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Vivian's Views

Let's Talk Women! was the theme of our 2018 Women's Equality Day celebration August 25th at the LSU Women's Center. We figured out that sometime you just need to stop and talk to each other and it was a wonderful round table discussion facilitated by our state secretary Dr. Aglaia Venters. We all left the event recommitted to our own passionate issues.

This September many of us are engaged in nonpartisan GOTV activities in collaboration with the League of Women Voters, the Religious Action Center, with up Power Coalition, the NAACP Baton Rouge branch, Progressive Social Network and many more in reaching out to local infrequent voters two encourage them to check their registration and to vote in the November election. The three things we are doing: registering people to vote, sending postcards to infrequent voters and participating in a phone banking to remind people to vote. Sign up using the form below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzeFlfCtxaz5Pp8irflr70UQ_D_nQnxFn1cdhyPW4HQmHPow/viewform?usp=sf_link

On October 13th we are working with the Baton Rouge branch which is sponsoring AAUW's Work Smart Salary Negotiation Seminar as part of Baton Rouge's Women's Week. Registration information is on the state website at www.aauw-la.aauw.net.

We are also working with NOW Louisiana and LWV to promote the ERA this year. Check out LA Ratify ERA page on Facebook.

We are excited to introduce you to some new leadership in AAUW. Baton Rouge, Greater New Orleans, Covington and Alexandria are all getting some new presidents. See the article in this issue.

Between now and the end of the year we will be working to GOTV, promote the ratification of the ERA and to reach out to our legislators regarding issues of importance to our members.

Keep up with our work on Facebook and at our website www.aauw-la.aauw.net.

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Legislative Agenda for Women (LAW) Meeting in Baton Rouge

When: Saturday September 29 2018
1:00 pm to 4:00 PM

Where: Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Ave ~ [Baton Rouge, LA 70802](#)

LAW is a coalition of organizations that has been established to develop and support specific legislation to improve and protect the interests of women in Louisiana. AAUW Louisiana is a member of the coalition and working with the event has helped us to broadcast our message of equity for women and girls. We have been having phone conferences with the approximately 20 other members of the coalition until now. The first in person meeting of LAW will take place September 29 at the Carver Library in Baton Rouge. All of the organizations involved are asking their members to come and learn about the issues our other coalition partners are working on as well as to meet and network with our partners. Please bring a friend who does not need to be a member of any of these organizations. We're trying to spread the word about what we do and to increase the numbers of women who are part of our coalition to improve the lives of girls and women in Louisiana. It will be interesting and it will be fun. Please join us.

We will share updates from organizations, hear issue updates, plan for meetings with individual legislators and the legislative session next year.

AGENDA:

- Updates from organizations
- Issues updates
- Plans for meetings with individual legislators
- Strategy for the next Legislative Session

LAW PRIORITIES:

ERA , Health Care Access, Economic Security, Comprehensive Sexual Health Education and Violence against Women



AAUW LA Calendar

2018

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| October 14 | Take Back the Night, LSU Memorial Tower 5—9:00 p.m. |
| November 11 | AAUW LA Board Meeting Teleconference 7:30 pm |

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| January 13 | AAUW LA Board Meeting Teleconference 7:30 pm |
| January 20 | New Orleans Women's March |
| February 10 | AAUW LA Board Meeting Teleconference 7:30 pm |
| March 5 | Mardi Gras |
| March 8 | International Women's Day |
| March 8 & 9th | State Convention /ERA Rally / |
| April 8 | Legislature goes into session |
| April 9 (Tentative Date) | 2019 Equal Pay Day / Lobby Day |



DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE!

Attend a free AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop for working women.

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Time: 10am to 12:30pm

Location: Bluebonnet Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd

Sign up at: <https://batonrouge-la.aauw.net/>

Hosted by: AAUW Baton Rouge &
Mayor's Women's Advancement Commission





The 31st annual Take Back the Night on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge on October 14 is a candlelight vigil and walk to honor the women, men, and children who have survived violent crime and to remember those who are victims of rape, murder, and domestic violence in the Baton Rouge area. This event will also remember the impact on families and children.

