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President's Message

Welcome AAUW/OK members to a new year. As the incoming AAUW/OK State President, I am hoping to meet many of you in the next year. I want to commend the hard working branches who have been meeting since July 1 and making decisions and plans for the coming year. Please send reports of your activities to me and the newsletter editor Lisa Schroeder. Good luck to all of you!

One Member, One Vote, adopted at the 2009 AAUW National Convention, changed AAUW national elections from a delegate-only process to one that gives every member a vote. Every member needs to know about the new voting process and that the details are posted now. Your help is needed in getting this message out!

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Members can now propose bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program revisions/additions, as well as make comments and submit an application for national board candidacy on the AAUW website. Candidate applications were due

Paycheck Fairness Act

AAUW CEO Makes Compelling Argument for Paycheck Fairness Act in New York Times

New York Times (Sunday, September 24)

The New York Times published AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman's letter to the editor refuting an earlier Times op-ed that argued against the Paycheck Fairness Act because of a fear that it could bring a deluge of lawsuits. In response, Hallman wrote, "Widely seen as an excellent tool to help close the gender wage gap, the Paycheck Fairness Act isn't about lawsuits. It's about American families. And it's time we put them first."

October 1. The deadline to submit proposals is November 17. In early December, members will be able to "meet" the candidates online through biographies, videos, and candidate links.

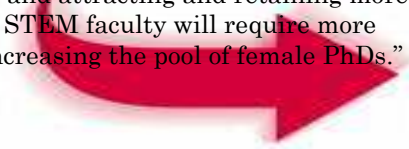
Members were notified by e-mail about this online process in early August, but many have missed the notice or do not have e-mail. Member leaders are urged to provide this information to all branch and state members through all their various channels. To learn more about the process, it is recommended that you read the One Member, One Vote Current Topics Briefing and FAQ posted on the AAUW website and look for more details in the Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer issues of AAUW Outlook.

To access the One Member, One Vote section of the website from the AAUW home page, click on Member Center in the top right corner, log in with your member ID, and select One Member, One Vote. Members can find their member ID on their AAUW Outlook mailing label or by using the Member ID lookup link available on the AAUW Member Log-In page.

AAUW Offers Insight on Women's Doctoral Degree Milestone for Influential Blog

Care2.com (Thursday, September 28)

In a blog post for Care2.com, AAUW Director of Membership Christy Jones and AAUW Senior Researcher Andresse St. Rose shed light on women's recent milestone of earning more doctorates than men. The pair praised this exciting moment for women and education but also cautioned against ignoring how far women still have to go: "Increasing women's representation in what many call our country's critical need fields—the STEM fields—and attracting and retaining more female STEM faculty will require more than increasing the pool of female PhDs."



A Message from Dianna Morgan

AAUW State Vice President for Membership: Dianna Morgan

“Breaking Through Barriers”---Isn't that just what AAUW has tried to do since 1881? I hope you are proud to be a member of an organization that for more than 100 years has shown such commitment to breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. If we are to have 100 more years of success, we must all work together to recruit new members as well as retain our current members.

As we begin the new year, I know that your branch will face challenges, including growing your membership, but I hope every member will become personally committed to helping in that effort. Every member can invite someone to attend a meeting. We can all talk about how much AAUW means in our own lives. When new people do visit our branches, we should be welcoming and enthusiastic. Branches can plan lively programs as well as reach out to the larger community through volunteer efforts, making sure that the AAUW presence is known.

Here in Oklahoma, we are close to revitalizing the Norman branch, thanks to the committed efforts of Past President Faye Henson and Vice President for Programs Betty Harris. They have worked diligently toward this goal and I am so grateful to them. If you need something accomplished, these two women may be just the persons you want to call!

As the Oklahoma Vice President for Membership, I invite you to contact me if I can assist your branch in any way. I will be happy to make a branch visit or answer any questions you might have. You also may wish to visit www.aauw.org for information or ideas. The web site has been revamped and has lots of good information and interesting articles. My contact information is listed here in the newsletter—call on me at any time.

In the meantime, have a great year. You belong to a great organization!

