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President's Message

Our programming for 2013-2014 began on August 10th with a summer social at the beautiful home of AAUW SLC member Carol Wilson. As the newly appointed president of the branch, I will always have a delightful memory of beginning my year of service with this first social event. The members who attended are amazing examples of the strong women who have made the SLC Branch the vibrant force it is today in Utah. At all meetings and events I attend with the AAUW SLC Branch I am always strengthened by being in the presence of women who fully exemplify the logo of our organization, "AAUW Empowering Women since 1881." Our branch is fully committed to support the empowerment of Utah women through a quality level of programming events in this year's schedule. As this newsletter is written, two events have already been supported by our members. The first was the "Utah Women Artists Exhibition Opening Reception" held on September 5th. Roughly 200 art enthusiasts attended the event which included many AAUW members from across the state. All present were treated to a night of "art magic" as awards were given to the many talented Utah women selected to participate in the show. This event is currently an on-going event and AAUW members may still view the artwork which is exhibited



under the show title, “Celebrating the Vitality of Women,” at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center gallery. The gallery is located at 1355 West 3100 South, West Valley, Utah. The show will run through October 24th.

The second event of the year was held on September 14th at Botanica, a coffee and tea florist shop, located at 2030 S 900 E in Salt Lake City. This wonderful shop is run by a young local businesswoman. This is just one more way our AAUW events support the crucial work of promoting equity for women and girls in Utah. This “Art Education in Utah” panel event was a real treat for all who attended due to the caliber of leaders in art who agreed to be part of the event. Everyone learned lots about the status of art education in Utah from these knowledgeable women! The panel included: Rosanne Henderson- Supervisor of Fine Arts Education of Salt Lake City School District, Dr. Joelle Lien- currently serving as Associate Dean of Arts Education and Community Engagement and as Associate Professor of Music at the University of Utah, and Peggy McCandless, Instructor in the College of Education at the University of Utah, Urban Institute of Teacher Education (UITE), and currently serving as the Co-Coordinator for Art Integration. Tracey Collins, our own SLC Branch member, acted as the panel moderator. Tracey has worked at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts for the last five years developing and implementing school outreach programs. She is currently pursuing a M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership K-12 from the University of Utah.

I owe a special thanks to the 2013-2014 branch officers who have worked hard to make sure that the program of events we have selected for the year are ones that will excite all our members. We have been pleased by the support of SLC Branch members at our first events and look forward to having all of you participate in the upcoming events. It is through our gathering together that we exercise the power of our collective AAUW voice!

Membership Renewal

With the crackle of fall, membership renewal time is leaving with the summer. This summer was a big change in my house: we bought our first home! Did you have something big happen? A new job, address or degree to add to the directory? Let me know. Have you renewed your membership by submitting your dues? Dues are \$70 made out to AAUW-SLC Branch and mailed to:

Alisha Stamper
AAUW-SLC Branch Membership VP
482 east 100 north
Springville, Utah 84663

Renewals are due ASAP. Don't delay. Send yours in today.

Board Spotlight

Georgette Kapos- Distinguished Woman Chair



I grew up in Los Angeles, California coming to Kaysville, Utah in 1961. After having my four children I enrolled at Weber State and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Ed. with a dual minor in Special Ed. and Early Childhood.

In 1973 I began teaching in the Davis School District. I taught most of the elementary grades but the last 16 were in 6th grade. After 31 years I retired from Davis and took a position at St. Sophia Greek School, staying there for five years.

In the late 70's I joined the Kaysville Branch of AAUW serving as their president from 1982-84. I moved to Salt Lake seven years ago and realized I missed the Association and joined our branch. Soon I was approached about serving at program Chair. I took the position knowing I had a wonderful team to help me. I enjoyed the two years and look forward to being the Distinguished Women chair for this year.

