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Join Us! AAUW State Convention on April 16th *Breaking Through Barriers – Game-Changers in the 21st Century*

Join us for the 2011 AAUW-LA State Convention to be held in Alexandria at the beautiful **Alexandria Museum of Art!** The theme will emphasize influential women who are **game-changers** in their respective fields!

Dr. Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW **Chief of Strategic Advancement**, will be our keynote speaker. Jill recently traveled to Paris, France, for the **U.N. Commission on the Status of Women**, where she participated in an expert group meeting on gender, science, and technology. Jill will share her experience and also update us on AAUW national programs and activities. Local speakers and AAUW Fellowship/Grant recipients will join us as well for a full day of interesting topics and networking! And by request, a breakout session on **Social Media/Facebook**.



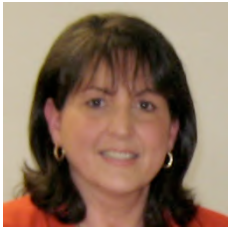
The **Student Advisory Council** and other college students will participate in a **\$tart\$mart Salary Negotiation workshop**, teaching them skills for maximizing their wage and earning potential.

Let's show some warm Louisiana hospitality to our guests through good attendance, and take the opportunity to share ideas & network among educated, game-changing women! Don't miss it!

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

State and National Activities

- February 26, 2011:** "Elect Her – Campus Women Win", Loyola University, New Orleans
- April 9, 2011** \$tart\$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop, Loyola University, New Orleans
- April 12, 2011:** Equal Pay Day
- April 16, 2011:** AAUW-LA State Convention, Alexandria, LA
- June 2-4, 2011:** National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, University of Maryland, College Park, MD - *Early Bird Registration, until 4/15, \$395*
- June 16-19, 2011:** AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC - *Early Bird Registration, until 3/22, \$425*



President's Message

State President – Debbie Freda

Hello To All! 2011 will be an exiting year for AAUW Louisiana! In February, Loyola University New Orleans will once again host “**Elect Her – Campus Women Win**”! April is our **State Convention**! April 12th is **Equal Pay Day**! June is the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (**NCCWSL**), and AAUW-LA will help send several students to this important conference. June is also our **AAUW National Convention** in **Washington, D.C.**, where 8 Louisiana members are expected to attend! In **2013**, the AAUW National Convention will be held in **New Orleans**! Mark your calendar now & plan to attend! An opportunity of a national convention in our ‘back door’ is something not to be missed!

AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C. - June 16-19, 2011 ***Breaking Through Barriers, Advocating For Change***

Join us at the 2011 AAUW National Convention to celebrate 130 years of AAUW!

- AAUW members from across the country will advocate for change with a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill!
- Be inspired by nationally recognized speakers while you learn new leadership skills & AAUW best practices to take home to your community.
- Participate in AAUW strategic breakout sessions.
- Celebrate the inaugural Breaking through Barriers Awards ceremony featuring innovative AAUW state and branch programs.



New National Process! One Member, One Vote!

Voting Materials - Voting materials for the national election, the amendment of bylaws, and the adoption of resolutions will be mailed to members on or about **April 15, 2011**. The materials will contain detailed information on submitting the ballot and the deadline by which the vote must be received.

Casting the Ballot - A member may cast a vote by mailed paper ballot, online electronic ballot, or in-person electronic ballot at the national convention.

Public Policy

Paycheck Fairness Act: AAUW Louisiana members lobbied the U. S. Senate hard for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, sponsored by **Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT)**. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) called for a cloture vote on the bill. Unfortunately, the bill failed to obtain the 60 votes needed for cloture, and missed by only two votes. Therefore, the Paycheck Fairness Act died before the actual legislation was brought to a vote. Despite their extreme disappointment over the bill's defeat, pay equity advocates vow to introduce the bill again in the upcoming session and to keep fighting until pay equity is achieved for the women of America.

ERA Resolution: AAUW Louisiana is one of the sponsoring organizations of the national campaign to introduce a new ERA resolution on the floor of Congress. The resolution's Congressional lead sponsor is Representative **Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)**. The resolution combines the Three-State Strategy with a new ERA proposal. This new proposal seeks the removal of the 1982 ERA ratification deadline. Rep. Baldwin plans to file the resolution at the start of the new Congressional session.

Camille Moran, AAUW-LA Public Policy Chair, needs 3-4 women to help her with efforts on the ERA resolution. Responsibilities include: 1.) Phoning Legislative Directors of Congress people on House Judiciary Committee (approx. 20.) 2.) Use a script and ask them to be an original Co-sponsor. 3.) Follow-up with requested materials, etc. >To get started, phone Camille at **318-357-0748** or via email, **caramor@wnonline.net**.