Justice Scalia: Gender Discrimination Not Unconstitutional



Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia illustrated the impact judicial nominations have on women's rights and opportunities. In recent a speech to the U.C. Hastings College of Law, Justice Scalia asserted his belief that the 14th amendment to the Constitution does not prohibit gender discrimination because, when ratified in 1868, it was intended to prevent racial discrimination only. This narrow interpretation of the Constitution is not merely academic; with a voice on our nation's highest court, Justice Scalia can and has contributed to numerous anti-women's rights opinions



Congressional Hearing on Gender Pay Gap

The Joint Economic Committee held a hearing this week on the recent Government Accountability Office report on wage differences between female and male managers. The study found that female managers earned just 81 cents to every dollar earned by male managers in 2007, increasing a mere 2 cents since 2000. Even more shocking are statistics that even though women account for 40 percent of managers in the U.S., working mothers with children under age 18 account for only 14 percent of all managers.

The wage gap continues to be a major issue in all sectors. While female non-profit CEO's are closing the wage gap, a new study finds that women in other top leadership positions have actually fallen behind their male counterparts. Another recent study by the United States Conference of Mayors found that half of the projected "green" jobs created by stimulus programs will be in heavily male-dominated areas such as engineering, consulting, manufacturing, construction and forestry.

Take Action! Call your Senators and tell them to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act! Senate Majority Leader Reid (D-NV) has filed cloture-that's Washington-speak for scheduling a vote-on the Paycheck Fairness Act. The legislation will come up for a vote the week of Nov. 15, so now is the time to act!

Jeanna Wing

President's Message

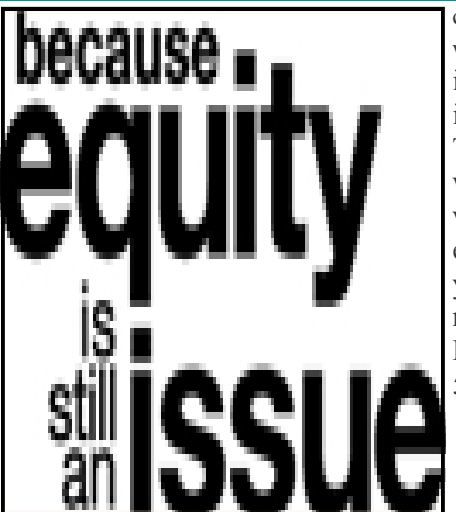
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Mark your calendars for the upcoming AAUW National Convention, June 16-19, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. Also AAUW/OK will be hosting the SWC Regional Conference the following year June 8-9, 2012. The AAUW/OK State Convention will be held in April 2012. The date will be decided later.

Again, I am looking forward to meeting many of you as I travel to AAUW branches in Oklahoma during the next year. Please feel free to invite me to your meetings and events.

Jeanna Wing

President



Girl Scouts Get Powered Up! With Help from AAUW:

Thirty Tulsa Girl Scouts are being trained in an anti-bullying program for girls

Article from www.girlscoutseastok.org

The summer heat is not all that is warming up girls at a local facility. Girl Scouts are being empowered as bystanders to the epidemic of bullying during a week-long training session where they participate in group activities aimed to strengthen self-confidence.

Powered Up! is Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma's anti-bullying and relational aggression program for girls, grades 2-12. Instead of focusing on the bully, Powered Up! works to empower the bystanders in an environment that ensures everyone's safety. Girls are taught through a series of experiential learning scenarios that "doing nothing is not an option."

Girls learn how to identify bullying situations and effectively aid targets of aggression. Through the actions of bystanders, girls diffuse the situation while maintaining the dignity of all involved. During training, girls engage in activities that focus on teamwork and emphasize the importance of being an individual and making positive decisions. For example, girls participate in a "check in" each day where they can voice how they are feeling in the process and receive encouragement and acceptance from other participants.

The program originated in Colorado and was introduced in Oklahoma in 2008. Since then, the Girl Scout staff has been training adult facilitators and offering the program to girls across eastern Oklahoma. To date over 1,000 girls from various public schools and community sites in Tulsa, McAlester, Muskogee, Durant, Coalgate, Bartlesville and Stillwater have been trained in Powered Up! "When we initiated the process to bring Powered Up! to Oklahoma, I didn't realize the extent and impact of bullying. I had the attitude that bullying was stage of life that kids had to deal with, but after hearing some of the extreme stories, I realized it was a much more serious and far reaching problem," says Celeste Franklin, Events and Virtual Pathway Manager for Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma. A generous community action grant from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) made this week-long session possible. Transportation, program supplies, breakfast, lunch, snacks and Powered Up! t-shirts are provided to participants at no cost to the individual families, making this training accessible for many who would be unable to attend otherwise. The grant will also fund training for adult volunteers and four additional Powered Up! training events for Girl Scouts to begin in the fall of 2010. The Tulsa Branch of AAUW has supported the summer session with an on-site visit and will contribute volunteers to assist with surveying as well as implementation of the four local events. For more information on how to bring Powered Up! to your school or community or to help continue these efforts by making a financial contribution, please contact Dawn Lowe, Director of Outreach Services, at dlowe@gseok.org, 918-745-5234 or 800-707-9914 ext. 234.



