: Mary Fogg, Marie Fulmer and Anne Zeigler. Your efforts are really important and very much appreciated. Our founders would be proud to know their work and suffering wasn't in vain.

*Joyce Barnes*, Co-President

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## Local Government Observation News: New Member Alert

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**New members: If you are looking for a way to become more involved with League's activities, consider observing your local government in action! It takes just two hours a month, and all you have to do is watch and take notes. If you're interested, contact Kathryn Fitzgerald: [Kathryn.fitzgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryn.fitzgerald@yahoo.com) or 521-5790.**

Members of the Local Government Observers Corps attended Salt Lake County Council, Salt Lake City Council and Salt Lake Planning Commission meetings in September. Here are some brief notes:

#### **Salt Lake City Council Working Session, Tuesday, Sept 9**

The City Council heard reports on several interesting topics:

**Art in Transit:** the program to enhance each TRAX and Frontrunner stop with distinctive art forms that represent the character of the stop. If you ride these trains, you have seen the intriguing results of this program so far. **The Good Landlord Program:** A program seemingly intended to teach landlords how to screen applicants and legally and quickly get rid of undesirable tenants. Promoted as a way of protecting neighborhoods, it raised flags for some council members who questioned its possible abuse.

**Tracy Aviary** representatives explained that the bond issue on November's ballot is necessary to make improvements to regain their American Zoo Association accreditation.

#### **Salt Lake County Council Official Meeting, Tuesday, September 16**

Typical of most County Council official meetings, this session met for 15 minutes to officially **pass routine business and to make proclamations**. September was declared "Go Healthy Month." We have learned that the real meat gets chewed at the Meeting of the Whole meetings, which take place on Tuesdays before the official meeting, are open to the public, and can begin at any time from 9:30 a.m. on, depending on the amount of business on the agenda.

#### **Salt Lake County Council Meeting of the Whole, Tuesday, September 30**

There was an interesting discussion in response to a question brought up in the press: **Should the Hogle Zoo be used as a polling place** since it would be the direct beneficiary of a "yes" vote on one of the ballot issues. The Council and audience learned a lot from County Clerk Sherrie Swenson about the difficulties of finding enough suitable polling places for a major election: polling places must have adequate parking; van parking for the handicapped; a ramp to the door that conforms to handicapped standards; enough interior space for voting machines, tables and lines; the cooperation of the owner; and must be within a mile of everyone in the district. No wonder locating buildings is a problem! Ms. Swenson promised to keep looking for a place other than the zoo; the council agreed that if no place else could be found, the zoo would do.

#### **Salt Lake Planning Commission Wednesday, September 24**

The planning commission heard reports from members who had visited Portland, Seattle and Vancouver to study their **street car systems**. They also received an update on an

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**Please consider your audience!**

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ongoing study of a major **overhaul of zoning districts**, with discussion of mixed use, conditional use, and historical and landmark designations. The Commission will continue to be updated on this study.

Zoning requirements for **group homes** for drug rehabilitation and well as for people with mental and physical handicaps were also discussed.

**Salt Lake County Council Meeting of the Whole, Tuesday, October 7 (first 2 hours)**

There was a long discussion about the **upcoming budget** from the Mayor and how much the council might do about contingency planning prior to seeing the mayor's proposed budget. They finally decided to ASK. There was a long discussion of the **tax money receipts to the County for 2008 vs. 2007**. As you'd expect, receipts are down as much as 16% in some categories. There was a discussion about the **"batch" plant that has been erected along Wasatch Blvd** across the street from the Key Bank at Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Concerns are about noise, idling truck emissions, and particle emissions, including heavy metals, from the plant that pose health risks to surrounding residents. Residents within one mile are most at risk. Citizens were never consulted nor warned about the erection of this plant. The **community councils** of areas involved jumped into action when the building became physically apparent; two representatives from that body were present and reported that they have been pleased with concessions achieved after the fact. However, they also have now gone on record with several other sites which could have served equally well and would not have impacted Elementary schools and nearby dwellings.

*Kathy Fitzgerald*, Chair Local Government

**VOTE 18**

Vote 18 is an interactive civics role-playing program for high school juniors and seniors about how the people in this country got the vote and died for it. Nancy Cooper has been the coordinator and first heard of it at National Convention this year in Portland, Oregon. She arranged for Kristen Bolini, from Arizona, to come to Utah to present Vote 18 in our high schools. Nancy and Anne Zeigler presented it to two Brighton High School civics classes and it was exciting to watch. She then went to Davis High School for three classes and one in Utah County.

