

WE ADVANCE EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

DECEMBER 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Pat Dalpiaz (l) and Vicki Jennings (r) working at the Reality Stores.
Photo by Daphne Selbert.*

This is the time of year to reflect on the past while anticipating the good to arrive in the days ahead. We have taken effortless leaps forward like a primo ballerina as well tinier, hard-earned steps that build upon our foundation of sustainability.

As the year comes to a close, and the first half of our season finishes, we are ending on many high notes for our Branch which I think is indicator for what to expect in 2017. Highlights our first few months include:

- *Membership that continues to grow.*
- *Public Policy hitting the ground running with the “Get Out the*

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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David Howell
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LUNCHEONS

The St. George Branch Program and Membership Meeting Luncheons are usually held on the first Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 185 S 1470 E. St. George, UT 84790. Lunch is \$17.00 per plate and features educational speakers that are of interest to our membership.

Vote Campaign” on the campus of DSU starting in August.

- *A very successful Gala – raising nearly as much as we did last year and equally important, we moved closer to one of our goals of creating a more community inclusive event.*
- *The Gala thief was caught! There will be a silent auction at our January luncheon with the retrieved items.*
- *Our luncheon programs continue to be very popular – January’s “Human Trafficking” will be no exception.*
- *We keep outdoing ourselves with our Santa-to-a Sister program, 228 gifts as well cash donations for future use.*
- *Our Board continues to work on improving on how we work together, determine the kinds of systems and procedures we need to support our Branch now and in the future.*

Looking ahead ... 2017 Scholarships are getting an early start this year – opening the application process January 1. Our eSMART Fashion Show fundraiser is scheduled for March 25. Public Policy has plans for an “Equal Pay Day Event” in April. Our official Branch business meeting will be at The Courtyard Marriott this year. And our much-anticipated Scholarship Luncheon is being held a week later than usual to accommodate students at DSU.

*We keep learning, growing and improving. Sometimes in leaps and bounds other times in painful baby-steps. Thank you **all** for everything you do to contribute to the life of our Branch.*

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year,

Lysa McCarroll
President

11:00 a.m.
Doors Open
11:30 a.m.
Lunch Served
11:45 a.m.
Meeting Begins
12:00 p.m.
Program Starts
1:00 p.m.
Luncheon Ends

Sept 12, 2016
October 3, 2016
November 7, 2016
December 5, 2016
January 9, 2017
February 6, 2017
March 13, 2017
April 3, 2017
May 8, 2017

**RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED**

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings will be held in the 3rd floor conference room in the Electric Theater in the first block on East Tabernacle. Enter through the back door of the theater. Meetings generally occur on the 2nd Monday of each month and will convene promptly at 4:00 PM. ☺

August 8, 2016
September 19, 2016
October 10, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016
January 16, 2017
February 13, 2017
March 20, 2017
April 10, 2017
May 15, 2017
June 12, 2017

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A plague has hit our community. You may have thought that slavery ended with the Civil War, but you would be wrong. **The Department of Homeland Security has made "human trafficking" one of their strongest priorities.** You would never think that this would be a problem in little, wholesome St George, Utah but there are now five, **yes FIVE illegal massage parlors** (brothels) operating in Washington County.



At the AAUW St. George Branch **January 9, 2017 luncheon**, guest speakers will address this trending influx in human trafficking and the impact on our community. **Tevya Ware** will one present the national perspective **O.U.R. – Operation Underground Railroad**, the second, **Michael Forrest, LMT** will share his firsthand knowledge of what is happening in our own backyard. Make sure you [reserve NOW](#) for this luncheon!

There will be a **Silent Auction in progress for Scholarships**: 14k white gold, diamond and cultured pearl necklace; Mary Kay Cosmetic Gift; Basket; Polish Pottery Bowl; Whimsical "Fiona Frog" Critter; Costume jewelry basket with amazonite semi-precious stone & crystals: necklace, bracelet and drop earrings.

