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Annual Red Candle Tea Preview

Please remember that our annual Red Candle Tea will be held on Saturday December 21st at 11:00am at the Westminster Alumni House (see invitation below). As always we are hoping that you place this important meeting date on your December calendar to attend. Remember that this is a time to celebrate the success of AAUW in the mission of "Empowering Women Since 1881." Please bring with you any guest you feel might be interested in learning more about AAUW and the work of our branch especially those who may wish to become a member. This event is perfect to support persons becoming new members!



Also please make a note that this year the board has chosen for this event to be a donation opportunity to support the **CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER**. The Children's Learning Center is a component of the South Valley Sanctuary which is a 24 hour, 365 day facility for victims of domestic

violence. Victims can obtain housing and counseling services for up to 30 days. The South Valley Sanctuary recently opened a Children's Learning Center within the Sanctuary to continue to train and further the knowledge regarding trauma in children and families and aims to embrace and provide a trauma informed center. The Children's Learning Center staff advocates positive communication and cooperation with parents to provide a healthy, safe environment for the children. The South Valley Sanctuary has opened this "safe" children's learning space where positive learning and play can occur between mothers and their children during their stay. AAUW SLC board members will collect all items (see below) you bring to the Red Candle Tea and make sure they get to the South Valley Sanctuary for use by the children and their parents. As always we as board members thank you in advance for being so willing to help us in these kind of important community service undertaking.

The Children's Learning Center within the South Valley Sanctuary is in great need of: **Children's Learning Games, Children's Books in Spanish and/or English, and Interactive Learning Activities.**

The Red Candle Tea is your last chance to contribute to an AAUW program fund of your choice and give yourself and our branch credit for the calendar year of 2013. Maxine Haggerty will take your check and make sure it goes to AAUW by the end of December.

Make checks out to the following :

- ❖ Educational Opportunities Fund [AAUW Fellowships & Grants]
- ❖ Legal Advocacy Fund [Case Support, Travel Grants, Campus Outreach]
- ❖ AAUW Funds [Supports programs with the greatest needs]
- ❖ Eleanor Roosevelt Fund [Research Reports]
- ❖ Public Policy Fund [Government Relations, Civic Engagement, Field Organizing]
- ❖ Leadership Programs Fund [NCCWSL, Campus Action Projects, Elect Her]



January Programming Meeting

AAUW Salt Lake City Branch, AAUW Wasatch Branch, and The League of Women Voters join forces to bring you our Annual Legislative Panel on Saturday, January 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Please join us at the Girl Scouts of Utah, located at 445 East 4500 South, SLC. Guests are welcome!

Join us for an opportunity to ask your questions about issues that are important to you. Questions will be posed by the moderator from questions submitted from the audience. The Panel moderator is Sharon Walkington from the League of Women Voters. Sharon Walkington, a Salt Lake City native, graduated from the University of Utah with a major in history, political science and geography. She retired from Evans and Sutherland. Sharon also was a ballet dancer and teacher, and has co-authored a book on ballet. She now volunteers in fossil preparation at the Natural History Museum of Utah. A long-time member of League of Women Voters, she served twice as co-president of the Salt Lake League and as president of the Utah League.



Marie Poulson (D)
House District 46
Cottonwood Heights



Becky Edwards (R)
House District 20
North Salt Lake



Aaron Osmond (R)
Senate District 10
South Jordan



Karen Mayne (D)
Senate District 5
West Valley City
Granger, Kearns



Meeting With Honorable Jim Matheson

Due to the persistence and hard work of Dawn Dewitt, Public Policy Chair for the AAUW SLC Branch, a meeting was held with Representative Jim Matheson on December 6th at his Utah office in West Jordan. The purpose of the meeting was to thank him for his support as a co-sponsor of H.R. 377, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was introduced on January 23, 2013, by Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). In attendance from the Salt Lake City Branch were Dawn Dewitt, Maxine Haggerty, Louise Lochhead, Patricia Matthews, and Claire Turner. Sue Nissen from the AAUW Wasatch Branch also attended the meeting. Representative Matheson enthusiastically received this small contingent of Utah AAUW representatives who presented him with a letter of thanks. Representative Matheson was appreciative of the positive attention and eloquently answered all inquiries concerning his support of Paycheck Fairness Act.