My girls always ask me: "What is it about AAUW that keeps you being part of the organization?" I tell them that this organization spends its resources promoting women and young girls. Their efforts promote equality in education and in the workplace. AAUW fought for the equal rights amendment at a time when it was controversial. The things AAUW has fought for are the reasons my girls are successful in their careers.

Upcoming SLC Branch Events

October 12, 2013 - Women at Any Age! (Panel: OSHER, YWCA & TECH CLUB) Location: Botanica, 2030 S 900 E Salt Lake City. Time: 10:00 am.

November 16, 2013 - Leadership Focus- Guest Speaker Carol E. Merrill, Director of the Weber State University Women's Center

Location: Botanica, 2030 S 900 E Salt Lake City. Time: 10:00 am.

December 14, 2013 - Red Candle Tea (Westminster College)

January 11, 2014 - Legislative Meeting (Girl Scouts of Utah Building)

February 8, 2014 - Vagina Monologues (Westminster College)

March 8, 2014 - Distinguished Woman (TBA)

April 8, 2014 - Equal Pay Day (TBA)

Event May 10, 2014 - Installation of Officers (TBA)

SLC Branch AAUW Local Scholarship

Our branch's Scholarship Committee will be meeting again this fall. The purpose is to establish the structure of a local scholarship to be made available to women of nontraditional status in the Salt Lake Area (to be defined). Funding sources will be considered at a later time. Those who have agreed to continue on the committee are: Claire Turner, Georgette Kapos, Louise Lochhead, and Maxine Haggerty. Any of our branch members who would like to serve on the committee should contact Maxine Haggerty (801-277-7493).

Utah Women Artists Exhibition Opening



We are pleased to present the 16th Utah Women Artists Exhibition 2013 "Celebrating the Vitality of Women." The exhibition is on view at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and will be up through October 24, 2013. This year's exhibition includes many lovely, inspiring, and thought-provoking works, and was installed beautifully. We received over two hundred entries and the juror selected just over seventy works. A variety of mediums are in this year's exhibition including stained glass, found object installation and fiber arts. Whitney Tassie served as the juror for the exhibition and she is the new Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. She previously served as the Director of Monique Meloche Gallery in Chicago, where she curated six to eight annual exhibitions of work by internationally renowned contemporary artists. In her

statement for the UWAE catalog she said "The works I selected for this exhibition stood out to me. They separated themselves from the sea of submitted work and rose above the limited viewing format."

The opening reception was a great success and we had over 175 attendees. The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation which recognized the fifteen award winners. We are thrilled to mention that the Best of Show Eccles Foundation Award went to one of our St. George

members, Sandra Sandberg, for her work "*Noir-Blanc Complexity*." If you did not have a chance to join us for the opening reception the committee hopes that you and your family will have time to visit the show before it closes. The Utah Cultural Celebration Center gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am- 6:00 pm and additional viewing times can be arranged by calling 801-965-5108.



AAUW 2014 April Branch Fundraiser

Do you need a chuckle or a good laugh-out-loud? Save Saturday, April 12, 2014 and attend the Salt Lake City Branch AAUW Fellowships Fund Raiser Luncheon. Our speakers will be Ann Cannon and Peri Kinder, two local, talented women writers of humor. They each have the gift of observing the vicissitudes of life and commenting on them in comical ways. Ann writes a column on Wednesdays for the Salt Lake Tribune, and Peri writes "Life and Laughter", a column in the monthly Cottonwood/Holladay Journal.

The luncheon will be held at the Town Club, 1081 E. South Temple, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 in advance, with \$15 going to AAUW Fellowships and to, hopefully, our developing branch scholarship for a local non-traditional woman student. Watch for more publicity! See you there!

