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Upcoming AAUW Events

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

Sprague Library, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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

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

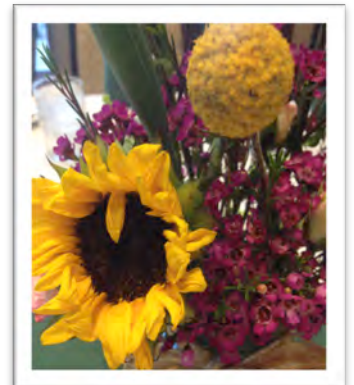


2014 Distinguished Woman Dr. Jacqueline Thompson



On March 8th, 49 members and guests met at the newly remodeled Cottonwood Club to honor Dr. Jacqueline Thompson as our Distinguished Woman for 2014. Dr. Thompson is the Davis School District's Director of Educational Equity. She shared with us her family history and how that history moved her to work tirelessly for equity and civil rights in our community. Dr. Patricia Matthews, president of the AAUW SLC branch, introduced Dr. Thompson who followed with an engaging

multi-media presentation that got everyone involved. Thank you to Georgette Kapos, Distinguished Woman chair, and her committee (Anita Gander and Claire Turner) for attention to every detail. The result was a wonderful event from start to finish.



\$tart \$mart Recap

The \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop was held at the University of Utah on February 24 as part of U Saves Week. \$tart \$mart was developed by Dr. Evelyn Murphy from The WAGE Project and is coordinated on college campuses through AAUW. The University of Utah workshop was cosponsored by AAUW of Utah and the ASUU Personal Money Management Center. Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz from the Wasatch Branch facilitated the workshop for the 27 students in attendance.



Sally summed up the workshop for participants in two words: preparation and critical thinking. "This is not just a dump of answers; it's giving knowledge and skills and a foundation, so you at least know what questions to ask." Sally went on to explain that her main goal in the workshop was "to empower women

with knowledge and skills, so they can be prepared to go into the world of wages." Students learned about "how the gender wage gap affects their lives, how to develop a personal budget to determine salary needs, how to benchmark salary and benefits, and how to negotiate for their first salary out of college."

One of the students said that she and a few of her sorority sisters came to the workshop so they could "learn a little more about what to do after graduation with finance and when accepting offers." After the event, Ann House, coordinator of the ASUU Personal Money Management Center, was enthusiastic about the first \$tart \$mart workshop in Utah: it was a "fabulous event" with a "great presenter" and "great material." Ann expressed interest in hosting another \$tart \$mart workshop at the University of Utah.

New AAUW Salt Lake City Branch Scholarship vote

A membership vote of our Salt Lake City Branch of AAUW will be taken at the Annual Branch General Meeting on May 10th to approve, or disapprove the proposal to establish a branch scholarship for an adult female student.

Knowing the struggle of students to pay for higher education today and seeking a way for our branch to contribute more of an impact on women in our immediate community, the branch board recommended that a committee explore the establishment of a scholarship at the branch's annual meeting on May 11, 2013, and the membership at the meeting agreed. A board appointed committee of five branch members worked over several months in the fall to create the scholarship proposal and application form. Those members were: Claire Turner, Georgette Kapos, Jeanette

Misaka, Carole Rusho, Louise Lochhead, and Maxine Haggerty. The board accepted their proposal at the January 23rd, 2014, board meeting.



The student must live in Salt Lake County and have had an interruption in her formal education and has returned, or wishes to return, to a college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree at one of three institutions: The University of Utah, Westminster College, or Salt Lake Community College. The scholarship shall be in the amount of a minimum of \$500 but will depend on the amount of yearly donations; it is to be used only toward tuition. Donations to the scholarship are not tax-deductible at this time, due to the expense of applying for a 501(c)(3) status.

Hoping to award a scholarship as soon as possible, the board agreed to allow attendees the option at our April 12th Fund-raiser Luncheon of whether to donate to our

AAUW Fellowships or the new local branch scholarship. All donations to the local scholarship will be held in our bank account until after the membership vote on the scholarship on May 10th. If the membership does not approve the scholarship, all donations to it will instead be given to the AAUW Fellowships and Grants in Washington, DC, with due credit being given under each contributor's name.

Please be sure to attend the May 10th branch meeting and vote your preference.

Maxine Haggerty

Branch Educational Opportunities Chair

President's Message



As President of the AAUW Salt Lake City Branch this year, I have had many wonderful experiences that bring to life the power of women across generations working together for a common goal. Today as I write this message, I now know first-hand the joy of new life across the generations by becoming a grandmother for the first time. I believe this better qualifies me to express the importance of working together across the generations in our branch membership activities to increase our success as we move ahead in advancing equity for women and girls now and in the future. My daughter is an AAUW SLC branch member who recently completed her nursing degree as well as becoming a new mother.

