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## AAUW of SC Annual Convention focuses on the purpose, power, and progress of equity

by Lynn Shore, Program Vice President



It's time to celebrate **and** support the mission of AAUW by attending the state convention in Columbia on April 1-3 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, close to the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens.

Mayor Robert Coble and the Greater Columbia Branch have extended an invitation to our membership to come enjoy springtime in the state capital.

On Friday evening, we will recognize top female scholar athletes from AAUW of SC's nine College and University members. Mickey Taylor and Bert Bobb from the Rock Hill Branch will present the awards. After the presentation, the athletes will participate in a panel on how Title IX has helped them to achieve their goals as women in sports.

Our keynote speaker on Saturday morning will be **Rep. Shirley R. Hinson [R]** from SC House District 92 in Berkeley County. Ms. Hinson is the newly-elected chair of the women's caucus, the chief majority whip and a member of both the House Ways and Means, and Ethics Committees. She will discuss education legislation, particularly those bills involving funding; measures that affect women and families; and her projections for key actions during this General Assembly session.

The status of South Carolina's Educational System is in crisis! Changes must be made! What kind of changes? Because educational equity is the core of our mission, the Equitable Educational

Funding panel will present factual information about the complexities of this issue and evaluate the proposed legislative solutions. AAUW SC Public Policy Chair Betty Bayless will moderate presentations by **Melanie Barton**, Evaluation Specialist, SC Education Oversight Committee; and invited speakers **Debbie Elmore**, PR Director, SC School Board Association; and **Ellen Still**, Deputy Superintendent for Government Affairs at the SC Department of Education.

South Atlantic Regional Director **Ann Terry** will tell us *What's Cooking in AAUW*, as we learn the value that our membership in AAUW brings to us and women and girls served by our mission.

On Sunday morning, a "red hat" personality will introduce **Fawn Germer**, bestselling author of *Hard Won Wisdom*. Fawn was our keynote speaker at the Greenville Convention in 2002. She is returning with her new book *Mustang Sallies, the Success Secrets of Women Who Refuse to Run with the Herd*.

Fawn says "We've got the brains, the guts, and the drive to change the world...but we keep being told we're doing it all wrong. People wonder, *why doesn't she just tone it down, get over it, and play by the rules like everybody else?* Some of us can't. We're mustangs - women who charge ahead, unwilling to run with the herd just because it's easier or more convenient. Some mustangs are born with the ability to know when, how, and with whom to engage to get what we want in the world...but the rest of us have

### An Invitation to Members At Large

This issue of the AAUW of SC newsletter also is being sent to AAUW Members-At-Large [MALs] who reside in SC.

**We invite you to join other women who care about educational equity at the AAUW of SC annual convention in Columbia on April 1-3.**

We know that just like branch members, MALs are concerned about equity for women in the workplace and in education. Yet you may not be aware of conferences, learning and networking opportunities in which you might wish to participate. However, because you are not a member of a branch, you do not receive information about these events.

Why not become a SC Member-At-Large for a mere \$10? You don't have to attend meetings, but you'll get this quarterly newsletter, which will let you know what is happening in the state. To join as a state member-at-large, send a check for \$10 payable to AAUW of SC to Kathryn Sharp, treasurer, 139 Alexander Glennie Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

to learn how to play the game." Come learn to be a "Mustang"!

**Convention coverage continues on Pages 2 - 6. Registration form is on Page 3.**

# State Convention provides exploration of equity – because *Equity is still an issue*

by Lynn Shore, Program Vice President

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We encourage all members to attend all three days of the convention, but this is often impossible. We have devised a fee schedule which we hope will accommodate the attendees. (The fee schedule is on the registration form.)

Please have the registration form and checks to Lynn Shore by **Wednesday, March 16.**

## Branch Delegates for Business Meeting

Each branch is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof. Delegates are allowed to vote in the election of officers and other business. Branches should send their delegate names to Lynn H. Shore, 9 Amy Lane, Taylors, SC 29687 or call 864-244-6217 or email [sugafoot6@yahoo.com](mailto:sugafoot6@yahoo.com) by **March 25.**

## Business Meeting items

Among business to be conducted at the convention business session will be the election of a program vice president and a treasurer, adoption of the state's budget for 2005-2006, and revisions to the state bylaws. Please find information about these items beginning on page 5.

## Greater Columbia Branch has planned fun for all

**Saturday, 5-10 p.m. - *An Evening in Columbia's Vista.*** See the best of Columbia's night life! You will be shuttled to the Historic Vista for dinner at one of the many fabulous dining spots, some with live entertainment. Then, off to Columbia's casual-atmosphere, always cutting-edge, Trustus Theater for *A Heart Divided*, a play exploring issues of race and symbols of growing up in the Deep South. With a minimum of 10 participants, cost will be \$12.00 per person and includes transportation. Dinner on your own.

**Sunday, 1-3 p.m. - *Columbia's Historic Sites.*** You will be shuttled to and from the hotel for a tour of Columbia's four historic homes - Hampton Preston Mansion and Gardens, Mann-Simons Cottage, Robert Mills House and Park, and Woodrow Wilson Boyhood home, and architectural tour of Columbia's Historic Main Street. With a minimum of 10 participants, cost will be \$20.00 per person and includes transportation. Great souvenir shopping awaits!

## Lodging Information

Please make your reservations at the Embassy Suites Hotel by **Wednesday, March 2.** Be sure to mention that you are with the AAUW-SC group when making your reservation. The telephone number is 803-252-8700.

The suites are \$109 plus tax, with a king-size bed or two double beds plus a pull out couch. As registered guests of the hotel, we will enjoy a complimentary, cooked to order breakfast buffet each morning and a Manager's Reception each evening.

## AAUW of SC Convention Schedule

### Friday, April 1

12-6:00 pm Registration  
 1:30-5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
 7:00-9:00 pm *Opening Session:* Recognition of Women Student Scholar Athletes  
 8:30 pm Dessert Reception

### Saturday, April 2

8:00-8:30 am Branch Presidents Breakfast with President Trish Johnson  
 8:30-9:00 am Registration  
 9:00 am *Opening Remarks*  
 Welcome by Mayor Robert Coble  
 Welcome by the Greater Columbia Branch  
 9:30-10:15 am *Keynote Address*  
 Shirley R. Hinson, SC General Assembly Women's Caucus chair  
 10:15-10:30 am Health Break  
 10:30 am -12 pm Business Meeting followed by Town Hall  
 12-1:00 pm Lunch  
 1:00-1:30 pm Educational Foundation Sales  
 1:30-2:30 pm *Educational Equity Panel*  
 Melanie Barton, SC Education Oversight Committee; and invited speakers Debbie Elmore, PR Director of the SC School Board Association; Ellen Still, SC Department of Education  
 2:30-2:45 pm Health Break  
 2:45-3:45 pm *What's Cooking in AAUW*  
 Regional Director Ann Terry  
 4:00-5:30 pm Hospitality Suite  
 Evening Free Time

### Sunday, April 3

9:00-9:30 am Awards Presentations  
 9:30-11:00 am *Mustang Sallies* with Fawn Germer

*Special note:* there will **not** be a continental breakfast served either Saturday or Sunday morning. There will be coffee, water and sodas and cookies available during the day on Saturday and Sunday in our meeting room. Breakfast is available for a small fee at the Embassy Suites if you are not a registered guest and would like to have breakfast before the meetings begin.

### Driving Directions to the Embassy Suites Hotel:

- From I-20 East or I-20 West: Take exit 64A to I-26 East. Merge to two left lanes and follow I-26 to I-126 East
- From I-26 West: Take right lane of exit 108 to I-126 East
- From I-26 East: Follow to I-126 East (two left lanes)
- Once on I-126 East: Take Greystone Blvd. exit. Bear right off ramp - Embassy Suites Hotel is on the left at first stop light.

# State President invites you to State Convention

by Trish Johnson, AAUW of SC President



Purpose, Power and Progress, the Charmed Ones, are coming together at our annual Spring Convention. Be involved as the Power of Three merges and shows their strength to push forth our goals as AAUW.

Program Vice President **Lynn Shore** and your Executive Committee have worked diligently to make this convention what you as members have asked for – information, recognition and action.

The major focus will be on Educational Equity and how AAUW

South Carolina can help ensure that all children receive a fair and equitable education regardless in which school district they reside. Please check out the rest of this *Palmetto Leaf* to see details of this convention's activities. We will work hard and have fun as well.

As I stated in my last message to you, the Power of Three can only work if we pull together. We still have vacancies on our Board for Membership Vice President and Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison. Please consider giving your time to make AAUW

South Carolina a strong and vital organization. If we have a passion for something we can always find time to devote to it!

