



# Salt Lake City Branch of AAUW

CO-PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear AAUW SLC members,  
 As I'm drafting this message, I'm hearing about the "top five films of 2011." It's that time of year for making lists! What were your favorite branch programs for this past year? We had so many great meetings this year. One that rises to the top for me is our November meeting with Colonel Sara Zabel, Commander of the 75<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing at Hill Field. Colonel Zabel is such a capable and personable leader. She is an outstanding representative of all those women and men in the military who are dedicated to serving our country.

Please share what our local branch has to offer by inviting a friend to an upcoming meeting. The January meeting cosponsored with the Wasatch branch is a great opportunity to find out about upcoming issues for the state legislative session. In February we will hear from former congresswoman Karen Shepherd, who has served our community throughout her career.

Our branch has been involved in other significant ways this past year. In May we hosted a successful state convention at the Homestead resort. We continue to cosponsor and support the Defining Your Path Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls in October at the University of Utah. Our branch supports the national AAUW organization by contributing to the Legal Advocacy Fund and to the Educational Opportunities Fund. I recently reviewed 2011 AAUW Annual report and was impressed with how much has been done this past year to help "break down barriers for women and girls."

Thank you for participating this past year in AAUW. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Wishing you a most Happy New Year!

Claire Turner  
 Marti Weber  
 SL Branch co-presidents

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## DARLIEGH WEBB—Treasurer



Hello and Happy New Year!

My name is Darliegh Webb and I am the Treasurer. I am 34 years old and a native Utahn. I've been married to my wonderful husband Dustin for almost 13 years and we have two children, Calvin is 4 1/2 and Kyraleigh is 6 months old. Many of you have met Kyraleigh at this fall's meetings! I have an AS of Accounting from Salt Lake Community College as well as 14 years experience in the industry. I currently work as a staff accountant for MasterControl, Inc., a software company based here in the Salt Lake Valley and have been with them for just over 6 years. I am also a Leader with the Salt Lake Chapter of La Leche League (LLL) - a mother to mother breastfeeding support group. It was through LLL that I met our very own Alisha Stamper. One of the first things she asked me when we became friends was 'Have you heard of AAUW?'. She told me all about AAUW and brought me to the 2010 summer social and I was hooked! My favorite part of AAUW is the Defining your Path conference - I love that we are helping young girls realize their college dreams!



### **\* Legislative Panel Will Answer Your Questions \***

Join us for a combined meeting with Salt Lake Branch of AAUW for an opportunity to ask your question about issues important to you.

**When: Saturday morning, January 14, from 9:30 a.m. to noon**

**Where: Girl Scouts of Utah, 445 E 4500 South, SLC**

We will have four legislators, two Republicans and two Democrats, to comprise a panel that will field your questions. Chyleen Arbon will be the moderator.



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- B.A. from BYU in English (1994)
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**Our confirmed guests panelists are Senator Luz Robles - Democrat,  
Rep. David Litvack - Democrat, Rep. Todd Kiser - Republican.**

A 4<sup>th</sup> panelist is yet to be confirmed.

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. and enjoy some light refreshments.

Our panel will get underway about 10:00. The moderator will pose a few questions to the panel; then the audience will submit written questions for the panel to discuss. This is a great way to get a feel for the upcoming issues that the Legislature will be discussing and to get your thoughts and concerns heard.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

### \*IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE FELLOWSHIPS LUNCHEON PROGRAM\*

Two more exciting authors have been agreed to be on the program at the Fellowships Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, April 14!

In addition to **Gerald Elias**, who will talk about *The Devils Trill* and his other mystery books with titles from musical compositions and play his violin, **Rod Decker** (KUTV TV Channel 2 News reporter) will review his mystery, *An Environment for Murder*, and **Gordon Campbell** (a Salt Lake trial lawyer) will speak about his novel, *Missing Witness*. It should be great fun to hear these prominent men of our community tell how they conceived the plots and found time from their busy professions to write novels.

Remember, the luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 110 W. 600 South (Northwest corner of 600 South and West Temple), at 11:30 a.m. The price for the luncheon has been held at \$40 again this year, of which \$15 will be a tax deductible donation to AAUW Fellowships and Grants. The King's English Bookshop will be on hand to sell books for the authors to sign. A program/reservation brochure will be available soon, listing menu options..

In March, when the time comes, please remember to make out your check to AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Checks may be mailed to Maxine Haggerty, 2630 Lincoln Lane, SLC, 84124. The deadline for paid reservations is Saturday, April 7.

### Treasurer's Report:

We had a great first half of our 2011-2012 year! We still need 5 new members to meet our budget so if you know anyone who is interested let a board member know and we can get you an application. Our fund raising efforts are off to a good start as well. We've raised a third of what we need but we're not done. If you have books or other items you are willing to donate for our silent auction bring them to the February meeting and make sure to peruse the items available - there have been some great books up for auction!

### The Passing of Ceres Boeira Birkhead

Ceres Birkhead, who was president of our Salt Lake City Branch of AAUW for 2007-2008, died on December 30th. Ceres had been battling a lung problem for several years. Soon after her husband Doug was hired by the journalism department of the University of Utah in 1987, Ceres was hired as a reference librarian at the University's Marriott Library, for 22 years.