At one point Maxine Haggerty asked Representative Matheson to give insight into what makes him different from other Utah legislative leaders in his willingness to go against the majority to support the Paycheck Fairness Act? With a big beautiful smile he stated, "Simply, it is the right thing to do!" He went on to state that his support of equal pay legislation could be related to the values he was brought up with and that he believes equality in pay in the workplace should be general practice in our country. While the Paycheck Fairness Act has the potential to close loopholes that have kept the Equal Pay Act of 1963 from fully protecting and advancing pay equality, Representative Matheson stated that legislative action on it would be difficult to get since the current gridlock of the highest governing bodies in our country is causing very little legislation to be passed. Among other things discussed at the meeting one important point made was that the Paycheck Fairness Act would require employers to show that pay disparity is truly related to job performance and requirements, not gender. It also has the possible

outcome to strengthen remedies for pay discrimination and prohibit retaliation against workers who disclose their wages to co-workers.

It was clear to all at this gathering with Representative Matheson that even after 50 years since President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, the fight is not over in establishing pay equity in the United States. Getting the Paycheck Fairness Act passed will need dedicated AAUW members continued efforts to push their legislative leaders to take action in the fight for pay equity in the United States.

Upcoming AAUW SLC, State, Regional Events

December 21, 2013 - Red Candle Tea

Westminster College Alumni House, 10:00 to 12:00

January 11, 2014 – Legislative Meeting

445 East 4500 South, 9:30 to 12:00

February 8, 2014 – Vagina Monologues

Westminster College, 7:30 p.m.

March 8, 2014 – Distinguished Woman's Luncheon

Cottonwood Country Club, 11:30 to 2:00

April 8, 2014 – Equal Pay Day

Gracie's, 6:00 PM

April 12, 2014 – Fellowships Fundraiser Luncheon

Town Club 1081 E. South Temple

May 10, 2014 – Installation of Officers

Location TBA, 10:00 to 12:00

May 16-17, 2014 - AAUW State Convention in St. George

June 6-8, 2014 - Rocky Mountain Reg. Conference, Reno, NV

AAUW SLC Branch Scholarship

Proposal Committee Report

December 2013

The AAUW Salt Lake City Branch Scholarship Working Committee has met three times at the home of Maxine Haggerty—October 23d, November 18th, and December 11th.

The members of the committee are Georgette Kapos, Carole Rusho, Louise Lochhead, Jeanette Misaka, Claire Turner, and Maxine Haggerty.

The committee has created a document proposing and describing the scholarship and an application form. The proposal document includes the following sections: History of the Proposal, Scholarship Name, Scholarship Committee Structure and Duties, Criteria for Selecting the Recipient, Interviewing Applicants, Advertising the Scholarship, Amount of the Scholarship, Financing the Scholarship, and Recognition of Donors. Suggestions from members are still welcome.

The committee will be presenting its proposal to the branch board of directors soon for its input and approval. When the board has reviewed and approved the document, it will be submitted to the branch membership for input and approval.

As of November 11, \$229.00 has been donated by branch members for the proposed scholarship! These donations have been deposited in our branch money market account dedicated to the scholarship. If the scholarship should not be realized, this money will be sent to AAUW Fellowships and Grants, with the names of the branch members who donated. - Maxine Haggerty

Branch Member Bio- Carole Rusho

My membership in AAUW makes me feel connected to important work for women and girls. I have served in several branch offices including that of president (2006-7) and currently as corresponding secretary.

I grew up in Denver, Colorado, but attended two years of college in New Orleans, Louisiana. When I moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, with a husband and four children in 1963, I was finally able to complete a bachelor's degree in English. Then I worked in the Federal civil service for 27 years. My interests in retirement are AAUW, reading, attendance at concerts, operas and such, travel, my family, and continuing to learn.

AAUW Branch Fundraiser April 12th

Plan to come and laugh along with Peri Kinder and Ann Cannon, as they read selections from their newspaper columns about the funny side of life! Just \$40 for a delicious lunch at the Town Club (1081 E. South Temple), which includes your \$15 donation to either 1) AAUW Fellowships and Grants or 2) our tentative at this time AAUW Salt Lake City Branch Scholarship.