## Bring auction items for Educational Foundation

by Bev James, AAUW of SC EF Chair

Going, going, gone!! That's what you will hear at the State Convention.

For contributions to the Educational Foundation (EF), each Branch is encouraged to put together items to be auctioned - a filled basket (s), home-baked goods, a trip, jewelry, handmade items, clothing, bath products, household items – anything that can be auctioned. It doesn't even have to be new, as long as it is in good shape. These items will be auctioned off on Saturday with the proceeds credited to the individual Branch that provided the item. So, put on your thinking caps and let's have plenty to auction!

If you have questions, contact me at 843-671-4289 or [bevjames1998@yahoo.com](mailto:bevjames1998@yahoo.com).

### AAUW of SC State Convention

April 1-3, Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch/Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Advance Registration must be postmarked by March 16, 2005.

Registration includes Friday dessert reception, Saturday lunch, refreshments and materials.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Three Day Convention Fee ..... \$80
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Only ..... \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday and Saturday ..... \$65
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only ..... \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday ..... \$65
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Only ..... \$25

Saturday luncheon is a club sandwich plate, so please notify us if you have special dietary needs. We will do our best to accommodate you: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy this form and send with check payable to **AAUW of SC** to:

Lynn Shore, 9 Amy Lane, Taylors, SC 29687; [sugafoot6@yahoo.com](mailto:sugafoot6@yahoo.com); 864/244-6217

## Nominating Committee presents candidates for officers

by Bea Peyser, AAUW of SC Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for AAUW of SC officers for 2005-2007.

### Kathryn Sharp

#### Candidate for Program Vice President

Kathryn lives in the Pawleys Island area and is a member of the Beaufort Branch. She is completing her second term as State Treasurer.

A graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, Kathryn has traveled nationally and internationally as an Agricultural Statistician. She also has worked in the construction and electrical contracting fields.

Kathryn is married to John and they have a daughter who lives in Cincinnati. In addition, there are three step-children (although the "step" has been removed), six step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren – all of whom live in southwestern Ohio.

As Treasurer and a member of the Education Committee of the Georgetown County League of Women Voters, Kathryn has become involved in local politics; she is also a member of the Waccamaw Neck Democrats, the Sierra Club and is an officer in the community's garden club. She enjoys reading, redecorating and is presently planning their daughter's wedding this Spring.

### Pat Hall

#### Candidate for Treasurer

Pat Hall from the Gaffney Branch is this year's nominee for state Treasurer. She has served for the past three years as chair of the state Finance Committee. Pat is also in her second term as president of the Gaffney Branch where she has been a member for 11 years. She also served 3 terms as treasurer in Gaffney.

Pat received a BS degree in Business Management from Limestone College, attending the Block Program classes while working full time. She has recently retired from the Cherokee County School District after 31 years in the Finance Department. For many years she was a member of the Cherokee County chapter of the SCEA, serving as both secretary and treasurer. She is now a member of CCEA-Retired, the organization for retired employees of the school district.

Pat also volunteers at Meals on Wheels in the office, as well as on the Newsletter Committee, helping to put out the MOW newsletter to over 800 volunteers and recipients each month. Her mother's passion for many years has been genealogy, and the torch has passed to Pat since her mother's mental health has failed in recent years. This interest has led Pat to digital scrapbooking, which has become her very own "passion." She also loves to read, and has just recently become a member of "the Flickering Flames", one of Gaffney's four Red Hat Society chapters.

Pat is married to J.D., her husband of 41 years. They have no children of their own, but have been involved with their many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews. Pat and JD spend a lot of their time caring for her mother, who will be 90 in March, and his father, who will be 89 in June.

## Membership asked to consider revisions to state bylaws

by Ann Terry, AAUW of SC Bylaws Chair

The voting delegates at the convention will be asked to vote on the following revisions to the state bylaws. Please discuss these changes with your branch delegation and bring this information with you for discussion during business session.

If you would like a full copy of the text of the state bylaws, I can send via email only – [annsterry@yahoo.com](mailto:annsterry@yahoo.com).

**None of these changes will affect branch bylaws.**

Items for removal are marked with ~~strikethrough~~ and items for insertion are marked with *italics*.