State and Branch News

Alexandria-Pineville: Doyle Jennings, from the Hopewell Indian site in Marksville, spoke in September about the background of these Indians. As a result of careful excavating, the forms of the early living places were found, as well as some artifacts. In February, Marie Durham will present a book review on "All The Presidents' Children."



Helen Moore, Doyle Jennings & Betty Conner

Baton Rouge: The New Year kicked off with the "Holiday Happening" at the home of Alice Luno, current Branch President. The event was well attended and raised money for C.A.S.A., in addition to over \$100 for their local scholarship fund. In February, Friends of the Library's 5th Annual "Celebration of Readers and Writers" will take place. It will be held at Hemingbough Conference Center and includes lunch and a wine/dessert reception with the authors.

Covington-Mandeville: The Holiday Social was held at the home of Bob and Joan Doolittle, former Branch President. Donations of \$788 were collected for the Covington Food Bank. In January, members attended a forum "Hunger in St. Tammany -- What Can We Do?" which outlined the scope of the problem and discussed ways for organizations to help. Future programs include the St. Tammany Coroner, who now has a state-of-the-art forensics lab, and a "Saturday Adventure" to see St. Joseph altar displays.

Metairie-Eastbank: In December, a very successful catered Holiday dinner was held at a member's home, with a silent auction raising several hundred dollars for the branch. February was a book review of "Raising our Children on Bourbon" with New Orleans author, Bob Carr, and his wife. In April, there will be a Salad Supper and program about a mission trip to India, with emphasis on the treatment of women, and the education of girls. In May, four high school senior girls, who have been recognized as outstanding leaders in the community, will receive \$100 each and a special dinner in their honor.



Koggie Hakenjos, Bob Carr & Jan Carr

North Louisiana: The branch worked with C.A.S.A. in December to bring joy to four (4) children in the system. Each child received clothes, including a coat, and one toy as gifts.

The generosity of the branch members made it possible for the children to receive all of the items they requested! The C.A.S.A. Director was very appreciative and came to the December meeting to accept the items.

Student Advisory Council

AAUW-LA Student Advisory Council has been invited to participate in the State Convention on April 16th. They will attend the general session and luncheon, then breakout for the \$tart\$mart Salary Negotiation Workshop. The workshop teaches college students how to negotiate their first salaries. This training could help eliminate the wage gap between men and women.

We are also encouraging the students to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at University of Maryland. This June 2-4 conference is co-sponsored by AAUW. Many students are sponsored by their schools, but some may need financial help to attend. AAUW State and Branches are expected to help as many students as they can to attend.

The Student Advisory Council was started four years ago. It is a group of college students who advise AAUW-LA on how to serve the student community. Nine colleges from around Louisiana appointed 21 students for 2010-11.

2011 AAUW STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 16, 2011
Alexandria Museum of Art, 933 Main Street, Alexandria, LA 71309
Phone - 318-443-3458

9:00 a.m. – Registration Check-In & Continental Breakfast
Program Begins: 9:30 a.m. Ends: 3:30 p.m.

HOTEL: COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT (New Hotel!)
3830 Alexandria Mall Drive, Alexandria, LA 71301. Ph. (318) 445-2415

Room Rate: \$109.00/night + tax. (Double Queen Beds.) \$119.00/night + tax (Single King Bed.)

RESERVE BY: FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

Reserve under Group Block Code: **AAU – G1095**

Free high-speed Internet access. In-room coffee maker, mini refrigerator & microwave.

** Reservations after 3/18 will be accepted at the group rate based upon space availability. **

Welcome Dinner, Evening of April 15 -- An optional, welcome dinner is planned at 6 p.m.

EF and LAF Auction – Please bring an auction item to benefit Educational Foundation & Legal Advocacy Fund!

AAUW Cell Contacts, if lost or questions: Debbie Freda, 985-630-9141. Eileen deHaro, 985-264-1338

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – Cut here & mail in lower part with check

NAME: _____ AAUW POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BRANCH: _____ MAL: _____ STUDENT: _____ SAC: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

