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Upcoming AAUW Events

February 8, 2014 – Vagina Monologues

Westminster College, 7:30 pm

March 8, 2014 – Distinguished Woman's Luncheon

Cottonwood Country Club, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

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 am to 12:00 pm

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

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



January Programming Meeting Recap

On Saturday January 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon the annual Legislative Panel event was held at the Girl Scouts of Utah building. Around 80 guests including many AAUW members from both the Salt Lake City and Wasatch branches, League of Women Voter members, and the general public filled the conference room to hear a distinguished panel of Utah lawmakers. The panelists included: Becky Edwards (R) House District 20 North Salt Lake, Karen Mayne (D) Senate District 5 West Valley City, Granger, Kearns, Marie Poulson (D) House District 46 Cottonwood Heights and Howard Stephenson (R) Senate District 11, which covers portions of Salt Lake and Utah counties. This event was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and both AAUW Salt Lake City and Wasatch Branches.



This year the panel moderator was Sharon Walkington from the League of Women Voters with Eva Marie Bates, President of the Wasatch Branch, acting as time keeper. These women had to be at the top of their game as they worked carefully to bring order to the event and ensure that the panelists had ample time to cover as many of the audience members concerns in the form of questions possible, in the allotted time.

Questions posed to the panelists ranged from air quality to taxes and everything in between. All the panelists did their best to answer all questions in a genuinely forthright

way and were willing to state when an area was not in their area of expertise or focus. Some highlights included Becky Edwards drawing on her background of representing the North Salt Lake air quality concerns and giving insight into her work to improve air quality which she believes among other things will require a commitment from Utah residents that may include lifestyle changes especially related to transportation. Karen Mayne was captivatingly dynamic as she discussed her concern when she saw detailed Utah voter information posted online. This is a result of the fact that anyone can purchase this information from the lieutenant governor’s office without any real government oversight on how the information will be used. Karen has real concerns about identity theft and invasion of privacy and is sponsoring legislation that would limit access to the Utah voter registration database. Marie Poulson made a point to give insightful answers to all questions related to her passion of supporting Utah schools since she has been an active public educator since 1971. She has been working to sponsor and pass education legislation that provides for the accounting of class size, supports Utah



educators and encourages broad-based curriculum. Howard Stephenson came directly to the panel event from a radio show he hosts called, Red Meat Radio (860 AM Utah’s Big Talker), every Saturday morning from 8 to 10 am. Along with his insights into all questions related to his work in the senate since his first election win in 1992, he stressed the importance of

Utah citizens understanding the way their tax money is being spent. He brought with him a 2013 Fast Tax Summary and easy reference booklet and referred to it whenever fiscal responsibility questions were brought up related to major Utah state and local taxes.

At the end of the Legislative Panel event the excitement in the room was evident and it became apparent that audience members enjoyed their opportunity to ask questions about issues that were important to them. It was clear that this is a highly popular event and that the hard work of the League of Women Voters, AAUW Salt Lake and Wasatch Branches was well worth all the effort.

\$tart \$mart Update

We are very excited to let you know that Utah's first *\$tart \$mart* Workshop will be held on February 24, 4:30-8:00 pm, at the University of Utah's Union. Interested students should contact Ann House (801) 585-7379 to register. The interactive workshop is scheduled this year as part of U Saves Week sponsored by the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU). *\$tart \$mart* is a joint project of AAUW and the WAGE Project. It is designed to provide college women with the knowledge and skills needed to negotiate fair and realistic compensation.



Over the past few months Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz from the Wasatch Branch and Claire Turner from the Salt Lake City Branch have met with Ann House, Coordinator of the ASUU's Personal Money Management Center, and Debra Daniels, Director of the Women's Resource Center, to finalize arrangements for holding *\$tart \$mart* at the U of U. Dorrie Sieburg, Wage Project *\$tart \$mart* Program Manager, has provided logistical support from the national Wage Project office. Having been trained and certified by the Wage Project, Sally will facilitate the February 24th workshop. This initial *\$mart \$tart* workshop is being funded by the state office of AAUW.

