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Missouri in Motion

Missouri Leadership Conference
*Connect and Reconnect:
85 Years of Promoting
Equity for Women and Girls*

April 21-22, 2006

at The Resort at Lake Arrowhead
Lake Ozark, MO

Connect with **college women**...with **legislative issues**...
with **yourself** and... with **fellow AAUW members**

Registration form on Page 3!



Freda Washington is a 2005-2006 EF Fellow at Washington University and will be a guest presenter at the conference.

STATE DUES INCREASE RECOMMENDED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

Better communication within Missouri AAUW is a top priority of your state board of directors. To achieve this goal, the board wants to increase the frequency of Missouri in Motion to four times a year. After considering recent and future postage increases and costs of creating a printed newsletter that will reliably reach all members, the board recommended that the state dues for Missouri AAUW increase by \$4 a year to \$10, effective in the 2007-08 membership year. This increase is to be voted on by members at the state conference April 22, 2006, at the Lake of the Ozarks.

If approved, this increase will mark 14 years since the last increase in 1993-4. By comparison with other state AAUWs that have dues, Missouri's current dues of \$6 are with Arkansas and Delaware at the lowest in the nation. A Funding Vision team of board members has been studying the issue since October, and the board adopted the recommendation at its meeting on January 28.

DIVERSITY/ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB AT STATE CONFERENCE

To learn more about beginning an Adelante! Book group in your branch, a workshop will be on the program at the State Conference in April. Adelante! books will be available for sale. Proceeds will be sent to the Louisiana Library Project. This will help diverse women in Louisiana. Material on Diversity will be available for each branch to incorporate Diversity as a component in your program planning. Hopefully, each branch will have a representative at the conference, but if not, the material will be sent to your branch. See you in April at the conference.

Betty Takahashi, Diversity Chair

AAUW MISSION

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the holidays, it is time for me to focus on the AAUW January Board meeting in Columbia. The Board has been challenged for some time to better utilize some of our state funds, especially the Peg Witt Fund. A committee was asked to develop a "Funding Vision" to move our state into the next decade. We wanted the vision to encourage the following:

- Branch development, especially in branches struggling to increase membership
- Participation in the Annual Meeting with a chance to widen horizons and gain insights for branch development
- Student leadership and young adult participation from our campus and communities across the state, so we keep our membership vital.

At the January Board meeting we will review the committee suggestions. If adopted, you will see opportunities for your branch to apply for incentive grants next year.

The other large undertaking by the Board this January is updating the Bylaws and Policies that form the structure of our organization. Jan Huss, Bylaws Chair, has contacted each branch to be sure that their bylaws and policies reflect the changes that were adopted at last year's Association Convention.

We have had a tremendous year and there is more to come. I want to invite you to the wonderful conference planned for April 21-22 at Lake of the Ozarks!

Great Location! Great Time!
Great Information! Great Friendships!

Annelle Weymuth
AAUW of MO President



STATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Treasurer – Sue Barley

Sue Barley has served on the AAUW Missouri board since 1995, serving as Bylaws chair, Educational Foundation chair, and for the past two years as Treasurer. She has been a member of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch since 1983. She has served the branch as president, treasurer, newsletter editor, bylaws chair, EF chair, directory chair, and on numerous committees. Sue was a charter member of the AAUW Creve Coeur Branch in 1970. She became a life member of AAUW in 1999 and has been a delegate to six Association conventions.

Sue has been very active in Girls Scouts. Since 1990, Sue has been on the Backers Volunteer Board of The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. Currently, she is co-chairing a national conference for volunteers of non-profit professional theatres that will be held in St. Louis in April 2006.

VP Membership – Jan Huss

Jan Huss has been a member of AAUW since 1992 when she became a member-at-large. At the time, she was Executive Director of a woman's social sorority and learned about AAUW through the professional magazine, American Society of Association Executives. Her first branch membership was in Des Moines where she held several leadership positions. She later served as VP of Membership and President of Iowa-AAUW.