Born in Brazil, Ceres came to the U.S. to complete her undergraduate education at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature in 1965 and met her husband. She earned a Master of Library Science from the University of Iowa in 1979 and a Master of Arts in

History from Louisiana State University in 1984. In addition to English, she was fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, French and German.

Ceres loved good literature, unique mysteries, opera, her nine-year old cat Tao, and had a major sweet tooth. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by her 95 year-old mother, several brothers, nieces and nephews, her son Major Chris Birkhead (an Air Force pilot) and his wife Kayra, a granddaughter Catherine, and a step grandson Trevor.

Ceres was an interesting person to be with, a valued friend who will be missed by her library colleagues and all

AAUW members who would like to make memorial donations to LAF or AAUW Fellowships please contact Martha Bale (LAF) or Maxine Haggerty (Fellowships).

Please feel free to leave a message about Ceres at [ceresmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:ceresmemorial@gmail.com). Mailing address for her son is

Chris & Kyra Birkhead; 4108 Abigale Drive; Yukon, OK 73099





**AAUW Salt Lake City Branch  
Distinguished Woman Nomination Form for 2012**

*Distinguished Woman Award Banquet  
To Be Held at:  
Cottonwood Country Club  
March 10, 2012  
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM*

The deadline for Nominations is January 27, 2012

Please return this form to Amanda Belloff, PO Box 521961, Salt Lake City, UT 84152.

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Consent received  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Criteria: Please  check the following:

1. Nominee is an AAUW member (optional)  Yes  No
2. Nominee has a minimum of a baccalaureate degree:  Yes  No
3. Nominee is a bonafide resident of the state of Utah:  Yes  No
4. In keeping with AAUW, the distinguished woman shall be a nonpartisan person:  Yes  No
5. The nominee has made contributions to society on a local, state and/or national level:  Yes  No

Please provide a summary of the Nominee's involvement and accomplishment that addresses the following 5 areas on this form or as an attachment (see next page):

1. Commitment to women's equity and advancement:

2. Commitment to education:

3. Volunteer contributions:

4. Professional Achievements (include honors and awards):

5. Contributions to AAUW's areas of interest:



## CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

A strong leadership is essential for the operation of our membership based organization.

The positions of President-Elect, Membership Vice President, and Secretary are open for the 2012-2013 board.

If you would like more information about position responsibilities or would like to volunteer or recommend a candidate please contact Marti Weber, Nominating Committee chair at 801-484-0885 or 801-573-2054 or notcow@comcast.com

*If you would like to witness how the current board functions, consider attending a board meeting. Your participation is always welcomed.*

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings begin at 6:15 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Salt Lake City Public Library on the following dates:  
January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26, May 17 & June 28!

## UPDATE!

The Salt Lake City Branch donated \$270 to the LAF fund of AAUW!

Thank you to all who donated!

## SALT LAKE COUNCIL OF WOMEN TURNS 100!!!

“Since February 26, 1912, The Salt Lake Council of Women, through the united efforts of many organization representatives, has been an impressive force for civic improvement. The purpose of the Council is to take an active interest in community affairs and to promote whatever may contribute to the general welfare of the communities along the Wasatch Front.”

There will be a 100th Birthday Dinner Celebration on February 25th at Little America. Please contact Nancy Mitchell at 801-278-3100 for more information.

## Congratulations!!!!



Alisha Stamper gave birth to a baby girl, named Fern on December 28th. She weighed 8lbs 12 oz & both are doing well!

ELECTED OFFICERS 2011-2012

**Salt Lake City Branch**

**Co-Presidents**

Marti Weber  
Claire Turner

**Membership VP**

Alisha Stamper

**Treasurer**

Darliegh Webb

**Recording Secretary**

Karen Thomas

**Program VP**

Georgette Kapos

**The Lunch Bunch Round-up!!!**

The Local Lunch Bunch will meet

**DATE:** Wednesday January 18th

**TIME:** 12:00 (noon)

**LOCATION:** Trio Café

680 S 900 E.

Please call RSVP with Georgette Kapos by emailing her at [gskapos@comcast.com](mailto:gskapos@comcast.com).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FEBRUARY 11th Meeting**

It will be at Jane's Home

1229 E. South Temple

10:00 - noon

Karen Shepherd will be speaking about the Legislature and what has been happening in the session.

**AAUW Book Group**

**Date:** February 7th

**Book:** The Secret Scripture

Please contact Claire Turner for more information

**Calendar of Events**

**SLC AAUW BRANCH  
PROGRAMING 2011-2012**

**2012**

**January 14th**—10 am—12 pm

Girl Scouts of Utah

445 E 4500 South

Legislative Meeting

**February 11th**—10 am -12 pm

Jane's Home

1229 E South Temple

Karen Shepherd

**March 10th**—11:30 am—2 pm

Cottonwood CC

Distinguished Women

Luncheon

**April 14th** - 11 am—2:30 pm

Embassy Suites

EF Fundraiser

**May 12th**—10 am—12 pm

Sprague Library

Installation of officers

