

**American Association of University Women Mission Statement:**  
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

## **Hilton Head Island Branch AAUW Newsletter**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 EDITION**

### **Monthly General Meeting**

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

**MARGIE MAXWEL**

**Director of Development/Public Relations for Volunteers  
in Medicine Clinic (VIM)  
will present an overview of the VIM program and the  
“Together for Beaufort” county initiative.**

**Place: The Seabrook**

**Time: 9:30 Hospitality/coffee/cakes  
10:00 a.m. presentation**

**New members and guests are welcomed**

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### **A message from your president: Mary Ellen Harkins**

**I wish to all new and old members of AAUW a very Happy New Year!**

This is the time of year when the focus shifts to our major fundraising event of the year. Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship luncheon and fashion show will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at the **Country Club of Hilton Head** in Hilton Head Plantation.

This year the fashions will be by **PATRICIA's** with some added excitement provided by **Banana Republic** and others.

This is the only time of the year when our membership is asked to donate their time and energy and resources to help us raise scholarship money for our annual scholarship. We all need to understand the money we raise in 2010 will be the funds AAUW Hilton Head Island Branch will give to worthy women through our scholarship donations and to local commendable organizations in 2011.

This year the scholarship committee chaired by **Donna Bafundo** will decide to whom we will give the \$3,000 raised at last year's event. The \$3,000 will be given to three deserving persons who live south of the Broad River, in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500.

The local community organizations who received donations from us last year were: Coastal Discovery Museum, Heritage Library, Hilton Head Island, Children's Center, Hilton Head Library, Legal Aid, Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry and Waddell Maritime Center. On the state level we gave to the Betty Bayless Projects and Research Grant.

**Gigi Harris** is Chair of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show and Scholarship Luncheon. Gigi needs the help of all members to make this event outstanding. If you wish to be a model or help with the silent auction and raffle, let Gigi know. Look at the end of this newsletter for the registration form for the luncheon, the donor form and the donor letter. **PLEASE HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS OF REACHING OUT TO THOSE WOMEN WHO FOLLOW AFTER US!**

**Upcoming Programs (from Pat Batten: [ptbatten@aol.com](mailto:ptbatten@aol.com) – 843-341-6638)**

As stated above on **Feb. 6** we will welcome Margie Maxwell, Director of Development for VIM—Volunteers in Medicine. Our panel discussion about Electronic Health Records has been postponed until next year. **Kathleen Boggs**, our own member and an expert in this field, is ready to lead our panel, but we had scheduling conflicts with others in the health care community.

Our **March 6<sup>th</sup>** program is our Scholarship Luncheon/Fashion Show and we hope everyone will support this important fundraiser. The April meeting will be a change. Instead of a trip to the Coastal Discovery Museum, our own member, **Gigi Harris** will make a presentation about women and finance on Saturday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Watch the upcoming bulletins and E-flashes for the location. AND – last, but not least, we will end the year with a trip to Beaufort for the **state's annual convention** on **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. WHEW! We'll be busy.

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**Photos of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting –courtesy of Sandy Stern:**

**Sallie Ann Robinson**, our **Gullah** cooking chef and author shown demonstrating her talents:



**Pat McGuire** and **Mary Ellen Harkins** showing the award received by **Dorothy Anderson** (in the middle) from the **Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry**. Congratulations again, Dorothy.



**PUBLIC POLICY: Pat Batten, Chair**

Public Policy Day is your opportunity to find out about critical issues and to interact with members from around the state. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend. Working together, committed, involved AAUW members can make a difference.

Our focus this month is education in South Carolina (or lack there-of?). Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and plan to attend Legislative Day in COLUMBIA. Information is available in your next "Palmetto Leaf" (state newsletter) or by contacting Pat Batten.

**"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD".....Nelson Mandala**

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**BOOK GROUP:** The selections for the next few months are:

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:**      The Women's Room by Marilyn French  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>**        Sarah's Key by Tatiana DeRosnay  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>**        Help by Kathryn Stockett

As always, new members are welcome. Let Pat Batten know if you want e-mail reminders and I will add you to the list.

Book group meets at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Seabrook in their Cozy Corner Room.**

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**NOBEL PRIZE AWARDED TO AAUW MEMBER:**

AAUW celebrates Carol Greider, AAUW member-at-large and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, along with her two colleagues, Elizabeth Blackburn and Jack Szostak. Greider has been a member of AAUW since 2002. She and her colleagues accepted this award in Stockholm, Sweden on December 10, 2009.

Greider, Blackburn and Szostak "discovered that telomeres are made up of simple, repeating blocks of DNA building blocks and are found in all organisms," according to a Johns Hopkins University announcement. Understanding this biological process has paved the way to deeper knowledge of cancer and cellular aging.