A limited number of slots are available for AAUW members who wish to observe the workshop and/or become eligible for subsequent facilitator training. Please contact Claire at (801) 244-6938 if you are interested in being an observer by February 19th.

Membership Update

This year has been remarkable for membership! We have welcomed Megan Wrona, Judy Zuckert, Lauraine Stephen, Rachel Miller, Melisa Cullis, Robin Hough, Carol Hottman, Christine Matthews, Rachel Brisson, Sarah Noble, Deborah Overfelt and Terri Whittenburg to our branch this year. That is a LOT of new members!

This has been a disconnected year for membership renewals and I apologize. As many of you know, my husband and I began the process of buying our first in June and moved in in August. Though I have sent a few rounds of renewal emails as I usually do, there are a large number of our regular members who have not renewed. If you have not yet renewed you will be receiving a call from me this week.

Please remit your dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$70 for regular membership (national, state and branch) or \$21 for paid national life members. Make check payable to AAUW-SLC Branch.

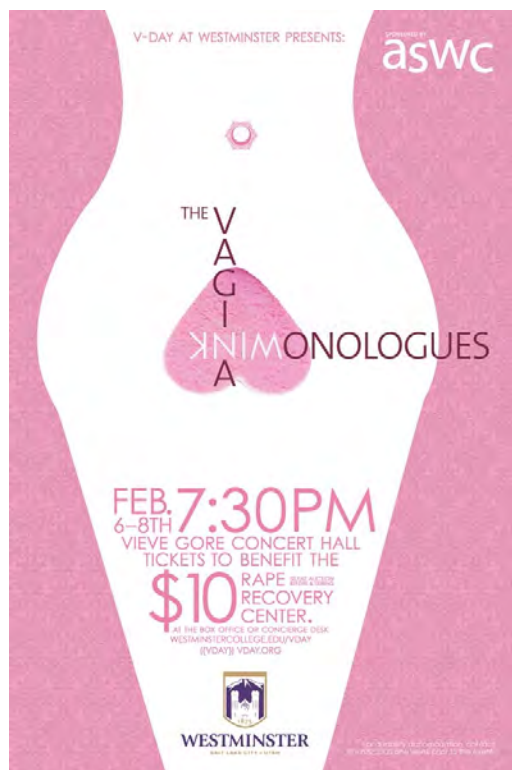
My address is:
Alisha Stamper
482 East 100 North
Springville, Utah 84663



If you have a question about your membership, please don't hesitate to call me at (801) 369-3197 .

February Programming

Vagina Monologues, February 8, 7:30 pm, Westminster College (Emma Eccles Jones Conservatory in the Vieve Gore Concert Hall)



What this is about: *The Vagina Monologues*, written by Eve Ensler, was originally an off Broadway play. Each monologue focuses on an aspect of feminine experience and sexuality. Eve Ensler gathered material for the play by interviewing 200 women about their own views on sex, relationships, and violence against women. The play is both thought-provoking and hilarious.

Why you should attend: The play benefits V-Day, a global non-profit movement that supports women's anti-violence groups. The Westminster performances will specifically benefit the Rape Recovery Center in Salt Lake City. After the play,

our group and other audience members can take part in a short "talk back" with the actors. The monologues are performed by Westminster alumni, students, staff, and community members.

How to get tickets: Please contact the box office at 801-832-2457 to reserve a ticket. Tickets are \$10pp. The venue is small, so don't delay in getting your ticket.

President's Message



Happy New Year AAUW SLC Branch Members! Since a start of a new year is the traditional time to think about resolutions I have decided that it is most appropriate to put at the top of my 2014 resolution list thanking as often as possible all the amazing AAUW members who give of their time and talent to make our branch events powerful community happenings. On December 21st our branch held the annual Red Candle Tea where a large number of our members bravely ventured out in the Utah white winter wonderland weather to come together and not only socialize but support our important organizations vision and mission: “AAUW Empowering Women Since 1881” and “Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.”

