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## Increased membership is key to the future of AAUW

by Pat Batten, Membership Co-Vice President

This is an exciting year for membership. There are so many new opportunities and challenges for recruitment.



The Association has launched its ***Keys to the Future: Member-Get-A-Member Campaign*** which dovetails so well with what **Sue Norton**, my membership co-vice president, and I have been encouraging for the past year. Just think of the success if everyone brings one person to the group!

Now, you will also have an opportunity to be rewarded for your efforts. There will be a series of challenges culminating in our convention in June.

Our first challenge runs through November 28th. Each recruiter's name will be on the AAUW website's *Hall of Fame* and each will receive a certificate of recognition. If you recruit five new members, you will receive the 125<sup>th</sup> Logo Award Winner Lapel Pin [*which looks like the design illustrating this article*].

There are a number of other special incentives available so please check the AAUW web site and also, look for the new challenges as they are posted. Remember: your *key* to participation is your member ID number. Be sure it is listed on your new member's application form. Your branch and the state will also be rewarded as we grow.

In addition to this membership incentive, we are celebrating our **125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** What a great reason for a party. I'm sure Branch program chairs will use this as part of their planning. Remember November 28<sup>th</sup> – that's our official birthday! More information is available on the website at [www.aauw.org/aauw125th/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/aauw125th/index.cfm).

As you recruit new members, be sure to check out the AAUW website Member Center for the benefits of joining. It will give you all the tools you need to talk about AAUW and its commitment to education and equity.

We are all energized by our continuing theme: ***Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security***. Using this theme, as well as our ***Woman to Woman Voter Turnout*** program and our ***Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus*** report, will help us encourage friends and colleagues to join us.

Now is the best time to use all of these **keys** to open the membership door and make our 125<sup>th</sup> year memorable. Let's take the challenge and watch our numbers grow!

***Save The Date!!***

AAUW of SC Spring Convention  
**April 20-21, 2007**  
in Beautiful Charleston

# Challenges can be opportunities

by Bev James, AAUW of SC President



**AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.**

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards invited 15 alumnae of eight colleges to attend a meeting to create an organization in which college women graduates could ban together to open doors of higher education to other women and to find wider opportunities to use their training. Thus, on November 28, 2006, we begin a year long celebration of 125 years of AAUW.

This past June, **Trish Johnson**, South Carolina Chair of the Educational Foundation/LAF Liaison and I attended two conferences: the Southeast Central/South Atlantic Joint Regional Conference in Birmingham and the Conference of State Leaders held in Washington, DC. Both were extremely informative.

The Conference of State Leaders was an intensive week-end with presentations by state and regional leaders, our national president, Ruth Sweetser, as well as Association personnel. The amount of information was mind-boggling. One thing was clear – the organization of AAUW has certainly changed in these past 125 years and will continue to change. As members of this organization, we need to honor the past and, being positive, move forward.

What does this mean on the state and branch level? This means never losing sight of our mission. We need to continue with our grassroots projects such as *Sister-to-Sister* and *Woman-to-Woman*, institute public forums on topic like *Enhancing Women's Security*, and create other projects representing the theme of *Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security* that will help bring in and retain new members.

My goals for the next two years are (1) to implement mission-based programming with the intention of increasing membership, (2) to increase the visibility of AAUW of SC, and (3) to continue to implement better communication between the Association, the State Board and the Branches. I have a fantastic Board that will help me with these goals, but I also need all of you to re-dedicate yourselves to promoting AAUW's mission.

*Bev*

## AAUW of SC Leadership Team 2006-2007

**Bev James**  
President

**Kathryn Sharp & Audrey Henry**  
Co-Program Vice Presidents

**Pat Batten & Sue Norton**  
Co-Membership Vice Presidents

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South Atlantic Regional Director

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is available on AAUW of SC website  
[www.aauw-sc.org](http://www.aauw-sc.org)  
or from Branch Presidents

## Research is important aspect of EF fundraising efforts

by Trish Johnson, AAUW of SC Educational Foundation & Legal Advocacy Fund Chair



The Educational Foundation is about more than just fund raising, scholarships and grants; the Educational Foundation is also about research.