Both Peri and Ann have samples of their columns on the Internet. Just type in their names for a preview of our program!



President's Message



As we move into the bitter cold winter months in Utah it is easy for many to think that it is simply best to hunker down and hibernate until the weather is more agreeable, but this is not the case for the active AAUW women leaders within the Salt Lake City Branch. A good example of the willingness of our members to keep actively focused on the issues related to the mission of the empowerment of women and girls is the excellent turn out on a cold weather day to hear Carol E. Merrill the director of Weber State University Women's Center at our last branch meeting on Saturday November 16th. Carol spoke on the "Art of Successful Leadership", "The Power of Leadership", and "Salary Inequity".

Carol is an experienced and knowledgeable speaker who gave insight into the idea that women must never be afraid to "dream" since the ability to dream is a basic component of successful leadership. She reported on specific components of effective leadership which include: vision, values, communication, teamwork advantages, teamwork challenges, tasks of a leader and leaving a legacy. Carol stressed that values and integrity go hand-in-hand and effective women leaders always stand up for what is right even if they have to stand alone. As a parting gift at the end of her presentation Carol gave all

present a beautiful little book which she personally compiled titled, “Inspiring Leadership Thoughts.” One quote within this small book seems to sum up the power of her presentation, “If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.” It was the consensus of many who attended that Carol is a great source of knowledge who easily ignited the candles of leadership within all present.

Speaking of candles, I will take this opportunity to again remind all members that the Red Candle Tea which is the next major branch event will be held on Saturday December 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Westminster Adamson Alumni House. The Alumni House is located at 1840 South 1300 East in Salt Lake City. As always the Red Candle Tea is a time for members to socialize and renew their spirit for the important work ahead in meeting our goals. It is also a special time to support new membership into our branch by bringing any guests who are looking for a way to engage in meaningful activities with like-minded women who are committed and passionate about AAUW’s mission of breaking through barriers for women and girls, thus making the world a much better place for all.

Finally, it is important to look ahead to the important future event in January which is the annual Legislative Panel. The Legislative Panel is a collaborative effort of the AAUW Salt Lake City Branch, AAUW Wasatch Branch, and The League of Women Voters. It will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. At the Girl Scouts of Utah building located at 445 East 4500 South in SLC. The panel event starts at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments and the panel starting at 10:00 a.m. with 4 exciting panel members. The four panel members are: Becky Edwards (R) House District 20, Karen Mayne (D) Senate District 5 West Valley City-Granger-Kearns, Aaron Osmond (R) Senate District 10 South Jordan, and Marie Poulson (D) House District 46 Cottonwood Heights. Plan to attend this exciting event to get all your legislative questions answered!

I am looking forward to the coming events and hoping to see you all of you coming out to continue the process of empowerment which as Carol Merrill would say is to, “light our candles of leadership.”

AAUW Salt Lake City Branch

Distinguished Woman Nomination Form for 2014

Distinguished Woman Award Banquet

To Be Held at:

Cottonwood Country Club

March 8, 2014

11:30 to 2:00 PM

The Deadline for nomination is Monday, January 13, 2014

Please return this form to:

Georgette Kapos, 1134 E. 3300 S. #118

Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 or e-mail: gskapos@gmail.com

Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Tel.

No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Consent received: Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E-Mail: _____

Award Criteria: Please check the following:

1. Nominee is an AAUW member (optional): Yes_____ No_____
2. Nominee has minimum of a baccalaureate degree: Yes_____ No_____
3. Nominee is a bonafide resident of the state of Utah: Yes_____ No_____
4. In keeping with AAUW policies, the distinguished woman shall be a nonpartisan person (can be political, belong to a political party, etc): Yes_____ No_____
5. The nominee has made contributions to society on a local, state, &/or national level: Yes_____ No_____

Please provide a summary of the Nominee's involvement and accomplishment that addresses the following 5 areas on the reverse side of this form or as an attachment. A paragraph addressing each of these 5 areas is required.

1. Commitment to women's equity and achievement:
2. Commitment to education:
3. Volunteer contributions:
4. Professional Achievements (include honors and awards):
5. Contributions to AAUW's areas of interest: