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BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS AAUW-IL, Inc. 85th ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 24 & 25, 2009 – Decatur Conference Center and Hotel

Come celebrate AAUW's many achievements and participate in planning our future at AAUW-IL's 85th Annual State Convention!

At Convention we will learn the latest about:

- Association accomplishments, activities and restructuring
- Illinois legislative initiatives for women
- Internet tools for branch publicity
- STEM initiatives
- International programs for women
- Ideas for branch interest groups

Our special guest and keynote speaker will be **Association President Ruth Sweetser**. During the town hall meeting on Saturday, April 25, we can ask questions about the proposed bylaws changes, restructuring, and the Association's short- and long-term plans.

Convention includes recognition of outstanding branches and members, state officer elections, and time to network with old and new AAUW friends.

Individually, we can accomplish much but together we can accomplish more. Don't miss this opportunity to share in the collective power of AAUW as we continue breaking through barriers for all women and girls.

State Board Nominations for 2009

Erika Nicketakis, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee is pleased to present this slate of candidates to be voted on by delegates to the AAUW-IL Convention on Saturday, April 25, 2009, in Decatur:

- Lois Strom, President-Elect
- Jennifer Urish, Membership Co- Vice President
- Medina Gross, Membership Co- Vice President
- Joan Gusewelle, Secretary

Thanks to the nominating committee members: District 1, Donnie Calvin; District 2, Margaret Stewart; District 3, Jan DeYoung; District 4, Alexis Reese; District 5, Erika Nicketakis.

See page 8 for biographies and pictures of the candidates.

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PRESIDENT'S SPRING NEWS

By Linda Henning Cohen

As you've heard, 2009 will be a year of great change for AAUW and AAUW-IL!

At the state convention in April you'll hear firsthand about the proposed Bylaws from Association President Ruth Sweetser, who will be our keynote speaker. Ruth will also talk about the Current Topics Briefings, including the new Membership Pilot Program, the new Leadership Corps, and the Member Showcase. There will be time for you to ask questions and to discuss the effects of the changes.

Our state convention deliberations will prepare us for the AAUW Convention in St. Louis, June 26-28. AAUW-IL traditionally has a large delegation at the national convention, and I hope we'll have another large turnout since St. Louis is so close to us. In addition to the AAUW changes, convention attendees will learn about the Association's impact on equity issues for women and girls. Convention is also a great opportunity to catch up with AAUW friends from other parts of the country.

At our winter meeting on January 17, the AAUW-IL executive board voted to sign on to the Membership Pilot Program. If you are not familiar with this program, go to www.AAUW.org. From there, go to the Member Center, then Current Topics Briefing Series, then AAUW Membership Pilot Program #9. The program allows AAUW-IL branches who so choose can offer members the option to pay dues online. This will be a boon to those branches with members who prefer to pay bills and renewals that way.

AAUW-IL continues to engage in barrier-breaking programs! I am a member of the Illinois Champions Board for the National Girls Collaborative Project. This network of programs encourages girls in STEM occupations (science, technology, engineering and math). Our Public Policy Chairs are in process of setting up an AAUW-IL Action Alert Program and our Lobby Corps in Springfield continues its work. In December I spoke to the Conference of Women Legislators about pay equity. We continue to work with the WAGE Project and Start Smart campus workshops. Marla Kim Benziger, Director of Branch Outreach, serves on the Major Gifts Committee for EF. Gwendolyn Jackson and Patrician Newton-Curran represent AAUW-IL with the Associated Colleges of Illinois Task Force on Gender Equity in Math and Science Education. We partnered with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to commemorate Jane Addams Day at Hull House. On March 6, AAUW-IL will be among the sponsors of International Women's Day, drawing attention to the women's global struggle for equality and justice and resources available to women in Chicago.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AAUW-IL convention in Decatur and at the Association convention in St. Louis. Together we'll continue to break through barriers!



Great Lakes Regional Report

Ruth Brown, Regional Director



Our Membership, the CORE of AAUW

Carol A. Heisler, Membership Co-Vice President

Several issues of legislative importance have been in the news recently. In January 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was passed by the Senate. Many people worked hard and advocated on behalf of passage of this bill, including women from Illinois. We must keep working to ensure passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Lilly Ledbetter herself has made a commitment to attend and speak at the Association Convention in St. Louis in June 2009! This will personalize the efforts to pass the Fair Pay Act by putting a face to the name.