Research shows not only that education can shortchange women and girls but also how *Hostile Hallways* and sexual harassment affect the education of both sexes.

In January 2006, the Educational Foundation released *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus*. What the

research found was that sexual harassment was prevalent and usually under-reported by both males and females on college campuses. College students were deeply divided on what constituted sexual harassment. Female students were more likely to talk to someone about sexual harassment than males.

More than just releasing a research report, the Educational Foundation went one step further to fund *Campus Action Projects* for eleven colleges to implement their own programs addressing sexual harassment.

You can create your own Campus Action Project (CAP) at the branch level. Your branch can work with local college campus groups to bring this research to the college population, creating dialogues on campus to help prevent all forms of sexual harassment. Check the information available at [www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm) to find out how your branch can start its own CAP project.

In June of this year at the Conference of State Leaders, South Carolina was ranked *second* in per capita giving to the Educational Foundation for the 2005 fund raising year.

The state raised a little more than \$51.00 per member. I was very proud and honored to watch our former EF Chair and

current State President, **Bev James**, accept the award. With continued hard work on all our parts, we could possibly make number one in 2006.

Year to date money raised for the **Educational Foundation** in South Carolina according to the last quarterly reports from the Foundation is \$1,301.00

The following branches have contributed the following from January 1 - June 30, 2006 as follows:

<b>Beaufort</b>	\$75.00
<b>Denmark</b>	\$40.00
<b>Due West</b>	\$106.50
<b>Greater Columbia</b>	\$250.00
<b>Greenville</b>	\$20.00
<b>Hilton Head</b>	\$517.50
<b>Rock Hill</b>	\$292.50

The **Legal Advocacy Fund** quarterly report shows that South Carolina has raised \$395 to date.

The following branches contributed the following amounts from January 1 - June 30, 2006:

<b>Beaufort</b>	\$100.00
<b>Gaffney</b>	\$45.00
<b>Hilton Head</b>	\$250.00

You can now access all contribution forms on-line at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). You just click on the Educational Foundation tab at the top of the page to access the Word Document. This Contribution Form can be used for both EF and Legal Advocacy Fund contributions but separate forms must be completed for each foundation.

If you have difficulty accessing the form, e-mail me at [virginiawolf40@hotmail.com](mailto:virginiawolf40@hotmail.com) and I will be happy to e-mail you a copy.

I ask that branches send me a copy of any completed forms so I can ensure that Association reports are accurate and reflect the same figures that the branch has.

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## Opportunity: Get your Branch's info on State AAUW Website

Would your branch like to have a page on the state website [www.aauw-sc.org](http://www.aauw-sc.org)?

For \$25, the AAUW of SC web manager will create a "branch info page" using the design of the state website. Your branch liaison will send newsletters, schedules of events, leader contacts, separate articles and pictures to the web manager.

The link to your branch page will be listed under the branch president's name on the Branches page. And, unless your branch requires extensive monthly upgrades of its page, the maintenance fee will be covered by the state's monthly fee.

If your branch is interested in this service, contact **Betty Bayless**, [tbbayless@islc.net](mailto:tbbayless@islc.net).

## AAUW of SC needs you and others to take leadership roles

by Lori Glenn, AAUW of SC Nominating Committee Chair

The AAUW of SC Nominating Committee will soon begin work to fill the slate of leaders for 2007-2009, and we need your help.

Candidates for the following positions are being sought:

**Program Vice President** - 2 year term

**Membership Co-Vice President (1)** – 2 year term  
[this can be held by co-vice presidents]

**Treasurer** – 2 year term

Additionally, each branch should submit at least **one (1) candidate** to serve on the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee. Three members of this committee are elected by the delegates at the spring convention and two are appointed by the Board.

From my personal experience as a first time Branch President, I can vouch that being a part of the AAUW of SC

leadership team is a very enriching experience. It is exciting to see our organization so active at the state level. That experience has given me greater insight into the mission and goals of AAUW.

