

Join Us! AAUW Louisiana Convention on March 31st *Breaking Through Barriers For Women and Girls*

Join us for the 2012 AAUW-LA State Convention to be held in Baton Rouge on March 31st. We are pleased and honored to have as our special guest and keynote speaker, **AAUW National President, Carolyn Garfein!**



Carolyn represents a long tradition of accomplished AAUW leaders rising to higher office after years of previous AAUW service. She most recently served on the Board of Directors of the AAUW Educational Foundation. Before that, she was the state Legal Advocacy Fund chair, leading Georgia to first place in per capita giving. Her local branch in North Fulton, Georgia, has raised thousands in scholarship dollars significantly aided by an annual book fair, a tradition of philanthropic activism that dates back to half a century.

While serving on the AAUW of California board as budget director, Carolyn returned to school — 18 years after receiving her bachelor of arts from Cornell University — worked full time, and raised two children. She received an MBA in marketing and management, graduated with honors, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

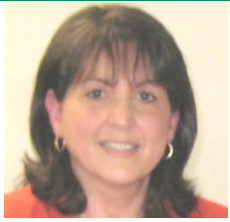
Carolyn has had a successful marketing career, serving as manager of program research at NBC and vice president and regional manager at Maritz, Inc. Currently, Carolyn is senior vice president of The Marketing Workshop, Inc., in Norcross, Georgia.

Let's show some warm Louisiana hospitality through good attendance, and take the opportunity to share ideas and network with Carolyn and other branches! Don't miss it!

***** Refer to Registration Form inside for complete details!*****

State and National Activities

- March 10, 2012:** "Elect Her – Campus Women Win", Loyola University, New Orleans
- March 24, 2012:** \$tart\$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop, Loyola University, New Orleans
- March 31, 2012:** AAUW-LA State Convention, Baton Rouge, LA
- April 17, 2012:** Equal Pay Day
- May 31 – June 2, 2012:** National Conference of College Women Student Leaders
University of Maryland, College Park, MD



President's Message

State President – Debbie Freda

Hello To All! 2012 will be an exciting year for AAUW Louisiana! In March, Loyola University New Orleans will once again host “**Elect Her – Campus Women Win**”! March 31st is our **State Convention**! In April, Delgado Community College will host their first-ever \$tart \$mart workshop! April 17th is **Equal Pay Day**! June is the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). In the fall, LSU will host their first-ever “Elect Her – Campus Women Win” workshop. Plus, in **2013**, the AAUW National Convention will be held in **New Orleans**! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend! An opportunity of a national convention in our ‘back door’ is something not to be missed!

Bylaws - Will Vote On At State Convention. Have Your Voice Heard!

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES - Refer to "Section 8"

ARTICLE XIV. MEETINGS OF AAUW-LA

Section 1. AAUW-LA shall hold a meeting every year in March or April, to be known as the state convention, to conduct the business of the state, including but not limited to electing officers, establishing dues, reviewing the budget, amending bylaws, and receiving reports.

Section 2. The exact date, time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, or shall be called by the president on the written request of five members of the board of directors or two branches in the state.

Section 4. Notice of meetings shall be sent to all members of AAUW-LA, and College/University members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 5. The voting body shall include:

- a. all officers;
- b. all branch presidents;
- c. one branch delegate for each fifteen (15) members or major fraction thereof;
- d. one delegate from each College/University member; and
- e. one delegate appointed by the president for each fifteen (15) members-at-large of AAUW-LA.

Section 6. A member of the voting body shall cast no more than one vote.

Section 7. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting body registered as attending, provided that a majority of the branches are represented.

Section 8: If, for any reason, a state convention cannot be held, voting may be conducted by electronic balloting or mail to comply with Sections 1 through 7 of Article XIV.

2012 AAUW LOUISIANA CONVENTION – March 31, 2012
LSU Student Union – Tower Dr. at South Campus Dr. -- Baton Rouge, LA 70803

8:30 a.m. – Registration Check-In & Continental Breakfast
Program Begins: **9:30 a.m.** Ends: **3:30 p.m.**

HOTEL: STAYBRIDGE SUITES, 4001 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
Ph. 225-456-5430. Website: www.staybridge.com
Room Rate: \$113.00/night + tax. (Double Queen Beds.) \$103.00/night + tax (Single King Bed.)

RESERVE BY: **FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH**. Reserve under Group Block Code: AUW.

Free high-speed Internet access. Free breakfast. In-room kitchen/dining area, coffee maker, refrigerator, stove & microwave. Separate lockable closet for securing expensive/bulky items.

** Reservations after 3/16 will be accepted at the group rate based upon space availability. **

Welcome Reception, March 30th @ 6 p.m. - Staybridge Suites Reception Area, 2nd Floor:

An optional, welcome reception is planned at 6 p.m. for Carolyn Garfein, AAUW National President.

EF Auction – Please bring an auction item to benefit the Educational Foundation!

AAUW Cell Contacts, if lost or questions: Debbie Freda, 985-630-9141. Jan Koellen, 225-603-9655.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – Cut here & mail lower part w/ check.