Illinois stands out amongst the Great Lakes region states for being awarded an Impact Grant for the development of a Lobby Corps to advocate for AAUW issues to the state legislature. The fact that you have collaborated with other organizations, such as Business and Professional Women, further enhances the work you have done. These efforts have gone a long way in advancing women's issues and have kept these issues at the forefront of legislative agendas. We applaud you for your efforts that have brought about changes in Illinois!

Advocating for legislative change to ensure the equal representation of women and girls in the future is really at the heart of AAUW and what AAUW is all about. This is timely to remember as we face the new Bylaw changes being proposed by the National Association. While some members are choosing to leave our organization at this time, by leaving they are doing nothing for the future to promote equity for women and girls or to ensure higher education for women and girls. Those of us who remain committed to AAUW and its mission are working for our children, grandchildren, and future generations of women and girls. We must stay true to our mission and continue to work on specific issues that affect women and girls. If we don't, no one else will.

I look forward to joining you in Decatur in April at your state convention. This year, Indiana's State Convention is the same weekend as yours, so I will do some creative planning to attend a portion of both!

As our organization struggles with change and our leaders challenge the status quo with new by-laws, policies and procedures, we must always be mindful that the core of AAUW is our membership. Members drive our success—the financial support of our foundation, our activism and our commitment to equity for women and girls. Membership numbers, though, continue to decline.

When I ask a fellow AAUW member why she joined, I often hear, "My friend asked me to attend a meeting with her and here I am 15, 20 or 25 years later." As dedicated and involved members, one of our duties is to invite our friends, acquaintances and community leaders to join. We make committed invitations by offering to go to a meeting or event together, by making reminder calls, by offering a hand shake, refreshments or Conversation, or by engaging the new member on a committee. No only are we promoting the AAUW mission, but many of us form strong friendships by working together towards a common goal. I hope we are willing to share added opportunity and benefit with our personal network of acquaintances.

In order for members to be fully involved, it is best if the person understands and believes in AAUW issues and can support the AAUW mission.

I am always struck by the different personalities that branches can have. We can use the branch's strengths to entice new members. If your group does a great job organizing fund-raisers, it might do a super job at organizing a science fair for girls or a letter writing campaign to legislators. This involvement leads to new contacts in the community who would enjoy serving in your branch. New members bring new ideas, talents and opportunities to the branch. Interest group must be open, flexible and willing to promote the needs of the entire branch so that the branch remains strong.

Few new prospective members will come to an event or meeting if they are not invited. Surely no one will remain in our branches if all of us neglect membership. None of us wants to be the last one out the door—turning out the lights!

We have membership tools to make our efforts easier. These include “Keys to the Future”, “Shape the Future” and “Give a Grad a Gift”. (Check them out in the Member Center at www.aauw.org). Talk to your membership chair about these programs and make it your job to invite a potential member to a meeting or event. Just ASK!



Public Policy Matters

*Diane Balin and Faye Marcus,
Co-Directors*

During the fall campaign, many branches hosted community events to Get Out the Vote, providing information on issues and candidates’ positions. At the state convention we will recognize branches for their public policy work.

It will take all Americans working together to restore the United States as a premier world leader. Bold new initiatives will need to be enacted in Washington, D.C... It is critical that we use Action Alerts and other means to make our voices heard. President Obama has appointed women and minorities to important positions, affording more opportunity to these previously disenfranchised groups in our nation. We need to insure that women are included in economic recovery efforts. To find out more about AAUW public policy priorities in the new administration, just go to www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue/transition and “read all about it”.

At the state level, in December, President Linda Henning Cohen gave a presentation on Pay Equity to the Committee of Women Legislators (COWL), a bi-partisan group of state senators and representatives. The presentation was well-received and was an eye-opener for our elected officials. Although Illinois has an Act since 2005 that insures pay equity for women, only \$30,000 has been awarded to date for pay discrimination. AAUW-IL will have a press conference to highlight the issue on April 28, Pay Equity Day. Rep. Barbara Flynn Curry (D-Chicago), House Majority Leader is very interested in promoting pay equity in Illinois.

Many municipal and district officials trustees will be on the ballot in the consolidated election on Tuesday, April 7. We hope that your branches will do their part to Get Out the Vote this spring!



December 10 is JANE ADDAMS DAY

Lori Switzer, JAD Committee

Last December a variety of events were held in conjunction with second annual Jane Addams Day. On December 7 AAUW-IL co-sponsored a brunch with the Women’s International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF) at Hull-House in Chicago. Author Louise Knight spoke about Jane Addams as a community organizer. There were student and family focused activities all day. On December 10th, members of AAUW-IL attended an event in downtown

Chicago co-sponsored by the University of Chicago School of Social Work and the Chicago Women’s Alliance. Dean Jeanne Marsh’s presentation was titled “*Jane Addams and the U of C Pioneering Women: A New School of Social Work is Born.*”

Many other organizations around the state are also calling attention to Jane Addams Day due to the efforts of AAUW-IL and the JAD committee. AAUW-IL continues to be a strong force in promoting this first commemorative holiday in honor of a woman.

The JAD committee produced and distributed 10,000 Jane Addams bookmarks that promote her achievements, with the URL for the Jane Addams/AAUW-IL website for further information.

Did your branch have a Jane Addams Day program or event this year? Do you have a Jane Addams activity coming up? If so, please let us know by e-mailing Lori Switzer (chicagoaauw@hotmail.com). We have found that outside of AAUW, few people know about the holiday. Many people do not know very much about Jane and her achievements. Please help us spread the word!

AAUW in the 21st Century

By Ruth Z. Sweetser, Association President, and Barbara O'Connor, Foundation President

Will 2009 be the year of AAUW's transformation? If so, each of us needs to be reminded that policies and procedures by themselves don't change an organization. Rather, it is YOU, the members, who have the opportunity to move AAUW from a 20th- to a 21st-century organization. Since transformation depends on the human factor, how does this happen?

First, we have to work together and think together as an entire community to ensure that we keep our AAUW Value Promise at all times. When planning branch activities or even personal activities, ask "How does this project or program or activity help keep AAUW's Value Promise?" In other words, how am I helping to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls? Diligence in keeping AAUW's promise will make an enormous difference both in getting results for our mission and in branding our organization.

Whenever you read with your granddaughter, play in a bridge tournament that benefits the AAUW Educational Foundation, host a guest speaker on Convention who is well versed in the proposed bylaws and rationales; the briefings provide extensive information on these new approaches.

Third, adopt innovative tools and future-oriented thinking about what will make AAUW viable, attractive, and competitive. Yes, organizations compete for the attention and participation of current and potential members. If we are unable or unwilling to see the big picture of AAUW and its needs in 2009 and beyond, we risk the future of the entire organization. So to finalize the corporate restructuring from three separate entities to one tax-exempt umbrella organization (501(c)(3) with a very small 501(c)(4) subsidiary, the Action Fund), we will need to adopt bylaws that support the respective legalities and functions. We also need new ways of operating that recognize updated ways to lead, technology that facilitates administrative work so volunteers can devote themselves to breaking through barriers, 21st-century ways of engaging with each other, and other practices.

A number of these innovative tools have been introduced through the series of briefings that AAUW has provided since early fall 2008. These

pay equity at a branch meeting, or write your member of Congress through our Two-Minute Activist portal, you're taking a step to break through barriers. Just asking yourself that question brings a new awareness to and appreciation of our work that is vital to making it succeed—and will help you focus as your branch plans its mission-based programming. When you take that planning up a notch—asking how can my branch join with as many other branches and members as possible to apply our collective influence to a breakthrough—barriers, watch out! With nationwide engagement by members, our results, if documentable, will prove to be powerful and persuasive.

Second, plan to attend the 2009 AAUW National Convention: Breaking through Barriers, June 26–28, in St. Louis. There you'll have the chance to experience the new AAUW firsthand, to see with your own eyes what the future holds for our organization. You'll make AAUW history by participating in the bylaws votes, and, of course, you'll reconnect with old friends and make valuable and enjoyable new connections. But, please, come

tools include the *Programs in a Box*, which provide how-to's for mission-based programming; the *Membership Pilot Program*, which will allow leaders to manage their membership records online; and the *Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Pilot Program*, which will help branches market their scholarships and select their recipients from a pool of prescreened applicants. Our new method of submitting a leadership position application will allow members to express general and specific areas for service, along with an inventory of skill sets they can bring to these positions. The type of work expected of the regional director is so valuable that we are revamping and strengthening that role to ensure grassroots engagement for the new AAUW.

At the AAUW state spring meetings, board members and other leaders—champions—will present and facilitate discussion on all these transitions. Be sure to take advantage of this personalized learning opportunity, especially in preparation for the convention in St. Louis.