You, too, can be a part of this dynamic team. Please give careful consideration to serving in one of these positions. The rewards are tremendous!

Elections will take place at the 2007 South Carolina Spring Convention in Charleston.

Please forward names of potential candidates by **November 1, 2006** to:

**Lori Glenn**, AAUW of SC Nominating Committee Chair, 1118 Shadow Lake Circle, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464; 843-345-7657 or email to [loriandmike1@comcast.net](mailto:loriandmike1@comcast.net).

## Celebrate AAUW's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The celebration continues through the official anniversary date, November 28, 2006; and culminates at the AAUW National Convention in June 2007.

Celebrating AAUW's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is easy with special silver anniversary stickers! AAUW has created these stickers for members and branches to help celebrate this very special year. So make your mark on AAUW's 125th year and don't miss this fantastic opportunity. Buy yours now. (Roll of 100 - \$6.00).



Lucinda is back by popular demand to help us celebrate AAUW's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Yes, that's right. Designs by Lucinda has created these lavishly adorned colorful patterns that were specifically designed just for AAUW. Available in a variety of colors and patterns, you don't want to miss these pins! \$14 each.

All of these items, and many more 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary items, are available for purchase on the AAUW website at *Shop AAUW*.

To share local celebration plans or recommend ways AAUW can recognize the anniversary, send an e-mail to [aauw125th@aauw.org](mailto:aauw125th@aauw.org). It will also be fun to share information about celebrations in South Carolina, so send to [annsterry@yahoo.com](mailto:annsterry@yahoo.com).

There is also a wonderful *Party in A Box* than can kick off any celebration activities that you plan. Check it out for inspiration and materials to celebrate!



# Check out these many ways to ensure your branch activities reflect AAUW's mission and program theme

## Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security

Launched at the 2005 AAUW Biennial Convention, the theme represents a shared commitment to building a coordinated, collaborative and contemporary portfolio of programs that will serve the mission of AAUW, support and engage members and prospective members, and in the process move the organization forward in a focused, strategic manner.

### Campus/Higher Education

#### Building a Harassment-Free Campus

- EF report *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* (Jan. 2006). <http://www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm>
- *Drawing the Line* PowerPoint to introduce members and partners to the research. [http://www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap\\_harassment\\_resource.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap_harassment_resource.cfm)
- Report Distribution Guide with creative ideas for reaching out to college campuses and the community. [http://www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/DTL\\_Distribution\\_Ideas.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/DTL_Distribution_Ideas.pdf)
- Letter-to-the editor and press release templates that members can send to local papers to stimulate community discussion. <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>
- **Campus Action Projects** competitively granted to eleven colleges to implement programs addressing sexual harassment. [http://www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm)



- Advocacy efforts to protect and enforce Title IX and improve campus climate. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/positionpapers/harassment.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/positionpapers/harassment.cfm)
- **LAF Resource Library** information on laws that protect students. <http://www.aauw.org/laf/library/harassment.cfm> and **Cam-**

pus Outreach programs on sexual harassment. [http://www.aauw.org/laf/campus\\_outreach.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/laf/campus_outreach.cfm)

• June 2006 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders featured a "Summit on Sexual Harassment." CAP teams presented best practices to peers. <http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2006/history.cfm>

#### Upcoming or Ongoing

- Advocacy efforts to improve college financial aid and affordability via the Higher Education Act and other programs. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/hea.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/hea.cfm)
- LAF report on Office of Civil Rights investigations on sexual harassment on campus (fall 2006).
- LAF continues plaintiff support for sexual harassment cases; *Simpson, et. Al. v. University of Colorado* (adopted Feb. 2005). <http://www.aauw.org/laf/cases/simpson.cfm>
- *Harassment-free Hallways (2004)*, an action-oriented guide to improve the K-12 climate. <http://www.aauw.org/ef/harass/index.cfm>
- *Tenure Denied* (2004), joint LAF and EF research on tenure discrimination. <http://www.aauw.org/research/tenuredenied.cfm>
- New cycle of **Campus Action Project** grants to focus on educational choices and earnings (fall 2006).