### (1) Eliminate branch presidents as members of the State Board

Sections to be changed:

**Article X, State Board of Directors** - eliminate mentions of branch presidents.

**Article XI, Executive Committee** would be revised to eliminate all members except elected officers to serve on the Executive Committee. These officers would serve for decision-making between meetings of the board should emergency decision(s) need to be made.

**Rationale:** as more and more organizations are streamlining their organizational structure, sizes of boards are being considered. Since the only time that the branch presidents do indeed serve as a part of the state board is during business session at the state convention, it appears to be more logical to

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have the Board become the actual leaders who carry on the work of AAUW of SC throughout the year.

- (2) **Eliminate the position of President-Elect**
- (3) **Allow for election of Co-Vice Presidents in Programming and Membership**

Sections to be changed:

### Article VII. Officers

**Section 1. Elected Officers.** The elected officers of this organization shall be a president, ~~a president-elect, a~~ program co-vice presidents, a membership co-vice presidents, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, chosen with due regard for geographical representation.

### Section 3. Qualifications for Office.

b. Candidates for the office of president must have served at least one term on the State Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Terms of Office.** The officers of the state shall take office July 1, except that the incoming president may call a meeting of the Executive Committee-elect for the purpose of approving appointments and making plans for the coming year. Officers shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected or appointed and have assumed office. ~~Exception is that the president elect become president one (1) year after election.~~ No member shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

**Section 6. Rotation.** The co-program vice presidents, and treasurer, ~~and the president-elect~~ shall be elected in the odd years. The *president*, recording secretary and ~~the~~ co-membership vice presidents shall be elected in the even years.

### Article VIII. Duties of Elected Officers

#### Section 2. ~~President-Elect.~~

~~a. The president elect shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and shall be a voting member.~~

~~b. The president elect shall perform specific duties as assigned by the president.~~

~~c. The president elect shall assume all duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve.~~

#### New Section 2. Vice Presidents.

- a. **Program Co-Vice Presidents** shall:
  - (1) assume all duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve. ~~in years when there is no president elect.~~

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## Budget to be voted on at Spring convention

by Pat Hall, Chair, Finance Committee

Members will be asked to consider the adoption of the following budget for 2005-2006 during the business session of the annual convention.

AAUW SC Proposed Budget 2005-2006	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	\$4,500
Conferences	9,000
Miscellaneous	0
Transfer from Assets	725
<b>Total income + transfers</b>	<b>\$14,225</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Branch Services	\$400
Conferences ***	\$9,000
Conference of State Pres. – Reserves	250
Educational Foundation Chair	50
EF Chair Conference – Reserves	125
Legal Advocacy Chair	25
Math & Science Expositions	0
Membership Vice President	50
Miscellaneous	0
Other Chairs	50
<i>Palmetto Leaf</i>	2,000
President – Expenses	600
President – Printing Supplies	25
President Elect	0
Program Vice President	50
Public Policy Brochures	50
Public Policy Chair	200
Public Information	50
Recording Secretary	25
Travel – Delegates to AAUW Convention – Reserves	600
SAR Conference – Reserves	250
Treasurer – Administrative	50
Treasurer – Audit & Bonding	75
Website	300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,225</b>
<b>Explanations:</b>	
Reserves are paid out every two years	
*** Conferences –	
Legislative Day (100@30)	= \$3,000
State Convention (75@80)	= <u>\$6,000</u>

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- (2) be chairs of the program development committee (see Article XII of bylaws).
  - (3) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors and as specified in these bylaws.
- b. **Membership Co-Vice Presidents** shall:
- (1) act as the presiding officer in the absence of both the president and the program co-vice presidents.
  - (2) be chairs of the membership committee and actively work for the formation of new branches (see Article XII of these bylaws).
  - (3) at the direction of the state president, the membership co-vice presidents shall work with any group desiring to form a branch, and upon written approval of the state Board of Directors shall help the

group in the preparation of its bylaws, and in all other organization procedures.

**Rationale for Elimination of President-elect Position:** It is increasingly difficult to find members willing to serve as leaders at the state level. Many interested persons are hesitant to basically give a five-year commitment to the organization – one year if elected as president-elect, two years as president and two years as past president.

**Rationale for Allowing for Election of Co-Vice Presidents:** Members interested in these positions have expressed interest in sharing the responsibilities of these positions with another leader. This language will allow for the election of two persons *if* two persons wish to stand as a team for election.



