

Palmetto Leaf

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Together Everyone Achieves More is theme for summer leadership workshop in Newberry

by Trish Johnson, AAUW of SC President, & Lynn Shore,
Program Vice President

Team building is essential to a successful board and branch. We will meet from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on July 24 at Newberry College for a program designed to enable you to refine team-building skills.

Marcia Capriotti, Past President of AAUW of Georgia and a member of the AAUW Program Committee, will lead a morning workshop on building a successful team.



Betty Bayless, AAUW of SC Public Policy Chair and member of the AAUW Public Policy Committee, will lead a workshop on how your branch can take an active role in the upcoming elections.

Then take time to work with individual Executive Committee members to learn how to make you more effective in your leadership or membership role in your branch.

Following lunch, we will have a Town Hall meeting with **Ann Terry**, South Atlantic Regional Director, **Marcia Capriotti** and **Trish**

Johnson, Association Program Development Committee members, and **Betty Bayless**. They will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning AAUW at the national level or other questions you have about AAUW.

The Recital Hall in the Music Building at Newberry College is the workshop location. Because the college dining facilities are closed on Saturday, lunch will be catered. The Newberry Branch is our host for this conference. The cost of the conference is \$30 and includes lunch and a morning snack with juice or coffee.

For those who will be traveling greater distances to Newberry, rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn-Opera House, 1201 Nance Street. The phone number is 803-276-6666. *Rooms must be reserved by 5:00 am on July 16th*. Individuals must reserve their rooms. The cost is \$79 plus tax. This is \$10 less than the regular room rate. The rooms can be reserved for Friday, July 23rd and/or Saturday, July 24th.

Do not miss this opportunity to build your existing skills and develop new ones to help you in your branch but also in your other non-AAUW activities.

TEAM Workshop Schedule

- 9:00 – 9:15 am
Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15-10:30 am
TEAM Building Workshop
led by Marcia Capriotti
- 10:30-10:45 am
Health Break
- 10:45 - 11:30 am
Counterpart Breakout –
meet with those who do
what you do in the branch
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Election How To's, led by
Betty Bayless
- 12:00-12:45 pm
Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Town Hall Meeting with
state and Association
leaders

Executive Committee Retreat begins at 2:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend to see how the Executive Committee plans the year's activities.

*The registration form is on Page 7
Driving directions on page 2.*

State Leadership team members recognized

by Trish Johnson, AAUW of SC President



By the time you read this message, I will have attended the March for Educational Equity in Columbia and will be making final plans to attend the joint Regional Conference in Atlanta, and the National Conference of State Leaders in Washington. This will bring to an end my first term as your State President.

Over the last two years, a truly great team of exceptional women has surrounded me. Some are retiring off the Executive

Committee at the end of June. I will miss working with these women.

Nancy Hughes has been on the Executive Committee through two administrations and has given her heart and soul to the state. Her enthusiasm and dedication is to be commended.

Harriett McIntosh took on the role of Secretary when the position became vacant. Keeping up with all of us during Executive Committee meetings should put Harriet in the running for sainthood. She helped out at a difficult time and her efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Susan Bruce is retiring as Legal Advocacy Fund Chair. Susan always adds her own perspective to those ideas brought to the table and kept us on our toes. Her love and dedication to AAUW is an inspiration.

All three of these women stepped up and took part when asked and helped make your State Leadership Team a joy to work with. I hope you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

Lugenia Rochelle has been appointed to fill the State Membership Vice President position. I want to thank Lugenia for stepping up to the challenge. It would have been easy for her to walk away from the Spring Convention, where no candidate was offered in nomination for this position. Lugenia took a risk and put her faith in the Board that she would be mentored and nurtured. I hope when you are asked to fill a position on the Executive Committee you will take the risk and say "yes" too.

With July comes our summer workshop. This year we will focus on *TEAM Building*. We are fortunate that the former AAUW of Georgia State President, Marcia Capriotti, has agreed to lead the first half of our morning in a workshop on team building. The second part of the morning we will meet with our counterparts to get a better feel for the work that needs to be done in our branches.

I encourage you to make plans to attend TEAM Building at Newberry College. Whether you hold an office at the branch level or not, this will be a great opportunity to learn skills that you can take back and use not only in your branch but in your work and personal life.

Immediately following the summer workshops, the Executive Committee will be having their annual planning retreat. If you have any ideas that you would like us to discuss, please contact any other Executive Committee members or myself.

Have a terrific summer! Hope to see you in Newberry!

