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DAYBREAK

AAUW ALABAMA UPDATES

AAUW of Alabama Board welcomes:

KATHY WHEELER AS OUR NEW AAUW COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY RELATION CHAIR! KATHY WORKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA IN MOBILE.



AAUW of AL State Board Seeks Treasurer

Current AAUW of AL Treasurer, JoAnn Cummings, is relocating out of state, creating a vacancy for the Treasurer position. We want to thank JoAnn for her dedication to this position and to previous roles on the Board over many years. If you're interested in the position or would like to nominate another AAUW member, e-mail AAUW of AL President, Edna Sheridan.

The treasurer shall: assume responsibility for the collection of all state dues and other money due AAUW of Alabama; serve as custodian of all funds, securities, and business papers; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; present a detailed financial report to the executive committee and board of directors at each meeting and upon the request of the president at other times; submit an annual written financial report to AAUW of Alabama; submit the records for financial review at the close of the fiscal year; pay bills only upon receipt of a reimbursement form submitted by the person incurring the bills; coordinate membership information with the president and the membership vice-presidents; serve as chair of the finance committee and with the same committee prepare a budget to be presented at the first meeting of the board of directors in the fiscal year.



Birmingham

THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH OF AAUW IS EXCITED TO BEGIN ITS YEAR WITH A SALAD LUNCHEON IN SEPTEMBER. WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR NCCWSL CANDIDATES, PICK UP OUR NEW BRANCH DIRECTORIES, AND ENJOY EATING AND NETWORKING WITH NEW AND CONTINUING MEMBERS AND GUESTS. OUR BRANCH HOSTS TWO VERY ACTIVE BOOK GROUPS AND MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS. SOME OF OUR TOPICS THIS YEAR ARE: "THE ROAD TO EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN," "TREASURE AND STORIES OF OLD ALABAMA," "CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY: PROMINENT WOMEN SCIENTISTS," "A WORKSHOP: AAUW WORK SMART," AND A PANEL DISCUSSION ON WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS. WE WILL GATHER FOR A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE CLUB AND A SPRING LUNCH AT THE ARLINGTON ANTEBELLUM HOME AND GARDENS. OUR MEMBERS ALSO VOLUNTEER TIME, DONATE ITEMS, AND CONTRIBUTE MONETARY GIFTS THAT HELP LOCAL WOMEN AND GIRLS AND PROMOTE EQUITY.

Mobile

Since 1936, the Mobile Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been an affiliate of the National organization of AAUW. Our purpose is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Each year brings new endeavors to support the national mission and locally outreach to women to advance their education. We solicit support from our members and encourage members to go online to make a contribution at www.aauw.org. GEMS - Girls Exploring Math & Science- For the last three years, we partnered with the University of South Alabama to present the Girls Exploring Mathematics and Science (GEMS) Project and we actively solicit middle school girl participants from both public and private schools. During "Women's Month", which is celebrated in March, we sponsor workshops and seminars which highlight local female leaders. HIP HOP ART for grades K-12 In April 2019, we sponsored an "Arts Show" for local talented elementary, middle and high school students. More than 200 children & youths participated. We solicited co-sponsors which involved local talented community professionals who served as judges of these competitions, i.e. Toastmasters members, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, college students majoring in Social Work from the University of South Alabama, Bay Area Women Coalition Incorporated, Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Baptist Church, Local DJ's, Radio, and Television personalities and local politicians. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA -Dr. Angelia Bendolph Congratulations to "Dr. Angelia Bendolph who received her Doctorate in May 2019. Membership in AAUW Mobile Branch = Annual dues \$84.00 National-\$59.00 Alabama State \$15.00 Mobile Branch dues \$10.... Total dues are \$84.00 Branch membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent degree, bachelors, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in a qualified educational institution can join AAUW during their studies (Student affiliates do not pay dues if their college/university is a member of AAUW).