Each of these changes marks a departure from our business as usual, yet they are all designed to

address our organizational shortcomings. It is up to us to take hold of what organizational development teaches us, leave behind AAUW practices and thinking that don't work, and build on AAUW's unmatched legacy to reshape its potential for the future. We need to be smart, as well as educated!

The critical question is: how will you help AAUW move into the 21st century? The forward-looking framework and policies/procedures are being developed for your consideration and decision. How you think about AAUW, its future and its

promise, will determine both how you receive proposed changes and, more important, what you do with the new AAUW once it is in place. You—both individually and collectively as the AAUW community—are the agent on which AAUW's success rests!

The new AAUW is going to be a force to be reckoned with. With a community of nearly 100,000 determined women and men, focused on a single objective—to break through barriers for women and girls—we will be unstoppable.

Continuing a Lifetime of Learning:

Glen Ellyn branch member remembered through EF grant

For more than 30 years AAUW helped bring out the lifelong learner in Maureen Becker. It is only fitting that after her death in 2007, the Maureen Becker Career Development Grant was established to honor the memory of the former member and past president of the Glen Ellyn Branch. The first award was presented in 2008.

“AAUW made a tremendous difference in Maureen's life in terms of introducing her to people who thought the same way she did and who were devoted to the same ideals and causes,” said her husband, Bill Becker. One of the causes she supported was women's education.

Bill worked with Glen Ellyn Branch president Suzanne Balk to establish a named grant through the AAUW Educational Foundation.

The grant recognizes her career as a scientist by helping fund the education of women interested in the sciences, including computer sciences. The opportunity to honor Maureen and further the careers of young women quickly resonated with friends, family, and current and former colleagues. Within a few months contributions to the grant totaled nearly \$100,000.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

SCIENCE * TECHNOLOGY * ENGINEERING * MATH

Kick-off Conference

April 17, 2009

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Northern Illinois University Conference Center

1120 E. Diehl Rd.

Naperville, IL 60653

Learn about the National Girls Collaborative Project, a partnership between the Puget Sound Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, AAUW, and the National Science Foundation. This workshop will help you find resources and funding to create STEM activities for the young women in YOUR community.

For more information and to register, go to

www.icsps.ilstu.edu

\$25 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch

Registration is limited.



Jane Addams Star Quilt Raffle

AAUW members from all over Illinois made “Jane Addams Star” blocks for this 92” x 92” (queen-sized) quilt in 19th century reproduction cotton fabrics. By purchasing raffle tickets you’ll help AAUW-IL to continue Jane Addams Day activities!

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are available by mail from Jean Cairns (jeanc5740@aol.com or 630-401-9087). Tickets will also be on sale at the state convention.

The drawing will be Saturday, April 25, at the convention.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Preparing for this year's convention

All members are encouraged to review the proposed AAUW Bylaws prior to attending the State Convention. The proposed bylaws are on the AAUW website, www.aauw.org From the home page, click on Member Center, then click on "Charter and Bylaws" on the left side. There are four pieces: an Introduction to the Proposed Bylaws, the proposed AAUW Bylaws, the proposed AAUW Action Fund Bylaws, and Amendments to the AAUW Charter. Read the introduction first! It sets the context and explains the voting procedure. The proposed changes will also be printed in the spring issue of Outlook magazine.

Meet your STATE BOARD CANDIDATES, 2009



Lois Strom, President-Elect

Lois joined AAUW in the early 1970's. She has served the Springfield Branch as treasurer, Educational Foundation Chair, Membership Vice President, and President. She has served AAUW-IL as Educational Foundation Chair, Administrative Assistant, District 2 Director, and Program Vice President. Lois graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a B.S. in Education. She received an M.A. in Health Services Administration at the University of Illinois in Springfield and is a Certified Medical Practice Executive. Her first career was as an elementary school teacher. She went to work for the SIU School of Medicine in 1982, becoming an administrator in the Department of Surgery. She was named Outstanding Administrative Professional in 2005. She will retire on May 1, 2009. Lois and her husband, Bruce, have two daughters and three grandchildren.



Jennifer Urish, Membership Vice President

Jennifer has been a member of AAUW for more than a decade. She has held positions in the Belleville branch. She is currently the Co-Vice President, Membership for the state board. She is an active volunteer and substitute teacher at her son's school, as well as a school board member. She and her husband Jeff live in Red Bud, Illinois with their 6-year old son Adam. They have a small farm and raise chickens and vegetables.