Paycheck Fairness Act

Dawn Dewitt has tentatively scheduled a meeting with Rep. Chris Stewart for October 16th at 4:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the issue of the gender pay gap and to encourage Rep. Stewart's support of the Paycheck Fairness Act. AAUW is at the forefront in lobbying for this bill which would strengthen the Equal Pay Act that was signed into law 50 years ago. The meeting with Rep. Stewart was originally scheduled for September 27th, but had to be rescheduled due to an unexpected change in the House of Representatives meetings. Before Dawn confirms the October 16th meeting, she would like to know how many are planning on attending. Please contact Dawn at dawndewitt28@msn.com if you are interested in joining us for that meeting. We would like to show our commitment to this issue with our numbers. Lilly Ledbetter expressed the importance of the Paycheck Fairness Act: "Giving women my Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act without the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving them a nail without the hammer." For more information on the Paycheck Fairness Act go to <http://www.aauw.org/2013/01/28/a-message-from-lilly-ledbetter>

Treasurer's Report

Finalized AAUW Budget						
July 2013 - June 2014						
				As of:	9/23/ 2013	
		2012-13 Carryover	Budget	Actual	Variance	Notes
Income						
	Membership Renewal		\$715.00		\$715.00	55 Members (\$13 per Member)
	Interest		\$30.00		\$30.00	Estimate - \$30.70 last year
	Donations		\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Fund Raising		\$165.00		\$165.00	
	2012-13 Surplus	\$63.99			\$63.99	
	Total Income	\$63.99	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$973.99	
Expenses						
Fixed Costs						
	Presidents Convention		\$500.00		\$500.00	\$1000 every other year (Spring of odd years)
	Women Leg. Council	\$40.00			\$40.00	\$40 bi-annual dues
	Total Fixed Costs	\$40.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	
Semi Variable Costs						
	Equal Pay Day		\$15.00		\$15.00	
	Correspondence		\$30.00		\$30.00	Cards, Newsletter & Postage
	Hospitality		\$20.00		\$20.00	Cups, Plates, Birthday Cake, etc
	Distinguished Women		\$160.00		\$160.00	Gift, décor and state convention meal
	Red Candle Tea		\$50.00		\$50.00	Supplies &

						Invitations
	Membership		\$40.00		\$40.00	Renewal Mailing \$30, Brochures \$10
	President		\$50.00		\$50.00	Copies, agendas, postage, etc.
	Treasurer		\$20.00		\$20.00	Checks, supplies, and postage
	Auditor	\$30.00	\$15.00		\$45.00	Review of financial information - \$30 every other year
	Total Semi Variable Costs	\$30.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	
	Total Expenses	\$70.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$970.00	
	Net Income	-\$6.01	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$3.99	

SLC Branch Member's Death

Joyce Hansen, Salt Lake City AAUW Branch member, passed away of an aneurism on August 23, 2013, at her home. Joyce enjoyed a life-long career as a dedicated educator. Born and raised in northern Utah, she received her B.A. from Utah State University in Logan and earned a Masters in Education from the University of Utah.

From 1966 through 1998, Joyce was employed as an Education Specialist at the Utah State Office of Education, where she was in charge of overseeing accreditation of all public and private schools in Utah, K-12. Always interested in Internationalism, Joyce also developed workshops on effective ways to teach students about other countries and created a special partnership with the U of U's Middle East Center. Later, she was an Associate Instructor at Westminster College, supervising student teachers. Joyce was active in several community organizations, including Neighborhood House, AARP, and the United Nations Association of Utah (UNAU), of which she was a past president.

Joyce joined AAUW in 2002 and held various offices. On the state level, she was Educational Foundation Chair for 2005-2008, and Membership Vice President, 2009-2010. She served our branch as International Relations Chair, 2003-2009, and Vice President for Program, 2006-2007, She also participated in the Salt Lake City Branch's

“Defining Your Path” for middle-school girls for several years. Joyce was quiet but always attentive to her responsibilities and supportive of the people she worked with. Joyce will be missed by all who knew her.

Reading, gardening, and travel were things Joyce enjoyed. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and all but one sister, Luella. Joyce was buried in Brigham City.