8:30-9:00 am Registration with Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls

9:00-10:10 am Opening Session – Assembly Hall

Opening Skit “Martha and Maxine” aka Teri Brecht and Linda Dencker, St. Charles
Welcome-Marsha Koch, President AAUW-MO
Opening Song – “God Bless America” Alyse Stoll and Patt Braley
Presentation from Linda Tozier of the AAUW National Board of Directors,
  ● Our new AAUW Strategic Plan
  ● Highlights of the new research report, Why So Few?
  ● A radio PSA (public service announcement) being produced for AAUW
  ● A new branch Breaking Through Barriers awards program
  ● Outline of the process for one member, one vote
Door Prize Drawings

10:10-10:20 Break

10:20 to 11:20 Breakout Session 1

Building up AAUW Membership – Room 111
Tips and strategies for attracting and retaining active informed branch members presented by two AAUW-MO leaders
  Debbie McWard, AAUW-MO VP Membership, Creve Coeur
  Yvonne Morrison, Ballwin-Chesterfield VP Membership

Strengthening AAUW Branch Leadership – Assembly Hall
Leadership tips for the Administrative Officer (President) and Finance Officer (Treasurer) presented by the AAUW-MO leaders serving in those positions for the state
  Marsha Koch – AAUW-MO President, Kirkwood-Webster Grove
  Susan Barley – AAUW-MO Treasurer, Ballwin-Chesterfield, AAUW Major Donor Steering Committee

Celebrating Branch Achievements – Room 104
Hear about the successful branch programs from Peg Witt Incentive Grant recipients and Galaxy and Missouri Star Award applicants and AAUW-MO State Leaders. Share your branch success stories.
  Grace Butler, Columbia, AAUW-MO Past President and Peg Witt Incentive Grant Co-Chair
  Alyse Stoll, Raytown, AAUW-MO Past President and Peg Witt Incentive Grant
Co-Chair
Julia Triplett, Ballwin-Chesterfield, AAUW-MO President-Elect, AAUW Leadership Corps
Linda Berube, Kansas City, AAUW-MO VP Program

11:20 to 11:30 am Break

11:30 to 12:30 pm Breakout Session 2

**Accessing AAUW Resources to Maximize Branch Growth – Assembly Hall**
National and State Leaders provide tips for getting the most out of all the National and State Resources available to branch leaders and members.

- Linda Tozier, AAUW National Board of Directors
- Julia Triplett, Ballwin-Chesterfield, AAUW-MO President-Elect, AAUW Leadership Corps
- Joyce Katz, Ballwin-Chesterfield, AAUW-MO Communications/Public Information

**Understanding AAUW Funds – Room 104**
National and State Leaders provide information on how the AAUW Educational Foundation, LAF and other Funds are now identified with guidance on how to direct your contributions to support both old and new AAUW programs.

- Diane Ludwig, St. Louis, AAUW National Fundraising Committee
- Toni Thornton, Independence, AAUW-MO Educational Foundation/AAUW Funds
- Mary Ann Clark, Nevada, AAUW-MO Legal Advocacy Fund

**Public Policy at the Local Level – Room 111**
Learn how to make your voice heard and make a difference on AAUW public policy issues at the local level. Get tips on accessing resources coming from AAUW’s national office in Washington, DC.

- Rebecca Richardson, Northern Clay and Kansas City, Past AAUW-MO Newsletter editor, and VP-Program. MWLC (Missouri Women’s Leadership Coalition) Training Director
- Holly Burgess, Columbia, AAUW-MO Public Policy Chair

12:45 to 1:45 pm Luncheon-Dining Room

1:50 to 2:50 General Session 2–Assembly Hall
Keynote Address – Judy Baker Regional Director – Region 7, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Skit – “The Saga of an Exotic Meatloaf” – Bunny and Babs aka Grace Butler and Alyse Stoll

Door Prize Drawings
Closing Comments and Instructions for Delegate Assembly

2:50-3:00 pm Break
3:00 to 4:00 pm Delegate Assembly
From: lberube283@aol.com
To: aauwmo@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [aauwmo] VP Program Report [1 Attachment]
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2010 21:21:19 -0400

The Conference Packets will be my report. Attached is the agenda that will be included in your packets.