Join in the excitement, the learning, and the chance to meet exceptional women at the 2005 AAUW National Convention, June 24-27 in Washington, DC.

Programs and workshops will focus on AAUW's mission with an international component as well. From the state leaders meeting on Friday morning, to business sessions, to workshops and speakers on Saturday and Sunday, to lobbying on Capitol Hill on Monday, there promises to be something to appeal to everyone who attends. Madeline Albright, former Secretary of State, will receive the AAUW Educational Foundation Achievement Award. During business sessions members will consider a change to the membership requirement.

Details on the convention are updated daily so check out [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for the latest information.



Please share this with any women student leaders that you know – or maybe your branch would be interested in providing a scholarship for a local student to attend this conference.

College or university women in campus or community leadership roles are invited to gather the information, skills, and resources needed to meet today's leadership challenges. Plan to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 2-4, 2005 – with a pre-conference institute on June 1– at American University in Washington, D.C.

Details on all of these activities and a wealth of other information, research, reports, leadership tools and resources are all available at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Check it all out.

## Branches raise funds for Educational Foundation

by Bev James, EF Chair

Supporting the important work of the Educational Foundation continues to be a responsibility of membership in AAUW. For example, the Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports the Foundation's research, special projects such as the Pathways to Leadership Conference and the Sexual Harassment Task Force and the ERF Teacher Fellowship program. As you know, the Teacher Fellowship program is on hiatus for the 2004-2005 year, but the remaining initiatives continue to meet the Foundation's standards for excellence. We all need to be aware of the importance of our contributions.

On this note, congratulations to the eighteen, yes eighteen, South Carolina members to become members of SC Century Circle for contributing \$100 to EF! These members will be recognized at the state convention.



## Public Policy efforts continue at state and federal levels; every member needs to be an advocate

by Betty Bayless, SC Public Policy Chair

### South Carolina General Assembly

New Session Status – February 11, 2005

The **Put Parents in Charge Act, H. 3204**, has 34 House co-sponsors and is assigned to the Ways and Means Committee. This tuition tax credit plan provides income and other tax credits to pay for private and parochial school tuition and for home schooling. AAUW believes public funds should be used only to improve public schools – not be diverted to private or religious schools through vouchers or tax credits. AAUW SC will oppose this legislation in March.

On January 27 the House approved **H. 3010** that creates a Carolina Public Charter School District with a vote of 66-45. Under the proposal, a statewide charter school district – along with a new appointed board of trustees – would be created to provide for state-sponsored, state-funded charter schools.

The House passed and sent to the Senate **H. 3086, SMART (Steamlined Management and Accounting Resources for Teaching) Funding Act in Education**. This bill must be amended to address flexibility in the use of funds by school districts. AAUW will support incorporation of the Senate version of this legislation from last session.

On February 2 the House gave third reading approval to **H. 3011**, a “restructuring” resolution that would set up a statewide referendum in 2006 to determine if voters want to make the State Superintendent of Education and the Secretary of State gubernatorial appointments.

The Senate Education Committee will begin work on **S. 4 (H. 3155), Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA)** on February 15. This bill is designed to help students see the relationship between academics and later career success, and become motivated to stay in school. Under the EEDA, electives and classes would be adapted to each student’s interests. AAUW will monitor the funding for this measure.

### United States Congress

#### Education

Post secondary education will be a top priority with the **Higher Education Act (HEA)** and the **Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act** both slated for reauthorization. Congress will deal with Perkins in 2005 and the HEA in 2006. The President plans to reduce Pell Grant eligibility. Ask your Representatives to reject this proposal and support **H.R. 114, Restoring College Access for All Americans Act**. AAUW will also work to promote and support accountability and equity for all students and call on Congress to fully fund the promises of **No Child Left Behind** for elementary and secondary students.

#### Civil Rights

President Bush has promised to re-nominate most of the circuit court nominees that AAUW opposed. AAUW also expects at least one Supreme Court resignation during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. AAUW will urge the President and the Senate to work together to ensure that only jurists committed – in word and in deed - to upholding the rights of all Americans are considered for these lifetime appointments.

On February 17 AAUW’s Capitol Hill Lobby Corps will visit U.S. Senate offices to lobby against any changes to Senate rules on the use of the filibuster to block a vote on a federal judicial nomination. AAUW opposes this Senate rule because it undermines a critical tool that protects against the tyranny of the majority and promotes bipartisan compromise.