This Fall Georgette Kapos (Distinguished Women Chair) and I volunteered to watch the beautiful children of Membership Vice-President Alisha Stamper on a crisp sunny "leaf-changing colors day." We hoped to support her completion of the directory project by giving her some quiet time to work. It was clear to all on the board that Alisha in her youthful comfort with technology has the necessary skills to get the job done right and just needed some time to do it! This collaborative effort among the generations of women required Georgette and I to travel to her beautiful rural community in Springville, Utah, and for us to take charge of her three beautifully energetic small children ages 5, 3 and 1 (Wally, Rose, and Fern).



Since the sun was out on this fall day, it seemed like a good idea to take the little ones outside to play, once dressed for the crisp but warm weather. We went on a walking expedition in a woodland area right behind the Stamper home. On this adventure Georgette and I climbed under large trees, across logs and jumped over ditches to a secret space where the children told us magic things could happen. Yes, indeed, magic things did happen as we talked, laughed, and walked into the magic world of the children. By this time the day had turned so beautiful that we had the idea to take all three little ones to a nearby community park.

Since each child is required by law to be in a protective car seat, it was essential that we take them in the family van and secure each of them into their own protective car seat. All started out wonderfully on the way to the park with all the children secure and happy, singing or talking in glee as we drove to the park. Once there Georgette and I realized that the car seats of today have security latches that are much more child proof

as well as “older generation adult proof.” This issue resulted in only the two oldest Stampers being immediately released to play. Our smallest child with the eyes of a bright-eyed princess was stuck pointing to the playground as we struggled to release her. This is when Georgette and I (as the older generation of AAUW SLC members) realized all the college degrees we had earned could not help us get our smallest charge out of her protective car seat to play. I immediately decided my job was to watch the two older children on the playground as Georgette with the “solid grandma” experience taking charge of getting the littlest princess out of her car seat. Georgette used all her wit and might to find the correct magic pattern of pushes and pulls to release the puzzled little one in order to play with her siblings without success.

In the end it was Georgette’s quick AAUW kind of thinking that resulted in a request for help from a nearby young mother taking her own children out of their car seats. With a big friendly smile and one quick seamless sequence of push and pulls our little princess was out and ready to play thanks to the experience of that young mother and her willingness to help.

Now as all the little ones climbed extensive jungle gym play equipment and were pushed on swing sets up into the air, the true joy of being a flexible AAUW member willing to bridge any barriers that stand in the way of leveraging our collective power was realized. As the SLC Branch has become a more age diverse collective group of women we must actively use our full range of life experiences to support each other when doing our work.

Linda D. Hallman, the past CAE AAUW Executive Director, made a powerful statement about bridging generations to become more effective in her message in the Spring/Summer 2013 edition of the Outlook magazine when she wrote about the 2013 National Convention theme “Breaking through Barriers:”

“There’s so much work to be done to empower women and girls. And we can do it much more effectively when we bring together all our experience, energy, commitment, and creativity to take action toward our common goals.”

On that beautiful Fall day as we returned to Alisha’s home and settled down to watch the children’s favorite movie video, the AAUW SLC Branch electronic directory became a reality. Our collaborative strategy of supporting Alisha to have the necessary time to work on AAUW SLC business collectively used our experience, energy, commitment and creativity and in the end it worked!



Note: The latest addition to our AAUW SLC branch family was welcomed to the world on March 23, 2014. Gregory Cullis III is the son of Melisa and Gregory Cullis II and grandson of Patricia and Jed Matthews.

Equal Pay Day – April 8th

Join us at Gracie's (326 South West Temple) at 6:30 pm for an "Unhappy Hour" as we recognize this "symbolic date when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year." [AAUW website] Last year we had a wonderful time meeting women from other branches and organizations. Invite your friends for this year's event.