One question. Do we need copies of the new bylaws and explanation that was sent to everyone in the packets. I have not made copies, I will make a few for those who do not have email.

[aauwmo] VP Program Report Thursday, April 29, 2010
8:29 PM
From: "barley" <barley@ameripost.com> To: aauwmo@yahoogroups.com

The bylaws were sent to all the delegates before the conference so they could study them and we would not need to make copies. Sue

AAUW MO
MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT REPORT
MAY 1, 2010

Some good things are happening around the state. Julie Triplett and I met with an enthusiastic group of women at Canton April 18. The group is small but seems to have good leadership. Boonville appears to be doing well. UMSL has picked up some more e-Student Affiliates. I will be a co-presenter on membership with Yvonne Morrison at this Conference. I hope to encourage pro-activity in recruiting.

As I wind up my membership tenure, I continue to feel frustration at the continuing drop in membership and loss of branches. In the past 3 years we’ve lost approximately 15.97% of membership. There are a lot of legitimate reasons this is happening but I still think the organization itself is stable enough to counteract it. The rate of change for the past year was only 4.64%. Please refer to Sue Barley’s Feb. 1 Membership Count for Fiscal Year 2010. A few things I believe need to be addressed:

- More publicity for the organization. Obviously expense plays a role in branches accomplishing this but where is our name anywhere but in occasional articles? We need more than an effort, we need an assault.
- Improved identity for what we’re selling. The brand concept. What do we tell people we are doing when we recruit them for our branches? It’s okay to have a social group, but we are about more.
- MALs are about AAUW, too. AAUW recently had a campaign to recruit selected MALs for $21.00 per year membership. I received an invitation. It made no reference to MAL and I assumed it was for general new members. Thank goodness I never sent it to branches. But is AAUW going in that direction, knowing branches are hurting? Scary
thought. It’s something to think about. MALs certainly don’t hurt the organization but it
divides state accomplishments.

Good luck to Ellen and Gloria. I will look forward to helping them.

**AAUW MO**
**PRESIDENT ELECT**
**BOARD REPORT**
**May 1, 2010**

**Woman of Distinction**

Three nominations were received. A committee consisting of Patt Braley, Jean Shull, and
Alyse Stoll reviewed the nominations and made the selection for 2010. The plaque was ordered
and will be presented at the Delegate Assembly on May 1, 2010.

**AAUW MO Board for 2010 -2012**

**Elected Officers**

President J ulia Triplett
Vice President Program Linda Berube
Vice President Membership Ellen Johnson
Secretary Jane Webb
Treasurer Carol Davis McDonald

**Appointed Board Members**

By Laws/Parliamentarian Co Chairs Sue Barley
Yvonne Morrison
College/University Relations Co Chairs Jane Biers
Debbie McWard
Communications Chair Joyce Katz
Education & Equity Co Chairs Doris Nistler
Toni Thornton
Historian Chair _______________
Missouri in Motion Chair Christine Roney Stricker
Public Policy Co Chairs Holly Burgess
Elizabeth Hendrix
Web Manager Chair _______________

**Appointed Committee Members**

Administrative Assistant Pat Shores
History Day Co Chairs Joan Gones
Betty Takahashi
Peg Witt Grants Co Chairs Grace Butler
Alyse Stoll
Past President/Advisor Marsha Koch

As you can see, two positions are yet to be filled. Suggestions welcome.

Board Meetings
Summer Board Meeting, we hope, will be at Webster University on Saturday, July 17. We will meet the night before for dinner. Arrangements are being made.

Other Board meeting dates: October 16, January 29.

Branch Activities:

Debbie McWard and I visited the Canton Branch on April 18. Three members of the Quincy, Illinois, Branch were also in attendance. We discussed resources available from AAUW and AAUW MO, encouraged members to attend the state meeting and the Five State meeting in Little Rock, discussed membership issues, and programming and fund raising ideas. We encouraged the Branch to write for a Community Action Grant or a Peg Witt Grant. I offered to assist with writing either of these grants.