UPDATES FROM THE BRANCHES

Scottsboro



The Scottsboro Chapter of the America Association of University Women (AAUW) is the recipient of a Two-Year Community Action Grant.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 188, working together to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

The Scottsboro AAUW organization has partnered with The Scottsboro Public Library and their DEWEY STEAM Lab to provide STEAM activities to students throughout Jackson and Scottsboro City Schools. Funding received from the grant allows both organizations to visit classrooms and provide hands-on learning experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math.

"Being a recipient of this grant is a wonderful thing not only for our club but for our community," said Mary K. Carlton, Scottsboro AAUW chapter president. "We are looking forward to opportunities we can bring youth in our area as a result."

The grant is split up over a two-year term that allows that club to visit the schools and take robotics kits and more that the library has to offer.

"The Scottsboro Public Library is thrilled to be working with AAUW on this project," said Laura Pitts, library director. "We are fortunate through various grant funding projects to have built up a state of the art STEAM Lab with many different fun learning activities. Our goal now is to get these activities into the school system so teachers and students can enjoy learning from them."

Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

Some of the items in the STEAM Lab include Code N Go Mouse sets, Dash and Dot Robot sets, Makey Makeys, Osmo sets, Cozmo robot sets, 3-D Doodle Pens, Ozobots, Snap Circuit sets, and much more.

Teachers who would like AAUW and the library to visit their classroom for STEAM Learning should contact Laura Pitts at 256-574-4335 or email at publiclibraryscottsboro@gmail.com

Tuscaloosa

THE TUSCALOOSA BRANCH WAS HONORED TO HOST THE ANNUAL STATE AAUW MEETING ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S CAMPUS ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019. AAUW LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE CAME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND LEARNED VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICES. EDDIE ABDULHAQQ, A BIRMINGHAM BRANCH MEMBER, GAVE A PRESENTATION ON UNLAWFUL WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION.

Shoals

Program

We will begin the new program year on September 19th, with Carol Behel, Alabama Teacher of the Year. It is an honor to have her speak to us about her career and her new responsibilities as she represents our area and the state. In October our speaker will be Kate Brown from the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. Realizing that women comprise the entire current leadership of the chamber, our program chair for the meeting has asked her to speak on how the Chamber "is addressing some of the issues surrounding women business leaders in our community." In turn, we hope to share with her some information on AAUW'S Work Smart and other areas of mutual interest. At our annual luncheon this past May, our speaker was Elizabeth Moore, another community leader and new AAUW member. Elizabeth is the Executive Director of One Place of the Shoals Justice Center, which works with law enforcement and other agencies to provide crisis care services for victims of abuse. In addition to explaining their work, she also described her recent trip to Washington to accept a Community Leadership Award from the Director of the FBI.

Membership

The Shoals Branch is delighted to welcome 12 new members. Most joined when we held a Shape the Future event in conjunction with our annual Green Tea fundraiser. This event also entitled us to two memberships from national. The donations from the Green Tea are used to

award two scholarships each year to returning women students at the University of North Alabama (UNA). At this year's event, one of the recipients vividly described what the AAUW scholarship meant to her in terms of increasing her confidence and her opportunities. In addition, the daughter of one of our new members spoke about her fun, learning experience as a Tech Trek student. Also in March, the UNA student affiliates who attended the 2019 ALA-WSL Conference in Montgomery reported that the conference was an "uplifting experience that provided insight into leadership, inclusion, and bringing the community together," and it gave them "an amazing opportunity to be around like-minded women who were eager and willing to support other women in their journey, wherever that may lead them." Hearing from all of these young women about their different associations with AAUW was inspiring and affirming. We hope AAUW will continue to play a role in their lives.

Other Activities

As a part of the Florence Bicentennial celebration, we contributed AAUW materials to be included in a time capsule. We submitted a selection of program notes, minutes of board meetings, newsletters, a membership list, and literature from national about the mission and work of AAUW. When the container is opened in 100 years, the story of 2018 Florence will include the Shoals Branch of AAUW. Our two book groups had a break in July but otherwise continued through the summer. The monthly lunch group, established this past year, also met through the summer and enjoyed visiting various restaurants in the area.