



WATCHDOG

Fall – 2016-2017

Message From the President

The summer vacation time is coming to an end. Your board met and has planned a great year for the Weber County League. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the program that we are presenting for this year. My elderly mother has recently moved in with me, and I have learned how quickly life can change – for both of us. One of the major things that keep people “young” is to keep active and involved. While her physical body has betrayed her, the lifestyle she choose for herself has helped her mind continue to work – far past what doctors expected. I challenge all of you to keep involved in issues and the community. The board hopefully has put together a program that will interest and engage all of you.

September is going to be busy as usual. September 12 will be a meeting on Air Quality with Marion Horna as the speaker at the new Roy Library at 7:00 p.m. This is a very viable topic and should be interesting. Please come with questions. On September 14, the Olene Walker Institute is presenting a Keynote address on Voting Rights at 11:30 a.m. in the Wildcat Theatre at Weber State University. This will be followed by “Rock the Vote” on September 16 at the Ogden Amphitheatre at 6:00 p.m. There will be music and fun for all. We will move to Alleged after the activity for a little socialization. September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mike Vaughan will lead a meeting on Intergenerational Poverty, which is a topic that needs to be addressed. September 27 is National Voter Registration Day, and Leah Murray will organize voter registration activities. While this seems like a lot of meetings, they should prove to be very educational and interesting. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Weber League has remained very active over the summer registering voters. Margaret Rostkowski arranged to represent the League at many community events to register voters. We had a great response and many future voters were registered. I certainly appreciate the effort Margaret has put forth, and I am excited at the response. We will continue to offer this service and hope that everyone can help register out at least once. It is actually quite fun.

I hope to see you all very soon!

Join Us!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is time to begin thinking about renewing membership. Evelyn Bertilson will be gathering the \$45 at the meetings in September. You can also mail them to her at 1047 East 5675 South Ogden UT 84405. Please help us keep our membership high by taking care of this. Dues were raised for National, but we have not raised ours. Most of the money paid for dues goes for PMP to the state and national levels, so the quicker we get our dues taken care of, the faster we can meet these requirements.



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

The National Convention this year resulted in Chris Carson becoming the new National President. The convention also promoted the Campaign for Making Democracy Work theme. Delegates reinforced the League's commitment to continue our fight for the voters, combat climate change and protect the environment, promote gun safety, and expanded our position on health care to include access to behavioral health services.

MISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The purpose of our organization is:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



AIR QUALITY MEETING

We are sponsoring a meeting on Air Quality on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the new Roy Library. The speaker will be Marion Horna and questions are encouraged. Marion is the owner of a local consulting company and a member of the Air Quality Advisory Committee. The League's position on Air Quality is to "Support measures to reduce vehicular pollution, support regulations, and reduction of pollution from stationary sources." This is a very timely topic for our state. **BRING ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO WANTS CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE!**

VOTING RIGHTS AND ROCK THE VOTE

The Olene Walker Institute at Weber State University is sponsoring an event concerning Voter Rights on September 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Wildcat Theatre at WSU. This will be followed by "Rock the Vote" on September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogden Amphitheatre. Music and voting activities will be part of the celebration. A social will follow at Alleged on 25th Street. Both of these events will be informative and fun. Bring everyone and join the fun.





INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY

While this topic is uncomfortable for some people, the reality is that it is a real problem. We are sponsoring a meeting conducted by Mike Vaughan on September 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Vaughan is a Professor of Economics at Weber State and Director of WSU's Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about this very appropriate topic. We all need to be aware of how to break this cycle.

UTAH STUDIES

At the Utah Convention, there were two items approved that require consensus. The sexual violence informational study done last year was turned into a study with consensus making it possible for us to develop a position statement. A new study on Public Defense was approved and will be completed this year.



VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

The Weber League is participating in National Voter Registration Day again this year. Leah Murray organizes voter registration activities, and we always get a great result. Margaret Rostkowski has spent a great deal of time setting up registration drives at many community events such as National Night Out Against Crime and the Heritage Festival. Many members have volunteered to help out, and the response has been excellent. Many thanks to both of these people for their awesome efforts.