I have had phone conversations and e mails with Elizabeth Hendrix regarding the status of the St. Joseph Branch and the possibility of reinstating it. We also talked about the state meeting which she plans to attend. She is a past Public Policy Chair in California and has agreed to Co Chair with Holly Burgess.

Independence 70th Anniversary Celebration – Yvonne Morrison and I plan to attend.

I have been attending St. Louis IBC meetings.

I plan to attend Kirkwood Webster Groves dinner meeting on May 11.

Debbie and I are trying to set up a meeting with Booneville.

Leadership Corps

This is still a work in progress, though we have had several conference calls and a good deal of information has been coming. A referral sheet has been developed by AAUW for assistance from LC members. This was how I was put in touch with Elizabeth Hendrix.

Five State Conference

I plan to attend and will be doing a presentation on the Wellston project.

Missouri History Day
Joan Gones, Co-Chair
April 17, 2010

ANNUAL BOARD REPORT

National History Day in Missouri was held April 10, 2010, at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The theme was “Innovation in History: Impact and Change.”

Four students entered the performance competition. The winner was Chelsey Henry of Neosho Middle School, Neosho, Missouri. Her performance was entitled “Innovation in History: The Underground Railroad Passage to Freedom.”
Two students entered the exhibit competition. The winner was Jessica Taylor of Hannibal Middle School, Hannibal, Missouri. Her exhibit was entitled “Innovation and Impact: The Washing Machine.”

The judges this year were Betty Takahashi, Kaye Meyer, Holly Burgess, Jean Shull, Carol Buckle, Barbara Favazza, Linda Kaiser, and Joan Gones.

Betty Takahashi, co-chair for History Day, presented the awards.

Submitted by:
Joan Gones
History Day Co-Chair

**Bylaws Chair Report**

The revised bylaws have been sent to each of you, and will be voted upon at the Board Meeting April 30 and the Delegate Assembly May 1. I hope you have taken the time to look the Bylaws over carefully, because there are a lot of changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as Bylaws Chair for the last 4 years. It's been an interesting experience - especially the changes made to the National Bylaws last summer at the National Conference in St. Louis. I want to thank Sue Barley and Yvonne Morrison, who did most of the work in rewriting the Missouri Bylaws. They were my Committee. I made the mandatory changes and they took it from there. And I think they did a marvelous job. Thank you ladies. I apologize for not being able to attend all of the meetings.

Lorraine Whittington
Bylaws Chair MO AAUW

**LAF Report**

LAF donations for 2010 are off and going and at this point are are at $2980. Already there are 15 Key to Equity ladies. However the "Key to Equity" program may not be continued depending on what is decided at the April Board meeting.

We know that EF and LAF will be combined with co-chairs and I feel that LAF will continue to grow regardless of what decision is made.

2009 was a great year for LAF. Total contributions were $16,704.74. This compares to 2008 with $10,253.34 and with 2007 with $11,173 per national report and actual Missouri report of $10,586.43---the extra belonged in EF, but I never could get a written corrected report from National. In 2006 donations were $8,962 and in 2005 were $8,738.17.

Fourteen branches participated in LAF giving this year.

Per Capita giving was up for the year.

Key to Equity numbers also increased.
Pins and certificates will be awarded May 1, 2010 for the Top Ten in total giving and per capita and to the 37 Key to Equity recipients. These $100+ donations add up and give AAUW the resources it so needs to be proactive in standing up for the rights and equity for women and future generations of girls. Thanks to all who took time to write the checks regardless of the amount.

Mary Ann Clark, MO LAF Chair

Educational Foundation Annual Report – May 1, 2010

Contributions to EF from Missouri branches totaled $32,847.65 in 2009, a five percent drop from 2008. There were 95 Century Club members (contribution of $100 or more) in 2009, a decrease of seven from last year. Century Club Members and Branch Contributions will be listed in the next Missouri in Motion and their names will be listed in a brochure to be distributed at the May 1 meeting. Named Gift Recipients will be honored at the State Meeting, as well as Top Ten Branches in Contributions and Per Capita Giving.