### Workplace Equity

#### Equal Pay Day and Beyond

- Technical assistance for April activities recognizing Equal Pay Day.



- **Pay Equity Resource Kit**, available online, helps members learn more about the issue of pay equity and provides resources to take action all year long (March 2006). [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm)

- Letter-to-the editor campaign and e-postcard to raise awareness about pay equity and other advocacy efforts to close the wage gap. <http://www.aauw.org/ebulletin/mission/MarchApr06/marapr06.cfm>

- **New LAF web page on Pay Equity** that provides a legal overview of equal pay issues on a state and federal level. <http://www.aauw.org/laf/library/index.cfm>

#### Improving Retirement Security

- **Mom's Retirement Security** poll briefing paper (Mother's Day Poll, May 2006). <http://www.aauw.org/research/mothersdaypoll2006.cfm>

- EveryMember e-postcard sent about the poll urging members to learn about the issue and use letter to the editor template. <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

- Advocacy efforts to protect Social Security from privatization. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm)

#### Upcoming or Ongoing

- Advocacy efforts to improve retirement security, create more family-friendly workplaces, and address sex discrimination. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm)
- EF report on educational choices and their effect on earnings (winter 2006).
- LAF continues support for equal pay cases; *Schuster v. Berea College* (adopted March 2006). <http://www.aauw.org/laf/cases/schuster.cfm>
- EF pay equity research reports. <http://www.aauw.org/research/all.cfm>

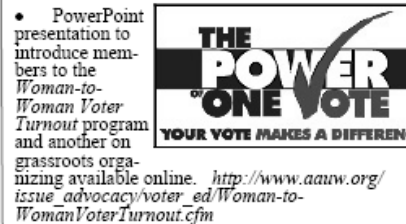
### Community Lifelong Learning

#### Financial Literacy

- AAUW/Prudential partnership on *Stepping Out* women's conferences (April 2006), which focused on financial literacy for women. <http://www.aauw.org/ebulletin/mission/MarchApr06/marapr06.cfm>

#### Voter Education Campaign

- **Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout** manual (May 2006) provides branches and states of all sizes with information to increase women's civic participation and voter turnout in this year's election. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/voter\\_ed/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/index.cfm)



- PowerPoint presentation to introduce members to the **Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout** program and another on grassroots organizing available online. [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/voter\\_ed/Woman-to-WomanVoterTurnout.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/Woman-to-WomanVoterTurnout.cfm)

- **Power of One Vote** poster included in the spring *Outlook*, and available to download online. [http://www.aauw.org/images/issues\\_advocacy/votered/POOV2006\\_Poster.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/images/issues_advocacy/votered/POOV2006_Poster.pdf)

#### Global Connections

- **Imagining Ourselves** targets women worldwide ages of 20 to 35 and provides a platform to create change. Partnership gives members access to discussion guides, online dialogues, and a glimpse into the interests of younger women. [http://www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW\\_IMOW\\_intro.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW_IMOW_intro.cfm)

- **One Shared World** celebrates women worldwide who are a force for change, connecting American women to the efforts that help people in developing countries. [http://www.aauw.org/international\\_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/international_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm)

#### Upcoming or Ongoing

- Under the banner *Financially Fit for Life*, AAUW is collaborating with donor partners to develop programs to assist women across the lifespan.
- FL AAUW's **Financial Independence for Girls (FIG)** will be updated and available for state and branch programming.
- **Technology Literacy**: AAUW is poised to partner on the **National Girls Collaborative Project** to strengthen girl-serving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs.
- AAUW has received a second year of funding for the **One Shared World** partnership: a "program in a box" for state or branch international programs.
- EF research on status of girls in K-12 schools (spring 2007).