Three classes at Skyline High School were conducted by Sue Lind and Nancy Cooper. It has proven to be a most successful program with our local high schools. If anyone is interested, please go to [www.VOTE18.org](http://www.VOTE18.org). There is a lesson plan right on their website. Their objectives are:

- ◆ Teach students the history of voting in the US
- ◆ Demonstrate to students the economic value of their vote
- ◆ Promote discussion of current events
- ◆ Teach students how to fill out a voter registration form
- ◆ Promote civic participation

*Anne Zeigler*, V. P. Organization

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**Voter Service – 2008**

The Voter Service Tasks that were planned for this year have been accomplished with an encouraging number of young men and women registering for the first time. With the assistance of many members, including Marie Fulmer who stepped in to assist me, we fulfilled our obligations to register voters in large corporations and many smaller businesses and agencies in the area. We were able to provide registration forms as well as to share basic information to assist voters to learn more about the candidates. It has been a positive experience for all of us.

Kathy Dorn with the help of other members, made sure that voter information was provided for seniors who reside in private facilities. Anne Ziegler assisted staff and students at Westminster College and other educational sites with the opportunity to register. Efforts to provide information on Vote by Mail were also successful for those who are not able to wait in long lines as well for many in the work place for whom getting to the polls is difficult.

On Monday, September 13 the Democracy Store at the Downtown Library opened under the direction of Phyllis Frankel and Sharon Walkington. Again, many members of the League and of the American Association of University Women helped to “man the store”.

On October 25, several of our members participated in a Saturday workshop for high school educators from our local school districts as well as districts in the surrounding counties. At this event we demonstrate the use of the League’s Voter Guide as well as an instructional program titled “Vote 18” designed to motivate students to register when they turn 18. The 2008 election process will be another one for us to remember with a great deal of pride in the efforts of so many members and friends working together.

*Mary Fogg*, Co-Chair Voter Service

**FIGHTING COAL**

**Is the League “out of its league” in calling  
for a ten year moratorium on coal-fired plants?**

The American Coal Council thinks so. Their Chief Executive Officer, Janet Gellici, responded to our August 22<sup>nd</sup>, *Salt Lake Tribune* Public Forum letter, stating “the LWV is out of its league.” Ms. Gellici claims our population growth (365 million by 2030) and our Gross Domestic Product increase of 82% by 2030 will demand such energy consumption that only coal can meet U.S. electricity needs in a timely, reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean manner.

The U.S. League of Women Voters’ announcement for a ten year moratorium on coal-fired power plants was a particularly bold one. They would not have done it without extensive and thorough research on the issue of climate change and coal’s contribution to it. The national League task force did its homework, issuing answers to 17 anticipated questions. So what is it about coal that warrants suspension of all new plants? The excess of CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere comes from burning fossil fuels. Coal produces more CO<sub>2</sub> per million BTUs of energy than burning oil or gas. In the U.S., coal-fired power plants contribute 33% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

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An equally compelling reason for suspending all of the 150 plants that were recently on the drawing boards is that power plants have a lifetime of 50 years or more. Building new conventional coal-fired plants today “will commit us to decades of unnecessary carbon emissions and foreclose the possibility of preventing dangerous global warming” (LWVUS/FAQ on 10-Year Moratorium on New Coal-Fired Electric Power Plants)

The League also refutes King Coal’s claim, that only coal can meet future electricity demands, by citing California’s experience. California has been able to keep per capita energy consumption essentially constant for three decades while enjoying a growing economy, through everyday examples of energy conservation and efficiency. Four other avenues the LWV suggests for meeting demand without new coal are: increased efficiency of individual power plants, whether they use fossil fuel or renewable energy sources; decreased line losses during the transmission of electricity; integrated combined heat and power (CHP) systems into conventional power plants to capture the excess heat created when electricity is generated and then used to heat commercial and residential buildings; and a switch to less carbon intensive, or, even better, non-carbon energy sources for electricity generation, especially wind and solar power (LWVUS/FAQ: Q & A #4 ).

The document issued by the Task Force is replete with other arguments to refute Ms. Gellici’s claim that the League is wrong on this issue. For example, their answer to “Won’t a moratorium merely keep all the nation’s old, highly polluting power plants in place?” is: a moratorium will not immediately affect existing plants; the specter of stricter air pollution regulations, carbon taxes, and *shifting subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables can make old coal plants uneconomical enough to shut them down*. What an innovative direction for the country to take!

We should invite King Coal’s spokesperson, Janet Gellici, to join the League of Women Voters. We know what we’re talking about.