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AAUW 2010-2011 CALENDAR**2010**

December 18

Anniversary of UN Passage of CEDAW

December 31

Deadline for Contributions Report for any branch monies for:

AAUW Funds undesignated

Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Public Policy Fund

Leadership Programs Fund

Any other designated funds which your branch supports

2011

June 16-19

AAUW Convention, Washington DC

"Breaking Through Barriers"**Author of the "Biography Jane Addams Deserves" to Appear before AAUW of Illinois**

Salon (Wednesday, September 29)

Louise Knight, who has been in the news lately because of her new Jane Addams biography, will join AAUW of Illinois members in December for a Jane Addams 150th Birthday brunch at Chicago's Hull House Museum.

Salon described

Knight's book, *Jane Addams: Spirit in Action*, as a riveting new biography. Addams was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, an adviser to no fewer than eight presidents, and a co-founder of Hull House, the nation's first settlement house. To learn more about Addams and how AAUW members are honoring her, visit the AAUW of Illinois web page.

**Blogger Connects Greg Mortensen's Work to New YouTube "Girl Effect" Video**

Our Kids Blog (Thursday, September 28)

In a recent post, blogger George Briggs writes, "The Girl Effect is a brilliant viral YouTube video that drives home the importance of providing development aid that supports education for women in the less-developed world. Greg Mortenson (author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*) has devoted most of his adult life to building schools for girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan with positive results." Mortenson, an AAUW member, spoke at the 2007 convention in Phoenix. AAUW is now gearing up for the 2011 convention in Washington, D.C. Visit the AAUW convention website to learn more about the June 16-19 event, where you will be inspired by nationally recognized speakers and learn new leadership skills and AAUW best practices to take home to your community.



AAUW Member Starter Kit

AAUW has provided the 2010 AAUW Annual Starter Kit to all AAUW states and branches. The starter kit contains the latest resources, materials, and information on the benefits of belonging to the nationwide AAUW community.

With these materials, your state/branch will learn what's new and what's next, as well as how to plan and execute programs and membership recruitment initiatives. You'll also find many resources to help with membership retention. Please share the contents of the starter kit at your next meeting and make it an important topic of discussion.

Ask your branch Vice President for Membership to share the Member Starter Kit with the branch at the next meeting.

AAUW Public Policy Fund Pins — and a Bonus

For the first time at AAUW, you can show your support for advocacy for women and girls — and get a tax deduction. Contribute \$100 or more to the AAUW Public Policy Fund and receive the fund's first annual pin. As a special bonus, we will mail you a copy of the book *Secrets of Powerful Women* (a \$14.99 value) personally signed by Lisa Maatz, AAUW's director of public policy and government relations. Lisa is among the women — members of Congress, journalists, actors, CEOs, and activists — who each wrote a chapter of the book, and she will ask one of the other authors to sign your book as well. Please support this crucial work with a tax-deductible contribution through our secure website.

Seeking Eleanor Roosevelt Award Nominations

AAUW is seeking nominations for the 2011 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award to honor an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, education and research, and legal and legislative work in equity for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator. The Nomination Form and all other materials must be e-mailed on or before November 1, 2010 to fellowships@aauw.org.



AAUW Through the Years



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AAUW LEADERSHIP CORPS Fall 2010

Report

AAUW has some exciting initiatives currently in progress. All of you, I am sure, are aware that we will be celebrating 130 years of advocacy for women next year. The national convention, June 16-19, 2011, will feature this great achievement. Make plans now to attend; encourage your branch members to put Washington DC in their travel plans for 2011.

In preparation for the national convention, there are several activities occurring this fall. The updated Public Policy platform is available on the website; suggested revised bylaws and resolutions will be available shortly; candidate profiles are in preparation. These are just a few of the many convention-related activities that are being readied. A major push is being made for additional financial resources as a part of the 130th celebration. If you wish more information about this, contact the AAUW Development Office.