# Public Policy: Focus on Pre-Election Activities

by Betty Bayless  
AAUW of SC Public Policy Chair



## Get Out the Women's Vote on November 7!

AAUW has the community presence to make personal connections to mobilize women to vote. The most effective way to get women to vote is through personal contact, and the most personal form of contact is a personal visit. The most efficient way to personally reach a list of targeted drop-off women voters as well as registered

women voters is to organize volunteers to canvass your community. Acquire the voter registration file for your community from the municipal registrar of voters in your city or county, make plans and build your volunteer team!

Each AAUW of SC branch received a copy of the *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout: A Manual for Community-Based Campaigns to Mobilize Women to Vote*. This excellent "how-to" guide provides information on: voter turnout techniques and planning; recruiting volunteers; building coalitions, targeting specific voters and building relationships; registering voters; preparing voter guides; implementing issue and candidate forums; and gaining visibility through public relations.

AAUW assembled a voter turnout campaign packet that includes the manual, Power of One Vote postcards, stickers and pins. To get a packet for your branch, e-mail your request to [P&P\\_Intern3@aauw.org](mailto:P&P_Intern3@aauw.org). Companion tools are available on the AAUW website including PowerPoint presentations with notes and posters.

If you need assistance with any of your pre-election activities, please contact me at [tbayless@islc.net](mailto:tbayless@islc.net). Don't feel overwhelmed by the ambition of implementing the *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Campaign*. Plan a campaign that fits the budget, time, interest and volunteer base of your branch. Start small. Celebrate and build on your successes. Those elected on November 7 will make decisions that impact everyone!



## Oppose National Voucher Program

America's Opportunity Scholarships for Kids Program legislation (H.R. 5822/S. 3682) would authorize so-called scholarships of up to \$4,000 for students attending schools rated in need of restructuring under the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

The scholarships would be used for *private* school tuition at the school of the student's choice. While the bill and its proponents are careful not to use the word "voucher," like vouchers, this bill would give taxpayer money to an unaccountable private school board instead of a democratically elected and publicly accessible school board.

Private schools are not required to abide by civil rights and nondiscrimination laws in hiring, student admissions, or educating students, nor are private schools held to accountability and testing standards that are critical components of public education.

If you want to study this legislation, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov>. AAUW opposes vouchers in all forms. Urge your Members of Congress to oppose this measure, especially when you meet them prior to the election!

## AAUW's Action Alert

AAUW's *Action Alert* provides detailed updates on how AAUW's priority issues are faring in Congress. Each month, you'll receive four pages of information on issues such as education, managed care reform, reproductive choice, Social Security and Medicare reform, and civil rights.

*Action Alert* is free and available on the AAUW website. Contact [votered@aauw.org](mailto:votered@aauw.org) or visit the AAUW website for details on how to stay up on all the important Federal issues.

## Leslie Henderson, South Atlantic Regional Director, offers updates on Association business

by Leslie Henderson, South Atlantic Regional Director

Dear SAR Members:

While some of us have taken a short summer respite from our hectic AAUW schedules, Association has been sizzling!

In June we sponsored the *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*, as well as the 2006 Conference of State Leaders.



The Strategic Process Core Group has been culling all the feedback they received from members and non-members, and we should be hearing by the end of the year what direction AAUW has chosen to follow.

**Ashley Carr**, AAUW Director of Communications and Media Relations, and her marketing team have put together a myriad of activity suggestions for celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Association's Program Development Committee launched their *Program Development Tool Kit*.

The International Affairs Committee published *International Matters Project Papers for Branches*, a resource designed to assist branches in international programming.

The Membership Department launched its new *Member-Get-a-Member Campaign*.

Association Convention workshop proposals are in the process of being evaluated and selected for the June 2007 convention in Phoenix.

And this is just to mention a few!

All of the above are described in detail on the AAUW web site ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)), most on the main page of the Member Center.

If we want to speak knowledgeably about AAUW and its activities; if we are looking for replicable programming ideas and workshops; if we need forms; if we are looking for past issues of *EdEqChange*, *Mission in Action*, *Action Alert*, or *Outlook*; if we need to change our personal information on record; if we want to apply for a committee position or run for an Association office – the web site is the place, the *only* place we can do one-stop information shopping.

