

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

## Hilton Head AAUW Newsletter



SEPTEMBER, 2009

### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR

2009-2010: \$70.00

(\$49 National, \$10 state, \$11 local branch dues)

Send to: Sandy Stern, Membership VP  
2 Bayley Point Lane, HH I, SC 29926

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Sat., 10/3/09

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Seabrook  
(Pope Ave. on right side,  
shortly after the turnabout).

**Topic:** AAUW Update  
with Pat Batten  
And Bev James

**SANDSTONE CATERING  
WILL PROVIDE COOKIES,  
MUFFINS FOR OUR  
ENJOYMENT.**

**Luncheon is optional at  
TRUFFLES..following the  
General meeting..what a  
great way to meet and  
get to know our members.**

**PLEASE BRING BOOKS  
TO DONATE TO  
THE FRIENDS OF  
HERITAGE LIBRARY.  
THANK YOU.**

### Greetings from our President, Mary Ellen Harkins:

Welcome back to a new year for the Hilton Head Branch of AAUW! This year Pat Batten has arranged some excellent and exciting programs for our branch members. Pat and Bev James, state president for AAUW will present pertinent updates from the national convention as well as on matters of importance to SC. Also at this meeting SANDSTONE CATERING will be making some special treats for us to sample. We will also be collecting books for the Friends of the Heritage Library.

At the end of last year I sent out a survey to all members and asked for their input. Overwhelmingly all respondents related they were members of AAUW because they enjoyed mingling with other "like minded women" and that they found the meetings to be informative and relating to pertinent topics.

What most respondents wanted to see change was the location and day of the meetings. To this end we will be having the meetings this year at several new locations. Our November meeting will be at PALMETTO ELECTIRC in Hardeeville (on 278, just west of Sun City) and our December meeting will be in conjunction with the League of Women Voters and will be at the JAZZ CLUB. In 2010 we will be meeting at the GALLERY (next to Old Fort Pub) and HONEY HORN. The December meeting will be on a Wednesday and the January and April meeting will be on a Friday. As you might expect, all respondents loved the outstanding work done by Pat McGuire for Trips and Treks and enjoyed the book club.

Hopefully this year will be as successful as last year and we will be able to distribute funds to deserving students as well as community foundations.

**GENERAL MEETINGS  
Calendar for 2009-2010**

**Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 Palmetto  
Electric**  
Pat Carey Wirth  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Wed. December 9**  
**Jazz Club**  
Holiday Luncheon  
Joint meeting with  
League of Women Voters  
Collect for DEEP WELL

**Friday, January 8, 2010**  
The Gallery  
Sallie Ann Robertson  
Gullah Heritage  
demonstrated with  
cooking!

**Saturday, February 6**  
Seabrook  
Electronic Health Panel  
(TBD)

**Saturday, March 6**  
Country Club of Hilton  
Head; ANNUAL FUND  
RAISING 'FASHION  
SHOW''

**Friday, April 2**  
Honey Horn  
Carlos Chacon  
Local Ecology & Butterfly  
Exhibit.

**Saturday, May 1**  
Beaufort: STATE  
CONVENTION  
Luncheon provided.

In addition to the \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500  
Scholarship monies passed out last year, we gave:

\$175 to Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry

\$175 to Waddell Mariculture

\$175 to Coastal Discovery Museum

\$175 to Hilton Head Island Library

\$100 to Legal Aid

\$50 to Heritage Library

Looking forward to seeing you for a great year.

MARY ELLEN HARKINS, PRESIDENT

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**PUBLIC POLICY NOTES:**

**AAUW and South Carolina Public Policy  
Programs: Delegates  
Approved the 2009-2010  
AAUW Public Policy Program in St. Louis in  
June. Members, please  
view and/or download  
a free copy of this program at the following  
website:  
<http://bit.ly/3rLQZo>**

**Advocacy Tools:  
Together we can make a  
Powerful noise for equity for women and  
girls!**

**Here is the Internet-based tool that will keep  
you up-to-date via e mail on  
pressing national and state issues. AAUW  
Action Network: Sign up  
At the following web site:  
<http://bit.ly/15uc6v>.**

**AAUW VALUE PROMISE:**

**By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.**

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**MISSION RELATED:**

**Peace and Hope Begin with Education:**

**ONE CHILD AT A TIME.**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

**Nelson Mandela**

**2010 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:**

In the spirit of advancing educational and career opportunities for women, the Hilton Head Branch of AAUW is pleased to announce its 2010 Scholarship Program.

Thanks to member contributions and fundraising success, the branch will be able to offer three scholarship awards for the 2010-2011 academic year: \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500.