In 2004, she joined the Maryville Branch and became active in starting a branch in St. Joseph. She then joined the Missouri State Board as New Branch Development/Bylaws Chair.

During her working career, she served as Equity Coordinator for the Iowa Department of Education and worked with disabled student services at Des Moines Area Community College and Iowa State University.



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Missouri Leadership Conference

“CONNECT AND RECONNECT: 85 YEARS OF PROMOTING EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS”

April 21-22, 2006

The Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark*

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| Friday | 5 – 7 | Registration, Displays and Sales |
| April 21 | 6 – 7 | Dine with the Board at the restaurant at The Resort |
| | 7 – 9 | Missouri Wine Reception |
| Saturday | 8 – 9:30 | Welcome Breakfast, LAF Program, and Keynote Address (TBA) |
| April 22 | 9:45 – 10:30 | Workshop: Communication Skills for Life |
| | | Workshop: Read Any Good Books Lately? |
| | | Workshop: Don't Let Technology Pass You By! |
| | 10:45 – 11:45 | Panel: Bridging the Gap: Focus on Sexual Harassment on Campus |
| | 11:45 – 1:30 | Meet Your Counterparts at the EF Luncheon with EF Recipients |
| | 2 – 2:45 | Workshop: Start an AAUW Student Affiliate |
| | | Workshop: Do you T'ai Chi? |
| | | Workshop: Public Policy: TABOR |
| | 3 – 4 | Panel: Women's Issues in Missouri |
| | 4 – 5 | MO AAUW Business Meeting, Awards, and Installation of Officers |
| | 6:30 – 8:30 | Anniversary Celebration Banquet – Show Your Colors (Teal that is!) |

~ Register by April 10 – Make hotel reservations by March 21 ~

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Branch: _____ Officer Position: _____ Delegate: Yes/No

Note: Each branch is entitled to at least two voting delegates, regardless of membership count.

Member-at-large Student affiliate
 College/university representative First AAUW conference

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| Includes materials, wine reception, and meals on April 22 | Students (includes AAUW membership) | \$60 |
| | Early Bird Members by March 21 | \$75 |
| | Members after March 21 | \$85 |
| | Contribution to Student Costs (optional) | \$10 |
| | Banquet Guest | \$25 |
| | TOTAL DUE “MO AAUW CONFERENCE” | _____ |

Send payment with registration form to: Marsha Koch
1742 Connemara Drive
Ballwin, MO 63021

Please explain special needs or meals: _____

Need another registration form? Visit our website at <http://www.aauwmo.org/>
 Questions? Contact Marsha Koch at 636-256-3746 or marshak@gmage.net

*The Resort at Port Arrowhead, 3080 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049
<http://www.lakeoftheozarksgetaway.com/resort.html>
 Reservations: 800-532-3575, reference AAUW-MO rate **no later than March 21, 2006.**

Room rates are \$91.58 per night. You must present an AAUW tax exempt form at the time of check-in. A copy of the form will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. Standard guest check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and standard guest check-out is 11:00 am. No refunds on no-show reservations.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2006 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

March 1 is the deadline for branches to submit names for consideration for the prestigious AAUW-MO Woman of Distinction Award. This award is made every other year to an outstanding member of AAUW of Missouri. Nominees should be one who has promoted the mission and values of AAUW in her branch and community.

Nomination forms were sent by e-mail to the president of each branch on December 4. The form is also available online at <http://www.aauwmo.org>. If anyone needs another form, please contact Lynne Roney at 314-727-7175 or e-mail lynneroney@sbcglobal.net. Please return forms postmarked no later than March 1 or for e-mail receipt no later than March 1.

\$34 MILLION FUNDING DENIED

For the fourth year in a row, the Bush Administration has ignored both Congress and the American people by denying \$34 million in funding for UNFPA (Population Fund), the largest source of international assistance for the rights and health of women. The Administration has refused the release of funding since 2002 (\$127 million) – weakening the U.S. position as one of the most well respected leaders in global women’s health. Over 70% of Americans support the goals of UNFPA.

