



March-April 2015 Salt Lake City Branch Newsletter

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Upcoming AAUW Events

3/14/15	11:30am Disting. Woman Luncheon	Cottonwood Club
4/11/15	11:30am Ed.Opp. Fundraiser Luncheon	Town Club
4/14 (TBA)	6pm Equal Pay Day Social	Gracie's
5/9/14	10am Annual Meeting Officers Installed	YWCA Center for Families

President's Message



I am pleased to report about recent and future activities and events for the AAUW Salt Lake City Branch. On January 20, 2015, the Legislative

Forum was sponsored by Salt Lake City Branch, Wasatch Branch and the League of Women Voters. Members recently received an email summary of this very successful event which is included in this issue of the newsletter. On February 14, 2015, branch members met at Jane's Home for an extraordinary presentation about the history and mission of Utah Women Artists Exhibition (UWAE) given by Kathy Horvat and Sue Nissen, both of Wasatch Branch. On

Saturday, March 14, 2015, the Distinguished Women event will be held at the Cottonwood Club. You will find that invitation in this newsletter. On Saturday, April 11, 2015, the SLC Branch will present a fundraiser luncheon with speaker Pamela L. Perlich entitled, "Utah's Demographic Transformation: Has It Impacted the Status of Women?" You will also find details and an invitation to this event in this newsletter.

Other upcoming activities and events for Salt Lake City Branch and for AAUW of Utah include: SLC Branch nominations: In 2015, the following branch officers will be nominated:

president-elect, program vice-president and treasurer. The election will take place at the annual meeting on May 9, 2015. If you are asked to be nominated, please accept that opportunity. Each year, when the president-elect (this year Amanda Barusch) assumes office, she will appoint others to serve as appointed officers on the board. AAUW of Utah nominations: The following state officers will be nominated: president-elect/co-president, treasurer, and secretary. The nominating committee consists of Janet Bunger (chair) and the five branch presidents as the nominating committee. If you are asked to be nominated, consider accepting that opportunity. Equal Pay Day: This event is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015. As you may recall, this is the date on which women achieve equality in pay when compared to men. Watch for announcement of our "unhappy hour" celebration. AAUW of Utah will host its annual meeting via electronic meeting capability. That is scheduled on Saturday, April 25, 2015. AAUW Convention in San Diego June 18-21, 2015. One of the reasons for the decision about an electronic annual meeting has to do with timing and location of the AAUW Convention. We hope many Utah members will attend.

Distinguished Woman Award Luncheon

*The American Association of
University Women
Salt Lake City Branch*

invites you to the 2015

Distinguished Woman Award Luncheon

In Honor of

Dr. Deneece Huftalin

President Salt Lake Community College

at

THE COTTONWOOD CLUB

1870 East Lakewood Drive

Saturday, March 14, 2015

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Menu

Caesar Wedge Salad

*Pork Chop with Cherry Cola Glaze, Sweet Potato fries
and Fresh Vegetables*

or

Vegetarian Lasagna, Fresh Vegetables

Optional

A Special Dessert Cake

Cost for the luncheon is \$25.00

Please Make Check Payment to AAUW/SLC Branch

Note your menu preference on memo line of check: Pork Chop or Lasagna

Mail Check to:

Carol Morelli-Farmer, 4989 Boabab Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117

Reservation Deadline Date: Friday March 6, 2015

Educational Opportunities Fundraiser

Saturday, April 11, A Luncheon with Pamela L. Perlich
“Utah’s Demographic Transformation: Has It Impacted the Status of Women?”



Our tenth annual Fundraiser Luncheon will be held on April 11, 2015. We will meet at the Town Club, again at 1081 East South Temple, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The price will be \$40, including \$15 as a donation to either the Salt Lake City Branch Scholarship or to AAUW Fellowships & Grants, however you designate.

I’m sure you’ve all heard recently in the media that Utah has been labeled as the worst state for a woman to live in. Our guest speaker, Pam Perlich, who is a senior researcher at the University of Utah Bureau of Business Research, will draw us a profile on all aspects of the situation of women in Utah. Plan to come for a good lunch and get the real “skinny” on women in Utah! If you have questions or plan to attend, make reservations by contacting Maxine R. Haggerty 801-277-7493.