AAUW of South Carolina Leadership Team 2004 - 2005

Trish Johnson
President

Lynn Shore
Program Vice President

Lugenia Rochelle
Membership Vice President

Jan Haldeman
Recording Secretary

Kathryn Sharp
Treasurer

Directions to Newberry College

Take I-26 East to Columbia from the upstate; from the low country, take I-26 West.

Take the Newberry Exit (72) that is SC 121. Go 0.3 miles and turn **right**. Still on SC 121, go 1.7 miles. Continue driving - road will become US76 which eventually becomes known as College Street.

Continue on College Street toward downtown Newberry. Newberry College is located at 2100 College St. It will be on your left. You will pass the football stadium and the main entrance to College and turn **left** on Evans Street. Continue on Evans until you come to Luther Street.

Turn **left** on Luther. There will be a parking lot on your right. You can park here. Walk from the parking lot up Luther Street and music building is on the right. There is also parking available behind the Alumni Music Center. The music center is surrounded by the baseball field, the tennis courts, and the soccer/softball field. If you pass Luther Street, go on to McDowell and turn left, and then left again on Bachman Street which dead ends into Luther.

Public Policy: National Issues Summary May 12, 2004

by Betty Bayless, AAUW of SC Public Policy Chair



AAUW is supporting two bills, *Part-time Student Assistance Act* (H.R. 3968) and the *Nontraditional Student Success Act* (S. 2360), that will provide greater access for the many part-time and nontraditional students who must balance school with work and family.

These bills address what AAUW believes is missing in the higher education system. Urge your Members of Congress (MCs) to co-sponsor H.R. 3968 and S. 2360.

AAUW has submitted comments to the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) expressing an objection to its decision to rewrite basic gender equity protections in Title IX regarding single-sex education.

AAUW is concerned these regulatory changes are part of an overall strategy to weaken the protections Title IX affords women and girls in academic settings.

As chair of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE), AAUW also organized a sign-on letter to OCR from other education, women's, and civil rights groups expressing concern. AAUW comments can be read at: www.aauw.org/takeaction/policyissue/pdf/aauwcomments.pdf.

More than one million pro-choice activists converged on Washington, D.C. in the largest public demonstration the

nation's capitol has ever seen. The historic

March for Women's Lives, held Sunday, April 25, demonstrated to the current administration and the nation that women's issues and reproductive rights are critical and salient issues in America. AAUW was a proud co-sponsor of this remarkable event.

AAUW's delegation, with marchers from 24 states outfitted in electric teal "Because Equity is Still an Issue" t-shirts, marched with pro-choice signs and banners during the two-mile march. Resources for Bring the March Home and other tools on choice can be found at www.aauw.org/takeaction/march/bringhome.cfm.

To coincide with the March, the *Putting Prevention First Act* (PPFA) (H.R. 4192/S. 2336) was introduced. It is a comprehensive family planning effort focusing on preventing unintended pregnancy. This measure includes many family planning bills that have already been introduced and will increase spending on family planning programs. Urge your MCs to co-sponsor these bills. Remind them there is universal support for reducing the need for abortion. Rather than implementing policies that restrict a woman's right to choose, Congress should be offering women the education and services they need to avoid unplanned pregnancies.



Thousands march for Education in Columbia

by Betty Bayless, AAUW of SC Public Policy Chair

Walking to the chant of "Fund Education Now!," members of the **Beaufort, Greater Columbia, Hilton Head and Rock Hill** branches joined more than 2,000 people from across the state on Saturday, May 15 to rally at the State House to celebrate the U.S. Supreme Court decision that desegregated schools and to press legislators for more education funding.

Congratulations to the Rock Hill delegation of eight members and two students!

I wish more of you could have joined us on the steps of the State House where we were recognized as March co-sponsors.

This coalition of more than 75 organizations, the largest in state history, has agreed to stay together for as long as it takes to provide the children of South Carolina with the education that is promised in the state's constitution.

The General Assembly has cut education funding by \$450 million during the last four years. Court struggles over school funding continue in South Carolina where eight rural school districts are suing the legislature in a fight for better funding. Steve Morrison, a Columbia lawyer leading the school funding lawsuit, told us "That dream for quality education for all children – no matter where they're born, black or white, rich or poor – is unfulfilled."

Thanks to each of you who lobbied your legislators and urged them to defeat the Put Parents in Charge Act, this state's attempt at a voucher system that was initiated by Governor Sanford. As a result, parents won't get tax credits to send their children to private schools next year based on legislation (H. 4908) that would drain funds from public education and does not provide for accountability for private schools. This bill will be revived next session and we will have to be prepared to fight it vigorously.