"AAUW has a long history of supporting women in the sciences, and we are thrilled to count another Nobel Prize winner among our ranks.", said AAUW Executive Director, Linda D. Hallman, CAE. In 1920, AAUW awarded two-time Nobel Prize recipient Marie Curie a grant to assist with her groundbreaking research on radium. AAUW member Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea", was nominated for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for his work supporting education for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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**2010 MLK CELEBRATION EVENTS**: Begin on Thursday, January 14th and culminate on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Jenifer Gajdalo at 681-3881 for further information.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UPDATE**

The deadline for submission of applications for our annual scholarship awards has passed. With 19 applicants, the selection committee comprised of Ronni Sillett, Mary Ellen Harkins, Mary Lou Hiatt, Sandy Stern, Pat Pollak and Donna Bafundo will begin the review and decision process. Three scholarship awards will be presented at the fashion show on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to our members for spreading the word. Given that this was our first attempt at on-line-applications, we were impressed by the response. A special thank you to Pat Batten's daughter, Kate for getting all the scholarship materials uploaded onto AAUW's statewide website.

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**TRIPS & TREKS**: Pat McGuire, Chair: [cpatby@hargray.com](mailto:cpatby@hargray.com) : 341-6986

On January 19 twenty women and men from AAUW will be touring the "Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum near Savannah. We will have a two-hour guided tour of this interesting Exhibit and then be treated to a casual Southern style buffet. People who have been to this most exciting museum report that it is a thrilling "Million Experience".

There is still time to sign up for our next adventure on Thursday, March 11. We are going to St. Helena's Island, off of Beaufort, for a day at the Penn Center. This Center was established in 1862 and is one of the country's first schools for freed slaves and a significant resource for African-American history and culture.

We will start with an introductory video, have a guided tour, an opportunity to view the permanent collections and hit the book store and gift shop before a lunch of shrimp jambalaya is served to us.

In the afternoon we will have time to meander over the 50 acres of trails and out buildings. At this time, a firm price has not been set, but it will be around \$20. As usual, we will carpool. I will have a sign-up sheet at the Saturday, February 6 regular meeting. Subsequently, you will have to contact me personally.

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Coming Event of Interest: Feb. 1-26, 2010: "Gullah" "DeArts OB We People XIII". The rich Gullah culture comes to life in this exhibition of paintings, sculpture and sweetgrass baskets at the Hilton Head Arts Center from 10a-4p, Mon.-Sat. Information at 842-2787. (Exhibit is FREE).

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**American Association of University Women  
Hilton Head Island Branch  
Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show  
March 6, 2010**

Dear Patron,

Businesses and individuals in the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Area have been most generous in their support of AAUW's annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show. The fifteenth Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held at the Country Club of Hilton Head on **Saturday, March 6, 2009**.

AAUW is a national organization that promotes lifelong education and equity for all women and girls. The proceeds from the luncheon, fashion show, silent auction, and raffle are used for scholarships for mature women in our local community to enable them to begin or continue their college education. The proceeds are also used for other educational outreach programs.

If you have offered your patronage in the past, let us take this opportunity to thank you and urge you to lend your support again for 2009.

There are several ways in which you can participate:

- **Donate raffle and silent auction items** to the fundraiser, including gift items and certificates for retail items, luncheons, dinners, and other services
- **Become a sponsor** of the event for a donation of \$25 or more
- **Choose to become both a sponsor and a raffle/silent auction donor**

Your donations will be acknowledged in the program. Since the Scholarship Luncheon is open to the community, you may want to have a few invitations to pass on to your customers.

Your support will make a difference in the life of a local woman by enabling her to continue her education. Thank you in advance for your help!

**AAUW/HHI Branch**

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Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show  
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**Donation/Patron**

**Donor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Post Office Box** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Description of item donated** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Estimated dollar value** \_\_\_\_\_

**Limitations if any**  
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*Thank you for your generous support!*

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**Received by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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[harrisgloria@hotmail.com](mailto:harrisgloria@hotmail.com)**



**AAUW Hilton Head Island Branch  
Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**11:30 Social Hour**

**12:30 Luncheon Fashion Show**

**Cost \$30.00 Per Person  
Patricia's**

*Country Club of Hilton Head  
Hilton Head Plantation, Hilton Head Island*

**Proceeds from this event support the Scholarship Fund and  
Educational Outreach Program of the Hilton Head Branch of AAUW**

**Contact: Sandy Stern: [aestern1@yahoo.com](mailto:aestern1@yahoo.com)**

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**Reserve Now!!**

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**Reservations due no later than February 16, 2010**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number of Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ (**10 to a table**) **Ck. Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of members and friends who wish to be seated together on the back of the reservation and send all checks made out to AAUW Hilton Head Branch. To assure seating as a group all checks must accompany the reservation form. Seating will be assigned in the order in which reservations and checks are received.

**Remember to bring cash for raffle tickets and your checkbook  
for the Silent Auction!**

**Send reservations to:**

**Mrs. Sandy Stern**

**2 Bayley Point Lane, HHI, SC 29926**

**\*If you have any dietary restrictions please note them on your reservation form.**

**Please carpool, if possible!**