SLC Branch Scholarship Update

As of February 27, 2015, the Scholarship Committee has received two applications for our scholarship, for which the deadline is March 1st. While we did advertise the scholarship in October on the non-institutional scholarships listings on the campuses of the University of Utah, Westminster, and Salt Lake Community College, we believe we need to increase our advertising expertise. We will focus on more effective ways to advertise for next year. We welcome suggestions from any branch member. All scholarship donations made at the fundraising luncheon this April, and other donations, will be added to the current \$1,000 to build the scholarship award to a larger amount for next year. Please continue to support us as we find our way in this new branch project!

Scholarship Committee: Anita Gander, Patricia Matthews, Jeanette Misaka, Louise Lochhead, Pat Jarvis, Maxine Haggerty, Chair. Georgette Kapos, Alternate.

Membership Update

Please welcome the following new members to our branch:

Nikki Dimatteo attended St. John's College of Cleveland (now Ursuline College) where she was awarded her BSA degree. She retired from teaching elementary school. Nikki was introduced to AAUW by her sister, Paula Rokich.

Jill Smith* received a BS degree from the University of Utah. She recently retired from Salt Lake School District. Jill also taught for Claire Turner in the U of U's Youth Education program.

Victoria Su has a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a Masters of Architecture from Rhode Island School of Design. She recently relocated to Salt Lake.

Sue Talmage* graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a BA in Political Science. She is a part-time pianist and music director and is semi-retired.

Joy Treible* received a bachelor's degree from Metro State University, Denver, and a masters in education from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Joy is retired and recently moved to Salt Lake from California.

***Contact information included in printed directory. Nikki's and Victoria's information will be included in the e-directory (link to be sent to current members).**

Thank you to all members who have encouraged these fabulous women to become new members of the SLC branch. Please continue to encourage women in your networks to join our SLC Branch. Bring them to our events so they can experience for themselves the joy of making a difference in the work we do in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Annual dues are \$70 for regular membership (national, state and branch) or \$21 for paid national life members. If you have a question about your membership or offering membership to a friend or relative contact Claire Turner at (801) 244-6938.



Save the Date

Equal Pay Day/Unhappy Hour at Gracie's



Please join us on Tuesday April 14th at 6:00pm at Gracie's at 326 S. West Temple to observe Equal Pay Day.

Although we're calling this event an "unhappy" hour, we'll definitely enjoy getting together. Consider wearing red to show how this issue puts women "in the red." Equal Pay Day, symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned by the end of the previous year.

Check out this excellent article that Stephanie Rokich alerted board members about. It is titled: "11 Ways Women are Growing the Economy".

<https://www.dailyworth.com/posts/3128-how-women-are-growing-the-global-economy/1>

Know Your AAUW History

(And recognize the value of your national membership!)

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA) and AAUW Fellowships Program.* Critical to the goals of the ACA (1882), and later AAUW (1921), was providing support to women seeking access to higher education and advanced degrees.

1888 - The first American Fellowship went to Ida Street to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan (\$350).

1890 - The Committee on Fellowships was created to raise permanent funds for study in the U.S. and Europe. It continued to function as the fundraising arm of AAUW until the 1959 creation of the Educational Foundation.

1917 - The first International Fellowship went to Virginia Alvarez, who was treating leprosy in Latin America.

1927 - The Million Dollar Campaign was launched at the national convention for the purpose of establishing a national endowment, a central feature in the fellowships program over the next 20 years.

1929 - AAUW awarded \$14,000 in fellowships. One fellowship was awarded for every seven applicants.

1999 - The Educational Foundation approved 297 awards totaling \$2.8 million.

2014-15 - The present Educational Opportunities Fund provided more than \$3.7 million for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and organizations.