AAUW of SC places #7 in Top 10 and branches score big successes in giving to Educational Foundation

Ann S. Terry, AAUW of SC EF Chair

Despite the harsh economy and declining branch membership, the branches of AAUW of SC still managed to place in the top ten in per capita giving to the AAUW Educational Foundation in 2003. **Congratulations!**

Total donations to the Educational Foundation were \$23,431.84, down a bit from the 2002 total of \$28,655.53. This placed South Carolina in the #7 position among the top states with a total of \$45.41 per capita. South Carolina has consistently been in the top ten for many years.

At spring convention, branches were recognized for their successes in raising funds for the Foundation.

The leading branches in per capita giving for 2003 were:



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1.	Aiken	\$214.45
2.	Rock Hill	\$81.87
3.	Due West	\$62.50
4.	Greenville	\$33.71
5.	Newberry	\$33.33
6.	Beaufort	\$18.29
7.	Charleston	\$12.84

Branches that exceeded the fundraising goals set by the Educational Foundation were:

1.	Aiken	exceeded goal by 758%
2.	Rock Hill	exceeded goal by 227%
3.	Due West	exceeded goal by 150%
4.	Greenville	exceeded goal by 83%
5.	Newberry	exceeded goal by 33%
6.	Gaffney	exceeded goal by 25%

Thanks to every member and branch that worked hard to realize this funding.

Yet our efforts just never seem to fill the need. In 2003, there were nearly 2,500 requests for funding submitted, but only 195 fellowships, grants and scholar-in-residents awards were awarded. So there is always a need for more money. To many of the women seeking funding, AAUW is the **only** source of funding open to them.

The efforts we make for the Educational Foundation far exceed the monetary – the projects and work funded by our dollars are changing lives every day. We cannot slow down in our giving because the need is only increasing and is often going unmet. Keep up the hard work!

Sarah Leverette honored with AAUW Named Gift

by Ann S. Terry, AAUW of SC EF Chair

The AAUW of SC Board has recognized **Sarah Leverette** of the Greater Columbia Branch with an Educational Foundation Named Gift for 2004.

The following is from the citation read at the spring convention when the award was presented to Sarah. We congratulate her on this award and thank her for the many things she has done for the women and children of South Carolina.

Ask 84 year-old Sarah how far we have come as women in South Carolina, and she'll smile and say, "We have a good ways to go." The Iva, SC native graduated magna cum laude from USC in 1940. She was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1943 after graduating from the USC School of Law, the only woman in her class.

Sarah joined the SC Department of Labor doing legal research. She was called a statistician because the title of lawyer was not available to her. In 1947, Sarah was invited to the USC School of Law as the law librarian, where she also taught legal research, earned a place on the faculty and remained there until December 1971. In all likelihood, she has had more influence over 20th century legal writing in SC than any other person.

In 1972, Governor John C. West appointed Sarah as an industrial commissioner on the Workman's Compensation Commission. When she retired she was chairman of the

Industrial Commissioners on that commission. Sarah then became a licensed Realtor!

Sarah's proudest moment came in April 2001 when she received the Jean Galloway Bissell Award that "recognizes one who has paved the way to success for women lawyers in SC" from the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

Sarah is featured on the cover and in the text of Ruth Williams Cupps' book Portia Steps Up to the Bar, a history of the first women lawyers in South Carolina through 1974. SC Chief Justice Jean Toal wrote that the women featured in this book were trailblazers. Sarah also assisted the author with research.

Today Sarah chairs Common Cause/SC, serves on the League of Women Voters' SC Board, is a valued member of the AAUW SC Public Policy Committee, participates on the board of the Preserve Richland County Foundation and the SC Association of Realtors.

"Women should be respected for our abilities and backgrounds. That we are women should not get in the way. I don't work to see equality. I want to see respect for each individual. If we get that, equality will fall into place."

Congratulations, Sarah, on this honor and sincere thanks for all you have done, and continue to do, for women in SC.

The POWER of AAUW

by Ann S. Terry, South Atlantic Regional Director

Springtime in AAUW brought state conventions throughout the South Atlantic Region. I was especially privileged to be a part of the excitement of the Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina conventions, and joined many friends in Florida for that state's celebration of its 75th anniversary.

As I traveled this spring, I saw first-hand, once again, the power of AAUW at work.

AAUW's power is reflected in its mission. As members of this organization, we pledge to do everything in our power to create an atmosphere for change that will provide opportunities for the women and girls who come after us. We are pledging to never stop learning and to keep our minds and hearts open to new ideas, new ways to do things, and new ways to ensure that education is a part of everyone's life – female or male.