Medina Gross, Membership Vice President

AAUW has been an important part of Medina's life since she joined the Elgin Area Branch in 1972. She has served the branch in numerous positions, including two terms as President (most recently, 2006-08). She now co-edits the branch newsletter. She has also served on state-level AAUW committees. She would like to see other women have the same opportunities for personal growth, networking, and mentoring that she has experienced. Medina is a graduate of the University of Chicago. After working as a medical editor and then being a fulltime mom and community volunteer, she became a massage therapist. She has a strong interest in traditional Chinese medicine. Medina and her husband Herb have two grown children. Daughter Rachel Bloomberg is a member of the Elgin branch.



Joan Gusewelle, Secretary

Joan joined the AAUW-IL board last year when she was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Secretary. She has also been secretary of the Wood River Branch for three years. She lives on her parents' farm in Wood River. She attended St. Paul's Junior College in Concordia, MO, and graduated from Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, IL, with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She taught first grade in Dundee for two years, then taught second grade in Edwardsville for four years. In 1970 she received a M.A. in Mathematics from SIU-Edwardsville. She taught math at Cahokia High School until retiring in 1994.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Schedule

Friday, April 24

- 1:00 – 5:00 PM Tours (see descriptions below)
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM AAUW-IL, Inc. Board Meeting
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM Convention Registration/Credentials
- 5:45 – 7:00 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:15 – 8:15 PM Breakout Sessions (see descriptions below)
- 8:15 – 9:15 PM Read Any Good Books Lately? A book talk by Nann Blaine Hilyard
- 9:15 PM President's Reception

Saturday, April 25

- 7:30 – 9:00 AM Convention Registration/Credentials
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Buffet Breakfast, Networking, Sales Tables
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome and Introductions, Linda Henning Cohen
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM Keynote Address, Ruth Sweetser
- 10:00- 10:45 AM Town Hall, Ruth Sweetser, Kathy Brenniman, and Linda Henning Cohen
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 AM Business Session and Awards
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch – 50th Birthday Celebration for Educational Foundation
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM Breakout Sessions (see descriptions below)
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM Break
- 2:45 – 3:30 PM Second Business Session and Awards and Recognitions
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM Wrap-up

State Convention Location

The Decatur Conference Center and Hotel is conveniently located on the west side of Decatur. Take I-72 to exit 133A (reads US Route 36E). Continue ½ mile on US Route 36 to the traffic light. At the traffic light turn right, then left into the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel entrance. The address is 4191 W US Highway 36 (Wyckles Road), Decatur, IL 62522. For reservations and information, call (877) 352-8800 or (217) 422-8800.

Keynote Speaker

We are honored to have Ruth Sweetser as keynote speaker at the State Convention. Ruth was elected as AAUW Association President in 2005 and has guided the organization through a period of enormous change. As the restructuring process enters its final phase, Ruth will provide us with information about the remaining decisions to be made and what we can expect for the future of AAUW.

Ruth lives in the Chicago area and is a past president of AAUW-IL, Inc. She has served on the Gender Equity Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Board of Education and the Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois. Professionally, she is the director, professional learning and business relations, in the Graduate College at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Ruth has a bachelor's degree from Hope College and a master's degree from the University of Chicago, where she was a Ford Foundation Fellow.

Friday Afternoon Tours

AAUW-IL has made special arrangements for our members to tour the fabulous James Millikin Homestead Mansion on Friday afternoon (April 24) between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Constructed in 1876 by James and Anna Millikin, the James Millikin Homestead is a prime example of late-Victorian splendor. It is fully restored and decorated with period pieces including some original to the house. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Directions from the hotel: Take US-36 east which turns into Eldorado Street. At the fourth stoplight, turn right on Monroe Street. Turn right onto West Main. The Homestead is one block. The address is 125 North Pine St., Decatur, IL 62522.

Another interesting tour destination located near the hotel is the Mari-Mann Herb Farm. Mari-Mann Herb Co., Inc. is one of the largest herb gardens in the Midwest with a large retail gift shop, green house, and warehouse facilities. From I-72, take exit 133A. From US-36, turn right onto Wyckles Rd. Take Wyckles Rd. to Rock Springs Rd. Turn left onto Rock Springs Rd. Watch for a big blue & white sign that says MARI-MANN HERBS 1/2 MILE. Turn left onto St. Louis Bridge Rd. and follow it to the end. The address is 1405 Mari-Mann Lane.