***Most of this history was taken from remarks by Sue Bodis at the November 14, 1998, SLC AAUW Branch meeting.**

Important Information

MESSAGE AAUW NATIONAL: AAUW National Convention in San Diego, June 18-21, 2015

Every two years, hundreds of women leaders from across the country gather to discover new ways to empower themselves and other women and girls. AAUW's national convention is a unique opportunity to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders. Make no mistake: The national convention isn't all work and no play. Our program is full of unique entertainment and fun surprises. It's also a place to meet new friends or catch up with other leaders and advocates from across the country. Plus, you can take in the best culture and entertainment San Diego has to offer with exciting pre-and post-convention tours.

Registration link: <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>.

NEW Salt Lake City Branch Website: Take A Look At Our Updated Online Look

To find the new SLC Branch website simply go to: <http://aauw-ut.aauw.net/branches/slc/>. There you will find information about officers, meetings, memberships, scholarships and much more.

Dr. Jeanette Misaka Featured in Salt Lake Tribune News Article:

AAUW SLC Branch member Dr. Jeanette Misaka was recently prominently featured in an article in The Salt Lake Tribune on Sunday February 22, 2015 under the title, "Japanese Americans Who Were Sent to Camps Visit Topaz". Her picture along with retired Judge Ray Uno, and Jeff E. Itami was included showing their recent involvement in touring the new Topaz Museum in Delta Utah. This museum is on the site of the former internment camp in Delta. The article discusses Jeanette's visit to the camp along with 150 other Wasatch Front residents who rode buses to Delta, and to the Topaz Museum. This special visit was organized as part of the Day of Remembrance, Feb. 19, 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the order for Japanese Americans being sent to internment camps. Jeanette was part of a group sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League Mt. Olympus chapter who were able to take the tour to view exhibits of internees' at the new Topaz Museum, as well see the camp monument 16 miles away. In the article it is explained that while none of these special visitors had lived in the Topaz camp many knew someone who had. Jeanette and her family spent two years at the Heart Mountain internment camp near Cody, Wyoming and her touching accounts of personal memories made the article especially insightful.

Legislative Forum Recap

This year's Legislative Forum, a joint effort among AAUW Salt Lake City and Wasatch Branches and the League of Women Voters, was a well-attended success. Many in the audience formed new opinions about these lawmakers. A sampling of opinions shows a range of impressions: "very well informed," "congenial," "articulate," even, "eloquent," "experienced," "entertaining," "funny," "well controlled," "interesting," "direct," and "on point."

The panelists this year were Senator Jim Dabakis (D) Senate District 2, Salt Lake County (Salt Lake); Senator Daniel Thatcher (R) Senate District 12, Salt Lake, Tooele Counties; Representative Carol Spackman Moss (D) House District 37, Salt Lake County (Holladay/Murray); and Former Representative Dana Layton (R) House District 60, Utah County (Orem). These legislators responded to questions about many issues of concern, among them, prison relocation, Medicaid expansion, improving air quality, SB54 (compromise to Count My Vote), education funding and charter schools, improving police actions in critical situations, and a possible increase in the gas tax.

The Legislative Forum Planning Committee recently met to assess the Forum and discuss ways in which the event could be improved. Representatives from the AAUW Wasatch and Salt Lake City Chapters and the League of Women Voters took part, acknowledging an overall success, noting some procedural changes and the possibility of increasing publicity and outreach to potential attendees.

Already, Planning Committee members are looking forward to next year and the opportunity to become acquainted with a new set of Legislative Forum participants and their views on the issues that are vital, especially to women.

See photos on the following page.

Mingling with the candidates and enjoying the pre-forum goodies.



Registration Meeting and greeting attendees



Enjoying a few minutes before the forum begins.



Former Rep. Dana Layton And Sen. Jim Debakis Chatting with attendees

Dawn Dewitt and Pat Steelman, AAUW SLC Branch Ann Williams, Wasatch Branch

Claire Turner AAUW SLC Branch, and Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, AAUW Wasatch Branch

Representative Carol Moss



Senator Daniel Thatcher



Senator Jim Dabakis



Former Representative Dana Layton



There were many jovial moments in this lively forum