AAUW Branch Fundraiser - April 12th

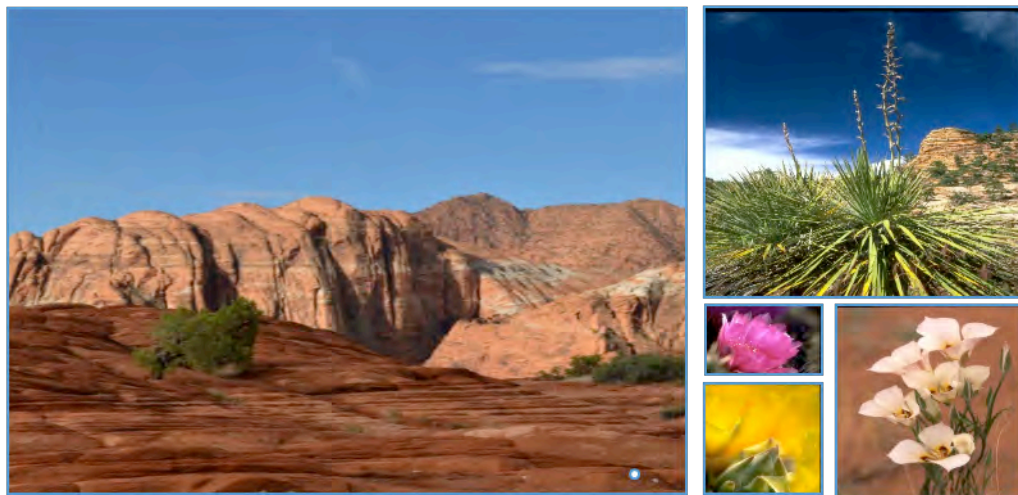


Plan to come and laugh along with Ann Cannon and Peri Kinder, as they read selections from their newspaper columns about the funny side of life! Just \$40 for a delicious lunch at the Town Club (1081 E. South Temple, 11:30 am-2:30 pm), which includes your \$15 donation to either 1) AAUW Fellowships and Grants or 2) our tentative at this time AAUW Salt Lake City Branch Scholarship. Both Ann and Peri have samples of their columns on the Internet. Just type in their names for a preview of our program! Call Maxine (801-277-7493) if you want to make a reservation after April 5th.

Branch Officer Elections - May 10th

Please plan on attending the May 10 annual AAUW Salt Lake City branch business meeting at the Sprague Library, May 10 from 10:00 -11:30 am. The following individuals have been nominated : Kathy Boyer – President; Claire Turner – Membership Vice President; Georgette Kapos - Recording Secretary; and Carole Rusho – Corresponding Secretary. These nominees will be voted on at the annual meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. We will also celebrate our branch birthday. Be sure to attend this last meeting of our AAUW program year.

Greetings from the Beautiful Red Rocks of Southern Utah!



**The St. George Branch of AAUW invites all AAUW members to the 2014 AAUW Utah State Convention to be held in St. George on *May 16th and 17th*.
The Theme: *Reach out – Connect in***

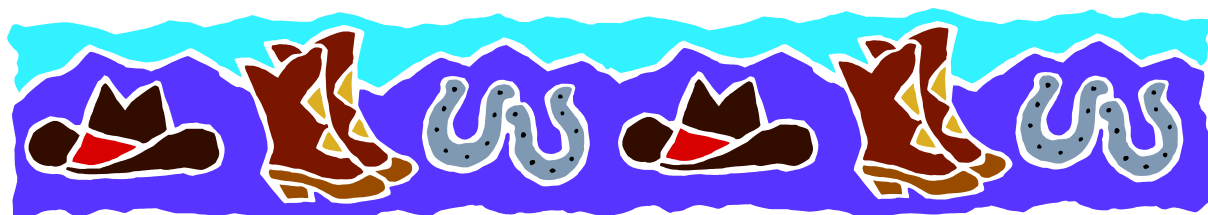
Friday afternoon 3:30 to 5:30: Leadership Training session with Amy Blackwell, AAUW Director from Colorado and this year's representative to our convention from AAUW. Friday evening beginning at 6:00 we welcome you with a fabulous party at the home of Katy Peterson. You will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and non-alcoholic drinks as well as a breath-taking view. Tickets for this event are \$25 and support the St. George Scholarship fund. It is an event you won't want to miss.

Saturday morning the convention meetings begin with a welcome and the state business meeting. We will hear from our Keynote speaker, Amy Blackwell after the break. The sit-down luncheon features the introduction of the distinguished women guests, our luncheon speaker, and the branches. The afternoon includes workshops, and the Convention Wrap-up.

On Sunday morning we will host a hike through beautiful Snow Canyon State Park. Space is limited for this free event, so if you are interested in this event sign up when you register. Family members are welcome to join. This is a bonus for those who wish to stay a little longer.

Registration information: AAUW St. George website. <http://stgeorge-ut.aauw.net> . Select **2014 UT Convention** on the navigation menu. Please register by May 1st. **We will accept credit cards.** You will find additional information on the convention here. **Note:** Make your room reservations early at the Courtyard Marriott in St. George. A block of rooms is set aside for AAUW until April 17th. Call 1-435-986-0555 and ASK FOR RESERVATIONS.

**AAUW Rocky Mountain
Regional Conference 2014
Western Women: Beyond the Wagon Train**



**SAVE THE DATE: June 6th, 7th, 8th, 2014
Siena Hotel
One South Lake Street, Reno, NV 89501**

Program Includes: AAUW National President, Patricia Ho
AAUW Vice Pres., Govt. Rel., Lisa Maatz

Registration: Friday, June 6, 8 am – 9 am in the main ballroom of the Siena Hotel

Conference Opening: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the main ballroom

Reception: Friday, June 6, 6:00 pm in the Reception Hall

Saturday Breakfast: 8:00 am in the main ballroom

Saturday Sessions: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm in the main ballroom

No Host Social Hour: 6:00 pm in the main ballroom

Dinner: 6:30 in the main ballroom

Sunday Brunch: 10:00 am in the main ballroom

Sunday Opening Session: 10:15 in the main ballroom

Sunday Closing: 12:30