AAUW's power is reflected in its advocacy. The rights of women and families have been of concern to AAUW members for more than 100 years. Much of AAUW's advocacy is done by members like you at the grassroots level – writing or talking to your legislators, speaking up at school board meetings, providing information on voting records, writing letters to the editor, or even marching on Washington as many of you did on April 25. With all these efforts and others, you are fighting for women and their families and for a political system that recognizes the power - and the interests of women.

AAUW's power is reflected in its leadership. I continue to be awed by the commitment and dedication of the leaders in our organization at all levels. There are so many, working so hard and so long – and accomplishing great things. Peoples' lives are packed full of obligations to family, work and community. Finding time for one more thing to be done is hard, and finding people willing to serve as leaders is even harder. I admire all of you who continue to work for AAUW despite the pressures that could pull you away from our work. I know that your caring spirit and desire to make a difference are often the only things that keep you going. Show your support to those who have stepped up to be your leaders. Let them know that their work and their efforts are valued and appreciated. And when **you** are asked to serve, be willing to join the team, too.

AAUW's power is reflected in its branches and states. Whether working in coalition with other groups and organizations or simply as a branch or state, you are impacting the mission of AAUW as well. Programs like statewide legislative days, student leadership conferences, women-to-women summits, or technology or science camps for girls are



just examples of projects and programs that states are using to carry AAUW's purpose and mission forward.

AAUW's power is reflected in its resources. It is amazing the amount and caliber of resources available to us as AAUW members. Lots of time and talent have gone into the preparation of materials to help us – whether as leaders or members. Training packets and toolkits for membership, sister-to-sister summits, fundraising, programming, and a wealth of other topics are readily available and nearly always free.

AAUW's power is reflected in its giving. One of the most awesome aspects about AAUW for me is the fact that not only do our members give inordinate amounts of time, talent and energy to the work of AAUW, but they also give of themselves financially. States in the South Atlantic Region have a long tradition of strong support of the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund, and are often found in the top ten in per capita giving among all the states of AAUW.

For the Educational Foundation donation year 2003, **Florida** ranked #3 and **Virginia** #9 in Top States in Total giving. **Georgia** ranked #2, **South Carolina** ranked #7, and **Virginia** ranked #10 in Top States in Per Capita giving. **McLean Area (VA)** Branch ranked #4 and **Naples (FL)** ranked #5 in Top Branches in Total giving. **Niceville-Valparaiso (FL)** ranked #6, **Roswell-Alpharetta (GA)** ranked #7, and **Falls Church (VA)** ranked #8 in Top Branches in Per Capita giving.

The efforts we make for EF or LAF far exceed the monetary – the projects and work funded by our dollars are changing lives every day.

AAUW's power is reflected in its networking opportunities. I hope that you have never left an AAUW meeting – either in your branch, at a state meeting, regional conference or Association convention, without making a new friend or learning more about the friends you have. The women I have met in my AAUW life have meant, and will continue to mean, a great deal to me. Never miss a chance to tap into the energy, talent and dedication of the many AAUW members you know or will meet – as well as the other women whose lives cross yours along the way.

And lastly, **AAUW's power is reflected in its members.** All of this work could have never been accomplished without the talents, time, energy, expertise and commitment of AAUW members everywhere. Working wherever we are able – as leaders or members – together we affect change in our communities, in our states, in our nation and in our world.

Ours is a **powerful** organization with a **powerful purpose** filled with **powerful people!**

Some branches experienced membership growth

by Nancy Hughes, AAUW of SC Membership Vice President



Congratulations to all of you membership committee members - that's all of us - and branch membership vice presidents. It has been a good year.

Even though we had an overall state loss in membership, some branches achieved an increase. WOW!! Congratulations!

Those branches that increased their numbers this past year were:

Due West - from 8 members to 9 for a 12.5% increase.

Gaffney - from 18 to 20 for an 11.1% increase.

Greenville - from 66 to 71 for a 7.6% increase.

Hilton Head - from 60 to 62 for a 3.3% increase.

Newberry - from 15 to 21 for a 40% increase.

Summerville - from 9 to 10 members for an 11.1% increase.

Let's see the rest of you in the increase column next year.

Consider the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift Program for graduates on your shopping list

This is the time of year that we should be thinking about those friends, daughters, granddaughters, or nieces who are graduating from college. Surely you know at least one. Give them a free membership in AAUW.

You give it - she receives it - and neither of you pay for it. It's absolutely *free*.

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Keep her current on the events and people that affect her life as she receives *AAUW in Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, *Get the Facts* alerts, and more.