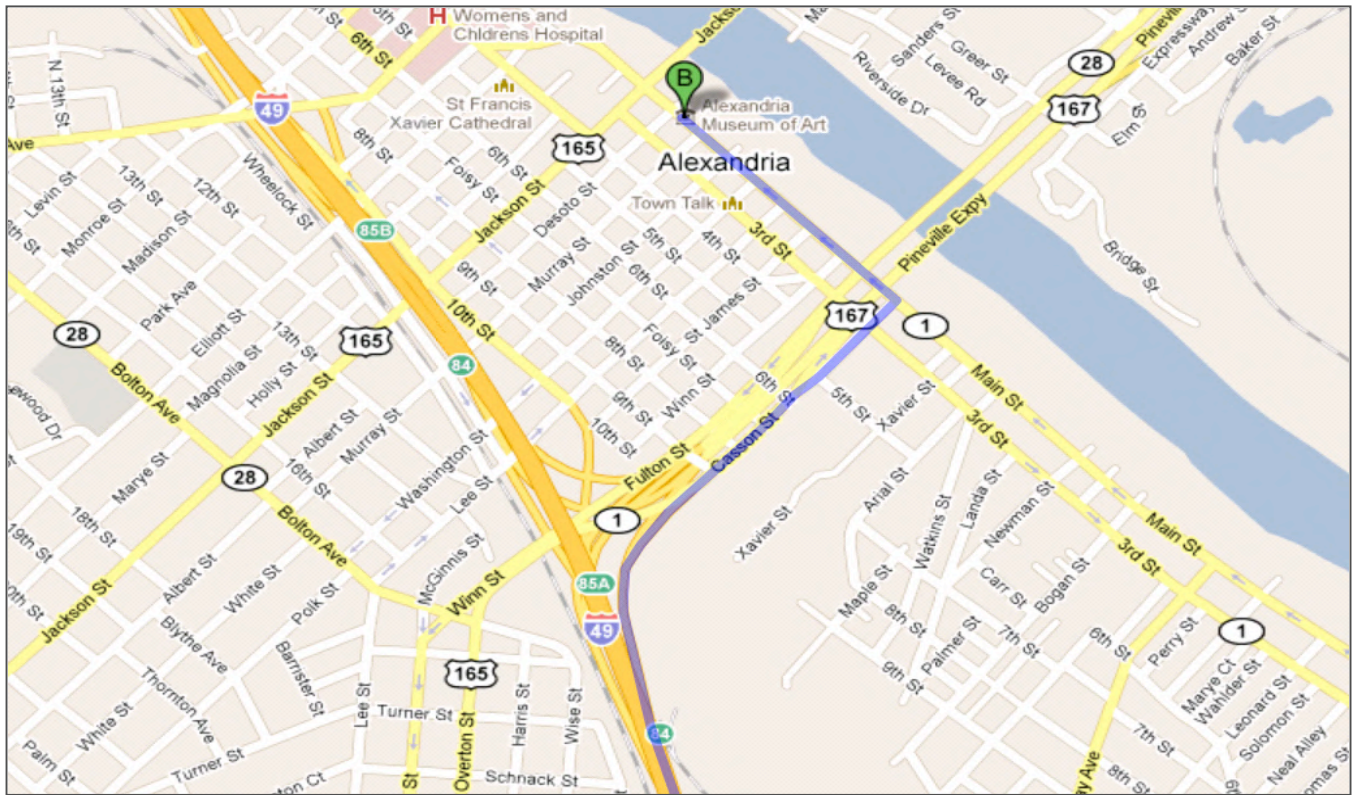
REGISTRATION FEE (by April 1st) -- \$25 / \$15 Students / \$10 SAC Members \$ _____

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

LATE REGISTRATION (after April 1st) -- \$30 / \$17 Students / \$12 SAC Members \$ _____

Deadline to register for state convention is **Friday, April 1, 2011.**

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



Museum of Art, 933 Main Street, Alexandria, LA

From Baton Rouge/South LA:

Take I-49 to Alexandria, Take Exit 84 to merge onto LA 1 South/Casson Street, then turn left at Main Street.

From Shreveport/North LA:

Take exit 85A toward Elliot Street, Downtown/LA-1; Keep right @ fork & merge onto 10th Street; Turn left at Jackson Street; Turn right at 3rd Street; Take 2nd left onto Murray Street; and turn left onto Main Street. Destination will be on the right.

**AAUW Celebrates 130 Years!
Graduate Students Can Join for Only \$18.81!**

For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political. What better way is there to celebrate AAUW’s upcoming 130th Anniversary year than to invite more individuals to join us in our important work!

From now until November 30, 2011, **Graduate Students** are eligible to receive a special membership rate of **\$18.81**. If you know of graduate students who are interested in the kind of work we do and in joining our efforts, please encourage them to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Additionally, for all new colleges and universities that join AAUW during the campaign year, membership dues are **\$130** for one year. Visit www.aauw.org for more information, or email connect@aauw.org.