I surveyed branches this spring to learn the amount of contributions they gave to local scholarships. The total was $18,775, over half of what Missouri branches send to EF. Three branches gave only locally.

Missouri Research and Project Grant endowments in process are as follows:

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Toni Thornton, MO-EF Chair (2009)

AAUW College/University Relations Committee
Report
April 30, 2010
Jane Biers

Goals of the Committee
The short-term goal of this committee is to increase attendance at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference will take place this year on June 3-5, at the University of Maryland, College Park. In pursuance of the goal, all five committee members agreed to contact the C/U chairs in 5-6 states to encourage the chairs to promote NCCWSL in their respective states. My states were Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. As of April 23, 280 students have registered for NCCWSL. This is below our goal, which is for about 500 registrants for this 25th anniversary of the conference. Missouri, however, has done well. Eight students from MU-Columbia will attend. Last year the state sent only two students, one each from Southwest Missouri State and Washington University.
The long-term goals of the committee are to retain all C/U partner members, recoup former partner members, and recruit 100 new ones. To achieve this we need to have a C/U chair or officer appointed in every state. At present, 24 states do not have such chairs. In addition, each branch located near a campus should have a C/U chair, who could work with the state C/U chair. The Missouri state directory lists Jefferson City, Nevada, and Northern Clay County as having C/U Relations officers. Although not so listed, I function as one in Columbia.

A number of members of the Leadership Corps have expressed a strong interest in promoting C/U projects. They will help by identifying and recruiting individuals to serve as state C/U chairs.

College/University Partner Members in Missouri
Twelve institutions are AAUW partner members: Columbia College, Columbia; Drury University, Springfield; Lindenwood University, St. Charles; Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis; St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Stephens College, Columbia; University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis, and Kansas City campuses; University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg; Washington University, St. Louis; and Webster University, St. Louis. A faculty or staff member, whose duties are to serve as the point person on campus, represents every partner institution. The representatives are expected to disseminate information about AAUW faculty/staff and student benefits, recruit students for the e-student affiliate program (E-SAF), and encourage and facilitate campus participation in AAUW programs.

E-SAF
AAUW reports that 449 students have joined under this program. This is a major increase since the end of January when only 124 were enrolled. The numbers have climbed because students were signed up at leadership trainings at AAUW’s “Elect Her” workshops (formerly Campaign College). E memberships are free to students at C/U partner member institutions. Eighty-one students are listed for Missouri. The University of Missouri-Columbia is recorded as having 32 e-student members. Lincoln University has 20, the University of Missouri-St. Louis 17, Stephens College 8, Lindenwood University 3, and Columbia College 1.

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AAUW BOARD REPORT – April 30, 2010
Peg Witt Committee Co-Chair
Alyse J. Stoll

As Co-Chair of the Peg Witt Fund committee, teamed with Grace Butler again to publicize Peg Witt incentive grants to branches in an attempt to stimulate membership numbers. Am convinced that “marketing” our successes, is the best membership tool available.

Collaborated in writing an article for the Missouri in Motion, inviting branches to apply for Peg Witt Funding. Recommended acceptance for qualified applicants. Followed up to discern authenticity of applicant programs completed.

In addition:
Served on the Nominating committee.
Copied many AAUW materials for distribution at local meetings for members who do not have access to internet.
Provided pertinent information in securing local speakers regarding women’s issues, highlighting Title IX, Re-entry Success Stories, and successful “connections.”
Alerted to legislative issues affecting women and corresponded with Senator Claire McCaskill as well as with Kit Bond and Rep. Emanuel Cleaver.
Organized and presented our local 17th Annual Women in Math Seminar for High School Girls. Successful career women – a mechanical engineer, director of Information Technology, director of nursing and education and a local TV weather forecaster presented vital information to the high school girls.
Organized and presented the 23rd Annual Community Festival of Arts, Visual and Performing, partnering with the Raytown Arts Council and Raytown Quality Schools. Approximately 500 art seekers attended as community artists and students displayed artwork while community and student musicians supplied the performance with music, as well as dance, and theater segments. The student awards honoring the outstanding fine arts students on the high school and middle school level were showcased and performed for enthusiastic audiences. Again, the certificates and medallions bore the AAUW logo and name, with a special insert in the program titled: Getting To Know You, a short history of our branch and its’ activities. We had a prominent AAUW display, as well.
Have prepared a short skit, and music fun for convention

Woman of Distinction Award 2010

The Missouri Woman of Distinction Award is given every other year to an AAUW member who has given outstanding service to AAUW, her profession, her community, and other women. A committee selects the awardee from nominations provided by the branches.