*Ann Wechsler*, Co-Chair Natural Resources

For support information: go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) - on the Home Page, place cursor over ‘Take Action’ in the blue horizontal stripe; click “Global Climate Change” from the dropdown list; look for Press Release with title “Moratorium on Coal-fired Power Plants.”

**THE HISTORY OF LEAGUE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES  
from LWV Chicago, Shared by Gigi Brandt**

A brief history of LWVEF (Education Fund) sponsorship of presidential debates and related subjects written by Eleanor Revelle when she was on the national board.

**LWVEF-SPONSORED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES**

The LWVEF sponsored presidential debates in 1976, 1980 and 1984. The LWVEF also sponsored presidential primary debates in 1988 and 1992

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**INTRODUCE  
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MEMBERS:**

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Some of these new members were announced in an earlier *VOTER*; their biographical information has recently become available.

**WELCOME!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**JEAN HILL** – 1460 Meadowmoor Circle, Holladay, UT 84117, 274-2074

Jean is a candidate for Attorney General. A native of Salt Lake, she is an attorney for the State Board of Education. One of her tasks in this position is to prosecute educators for misconduct. She would like to see these same ethical standards imposed on the legislators and the Attorney General's office. In her leisure time Jean enjoys reading, tennis and golf.

**TOM MARKUS** -48 W. 300 S., SLC, UT 84101, 531-9242, [tom.markus@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.markus@yahoo.com)

Tom is retired from the Theater Department at the University of Utah. Before joining the University faculty 20 years ago, he taught at a number of places – Yale, Univ of CA, Florida State, Flinders in Australia and City University of New York – to name a few. He is also a professional Theater Director and Actor. He co-authored *The Cairo Diaries* with his wife, Linda Sarver. Tom enjoys travel and reading both fiction and non-fiction.

**LINDA SARVER** – 48 W. 300 S., SLC, UT 84101, 531-9242

Linda moved here from Tallahassee where she was the head of Costume Design at Florida State. She is retired from the University of Utah Theater Dept where she taught Introduction to Visual Arts Theater. With her husband, Tom Markus, she co-authored *The Cairo Diaries* – a book describing their two years in Cairo. At present Linda is working on a scholarly project about late 16<sup>th</sup> Century costumes. She also does Costume Design for various professional theaters across the country. In addition to writing, Linda enjoys reading, cooking and Egyptology.

**DAN MAYHEW** – 974 E. Belmont Ave, SLC, UT 84105, 359-8238, [dmayhew@comcast.net](mailto:dmayhew@comcast.net)

Dan moved to Salt Lake from the Midwest in 1980 to work for the Department of Veterans Administration in Education. Since retiring last February, he has been able to devote more time to his special interests which include biking, running, politics and the environment. He is the new Chair of the Legislative Issues Committee of the Sierra Club. Dan is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys running and biking.

**JENNIFER MAYHEW** – Jennifer Mayhew, 974 E. Belmont Ave, SLC, UT 84105, 359-8238

Jennifer grew up in Casper Wyoming and came to Utah in 1978 to attend the Univ. of Utah. She took a degree in Advertising and Public Relations and then went to work for KZAN. Since that time she has worked for several Public Relations firms. She is currently Director of Corporate Events for CHG, a health care services corporation. She runs and bike with her husband Dan, exercising their 3 Golden Retrievers and she also enjoys reading, politics and movies.

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**MAXINE DURST** – 48 W. 300 S., SLC, UT 84101, 363-1490,  
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Maxine grew up in Yonkers, New York. Early on she realized she loved travel and she went to work for American Airlines. She started out in reservations and ended up as the Manager of Frequent Flyer Programs. Maxine moved to Salt Lake from Texas three years ago and now works in software systems development of frequent flyer programs for local carriers. She still loves travel which she can manage frequently with her flight benefits. She also enjoys movies and politics.

**BARBARA DURST** – 48 W. 300 S., SLC, UT 84101, 363-1490,  
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Barbara graduated from Hunter College with a degree in Political Science. She worked for the Hudson River Valley Commission as an Urban Planner. After that stint she worked for the City of New York in the Office of Special Improvement, working with rent control properties. In Texas she directed the Ft Worth Neighborhood Housing Program. Since moving to Salt Lake with her sister Maxine 3 years ago, Barbara has been a docent for the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. She enjoys travel, needlepoint and volunteering for community projects.