To streamline and modernize the 2010-2011 Scholarship Program, efforts are underway to introduce technology to our scholarship application process. Thus, our branch is planning to provide an on-line application using a Hilton Head branch link on AAUW's statewide website:

[www.aauw-sc.org](http://www.aauw-sc.org). Applicants will be able to access scholarship information and print a copy of the scholarship application from the website. We hope to have this link available to potential applicants by October 16, 2009.

The application criteria remain the same as in previous years: a woman age 25 or older, an earned secondary school diploma or GED, a resident of Beaufort County south of the Broad River, and current or planned enrollment in an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university or vocational/technical school. You are encouraged to support the learning needs of local women by spreading the news about our scholarship Offerings. You may refer women seeking scholarship information to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's soon-to-be-released 2010 directory of scholarship opportunities:

[www.lowcountryscholarshipdirectory.org](http://www.lowcountryscholarshipdirectory.org).

Or you may refer potential applicants to Donna Bafundo, Scholarship Chair at [dbafundo@hargray.com](mailto:dbafundo@hargray.com) or 843-342-7572.

The application deadline is a postmark of January 8, 2010.

**Donna R. Bafundo**  
2010-11 AAUW Scholarship Chair.

**BOOK CLUB  
INFORMATION OFFERED  
BY NATIONAL AAUW:**

Our national AAUW Website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) Offers us a bookclub, Adelante. There are 3 book titles recommended each month. In addition there are 10 years of 12 recommendations. Here are a few that have been recommended for September these past few years:

*September: (Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept 15-Oct.15)*

*Enrique's Journey*, by Sonia Navario

'07-'08: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

'04-'05 *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Childhood* by Elva Trevino.

'06-'07 *Farmworker's Daughter: Growing up Mexican in America*, by Rose Castillo Guilbault.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009-2010:**

You won't want to miss another year of interesting Programs and fun with your AAW friends, so if you have not paid 2009-2010 dues yet, please complete the membership form attached to this newsletter and mail it with your dues check to

Sandy Stern, Membership VP  
2 Bayley Point Lane  
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926

As promised, the dues remain the same as last year (how many things can you say that about?) at \$70. This includes \$49 for national, \$10 for state, and \$11 for our branch.

For the first time this year, as a result of organizational changes at the national level, \$46 of your national dues is now tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

For over 125 years AAUW has been a catalyst for change in the lives and futures of women. Today, with more than 100,000 members and 1,300 branches committed to education and equity, AAUW members across the country contribute to a more promising future and provide a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

Your membership strengthens that voice and makes an impact!

If you share our passion for educational equity for Women, and enjoy our local branch activities, then please renew TODAY.

Sandy Stern, Membership VP

**AAUW WOMEN WRITERS' BOOK GROUP: 2009-2010 SELECTIONS**

The following are the dates for books for the upcoming discussion year

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>BOOK/AUTHOR</u></b>	<b><u>FACILITATOR</u></b>
October 5	<b>TEAM OF RIVALS Doris Kearns Goodwin</b>	<b>Katie Miller</b>
October 26	<b>THE GLASS CASTLE Jeanette Wall</b>	<b>Gisele Denton</b>
November 16	<b>THE NECKLACE Cheryl Jarvis</b>	<b>Ronni Silett</b>
<b>No Meeting in December</b>		
January 25	<b>THE PERFECT MATCH and/or PLAIN TRUTH Jodi Picoult f(read either or both)</b>	<b>Pat Batten</b>
February 22	<b>THE WOMEN'S ROOM Marilyn French</b>	<b>Freddie Hodges</b>
March 29	<b>SARAH'S KEY Titiana DeRosnay</b>	<b>Linda Hennessey</b>
April 26	<b>HELP Kathryn Stockett</b>	<b>Bev James</b>

**May 17: BOOK SELECTION LUNCHEON** – no book discussion—we will choose books for next year. Details to be announced in the Spring.

**WE MEET AT THE SEABROOK AT 1:30 p.m. ON THE ABOVE LISTED MONDAYS EXCEPT FOR THE LUNCHEON WHICH WILL BE AT NOON WITH DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW.**



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. BRANCH

**Yes, I am interested in joining AAUW'S powerful network. The following information is for AAUW Hilton Head Island Branch membership:**

**Full year dues covers July 1 thru June 30 of the following year.\***

**NATIONAL: \$49\*\***  
**STATE; \$10**  
**BRANCH: \$11.....TOTAL: \$70**

\*If you join after March 10 of the current year, full membership will be covered through June 30 of the following year. \*\*\$46 of this amount is tax deductible.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO AAUW Hilton Head Island Branch.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

College (s): \_\_\_\_\_ University (ies): \_\_\_\_\_

State (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Degree (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s): \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HHI BRANCH?**

- ( ) Newspaper:            ( ) State or National website
- ( ) A member: Please give the name of the member:

**PLEASE RETURN MEMBERSHIP FORM AND CHECK TO:**

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