This year, the Woman of Distinction Award is presented to Dr. Jane Biers of the Columbia Branch. Jane holds a BA from Oxford University and a PhD from the University of California, Berkley. She received and Advanced Graduate Traveling Fellowship from the University of California, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for Museum Professionals, and was a Research Fellow at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Jane retired from the University of Missouri as Curator of Ancient Art and Archeology and later served as interim director for two years. A researcher and writer, she has published six books and contributed over 17 journal articles. She has given more than 50 Gallery talks and organized many exhibitions over the years.

Jane serves on the Board of Directors for the Daniel Boone Library System, is a member of the Citizens’ Art Advisory Committee for the Columbia Public Library, and works with other community groups with a mission similar to AAUW including the Business and Professional Women, Missouri Women’s Network and League of Women Voters. She was a founder of the Women’s Leadership Initiative, Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Jane has been a member of the Columbia Branch since 1994. She has served the Branch as President, EF vice president, program vice president, and is the current membership vice president. She is proud of the increase in membership at the Columbia Branch.

Jane serves on the State Board as College/University Chair and has increased the institutional membership to 12. She has served on the State nominating committee, has served as a history day judge, worked as a volunteer at the AAAUW convention in St. Louis, and has attended numerous
Branch, State and AAUW meetings. She recruits and supervises journalism interns to publicize branch activities. She also recruits candidates and obtains financial support to send students to NCCWSL. She collaborated with students in organizing a StartSmart workshop and a StartSmarth facilitator training. She serves as the primary contact and support for Columbia student affiliate branches.

It is with great pleasure that we present Dr. Jane Biers this year’s Woman of Distinction Award.

We would also like to recognize the other nominees, as their contributions to AAUW, women, and their community make them women of distinction in their own right. They were Yvonne Morrison and Betty Takahashi.

Yvonne Morrison was nominated by the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch. Yvonne has a BS degree in medical technology. She has worked in the operating room as a medical lab technologist. She's been president of her branch and has held multiple other offices, including newsletter co-editor and co-chair of Dollars for Scholars and Focus on Women, Ballwin-Chesterfield's wildly successful Educational Foundation and scholarship fund-raising efforts, and is currently Co Vice President for Membership. She has also served as AAUW of Missouri bylaws chair and is currently the state president’s administrative assistant. Her nominators say, “She has been a mentor to many new members, guiding them, in turn, into positions of leadership.” Yvonne has served on numerous committees and is a co founder of Ballwin Chesterfield’s biography book club. She recently accepted a position on the AAUW National Fund Raising Committee and has been appointed to a new Task Force for individual recognition.

Yvonne has been active in the Boy Scouts, the League of Women Voters, and her church, and serves as an election judge supervisor.

Congratulations to Yvonne for being nominated for the Woman of the Year award!

Betty Takahashi received a Bs and an Ms from Northeast Missouri State University. She was a teacher for 36 years before her retirement. Betty was active in the Missouri State, Teachers Association, serving as president of the Wentzville MSTA, Vice president of the Greater St. Louis MSTA, and secretary and president of the Warrenton Chapter of MSTA. Betty has been a political activist working for educational issues. She prepared a Voters Guide and presented a workshop on “How to Meet and Greet Your State Legislators.” She has worked on voter registration in St. Charles County and has served as an election judge.

Betty has been a member of AAUW since 1975. She has been Branch president, IBC St. Louis, president, AAUW Missouri Public Policy Chair and Diversity Chair and is currently co chair of History Day. She coordinates the Adelante group for St. Louis IBC.