World Voice, Americans for UNFPA, Autumn 2005

AAUW CAPITOL HILL LOBBY CORPS

Be sure to read the article in the Fall/Winter Outlook, page 12, on the AAUW Lobby Corps. These women are a unique fixture on Capital Hill. All volunteers, they are celebrating their 30th anniversary of advocating for equity in Washington, D.C.

NAACP WINS ON “NIGGER” IN DICTIONARY

There has been a change in Webster’s Dictionary. A landmark decision was made recently with the people at Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Beginning with the next edition, the word “nigger” will no longer be synonymous with African-Americans. It shall be duly noted that it’s a racial slur.

AAUW LOUISIANA LIBRARY PROJECT

Our AAUW branches around the country have asked what they can do to help in the hurricane recovery. AAUW Louisiana has developed the AAUW Louisiana Library Project. They thought a project to assist the 15-20 libraries that have been damaged or destroyed would be consistent with AAUW emphasis on education. **The Missouri AAUW Board decided to send money to Louisiana Library Foundation.** The Foundation will give money directly to libraries that need help. If you wish to contribute, identify your AAUW group and that it is for libraries damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Make checks payable to Louisiana Library Foundation, P.O. Box 2583, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Donations will be accepted at state conference as well.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES

In keeping with its focus on education in the community, the **Canton Branch** welcomed state representative Rachel Bringer to its November 21st meeting to discuss the effects of the Missouri education funding formula on rural school districts and the legislative process that determined that formula. Several students from Culver-Stockton College's Student Government Association and teacher education program attended the presentation in Johnson Hall Parlor on the Culver Stockton campus as guests of the Branch. Founded in 1853 as the first co-educational college west of the Mississippi River, Culver-Stockton College (then, Christian University) actually matriculated the first female students in the post-War year of 1866.



Special Agent Claire Rayburn

Special Agent Claire Rayburn and her dog gave an excellent ATF explosive canine presentation and demonstration at the November meeting of the **Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch**. She is the daughter of branch member, Erlaine Eltomi.

The **St. Louis Interbranch Council** will have their annual Spring Fling on March 11. The speaker will be Kristin Zapalac, Ph.D, who is with the State Historic Preservation Office of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The title of the program is "Sisters Under the Skin: Female Freedom Seekers."

The **Kansas City Interbranch Council** is preparing for its annual Reentry Luncheon on April 1. Women who are returning to school to complete degrees will be honored. The **Independence Branch** will host the event this year.

The **Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch** held its annual Holiday Auction and Luncheon in December. The auction raises money for Dollars for Scholars, science fair awards, the Kathy J. Weinman Center and community projects.



Carol Barnett, Book Sale Co-Chair

In October, the **Ferguson-Florissant Branch** had a very interesting program on Expanding Cultural Diversity in North County. Panelists included an ESL teacher, a leader in the Latino community and a representative of North County Jobs Initiative. They discussed social and job concerns for immigrants and the roles immigrants play in the political, cultural and economic structure in North St. Louis County. The ESL teacher said that Hazelwood had more than 600 immigrant students last year from about 50 different language groups.

The **Independence Branch** is busy preparing for its 32nd annual used book sale which will be the first weekend in March. Profit will be divided among EF, local scholarships and branch expenses. Book Sale Co-Chair, Carol Barnett is happy so many books have already been priced and sorted.



Laqueta Barstow is shown enjoying the Auction.

The **Kansas City Branch** presented its 27th Annual Thorpe Menn Award in the Fall to Max J. Skidmore for *After the White House*. Other finalists were Shirley Christian, *Before Lewis and Clark* and James H. Willbanks, *Abandoning Vietnam*.

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Adelante!