ELECTED OFFICERS



President

Lysa McCarroll



**President-Elect
Christina Duncan**

Programs



Shannon Andersen

SANTA TO A SISTER



All of your gifts to the women residents in six long-term facilities –**228 ladies**--- have been delivered! We even received a thank you note already from **The Seasons Health and Rehab Center**. Thanks again to all of you donated items and cash: \$195 was contributed towards making Christmas a little happier for these women. Santa's Reindeer might come out of their winter nap to do something nice for Mother's Day, too!

Big thanks to: **Laura Lojko, Judy White, Peg Lloyd, Shawn Darby, Marianne Mansfield, Lolita Hagio** and two gals that helped that last frantic week: **Dawn Basseuner and Claudia Pogreba**.



Jill Lander

Communications



Jodi White



This could be you!

Membership



Jude Rhodes



Claudia Pogreba (l), Lolita Hagio (r)



Nadene Barish



This could be you!

Finance



Mary Hatch



This could be you!

Secretaries



Vicki Jennings



Douglas and Jeannette Johnson



(l-r) Gay Cunningham, Jane Blackwell, Vicki Jennings, Lenore Madden, Gloria Prah, Dee Murray, Laura Lojko, Pat Dalpiaz, Christina Duncan

See more pictures [here](#).



Dee Murray

Resource Development



Laura Lojko



This could be you!
Past President



Donna Howell

ESMART FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

eSMART Summer Camp Fashion Show & Luncheon Fundraiser

Saturday March 25, 2017 - 11 am - 2 pm

- 1) Solicitations (as many as possible) for
Live & Silent Auction and Raffles,
(restaurants, beauty salons,
day spas, etc.)*
- 2) 1 Volunteer especially needed to store
items.*
- 3) Volunteers (minimum 9-10) needed for
day of event to handle registration
check-in, sell raffle tickets, assist with
live auction etc.*
- 4) Models (10) Needed -
Fashions from Dillard's*

Contact Marcia Burchstead at 435-275-7818

MEMBERS MATTER

Welcome new members: Mary Barth, Dawn Bassuener, Mary Bennett, Arlene Carroll, Angela Culley, Angela Ellis, Toby Forden, Ann Foster, Christine Harris, Christa Lambert, Pamela Nelson, Wendy Schatzberg, Peggy Schneider, Linda Shadlow, Ann Welber, Linda Baker, Lil Barron, Susan Holbert. Wendy Holt, Linda Hill, Dawn Roper.

COMMITTEE CHAIR WOMEN

eSMART:
Erin O'Brien

Gala:
Gay Cunningham

Great Decisions:
Carol Sawaya

Public Policy:
Gloria Prah

Reality Stores:
Vicki Jennings

Scholarship Committee:
Pat Dalpiaz
Sandy Ghio

TechSavvy:
TBF

PROJECT MANAGERS

Corresponding Secretary:
Ruthie Allen

Historian:
Nan Bujold

Newsletter:
Dave Howell

Photographer:
Daphne Selbert

PR/Publicity:
TBF

Members and other friends of **Ruthie Allen** gave her an early Christmas present – helping her get her house decorated for the holidays. Health issues prevented her from doing it this year. She and all those who were able to give her a hand were pleased!

KUDOS TO KAYLA!

Wealth Management Advisor and Branch Manager Voyager Wealth Advisers, Inc., an independent firm was recently named member of the **Raymond St. James Financial Services 2017 Executive Council**. Executive Council honors are presented only to those financial advisers who have **demonstrated an exceptionally high level of commitment to clients** through personal service and professional integrity.