**MILLIE PETERSON** – 7131 W. 3800 S., SLC, UT 84128, 250-5944

Millie has a BA in Sociology and a Masters in Social Work. She worked at the University Hospital for ten years and then served as the Director of Admissions for the Medical School for 19 years. She also worked at Valley Mental Health but retired this past December. In 1990 she began her 12 year stint as a State Senator. For 4 of these years Millie was the only woman in the Senate. She is going to run again in 2 years. Millie enjoys quality time with her family and she loves to read.

**REBECCA CHAVEZ-HOUCK** – 643 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, SLC, UT 84103, 891-9292

Rebecca is a legislator representing District 24. She is a Utah native and holds a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Utah. Her experience in non-profit public relations and marketing over the past 24 years includes positions with Centro de la Familia de Utah, Utah Public Employees Association, Girl Scouts of Utah, Gal Gardiner Public Relations and Utah Museum of Natural History. She began her career as a reporter/photographer for the Uinta County Herald in Evanston Wyoming. She also volunteers for many non-profit groups including Intermountain Healthcare, YWCA, KRCL, Planned Parenthood, UT State Democratic Party and United Way.

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

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**Ari Benowitz,  
CEO**

**Salt Lake was one of the finalists for a site for League debates in 1988.**

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**In 1980**, the LWVEF adopted candidate participation criteria designed to meet Federal Election Commission (FEC) regulations. The three basic criteria were:

- ◆ Constitutional eligibility
- ◆ Ballot accessibility (i.e., on the ballot in a sufficient number of states to have a mathematical possibility of winning a majority of Electoral College votes)
- ◆ Demonstrated significant voter support and interest (e.g. nomination by a major political party as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act - or 15% voter support as determined by selected nationwide public opinion polls)

John Anderson initially met the three criteria and took part in the first debate, with Ronald Reagan. (Jimmy Carter declined to participate.) He later fell below the 15% support level, and the second debate featured Reagan and Carter.

**In 1984**, the LWVEF made a number of changes. First, the LWVEF stated its intention to sponsor one presidential debate to which only the nominees of the two major parties would be invited. Second, the indicators to be used to show "significant voter support and interest" for additional debates were changed. Instead of requiring a 15% polling result, significance would be assessed by considering a number of factors, including:

- ◆ active campaigning in a number of states
- ◆ substantial recognition by the national media that a candidate merits serious national media attention
- ◆ such other factors that, in the LWVEF's good faith judgment, would provide evidence of nationwide voter interest, such as national voter poll results.

Using these standards, the LWVEF sponsored three presidential debates (between Reagan and Mondale) and one vice-presidential debate (between Bush and Ferraro).

#### **THE COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES**

In 1988, the LWVEF again set out to sponsor presidential debates and adopted candidate participation criteria similar to those used in 1984.

Nancy Neuman describes what happened next in her book, *The League of Women Voters: In Perspective 1920-1995*: After the 1984 election, the chairs of the Democratic and Republican national committees announced that the parties, not the LWVEF, would sponsor the 1988 presidential debates. In 1987, they created the Commission on Presidential Debates. From 1985 through 1988, the LWVEF challenged political party debates sponsorship, resulting in broad editorial and public support. The LWVEF argued that voters deserved to see the candidates side by side in nonpartisan debates that were not controlled by the campaigns. The parties claimed that only they could institutionalize debates and eliminate the quadrennial debate about the debates.

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"Both the LWVEF and the commission submitted debate proposals to the campaigns in 1988; the campaigns chose the LWVEF as sponsor of the final debate. But they also presented the LWVEF with "take it or leave it" rules designed to protect the candidates and mislead the voters. For example, the rules specified ultimate campaign control of press panelists and moderators, and prohibited follow-up questions and camera shots of the candidate not speaking. The LWVEF trustees voted to withdraw sponsorship, believing that the rules undermined the LWV's goal to educate voters and posed a potential threat to its nonpartisanship. As national president Nancy Neuman (1986-90) explained in a press conference, the LWV 'has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public.'"

The Commission sponsored three debates between the major-party candidates that year, Bush and Dukakis.

#### **LAWSUITS AGAINST THE LWVEF**

The LWVEF sponsored three presidential primary debates in 1988 - two between candidates for the Democratic nomination and a third between candidates for the Republican nomination - and one primary debate between candidates for the Democratic nomination in 1992. In both years, the LWVEF was sued by presidential candidate Dr. Lenora Fulani because the League did not invite her to participate in any of its debates.