Book of the Month Club

AAUW is seeking recommendations for the Adelante Book List for next year. Get a recommendation sheet at www.aauw.org. The next booklist will be published by May 1, 2006.

February

The Known World
by Edward P. Jones (2003)

Henry Townsend, a black farmer, bootmaker and former slave, has a fondness for Paradise Lost and an unusual mentor—William Robbins, perhaps the most powerful man in antebellum Virginia's Manchester County. Under Robbins's tutelage, Henry becomes proprietor of his own plantation—as well as of his own slaves. When he dies, his widow, Caldonia, succumbs to profound grief and things begin to fall apart at their plantation.

March

Founding Mothers
by Cokie Roberts (2004)

While the “fathers' were off founding the country, what were the women doing? Running their husband's businesses, raising their children plus providing political information and advice. This will be a story of the beginnings of the nation as viewed from the distaff side.

April

She Says
by Venus Khoury-Ghata (2003)

She Says explores the mythic and confessional attractions and repulsions of the French and Arabic imaginations with poems that open like “a suitcase filled with alphabets.” Sex, barrenness, grief, and death—the backdrop of a war-ravaged country—are always at the edges.

May

The Red Azalea
by Anchee Min (1994-1999)

The autobiography of a young Chinese woman born in 1957 as the eldest of four children of an educated couple, describing their changed lives during the Maoist regime. Min emigrated to the U.S. in 1984 when she could no longer tolerate life in China.

AAUW—A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP FOR 125 YEARS

Southwest Central Regional Conference
St. Louis, MO - June 9-11, 2006

Look for the registration form at the Missouri AAUW website: www.aauwmo.org.

Join your fellow AAUW members for a weekend of education, fun, and friendship at the 40th Biennial Southwest Central Regional Conference, June 9-11, 2006. St. Louis is a wonderful city to visit in the spring, especially combined with an informative and rewarding AAUW event.

Association President Ruth Sweetser will keynote the Conference on Saturday morning. A dynamic speaker, she is sure to provide great inspiration for our work on equity for women.

Under the capable leadership of Harriett Hirschfeld and Linda Tinker, a number of other great events are planned for the Regional, including a Friday night reception honoring state presidents and former regional directors; this is open to everyone. Three special meals are planned. The Educational Foundation Lunch will occur on Saturday. At the LAF banquet on Saturday evening, a recent plaintiff will give details of her struggles against discrimination in academia.

Special workshops centering around the theme “Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security” will be a big part of the programming. Also, sessions on public policy with local women politicians, technology, communication, membership, officer training and networking, counterpart sessions, current issues of concern to women, and a variety of other interesting and informative topics will be part of the programming. The conference includes something for everyone.

On Sunday morning, an Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Run-Walk and an awards breakfast will culminate the exciting weekend. A sales area for branches and states to sell items for their AAUW fundraising efforts will be available on Friday and Saturday. Members should begin to make plans for these sales opportunities.

Special events are planned for young women at special rates. We hope many will attend. Rebecca Richardson, Kansas City (816-444-4360) and Marsha Koch, St. Louis (636-256-3746) will coordinate this effort. Branches and individual members are encouraged to sponsor a young woman, helping her to see the breadth of AAUW and how it can enhance her current college experiences and be an asset for her future.

The hotel is conveniently located near interstates (I64 and I270) and is within walking distance of one of the best shopping centers in the area; Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, and other great stores are part of this center. Hotel convention rates are reasonable at \$97.60 (includes taxes) per room; as many as four people may occupy a room. The deadline to receive this convention rate is May 24, 2006. Free parking is included. The airport is a short drive away; for the convenience of our members, the hotel provides shuttle service from the airport at no charge. For additional information contact the following: Shirley Breeze, 314-831-5359 or sbreeze@mindspring.com; Harriett Hirschfeld, 636-458-1520 or hhsch@swbell.net; Linda Tinker, 636-391-9158 or richborough@charter.net.