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NAME: _____ AAUW POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

BRANCH: _____ NATIONAL MBR: _____ STUDENT: _____ SAC: _____

REGISTRATION FEE (by March 16th) -- \$35 / \$15 Students / \$10 SAC Members \$ _____

** Continental Breakfast and Hot Buffet Lunch included in Registration Fee **

LATE REGISTRATION (after March 16th) -- \$40 / \$20 Students / \$15 SAC \$ _____

WELCOME RECEPTION - Serving Appetizer & Beverages (Attending, Yes or No) _____

*** Donations accepted to help cover costs ***

TOTAL: \$ _____

Deadline to register for state convention and welcome reception is **Friday, March 16, 2012.**

- Make checks payable to **AAUW Louisiana**.
- Mail check & registration form to: **Joan H. Bonds, 6329 Double Tree Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817.** Ph. 225-752-1326. Email: jhbonds@bellsouth.net.

Driving Directions to the Union:

From **I-10**, take Exit **157B-Acadian** & turn left from East or right from West. Continue straight until the divided road ends at Highland Road. Turn right onto **Highland**, then drive through two lights. Turn left at the third light onto **South Campus Drive** & the parking lot entrance will be on your right.

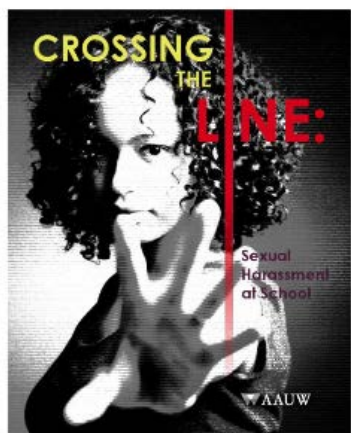
Use the rear entrance (see star on map) & follow signs to take the elevator to 3rd floor. The **Vieux Carré** room is directly opposite when you exit the elevator.

Contact **Jan Koellen** at janbnan@gmail.com if you need more information. There will be detailed maps available at the hotel reception on Friday night.

For GPS, type in **South Campus Drive @ Tower Drive** or GPS coordinates (**N30E24.714, W91E10.649**)



Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School (2011)



AAUW's latest research report presents new data on sexual harassment in schools. This comprehensive research on grades 7-12 reveals sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education. Learn more by downloading the full report or executive summary at:

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm>

From Executive Summary:

Sexual harassment is part of everyday life in middle and high schools. Nearly half (48 percent) of the students surveyed experienced some form of sexual harassment in the 2010–11 school year, and the majority of those students (87 percent) said it had a negative effect on them.

Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor, Speaks At Tulane University On Violence Against Women

Lynn Rosenthal, the first-ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, spoke at Tulane University on January 30. Ms. Rosenthal works with Vice President Biden and the White House Council on Women and Girls to coordinate efforts across federal agencies to address domestic violence and sexual assault.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are epidemic. **One in 3** women has experienced some kind of abuse by an intimate partner, and **1 in 5** has been sexually assaulted. Most of this violence occurs when victims are **under the age of 25**. By developing new strategies and strengthening intervention, we can prevent these crimes. Ms. Rosenthal discussed the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on our society, highlighted key prevention strategies, and outlined steps we can all take to end this violence. Members from three AAUW-LA branches attended this important event.



From left to right: Marion Kennedy (C-M); Eileen deHaro (C-M); Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor; Dr. Sally Kenney, Newcomb College Institute/Tulane University; Koggie Hakenjos (GNO); Anne Taylor (BR); Debbie Freda (C-M); Betty Lou Roundtree (BR); Cynthia Hattier (GNO)

AAUW College/University Institution Partners Official Members

Delgado Community College - New Orleans
Grambling State University - Grambling
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge
Louisiana State University Alexandria - Alexandria
Loyola University - New Orleans
Our Lady of the Lake College - Baton Rouge
University of Louisiana – Lafayette

Student Advisory Council

The AAUW-LA Student Advisory Council met at Tulane University on January 21. While the number of students who attended was small, they were enthusiastic and interested in learning more about AAUW. The students discussed the upcoming AAUW-LA State Convention and will attend for the keynote speaker, then have their own workshop. The \$tart \$mart workshop, led by **Cat Hopkins** of the LSU Women’s Center, will teach them to negotiate their first salaries.

Our guest speaker was **Elizabeth (Liz) Brusseau**, a Tulane student, running for office in a “real” election – a position on the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee, District A. Liz is mounting a low-budget campaign and knocking on doors, etc. She even has a PAC (not a Super-PAC). It was fascinating to listen to her. Help support Liz and learn more at www.newleadersofneworleans.com. AAUW is non-partisan and encourages young women to run for office on their campuses and elsewhere. This will lead to more women in public life in the future.

Special thanks to Tulane students, **Tamara Dukich** and **Hillary Johnson**, and Loyola student, **Jill Tatarski**, for making the arrangements. Assisting them were university staff members **Cordelia Heaney** (Tulane) and **Dr. Karen Reichard** (Loyola).