Should you have room in your branch programs for additional presentations, consider

Women's Health Forum

Speaking of Women's Health: A New Perspective, Saturday, Oct. 16, will be held at the Cox Convention Center in OKC, 9:00 – 1:00.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Vivian Pinn, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health. Donna Lawrence will open the event, followed by an update on the health of Oklahoma women by Dr. Terry Cline, Commissioner, State Department of Health. A panel of doctors, moderated by Dr. Maryann Baumann, will discuss strategies for improving women's health. The event is being organized by INTEGRIS Health and sponsored by the Okla. Women's Coalition, The Links, Inc and other partners.

the following. Equal Pay Day 2011 is April 12; Women's History Month in March is always worthy of a program, as is CEDAW. The proposed changes in the Social Security program also warrant our concern and would be a wonderful program. And our theme "Breaking Through Barriers" lends itself to several avenues for branch programming. The Adelente Book List for 2010-2011 is available. Those titles would make good selections for your branch book group.

Shape the Future, our innovative campaign to get new members, is in full force. Check the website for information. The incentives in this program are great!

Don't forget NCCWSL and the great opportunities this conference offers college women.

Perhaps your branch could consider sponsoring a student as many of you have in the past. Those young women gain much from the experience and are willing to talk to your branch about it when they return.

branch should have received a new branch starter kit. There is material in

Registration required: Call (405) 951-2277 – No Charge for this event. Brunch is included and seating is filling quickly.

Media Coverage in Central Okla – Tune In!

Interviews to promote the Health Forum:

* KTOK AM1000 Radio Morning Drive – Thursday or Friday, Oct. 7 or 8

* KFOR Newschannel 4 - Friday, Oct. 8 LIVE at 6 a.m.

* KWTW News9 - Sunday, Oct. 10 LIVE at 7:40 a.m.

Interview to discuss about women in politics:

* KWTW News9 - Tuesday, Oct. 26 LIVE at 4 p.m.



the kit for every branch board member; share this valuable information. Why not have a special board meeting to review the contents of the kit.

Let us know if you hear any of the new PSAs that AAUW has sent to radio stations throughout the country.

The Five-State Regional Conference in Little Rock in June was a rousing success. Plans are already underway for another one in 2012 in Oklahoma. Watch for more details.

As always, you can contact me at sbreeze@mindspring.com.

Shirley Breeze

Interview highlighting Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

* KTLR AM890 - Mon, Oct 18, 9-10:30 am: The Ella Speakes Show - The Positive Talk Diva, Internationally via live streaming at www.ktlr.com



Donna Lawrence, Coalition Chair, has been asked to speak about her triumph over breast cancer and the Okla. Women's Coalition work to improve the lives of women.

National Women's History Museum

The National Women's History Museum has created a petition in support of the National Women's History Museum Act (S. 2129), and your voice is needed to ensure its passage. This petition would allow the NWHM, a nonpartisan, non-profit educational institution, to purchase land across from the National Mall for the purpose of building a museum in appreciation of women's many accomplishments and contributions to our nation.

Dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history, the NWHM would purchase the land at fair market value and would privately fund all construction costs for a permanent museum, but they need Congressional action to allow them to do so. In 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in

American History called for a women's history museum in Washington, D.C. and cited the efforts of the NWHM toward that goal. While several previous attempts have been made to this end, a permanent museum to celebrate women's role in history still does not exist in our nation's Capital.

Although women constitute a majority of the population, their lives, achievements, and contributions are often underrepresented in museums in the United States. AAUW strongly supports S. 2129 and is a proud member of the NWHM Coalition, a group of national women's professional and service organizations committed to supporting the NWHM mission. We recognize the importance of remembering how far we have come and honoring the women who have played an integral part in getting us here.

Recognition of the achievements made by American women will promote a better understanding of our history and culture for all. Urge your representative to support legislation by signing the petition to make this dream a reality. Take Action!

Sign the NWHM petition to drive the Senate to act, just click on the link below or copy and paste it into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to send your message.

<http://www.nwhm.org/get-involved/promote/sign-petition>



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AAUW 2010-2011 CALENDAR

October 15 – Deadline—Application for LAF Travel Grant

November 1- Deadline—Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award Applications

December 18 – Anniversary of UN Passage of CEDAW

February 15 – NCCWSL Registration Opens

March – Women’s History Month

March 15 – Breaking Through Barriers Awardees Announced

April 12 – Equal Pay Day

June – Breaking Through Barriers Campaign Ends

June 2, 3, 4 – NCCWSL (Tentative)

2012

June – SWC Regional Conference, OK