



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GRAND COUNTY  
PRESIDENTS REPORT 2016-2017

Board Members-Barbara Hicks, President  
Darcey Brown-VP  
Cynthia Smith-Secretary  
Melissa Byrd-Treasurer  
Eve Tallman, Barb Lacy and Carey Dabney

During this past year we expanded our monthly programs to include topics that are relevant to our rural community. These included increasing the minimum wage in Grand County, a panel discussion about successful urban planning, the future of the Affordable Care Act, and an update to the Moab City Water Conservation master plan. We also held two consensus study groups-sexual violence and public defense in Utah, along with a program on how to become a more effective advocate and citizen.

In October we hosted our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Candidates Forum. It was the largest group of candidates ever invited (county and state) and the largest audience, estimated at 150 plus. Both local papers covered the event and it was rebroadcast on local TV.

We just wrapped up our only fundraiser for the year, a silent auction and "buy now" event, held the same evening as the first art walk of the year. It looks like it's going to be the second highest fundraiser in the history of our local league. We are very happy about that. The money will be used for the candidate's forum and our monthly educational programs.

Like many league chapters, we have seen our membership increase over the past few years. The board is working hard to create an expanded framework to communicate with and engage our members more effectively. Look for our new website coming soon and join Facebook to stay up to date on upcoming league programs and events.

The nominating committee has presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2017/2018 year to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>:

Barb Lacy and Darcey Brown-Co Presidents  
Eve Tallman-Secretary  
Barbara Hicks-Treasurer

We look forward to taking a summer recess during the months of June and July and then will be ready to tackle another election cycle and voter registration drive in the fall.

Sincerely submitted,  
Barbara Hicks President