First, at the Red Candle Tea event we all witnessed firsthand this advocacy work in action as the women in attendance brought with them 47 books, and another 7 games, puzzles and learning activity kits to be donated to the South Valley Sanctuary to be used in The Children’s Learning Center. The South Valley Sanctuary provides a 24 hour, 365 day facility for victims of domestic violence. Since young children are often a part of these families in crisis having a special learning space for them with quality books and learning materials is vital. Victims, most often women and children, can obtain housing and counseling services for up to 30 days so a learning space for the children to have a place to both play and learn was greatly needed. Staff at the Sanctuary will also use these donated items to train and further their knowledge regarding trauma in children and families as they aim to embrace and provide a trauma informed center. The center staff supports positive communication and cooperation with parents and children in the

learning space as a way to provide a healthy, safe environment for them to positively re-connect.

Second, at the Red Candle Tea event all in attendance were thrilled by a Rock-Scissors-Paper game where members joined in for a dollar or five dollar donation. Our magnificent board Corresponding Secretary Carole Rusho turned out to be the last player standing and found herself holding over a hundred dollars in donation money that was quickly turned over to Martha Bale the board Legal Advocacy Fund Chair. While



this was all done in the spirit of fun it was a marvel to watch as once again at this same event the SLC Branch members reached into their pockets to support the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). As reported in the 2013 AAUW Annual Report titled Building a Better Future for Women and Girls, the LAF supported more than 50 plaintiffs in 2013 in nine gender equity cases. Nine Case Support Travel Grants were also given which allowed LAF supported plaintiffs to travel to AAUW state conventions across the country to speak about their experiences. Fifteen LAF campus Outreach Grant

projects helped branch members and campus teams to collaborate to education college students about Title IX, sexual assault prevention, fair pay and women in leadership. It is powerful to think how the philanthropy of SLC Branch members through a simple child's game will be used to legally protect women and girls in 2014.

The Red Candle Tea was a wonderful success because of SLC Branch members and their willingness to not only attend branch events but to actively engage to positively support women and girls having a better future. I will now put one big check on the top item of my 2014 New Year Resolutions list with this simple but very public whole-hearted statement "Thank You AAUW SLC Branch members, you are simply the

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!

Branch Nominations

The AAUW Salt Lake City Branch board met at our November 21st board meeting and selected members for the nominating committee. Claire Turner, as past president, is the chair of this committee. Georgette Kapos and Jeanette Misaka will serve as committee members, along with Carole Rusho as the alternate member. The following positions are up for election this year: president-elect, membership vice president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. We also need to appoint a new treasurer to fill out Darliegh Webb's term (through the end of June 2015) and a newsletter editor starting in May 2014. If you are interested in serving on the board and/or have any questions, please contact Claire at (801) 244-6938 or clairejt45@yahoo.com. Nominees for elected positions will be presented in April and voted on at our annual business meeting in May.

*THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Salt Lake City Branch*

Invites you to the 2014

Distinguished Woman Award Luncheon

In Honor of

Dr. Jacqueline Thompson

Director of the Educational Equity Department for the Davis School District

at

The Newly Constructed
THE COTTONWOOD CLUB
1870 E. Lakewood Dr.
Saturday March 8, 2014
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Menu

Caesar Wedge Salad

Grilled Chicken Rice Plate with Orange Stir Fry Sauce and Fresh Vegetables

or

Potato gnocchi, spinach, tomatoes, mushrooms with mozzarella or parmesan cheese
optional

A Special Dessert Cake

Cost is \$25.00

Please Make Check Payment to: AAUW/SLC Branch

Note your menu preference on memo line of check: Chicken or Gnocchi

Mail Check to: Georgette Kapos, 1134 E. 3300 South. #118, SLC, UT 84106

Reservation Deadline Date: Friday, February 28, 2014

Cash ONLY Bar: white wine is \$7.00 and red wine is \$7.50