For those of you familiar with navigating the web site, I urge you to visit it at least once weekly, and be sure to use the search engine and the "save this page" tool to bookmark pages that you'll need in the future.

The web site is chock-a-block full of information, and sometimes navigating it can be daunting. AAUW is in the process of streamlining the site. The South Atlantic Region is well-represented in this endeavor, with **Betty Bayless**, AAUW Director-at-Large and Chair of the Technology Usability Advisory Group, and **Ann Terry**, AAUW Executive VP/Secretary, and I as Co-chairs of the Communications Task Force. We are all working on the streamlining process, and we are all dedicated to making the site more user-friendly.

In the meantime, **Nancy Shoemaker** (AAUW of NC president) and **Betty Bayless** have put together a fabulous web tour for those not as familiar with the site. Log on to [wiki.bbv.org](http://wiki.bbv.org), and select *Web Tour*.

Want an easy way to see what's available on the AAUW website? Visit [wiki.bbv.org](http://wiki.bbv.org) and click on *Web Tour 2006*. Questions? Contact Betty Bayless, [tbbayless@islc.net](mailto:tbbayless@islc.net).

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we can no longer expect information to always be delivered to us, but instead we need to be pro-active and search it out. Events often happen at warp speed, and we need to adapt to a new way of doing business.

We're all on a new learning curve on this, so we need to help each other. For those members less technologically inclined, buddy with a member who is. Share information, and if I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me at [FLAAUW@aol.com](mailto:FLAAUW@aol.com).

In the meantime, I hope that the South Atlantic Region states will focus on the following:

- ▶ promoting student participation in the **2007 National Conference of College Student Women Leaders**;
- ▶ promoting the programmatic theme of **Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security**;
- ▶ encouraging members to attend the **2007 Association** convention in Phoenix. Now is the time for states and branches to begin to plan on how they might help to finance their delegates;
- ▶ setting a goal of at least 50% participation of members in the **Member-Get-a-Member** program;
- ▶ and beginning to plan for a **125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of AAUW**.

Thank you so much for your passion and commitment to AAUW and our mission.

*Leslie*

## New branch in Florence is under way

At the August 5 state leadership workshop, AAUW of SC leaders were thrilled to welcome a new leader from the Florence area who has personally taken on the challenge of creating a branch in that area of the state.

**Markeyshi K'Patrick** of Florence read about AAUW and wanted to know how to get involved in her community. Upon finding out that there was not a branch of AAUW in her area, she asked how she could make one happen. And, now she is off and running!

Markeyshi has been working the phones and using all her contacts, and is already having success at finding leaders and members.

The first meeting of this new branch of AAUW of SC will be held on Saturday, November 4, and anyone is invited to join the fun and show support for the efforts to get this branch going. For information on the meeting or if you have friends or colleagues in the Florence area whom you think might want to be involved in AAUW, contact Markeyshi at [docta.kay@gmail.com](mailto:docta.kay@gmail.com) or at 210 E. Roughfork St., Florence, SC 29506; (843) 667-9812 (home).

Special thanks to **Ann Terry**, our former bylaws chair, and **Pat Batten**, our Membership Co-VP, along with Markeyshi, for completing the necessary paperwork to create an AAUW Branch in Florence. Approval for this new branch is expected from the Association Board early this fall.

## AAUW of SC Calendar

**November 1, 2006**

Deadline for nominations for 2007-09 State Officers and 2007-2008 Nominating Committee

**December 1, 2006**

Deadline for 2007-2008 state budget requests

**January 8, 2007**

Deadline for *Palmetto Leaf*

**January, 2007**

Finance Committee Meeting

**January 20, 2007**

State Winter Board Meeting, Beaufort

**February 12, 2007**

Deadline for *Palmetto Leaf*

**February 27, 2007**

Legislative Day, Marriott Hotel, Columbia

**April 20-21, 2007**

State Convention, Charleston

**May 18, 2007**

Deadline for *Palmetto Leaf*

**June 29-July 2, 2007**

AAUW National Convention, Phoenix, AZ

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