**2016 Northern Utah
Gang and Youth Violence Conference
“Collaborative Solutions to a Community Problem”
“It’s not just about law enforcement.”
Sponsored by the Ogden Metro Gang Unit**

October 5 & 6, 2016

The 2016 Northern Utah Gang and Youth Violence Conference offers topics designed to assist law enforcement, teachers, probation and parole, youth corrections, school administrators, and youth service providers involved in addressing gang and youth violence. This conference will highlight emerging trends with an emphasis on best practices from recognized professionals. This 2 day conference offers participants 16 hours of accredited training.

▣ **Be in the Know: Gateway Drugs, Opiates, and the World of Synthetics:** *Stephanie Siete-Arizona*. This session will cover a spectrum of the quickly changing and evolving drug trend. The session will discuss drug concentrates “dabbing”, marijuana edibles, the use of e-cigs for drug, new drug clothing lines along with drug, logos, terms and identifiers.

▣ **Colorado Marijuana Update: 2 years later:** *Kevin Wong- Rocky Mountain HIDTA*. This session will show the data that was collected over the last 2 years since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana. You will learn the actual numbers and be judge for yourself if legalizing marijuana is a good option for Utah.

▣ **Gangs 101:** *Detective Esekia “Skee” Afatasi- Salt Lake Area Gang Project*. Introduction to gangs. This class will cover basic identification, documentation, signs, symbols, colors, music, graffiti, unique Utah characteristics and much more. You will leave with the basic information needed to recognize potential gang membership and activity in your community.

▣ **Gangsta Girls:** *Kris Murphy- Salt Lake Area Gang Project*. Females play many different roles in gang culture. They face a unique set of challenges due to their gender and are often recruited to serve a specific purpose. While often flying under the radar, female gang members are just as devious as their male counterparts. However, being “down for the hood” doesn’t automatically grant them the same level of respect or privilege as the men in their gang. It is critical to understand these dynamics in order to provide effective prevention and intervention services for “Gangsta Girls”.

▣ **Northern Utah Gang Update:** *Ogden Metro Gang Task Force*. This session will go over what has happened over the last year in our own backyard. What gang trends the gang task force are seeing as well as what we foresee happening in the near future with gang trends.

▣ **ALERRT CRASE-Active Shooter Response for Civilians:** *Master Officer Travis Williams-Ogden City Police Department*. Law Enforcement is frequently requested by schools, businesses, and community members for presentations and directions on what to do if ever confronted by an active shooter event. This session is designed to build on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by ALERRT and will provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event.

▣ **How to Use Social Media in Investigations– (Law enforcement track):** *Mike Tosti, California.* This training session will inform officers on how to best use different social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Craigslist, etc.), in order to best facilitate your investigations.

• **Gang in the Prison- (Law Enforcement Track):** *Peter Walters, Utah State Prison.* This training session will go over what is happening at the Utah State Prison and how it may have a ripple effect on the streets on Utah.

▣ **Dealing with Gangster on the Street Level- (Law Enforcement Track):** *Ogden Metro Gang Unit.* This course is will go over best practices when dealing with gang members on the street. What happens when you come up on a scene that may be gang related and how to best interact with them. You will also learn when it is best to interact with gang members and when it is best to call the gang task force.

▣ And MORE!

Where will it be held? The conference will be held at the Ogden Megaplex Theatre, 2351 Kiesel Ave. Ogden, Utah. The conference will run from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. each day. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:00 A.M. Parking is free. For updates, conference registration, or information on this outstanding conference, call 801-629-8037 or e-mail dianalopez@ogdencity.com

Cost?

Conference registration fees are \$185.00. Late registration after September 21, 2016 will be \$220.00. Credit cards are preferred method of payment (through Eventbrite Link) . Checks are also accepted payable to Ogden City Police Department and mailed to the Ogden Police Dept. Attn: Diana Lopez, 2186 Lincoln Ave. Ogden, UT 84401; or email dianlopez@ogdencity.com. We will only be able to accept registrations that have payment included.

REGISTER TODAY

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**DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS
IN SEPTEMBER AND BRING FRIENDS!**