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY 2006

AAUW was one of seven sponsors of the 2006 National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The theme this year was “Count Me In!” The Day was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1986 to honor female athletic achievement and recognize the importance of sports and fitness participation for all girls and women. Co-sponsors were: Girls Scouts of the USA, Girls Incorporated, National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, National Women's Law Center, Women's Sports foundation and the YWCA USA.

SWC REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE—Shirley Breeze

With the fall and winter season upon us, AAUW activities are in full swing. AAUW is alive and prospering. With our new membership bylaw and the wonderful membership recruitment efforts of Christy Jones, membership director, we are sure to see an even greater increase in hard working, dedicated members who support equity for women.

Ruth Sweetser, our newly elected Association president, will keynote the Regional Conference in St. Louis on June 9-11, 2006. It certainly is not too early to think about attending and encouraging other members to make plans to attend.

We especially encourage young women to attend the conference. Although still in the planning stages, we anticipate some special activities for them at special rates. It would be a wonderful commitment to AAUW if each branch would sponsor one young woman to attend.

In my travels around the region, I am frequently asked if AAUW is in a positive mode. To that I say an emphatic "yes." With a modest growth in membership, a vibrant public policy and programming emphasis, professional, competent and enthusiastic leadership, recognition by media for our educated, timely responses to actions on Capitol Hill and in the White House, and our committed, capable local and state leaders, we are certainly an association on the move!!

As always, contact me at sbreeze@mindspring.com if you have suggestions or questions.

Shirley Breeze

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

A special thanks to branch Educational Foundation chairs for turning in their donations on time. Final tabulations will be reported at the Missouri conference in April.

Educational Foundation Research update: *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* is scheduled to be released on January 24, 2006. The research report states that nearly 2/3 of college students experience sexual harassment on campus at some point during college. This report will help us understand how college students perceive, experience and respond to sexual harassment and also will provide information to help create a campus climate free from bias and harassment. This is an important report. Visit the AAUW website to keep informed.

Julia Triplett has been appointed by AAUW to the Educational Foundation's Community Action Grants Review Panel. Julia is currently Legal Advocacy Fund chair on the Missouri State Board and serves the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch as Legal Advocacy Fund co-chair and Recognition co-chair. AAUW Missouri members congratulate Julia on her appointment and know she will be an asset to the panel.

Yvonne Morrison, AAUW MO EF Chair

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Newsletter items requested...

News items, announcements, and photographs are requested. Please submit to Toni Thornton, tonithornton@comcast.net

Don't Forget To Send...

A copy of your branch newsletter should be sent to *Mo in Motion* Editor, Toni Thornton, the State President, and State Archivist.

Newsletter Deadline...

The deadline for the upcoming Spring issue is April 30, 2006.

Address Changes...

Mailing labels are prepared in Washington, DC. Please send address changes to: AAUW Records Office
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LAF PROGRESS IN EQUITY AWARD

Each year, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund presents its Progress in Equity Award to a college or university program that has forged the way for significant progress for women on campus. Recipients receive a stipend of up to \$10,000 and public recognition throughout their communities, campus, and AAUW.

Nominations are due to the Legal Advocacy Fund office on March 15, 2006. Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/laf/pie/index.cfm>. Please consider nominating a college or university program that you believe deserves this recognition. If you have any questions, please contact the LAVE Program Assistant, Joan Jupiter at jupiterj@aauw.org, or call (202) 785-7750.

MISSOURI 2006 CALENDAR

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| March 1 | Deadline for nominations for AAUW of MO Woman of Distinction Award |
| March 15 | Deadline for nominations for LAF Progress in Equity Award |
| March 21 | 21st Century Award application and MO Star Award applications due to Linda Berube. Application on MO website: www.aauw.org |
| April 21-22 | State Conference at Lake of the Ozarks |
| April 30 | Deadline for items for Spring Issue of Missouri In Motion |
| June 1 | Branch officer report forms due to Association |

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