In 1988, Dr. Fulani was an independent and minor party candidate, and the LWVEF declined to invite her to participate in its debates because she was not seeking either the Democratic or Republican nomination. The court held that a 501(c)(3) organization could hold a debate during the primary election season that is limited to legally qualified candidates for the nomination of a particular party.

In 1992, although Dr. Fulani had filed a declaration of candidacy for the New Hampshire Democratic primary, the LWVEF excluded her from the primary debate held there because she had not demonstrated that she was a "significant candidate." Both the circuit court and the court of appeals dismissed the case, holding that Fulani did not have standing to bring the suit.

The 1992 case was distinguished from the 1988 case because CNN was a co-sponsor in 1992 and, if the League had dropped its sponsorship, the debate would still have been held, and CNN would not have invited Fulani to participate. Therefore, Fulani could not claim, as she had in 1988, that the League's refusal to include her in the debate meant a loss of critical media exposure.

**WE WILL  
MEET IN A  
PRIVATE  
ROOM  
AT  
MARIE  
CALLENDER'S**

**November General Meeting  
“Utah Health System Reform”**

**Guest Speaker: Judi Hillman**

Instead of attending unit meetings this month, Salt Lake League members will meet for lunch on November 20 to talk about “Utah Health System Reform”, an October 2008 report from the Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP).

Project executive director and League member Judi Hillman will speak and lead a discussion of recommendations for health care reform made by more than 400 participants in teleconferences in 13 Utah communities. The conferences were convened by UHPP and United Way of Salt Lake to provide feedback to the legislature’s Health System Reform Task Force. Legislators are seeking input from 5 groups: Hospitals, Insurers, Practitioners, Businesses and the Community

Judi is one of ten Americans who recently received the prestigious Community Health Leaders Award for 2008 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for tackling health care problems in her community. She works tirelessly to improve health care for Utahns. Please join us:

**Thursday, November 20  
11:00 am—1:00 pm  
Guests Welcome!**

**Location: Marie Callender’s  
1109 East 3900 South**

(North across 3900 South from the St. Mark’s Hospital complex; at the corner of 1100 East)

**Choice of three entrees:  
Chicken Pot Pie**

**Salad with Chicken, Pecans, & Gorgonzola (etc.)**

**Classic French Dip with coleslaw**

**Price Includes: entrée, drink, dessert, tip & tax —\$17.80**

**Any Questions: Call Kathy Dorn, 277-0897**

The aim of the project is to make quality, cost-effective health care available to all. Recommendations for an insurance framework that addresses the three pillars of reform - access, cost and quality- include:

1. A shift in the insurance market toward community rating, requiring insurers to charge the same premiums to all community members regardless of health status and characteristics such as age or gender.
2. ...coupled with a requirement that individuals participate in coverage
3. ...provided the coverage is affordable, reflecting ability to pay, with details to be determined through an affordability study
4. A basic benefit package guided by medical evidence through a commission that includes clinical expertise and consumer representation.

The report is full of good information. You will receive the report or a link to it with your *Voter* and may find it useful to begin by reading the executive summary and glossary to get into insurance-speak.

*Sandy Peck*, LWVUT Executive Director



## HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Thursday, December 4  
5:30 p.m.

Place: Village III, Social Room  
1525 E. Vine Street (about 6200 South)

Bring: An Hors d'oeuvre or Dessert to share  
Wine to share, if you like

Friends & Family Welcome

Featured Speaker: Dan E. Jones, PhD  
Co-Owner of Dan Jones & Associates

Dan holds a PhD from the University of Utah in Political Science and has been involved in survey research since 1959. He has conducted numerous polls and surveys, and his track record for accuracy has been outstanding. Dr. Jones has an astute understanding of county and local government issues and policies and provides keen insight in questionnaire development.

Work at his company includes specialties in research design, statistics, questionnaire design, fieldwork, focus group moderating and recruiting, data file management and data analysis. Pat Jones (State Senator) is Co-Owner and Focus Group Moderator.

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- ◆ Health care organizations
- ◆ Major television stations and newspapers
- ◆ Public utilities
- ◆ Advertising and PR firms
- ◆ State and district boards of education



Contact League Office if you have questions.  
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**General Meeting**

**November Topic: Utah Health System Reform**

We will have a general meeting instead of unit meetings this month.

**Thursday, November 20**

**11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Guests Welcome!**

**Location: Marie Callender's**

**1109 East 3900 South**

(North across 3900 South from the St. Mark's Hospital complex; at the corner of 1100 East)

**Self-Hosted Lunch (details on page 10)**

**Speaker and Discussion Leader: Judi Hillman**

**Executive Director of Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP)**

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