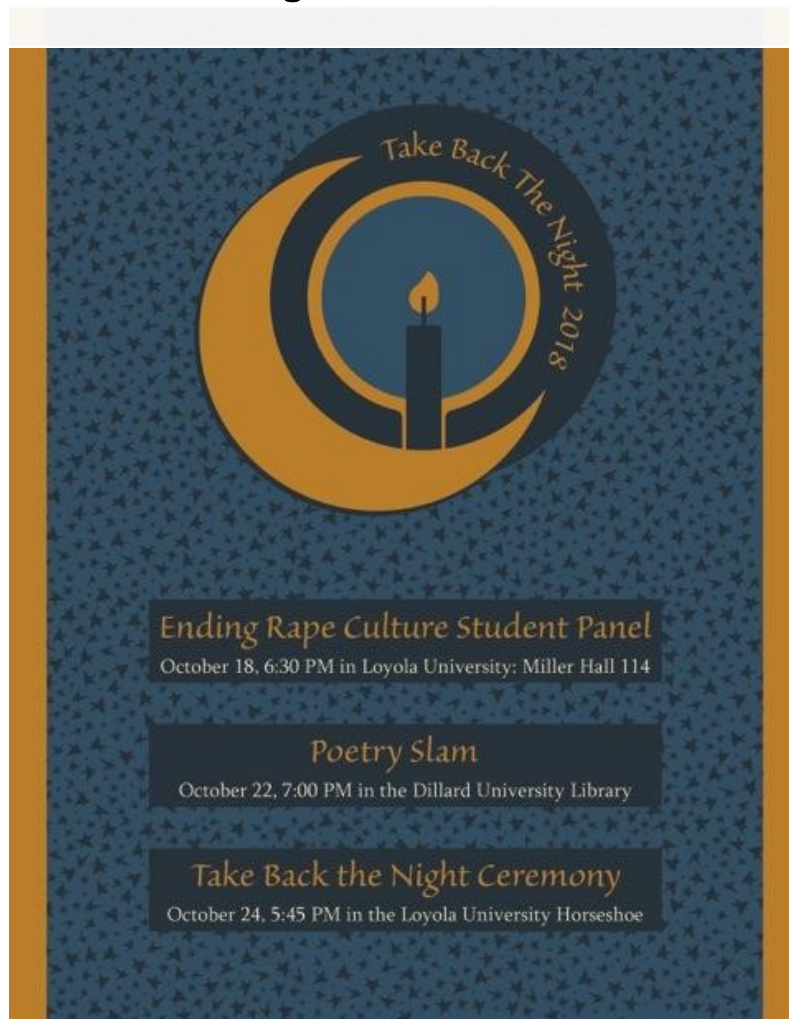
5:00 p.m. Gather at Memorial Tower

6:00 p.m. Speak Out

7:00 p.m. Candlelight one mile march.

Call 225 578 5718 for more information.

Take Back the Night in Greater New Orleans





News from the Covington/Mandeville Branch

Our Annual Salad Supper was held September 11th at Christ Episcopal Church Commons Hall in Covington and was a resounding success. Our Speaker was Sheba Turk, WWL TV morning anchor, who discussed her recently released book about her rise to fame despite many obstacles. Our 2018 local scholarship winner, Meaghan Hawkins, was introduced to the audience including her mom and grandparents. This also was a meeting open to the public.

On Saturday, September 29th our branch will again present a financial awareness booth at the Girl Scout B.I.G. event at UNO in New Orleans.

On Thursday, October 16th at 7 pm the Covington-Mandeville branch of AAUW will hold a meeting on Human Trafficking at Mandeville City Hall. Speakers will include D.A. Warren Montgomery and a representative of the Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking. This meeting is free and open to the public. Our goal is to provide awareness to the issue and the services to support victims.



AAUW LA Welcomes New Branch Leaders

AAUW Baton Rouge, Greater New Orleans, Covington and Alexandria all have new presidents. Here are a few words from each one of these AWESOME women!

Dee Shedrick, President of the Greater New Orleans Branch



Dee is an instructor at Delgado Community College.

“I love being a member of this wonderful organization. I was supported and empowered when I was a college student by two local AAUW branches (Covington/Mandeville and Greater New Orleans). Being involved enables me to inspire and motivate other women and girls. I just want to Pay It Forward.”

June Klimash, Ph.D., President of the Baton Rouge Branch



June has been a member of AAUW since 2012, joining the Baton Rouge Branch after moving back to Louisiana in 2011. June retired from a career in the life sciences, where as a senior level manager she made it a priority to mentor women in the sciences with respect to equal career advancement opportunity and equal pay. It is no surprise that the mission of AAUW to advance equity for women and girls resonates strongly with her. “During the coming year the Baton Rouge Branch is planning to have a more outward-focused agenda that is in keeping with the major initiatives of our national AAUW organization. A major event for the branch this year is hosting a Work Smart Workshop in October, where June has taken on the role of one of three facilitators. In addition, the branch will continue supporting our members through a variety of interest groups, participating in public policy events such as Equal Pay Day and awarding scholarships to worthy women Ph.D. students studying in the Baton Rouge area.”



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Martha Gonzalez, President-Elect of the Covington/Mandeville Branch



“My mother was an AAUW member off and on from her college graduation in 1951 to her death here in Mandeville in 2003. I remember as a child how excited she was that Title IX gave me opportunities in sports that she never had.

She taught me how important it was to vote, since as a resident of Washington, DC she was ineligible to vote in a Presidential election until the age of 31 when the 23rd amendment gave electoral votes to DC.

I was selected from my high school in Lander, Wyoming to receive a small scholarship for college from the local AAUW branch- the only scholarship I received.

I have been an AAUW member for close to 30 years. I have been a branch member of a California branch, New Orleans and Mandeville branches. I was President-elect, co-president, and then branch President 2005-2006. In spring 2006, my husband's job transferred us to The Netherlands for six years and then to eastern Russia for an additional five years. We returned home to Mandeville last October.”



Women's
Equality Day
2018

Organized primarily by
AAUW Baton Rouge
Member Aglaia Venters

At right, AAUW Baton Rouge branch members Mary Francis, Vivian Guillory (also AAUW Louisiana president) and Melanie Hanley addressed postcards to intermittent voters September 12th at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.



At right, AAUW Greater New Orleans branch President Dee Shedrick and member Allison Prendergast register voters.