Increase her buying power with access to discounted health and dental insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, education loans, and other members-only benefits.

Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer. Complete the online membership application now at www.aauw.org! Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership—a \$42 value. She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

Branches score in giving to Legal Advocacy Fund

by Susan Fitzgerald-Bruce, AAUW of SC LAF Liaison



Members, you've outdone yourselves!

For the *first time ever*, South Carolina is ranked in the Top 10 States for Per Capita giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund coming in at #10 for donations raised in 2003.

Congratulations! I know you have all worked hard to achieve this recognition. Our total per capita was

\$9.49.

I'd like to challenge you in the coming year to reach \$10 per capita. That's only 51 cents more per member, and I know you can do it.

At spring convention, branches were recognized for their contributions to LAF for 2003.

The biggest fundraisers were **Greenville** with \$2,043.00, **Beaufort** with \$880.00, and **Aiken** with \$520.00.

Greenville's per capita giving was \$30.95, **Beaufort's** was \$10.73, and **Aiken's** was \$11.06.

Here are the final branch totals.

Aiken - \$520.00

Anderson - \$ 65.00

Beaufort- \$880.00

Charleston - \$ 25.00

Denmark - \$175.00

Due West - \$ 25.00

Gaffney- \$100.00

Greater Columbia - \$300.00

Greenville - \$2043.00

Hilton Head - \$325.00

Newberry - \$ 25.00

Orangeburg - \$ 30.00

Rock Hill - \$357.00

I have really enjoyed working with all of you on the Legal Advocacy Fund over the last two years. I've met many of you at workshops and meetings, or through emails and phone calls. I've had the pleasure of presenting LAF programs at both the Greater Columbia Branch and the Rock Hill Branch. I'm only sorry I wasn't able to meet with each branch.

June 30 will be my last day as the SC LAF Liaison. Work demands and increasing health problems of my parents and father-in-law require more of my time these days. I am still planning on attending conventions and workshops and I hope to see you there.

Consider service on an Association committee

by Ann S. Terry, South Atlantic Regional Director

In June, the AAUW Board of Directors will consider appointments to the various committees of the Association.

I encourage you to consider serving our organization at the national level – it is a wonderful experience!

Currently **Trish Johnson** (Rock Hill), **Betty Bayless** (Beaufort) and **Brena Walker** (Anderson) serve on Association committees. Why not join them?

Vacancies are available on the following committees:

- Bylaws*
- Finance*
- Membership*
- Program Development*
- Public Policy*
- Resolutions*

Each applicant is asked to submit an AAUW application form that consists of vitae and questions specifically related to this appointment.

The application form, questions, committee job descriptions and working rules are available on the AAUW website at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leadercenter. Scroll down to “National Boards, Committees, Panels.” The complete form and questions should be submitted electronically to the AAUW Executive Office. If you have problems, call 202/785-7788 or 202/785-7710.

The Board particularly encourages members from under-represented groups (gender, race, creed, age under 40, sexual orientation, natural origin and disability) to apply for committee membership. It is the Board’s policy to have at least two diverse members on each committee of five or more.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Team Building Conference

July 24, 2004

Newberry College, Newberry, SC

Registration Form

Advanced registration is \$30.00, must be postmarked by Saturday, July 17, 2004

Name _____

Branch _____

Position _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration \$30.00 _____
(postmarked by July 17)

Late Registration \$40.00 _____
(postmarked after July 19)

Send this completed form and check payable to **AAUW SC** to:

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745 Tyson’s Forest Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Questions? call 803/328-8324 or virginiawolf40@hotmail.com

SC AAUW Calendar

- June 11-13, 2004**
South Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA
- July 24, 2004**
Team Building Conference, Newberry
- July 24-25, 2004**
Executive Committee Retreat, Newberry
- February 2005**
Legislative Day, Columbia
- April 1-3, 2005**
State Convention, Columbia

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EF and LAF sales offered

Branches are invited to sell items of their choice as a fundraising activity for Educational Foundation or Legal Advocacy Fund during the South Atlantic/Southeast Central Joint Regional Conference in Atlanta, June 11-13.

If you are interested, contact Ann Terry at 803/789-6129 or annsterry@yahoo.com immediately.

Bayless represents AAUW at IFUW Conference in Australia

Betty Bayless (Beaufort) will serve as a member of the AAUW delegation to the 2004 IFUW Triennial Conference to be held in Perth, Australia, August 4-11, 2004. Betty has prepared a resolution on behalf of AAUW that she will present at the conference.

We wish her safe journey. An article in the fall issue of *Palmetto Leaf* will give us a closer look at her experiences at this international conference.

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.



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