#### Economic Security

AAUW will continue to fight for increased access to education and job training for welfare recipients during welfare reauthorization. AAUW will support the **Paycheck Fairness Act** when it is reintroduced this year. AAUW also seeks expanded coverage in the **Healthy Families Act** and the **Family and Medical Leave Act**. Finally, AAUW believes the first priority in **Social Security** reform legislation must be to safeguard the economic security of women and families. Urge your Members of Congress to reject proposals to privatize the system.

**The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.**

**In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.**

**There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.**

**Check out the AAUW of SC Website  
[www.aauw-sc.org](http://www.aauw-sc.org)**

## AAUW of SC Branches explore all types of programming

by Lynn Shore, Program Vice President

Here are the results of a survey of AAUW of SC branches to learn about the programming that branches are doing this year. Get some ideas for programs, if not this program year then maybe the next one.

**Aiken:** Educational Foundation Dinner, State Public Policy, Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, and Service Project with Croft House Senior Citizens.

**Beaufort:** Child Abuse Prevention Association, AAUW Advocacy, Legal Advocacy Fund fundraiser, Coastal Empire Mental Health, Council on Aging, School Board, Comprehensive Health Service, and First Steps.

**Charleston:** Women's Role in Politics, Pre-Election Comments, Election Reflections, Book Discussion on Achievement Gap, EF Fundraiser, assemble Science Kits for Schools, Tour of High School, Discussion of *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts, and a picnic lunch.

**Denmark:** State Officer Visit, Black History Program, Women in Strategic Positions, and Health Month.

**Due West:** Plenary Meeting, trip to a political rally, tour of historical Willington, Exam bags for Erskine and Lander College students, Literary night, Mazwilan D. London, author of *A New Beginning*; Awards Banquet to honor female achievers in four high schools, De. La Howe, and notes and membership materials to Erskine College Senior women.

**Gaffney:** Get Acquainted Dinner, Historic Restoration of Limestone College, Year Round School in Cherokee County, Estate and Financial Planning and Protecting Your Money for Retirement, Sweethearts Banquet, Senior Women Banquet, recognizing top women high school and college, and Starting a Second Career. The Branch works closely with Limestone College with campus activities such as showing the movie *Iron-Jawed Angels*, help with career placement, dressing and interview for jobs. Branch is also supporting women athletes.

**Greater Columbia:** Richland County Election Commission, 22 Million Single Women Video, Political Issues Program, State Election 2004 Round-Up, Holiday Social, Self-Defense for Women, Writing and Publishing Your Book, Columbia College Leadership Future of the Governor's Commission on Women, High Voltage Theater, and Branch Awards Brunch.

**Greenville:** "Bridges to a Brighter Future" Program, Education Reform, "Lap-Sits" Program, Membership Reception, Yard Sale Fundraiser, Discussion of Status of Women in SC regarding the difference in wages and employment between Women and Men.

**Hilton Head:** Role of the US in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century World, Triennial IFUW Conference, Election Forum, Ecology of the Low Country, Wine Education, Women as Agents of Change, Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration, Interpretation of Dreams, Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show, Ethics, and History of Hilton Head Island.

**Newberry:** Women In Tanzania, The Red Dress Talk, Sister Care, Best Dressed Bedrooms, Education Update, Video *Killing Me Softly*, Grant Writing, Annual EF Fundraiser Dinner; and Annual Academic Tea.

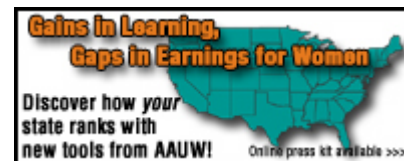
**Rock Hill:** Opening Potluck dinner that included introduction of plans for the year, What Should We be Asking School Board Candidates?, Education First Town Hall Meeting, Education Foundation Fundraiser, Educational Funding, No Room for Racism, Success by Six - what is this program and how can AAUW help support its efforts, Educational Foundation Fundraising Annual celebration dinner with recognition of Named Gift Honorees.

**Summerville:** This branch is having small group meetings with discussion of local education and political issues.

*Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earning: A Guide to State and National Data* is a

new AAUW online resource that examines women's educational gains and the gender earnings gap between college-educated women and men. Visit

[www.aauw.org/research/statedata](http://www.aauw.org/research/statedata).



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