Her nomination states,”Betty is soft spoken and not one to draw attention to herself. However, she is the first to step up with information and insight into any topic concerning AAUW. Her participation and leadership in numerous offices and committees demonstrate her lifelong support of equity and educational opportunities for women and girls.

Congratulation, Betty, on your nomination for Woman of Achievement.
AAUW-MO Board Meeting
April 30, 2010

Missouri in Motion/Newsletter Editor Report

Major actions since the last board meeting:
1. Edited and distributed Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 issues of Missouri In Motion.
2. Contacted board members to remind them of deadlines.

Goals for next quarter:
1. Remind branches and board members to send in submissions for Spring MIM by May 3.
2. Edit and distribute Spring 2010 issue.

Recommendations/Concerns:
1. The Winter 2010 issue was busting at the seams. I would like to determine a way to handle conference registrations; either by including flyers stuffed in the MIM or making the Winter issue a 12-page newsletter. This would increase costs. Or perhaps convention registrations should be mailed separately.

2. Budget concerns: If we want to reduce the cost of MIM we could send the Winter (by far the most expensive but also important issue, sent to MALs) and Fall newsletters by mail and then Spring and Summer by email & web only. We could ask branch presidents to share their copies with their non-emailing members.

Nominating Committee Report
State Delegate Assembly, May 1, 2010

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate:

Vice-President for Membership: Ellen Johnson
Kansas City Branch. Ellen is a former copresident of her branch, currently serves as communications chair, and has held many other branch offices including finance chair, Educational Foundation chair, and Wagy, Thorpe Menn, and 100 High School Girls Committees. She recently retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Treasurer: Carol Davis McDonald
Dual member of St. Louis and Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branches. Carol served one previous term as state treasurer from 1992-94 and currently is state webmaster. She is copresident and treasurer of the Kirkwood–Webster Groves Branch and treasurer of the St. Louis Branch and St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council. She is retired from the DEA.

The slate was presented to the AAUW-MO Board at its January meeting and published per the bylaws in Missouri in Motion.

Nominating Committee
Lynne Roney, Chair
Shirley Breeze
Alyse Stoll
Toni Thornton
April 30, 2010 Board Report – COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sent information from the President via the yahoo groups to Board members and Branch Presidents and Newsletter editors
2. Sent newsletters from various branches across the state via the yahoo group for Presidents and Newsletter editors
3. Inserted articles publicizing the Leadership Conference, publication of “Why So Few”, and a webcast into online newsletters in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Springfield, & Kansas City.
4. Inserted AAUW MO activities into the National Calendar on the AAUW website.
5. Maintained statewide e-mail and address lists, and e-mailed issues of the Missouri in Motion when they were published.
6. Assisted with proofreading the Missouri in Motion.
7. E-mailed the Missouri in Motion to people whose e-mails are on file; created a postal list for mailing the remainder of the newsletters.

Submitted by Joyce Katz
AAUW of Missouri

May 1, 2010
Carol Davis McDonald, Web Manager

Since the July 2009 annual report, I made the following changes to www.aauwmo.org:

- *Note:* The user ID for the Members-Only section is `<aauwmo>` (lower case), and the pass code is `<memberinfo>`
- Added flyer for the MO Women's Network Equality Day Brunch, August 2009 and 2010, for the legislative retreat in January, and for Lobby Day in April 2010
- Added article on state conference with links to registration forms
- Added article on 5-state conference with links to registration forms
- Added pages of photos from the state conference and the national AAUW convention in St. Louis
- Added the annual reports of the AAUW-MO board, added updated Galaxy Award guidelines, and Missouri Star Award application to the members-only section (received late in year)
- Added the Spring, Summer, Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 web versions of *Missouri in Motion*
- Moved link to national website to bottom of homepage; added links to “AAUW in the News,” “AAUW on YouTube,” and “AAUW Public Policy”
- Reconfigured page as needed to add/remove sections and links; periodically verified links to see that they still work
- Posted additional annual reports of the AAUW-MO board to the members-only section,
- Updated section on Adelante books of the month on the home page
- Updated page on “Meet Our State Leaders” and the “Helpful Links” page
- Added June 1982 issue of *Missouri State Division Bulletin* to the Missouri History pages
- When contacted through the web site, responded as necessary and/or forwarded messages to appropriate board member or branch have been contacted through our web page by the following:
  - Updated the page for Springfield Branch ([http://www.aauwmo.org/Springfield_Branch.htm](http://www.aauwmo.org/Springfield_Branch.htm))
Added Women and Girls in STEM: A Comprehensive Approach to Achieving Equity PowerPoint to the “Ask About Membership” section, as well as the homepage