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Many of you remember **Bobbi Sylvester**, one of our very popular active members of AAUW, who passed away about two years ago from Cancer. We are sorry to report that **her dear husband Ralph, has also passed away** on November 26th after a brief battle with Cancer himself. Ralph had a delightful sense of humor; and was a loyal friend to our AAUW branch.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Sponsored by the **Salt Lake and Wasatch Chapters of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Utah** and the **Salt Lake League of Women Voters** this Legislative Forum will give the public an opportunity to question a panel of legislators about issues important to our citizens and specific issues of the forthcoming legislative session. Legislators on the panel include **Gene Davis**,

STEM Coordinator:
TBF

Uppity Women:
Em Diefenderfer

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Our Guiding Principles

Our actions reflect our mission and are ethical, honest and professional.

We challenge our thinking on contemporary issues through stimulating discussions and activities.

We foster an environment built on respect, a value for diversity of opinion, and a belief that members approach issues with good intentions.



Minority Leader from Senate District 3, Salt Lake County; **Luz Escamilla**, Minority Whip, Senate District 1, Salt Lake County; **Gage Froerer**, House

District 8, Weber County; **Ann Milner**, Senate District 18, Davis, Weber and Morgan Counties. The panel moderator is again **Janice Gygi** of the Salt Lake League of Women Voters.

The meeting is free and open to the public and will be held **January 7, 2017 at the Girl Scouts of Utah Building, 445 East 4500 South in Salt Lake City**. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., followed by the panel discussion, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. This is an opportune time to discuss your questions on critical issues prior to consideration of bills that will have significant impact on the lives of Utah's citizens. For more information contact: Teri Jewell:

terijewell82@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS

December 2016

Pat Dalpiaz 12/3/16
 Pamela Giles 12/3/16
 Jeanette Beck 12/4/16
 Marlene Deal 12/14/16
 Mary Kay Soucy 12/20/16
 Robyn Boudreau 12/27/16
 Nancy Hauck 12/27/16

February 2017

Marianne Sorensen 02-01
 Kay Ackerman 02-04
 Angela Thoburn 02-11
 Wendy Holt 02-13
 Bonnie Boling 02-19
 Martha Heuer 02-19
 Christina Durham 02-22

January 2017

Jude Rhodes 01-10
 Jenny McDowell 01-12
 Nelda Kissinger 01-19
 Douglas Johnson 01-26

We resolve issues face-to-face whenever possible, avoiding triangulation.

We seek resolutions when conflicts surface rather than blame and ask for assistance if needed.

We hold each other responsible & accountable for exemplifying our guiding principles and fulfilling our individual responsibilities.

We support board decisions and each other and celebrate our unique gifts.

AAUW St. George Branch

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2016 - 2017 BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	
September 12, 2016	Luncheon	Season Kick Off
September 15, 2016	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social – Em Diefenderfer's
September 19, 2016	Board Meeting	
October 2016	Reality Stores	Dates to be announced
October 3, 2016	Luncheon	Candidates Forum
October 10, 2016	Board Meeting	
October 20, 2016	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
November 5, 2016	Gala	A Night of Inspiration
November 7, 2016	Luncheon	Genomic Testing
November 14, 2016	Board Meeting	
November 17, 2016	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
December 5, 2016	Luncheon	Santa-to-a-Sister
December 12, 2016	Board Meeting	
December 15, 2016	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
January 2017	Great Decisions	Dates to be announced
January 9, 2017	Luncheon	Human Trafficking
January 16, 2017	Board Meeting	
January 19, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
February 6, 2017	Luncheon	Candace Hansen- Koharchek
February 13, 2017	Board Meeting	
February 16, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
March 13, 2017	Luncheon	Peace Corps
March 16, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
March 20, 2017	Board Meeting	
March 25, 2017	eSMART Fashion Show	Fishrock Grille – The Ledges
April 3, 2017	Luncheon	Annual Business Meeting
April 10, 2017	Board Meeting	
April 20, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
May 8, 2017	Luncheon – Season Finale	Scholarship Awards
May 15, 2017	Board Meeting	
May 18, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social
June 2017	eSMART Camp	Dates to be confirmed
June 12, 2017	Board Meeting	
June 15, 2017	Uppity Women	"Happy Hour" Social