
AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.

Update on the Association (and navigating the website)

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Main Library in Marietta

Social 6:30 p.m. - meeting 7:00 p.m.

Knowing what our organization is doing nationally and throughout the country is a key element in understanding the need for support for the Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund and the organization itself. The association website has just undergone a major revision. Branch President Carol Stephens will show us how to navigate and talk about the wealth of information that is available to us at www.aauw.org. This is a good meeting for prospective members to attend as well.

Seeking Gender Equity in STEM

Numerous programs and initiatives to create gender equity in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) have been implemented only to lose effectiveness or fade away. Had these programs had the benefit of collaboration with other girl-serving projects, organizations and institutions, and tools to assess and evaluate the impact of their efforts, their capacity for continuation and/or broader impact could have been substantially increased. AAUW has joined with the National Girls Collaborative Project and AWE – Assessing Women and Men in Engineering Project to address this issue.

Collaboration Success: NGCP Mini-Grants

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

11:00-12:00 PDT

Sometimes great ideas and new collaborative projects need a little help getting started. In this interactive webcast you'll learn how to create collaborations using NGCP mini-grant funding. Mini-grants are designed to support collaboration, assessment activities, and projects related to addressing gaps and overlaps in service, and sharing promising practices. Past mini-grant recipients will share inspiring stories and outline strategies for successful partnership and program development. Mini-grant application basics and requirements will be presented. Since 2002, the NGCP has awarded over 100 mini-grants to organizations in California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin that support girl-serving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) focused programs.

Register for the webcast

President's Corner

Carol Stephens

I wanted to update you a bit on the State Convention. With Maria Wilson's help we have secured the Hilton Garden Hotel in Town Center for April 2nd. Our Convention will run Wed. April 2nd and Thurs. April 3rd. Our responsibilities will be greatly reduced from past conventions due to the pairing up with KSU's Conference on Thurs. I have a long list of menu options, but we need to be conservative in costs. If you are interested in serving on the committee to make the plans to submit to the State Board, please let me know. 770-427-8403 or artkappa@comcast.net.

I did not get much of a response to the Public Broadcasting fundraising volunteering, so we will not pursue that. Too much in such a short period of time!

I would like to have a membership committee meeting where we share ideas of how to get the word out about our organization, design a brochure just for the Cobb Branch, etc. If we both locally and nationally don't find new members, we will not be in existence in 20 years. If it is important to us to have this organization continue, we need to find new ways to attract new and younger members. I will share the grim statistics that were given to us at National Convention with you at our Oct. meeting. I know we have a lot of good ideas out there, let's get going with them! If you are interested in attending, please let Carolyn Freeman or Rita Neal know. We will try to pick a time that is convenient to the majority.

Thank you to Arden for carrying on as the President for our Sept. meeting. I heard she did an awesome job and that Lynn Fountain inspired many of you! Let's make sure we help 4 ERA to happen!

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Membership Update

Please add the following information to your directory

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Branch Events for September

Book Group

Special Topics in Calamity Physics by Marisha Pessl

Monday evening, October 15, 2007 at the home of Sylvia Goodyear, 5380 Willow Point Parkway, Marietta at 7:30PM. The book for discussion. Please call or email Sylvia at 770-594-9901 or smgoodyear@mindspring.com if you plan to attend.

New Morning Book Discussion Group

This year we have added a morning (10AM) book group for those who find the time more convenient. We will meet the same day as the evening group (third Monday of the month) and be reading the same books. There will be a joint meeting of the groups in December for the dinner meeting and in August for the selection meeting. You may attend both groups, one group, and go back and forth between the two depending on your schedule.

If interested contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or bonnieb41@juno.com The first morning meeting will be held at Bonnie's home on October 15th at 10:00 AM. The book for discussion is Special Topics in Calamity Physics. At this meeting, there will be a sign up sheet for hostesses and facilitators.

Hope you enjoy the flexibility of this opportunity.

Roving Gourmet

Friday, Oct. 5th, 7:00 p.m.. Contact is Barbara Stidfole, 770-579-8674

Relish - 590 Mimosa Blvd. Corner of 120 and Atlanta St. Across from the Public House where J. Christopher's is now located. Ph. 770-650-7877.

Try to arrive a little early since the restaurant does not take reservations.

In principle and in 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, or disability. A college or university degree is a requirement for full membership.

2007-2008 Branch officers

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New Organization Provides Gateway to IFUW Membership

At the 2007 convention, AAUW voted to discontinue its affiliation with the International Federation of University Women for economic reasons. For those members who wish to retain the affiliation, an option is available.

Women Graduates USA began its formation at the Triennial Conference of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) this past August. Plans are underway to affiliate with the International Federation of University Women beginning in 2008.

Women Graduates-USA will focus on issues such as life long education for women and girls, international cooperation, friendship, peace and respect for human right. Other efforts will include advocating for the advancement of the status of women and girls and encouraging and enabling women and girls to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership decision making in public and private life.

Detailed information about the organization and the meetings held in Manchester, England, can be accessed at www.wg-usa.org Women interested in potential membership are asked to contact, Barbara Carey, interim membership chair, at

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The International Federation of University Women was initiated in 1919 by the leadership of Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of the American Collegiate Association and Rose Sidgewick of Great Britain. Eight associations from Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United States formed the original organization. The American Association of University Women has served as the United States affiliate organization until 2007.

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Last Minute Bookfair Reminder!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to work the bookfair. Remember there is not a safe place for purses or personal items. Please lock them in the trunk of your car or leave them at home.