Additional places to visit in Decatur:

Hieronymous Mueller Museum, 420 West Eldorado (near the Millikin Homestead)

Birks Museum, 1184 W. Main St.

Macon County History Museum and Prairie Village, 5580 North Fork Road

Richard J. Oglesby Mansion, 421 W. William St. (Not open on Fridays)

Wabash Depot Antique Center, 710 E. Cerro Gordo

Breakout Sessions

Each of the Breakout Sessions will be offered both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Interest Groups – Beyond the Book Club Interest groups are an integral part of many branches. Lori Switzer and Barb Spiegel will provide ideas to make your interest groups sparkle. Please share what the groups in your branch are doing!

Internet Tools for Branch Publicity From websites to blogs, Facebook and Twitter, the internet provides an ever expanding array of communication tools. This workshop will focus on harnessing the power of these internet tools to publicize your branch activities, draw new members, and keep the lines of communication open.

National Girls Collaborative Project The NGCP brings together organizations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that are committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Dr. Geraldine Oberman will share information about resources available through the NGCP.

The Girl Effect – International Focus on Educating Women There is a growing awareness that adolescent girls are uniquely capable of raising the standard of living in the developing world. Learn why girls are the most likely agents of change and why educating girls is so important. Facilitator Donna Sproston will present the facts and explain what you can do to help.

Illinois Legislative Update After a long and difficult period in Illinois government, are we finally going to see progress on funding reform for public education and other issues of interest to AAUW members? Jenni Purdue will give us the inside scoop and provide a progress report on bills making their way through the State Legislature.

Past Presidents

During the Saturday afternoon breakout time period (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.), past presidents of AAUW-IL are asked to meet together. Nancy Daugherty will facilitate the past presidents' meeting.

**AAUW-IL, Inc. 85th Annual Convention – “Breaking Through Barriers”
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 Registration Form**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____ E-mail _____
 Phone (_____) _____ Emergency contact # during convention: (_____) _____

Please check the appropriate box to indicate your AAUW membership status:

Branch Member Branch _____ Branch Position _____
 Member-at-Large Non-Member

Please check any of the following that apply to you:

First-time Attendee 50 Year Member Life Member
 Past State President Present State Board Member

Do you need special accommodations due to dietary restrictions? (Sat. meals include pork.) Yes No

Do you need special accommodations due to physical disability? Yes No

Does your Branch need table space for EF/LAF fundraising? Yes No

If yes, please provide contact information for the branch representative who will be responsible for the table.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate which events you plan to attend:

Cost Summary

Friday, April 24

Friday evening buffet dinner, 5:45 – 7:00 PM (cost: \$32 for meal) \$ _____
 Friday evening Breakout Sessions, Book Talk and President’s Reception (Cost: \$0) \$ _____ 0.00

Saturday, April 25

All Saturday events – breakfast and lunch included. (Cost: \$57 for meals and registration) \$ _____
(Note: If you are a Past State President or AAUW-IL Inc board member, your Saturday cost is only \$43. You pay food costs only. The \$14 registration fee is waived.)

If your convention registration is postmarked after Friday, April 17, 2009, a **\$10 late fee** applies. \$ _____

If three or more registrations are mailed together by April 17, 2009, each attendee is entitled to a **\$5.00 discount** on the Saturday registration fee. \$(_____)

Make checks payable to: AAUW-IL, Inc. **Total amount enclosed** \$ _____

Fees for attendees cover the costs of meals (including tax and gratuity), a Convention Booklet, sessions and printed materials. **Mail registration by April 17 to:**

**Donna Munson
 416 Fairmont Dr.
 Decatur, IL 62526**

Questions regarding registration: contact Donna Munson at (217) 872-9000 or donnamunson@realtor.com.
 Questions regarding conference location or agenda: contact Amy Green at (217) 546-3271 or ag2904@juno.com.

Hotel reservations: call the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, (217) 422-8800 before Friday, April 17, 2009. Identify yourself as an AAUW convention participant and request the AAUW room rate (\$82+tax, single or double.)



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Breaking through Barriers

June 26-28, 2009

St. Louis



**We'll see you in Decatur on April 24 and 25....
And in St. Louis from June 26-28!**