Added a link to the AAUW Funds diagram on homepage

Added Equal Pay/Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act link as requested by national office

Moved article on Give Women’s History a Home Next to the National Mall to separate page with link to homepage

Modified Recent Research page

Added button to board meeting minutes on homepage

Added button to Member Showcase-Missouri calendar on homepage

Added button to state bylaws on homepage

AAUW Missouri State Board Meeting Public Policy Report April 30, 2010

This year there has been a strong emphasis for state public policy chairs to keep members informed about paycheck fairness issues. In January, state public policy representatives were invited to participate in an AAUW Public Policy conference call. The purpose was to make sure we understood the history and significance of the Paycheck Fairness Act with talking points for discussion within AAUW Branches and other organizations. The facilitator also emphasized the resources available (i.e. Program in a Box and Washington Update) for Branch programs and general understanding of the issues that AAUW is fighting for. We were also informed that the AAUW 2009 Congressional Voting Record, published by AAUW Action Fund was available. It was emphasized what a great tool this was for understanding AAUW priorities and the bills AAUW supports and opposes. AAUW recommends holding a workshop or at least talking about the Voting Record at Branch or State meetings. I have copies of the current Congressional Voting Record for all attendees of the Leadership Conference.

In March, 2010 several AAUW members, including myself, participated in $tart $mart workshop at the University of Missouri, Columbia. "The WAGE Project piloted Start Smart Campus Initiative on 9 college campuses in the fall of 2007 to empower young women starting their careers to avoid the gender wage age. This initiative provided women who are college juniors and seniors with knowledge and skills when approaching the job market to negotiate salaries and benefits to receive a fair and realistic compensation." Collaboration with AAUW began in 2008. Since then the program has spread to 500 additional colleges and universities. The AAUW members observed the workshop and then took part in a training session to become facilitators of the program. This program is a perfect example of educating women about gender wage inequities, what legislation is being proposed to end these inequities and how women can be empowered to close that gap when they are in the work force.

In April, 2010, Ronda Thompson-Beckman, a member of the Columbia Branch, did a work shop for women federal workers at Fort Leonard Wood. It came to the attention of Dorothy Smith (Lebanon Branch) that these women wanted to know more about the Fair Pay Check Act. After Deb McWard emailed the request for a speaker Ronda volunteered to give a presentation. I emailed her asking how the progr a m went and this was her reply:

"Oh My Gosh! The program was wonderful. The women were so excited about the presentation! I gave them many reports that AAUW had online and the items you sent me. They asked great questions. I feel as if they educated me on many levels. Talking about the barriers they have had to overcome in the military and as black women. ”
I feel that this program can really inspire us to seek speaking engagements with students and other organizations about the wage gap and how it can be closed. I plan to contact the Branches if they have done programs on the wage gap.

Goals for 2010-2011 include an active Public Policy Committee that works on Branch and individual advocacy and public education on AAUW priorities. We have been invited to submit an application for a Public Policy Impact Grant. I think this would be a viable way to use AAUW grant money. I’m sure that in the coming year we will find many public policy challenges to work on.

Submitted by
Holly Burgess
Public Policy Officer
Missouri

Report for board meeting April 30, 2010 from St. Louis IBC

In March the annual Spring Fling of the St. Louis area IBC held its annual luncheon with about 65 persons present. The evaluation ranked the event good. The Barbara Lackritz award was presented by Leslie Wiers to Patricia Shores. This award is for extraordinary support for AAUW.

Nancy Gerber, Chair