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THE AAUW IMPACT

AAUW-IL 88th Convention
Friday & Saturday, April 27-28, 2012
Holiday Inn – Itasca, Illinois

IMPACT:

Noun: the power of making a strong impression

Verb: to have an effect upon; to strike forcefully

Come to the 88th AAUW-IL convention to learn how AAUW is making an IMPACT for equity in our society. This election year the IMPACT of the women's vote is more critical than ever—come to the “It's My Vote!” workshop on Friday. Our contributions to AAUW Funds make an IMPACT for researchers and scholars and for gender discrimination plaintiffs. Branch membership makes an IMPACT on the communities where we live and work. AAUW makes an IMPACT on each one of us!



Preconvention Workshop: Friday, April 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Learn how to educate women on what's at stake in the 2012 election at this exciting workshop. Presented by Samuel Lawrence, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator. Funded with an impact grant from the AAUW Action Fund. Open to AAUW members and non-members! See p. 6,7.

Guest Speakers



We are privileged to have **Amy Blackwell**, AAUW Director-at-Large, as our keynote speaker. She will join us at the voter education workshop on Friday. On Saturday she will update us on AAUW's activities and facilitate two breakout sessions.

Amy is a Director-at-Large and Co-director of Public Policy for AAUW. She earned degrees in arts, history, and biology from Craven Community College and the University of Houston. Owner and operator of Blackwell Communications LLC, Amy lives in Castle Rock, Colorado, where she is public policy co-chair for the Douglas County (CO) Branch. Blackwell is also a social media outreach volunteer for a local domestic violence service provider, as well as a Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop facilitator and coordinator.



LAF Plaintiff **Paul Thein** will speak at lunch on Saturday. His appearance is made possible with a Travel Grant from the Legal Advocacy Fund. See p. 8 for more information about Paul.



On Friday evening historian and popular culture scholar **Penelope Bingham** will talk about “Who Cooks? American Cookbooks and Changes in Gender Role.” The 20th century's most popular cookbooks are a lens through which we can see the changes in women's roles and social structure in America. Penelope shows us that cookbooks are more than “how-to” manuals.

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President's Spring News

By Lois Strom



Welcome to the Spring Issue of the ILLINOIS LINK. Although we are still in the throes of winter, spring is around the corner and so is the AAUW-IL, Inc.'s 88th Annual State Convention.

The 88th state convention, *AAUW'S IMPACT*, will be an exciting one with many opportunities for you to participate in. You won't want to miss this convention and additional information and registration are in this newsletter.

- Our Leader on Loan (LOL) from AAUW is Amy Blackwell, a new Director-at-Large on the Association's board, whose expertise is in communications.
- You will have an opportunity to hear from a LAF Plaintiff.
- Attend a free workshop/training by Association on Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. including lunch with its primary focus on getting out the vote.
- Entertainment, dessert reception, breakouts and networking are also on the agenda.

AAUW has made an impact on the lives of women and girls through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy. Your branch can make an impact by providing mission-based programming in these areas.

Research: AAUW conducts groundbreaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace. Research studies address the topics such as pay equity, sexual harassment in schools, and gender equity in STEM education. Recent research publications are "**WHY SO FEW**" and "**CROSSING THE LINE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT SCHOOL**". Your branch can go online to access these or past reports or a program-in-a-box to provide a branch program.

Education: AAUW has a commitment to a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, and advocates increased support for and access to higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations. **(Continued on page 3)**

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Your branch can work with your local school systems and determine the needs they have in helping girls fulfill their potential; provide mentoring programs for young girls and women; and provide programs for young girls to interest them in STEM careers.

Advocacy: AAUW builds upon a century of responsible public participation at the local, state and national levels. The Public Policy Program advances AAUW's mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. Could your branch encourage more women to consider running for office or participate in our Public Policy Impact Grant by coming to the training on Friday, registering voters and getting out the vote. Do you lobby your legislatures?

Philanthropy: AAUW awarded its first scholarship in 1888 to Ida Street. In 1920 AAUW members provided Marie Curie \$156,413 to purchase 1 gram of radium. It is the largest source of funding for graduate women providing more than \$3.7M for more than 240 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2011-12 academic year. Does your branch support AAUW's Educational Opportunities programs? Invite a recipient to a branch meeting. Inform yourself of the scholarships and fellowships available and notify your members of upcoming deadlines.

Mission-based programming and activities are not new, but it emphasizes AAUW's Impact on the Future as it has on the past and present.

The Board and I look forward to seeing you in Itasca at the convention.

AAUW -IL Inc. takes action to register voters



It's not what you say but what you do when it comes to voting. This year the Elmhurst Area Branch will provide voter registration at the Convention. The registrars can register anyone in the state of Illinois. If you have a new address or

a name change, the registrars will help with this also. Two forms of identification are needed. One ID must show your most recent address. To register you must be a US citizen, 18 years old at the time of the election and have lived at your residence for 30 days. Naturalized citizens do not need to show paper documents; however, you need to tell where and when you were naturalized.

Spread the word and participate in the greatest act of freedom by voting.

Contact Alice Smith, 630-666-8706 or ahs339@yahoo.com

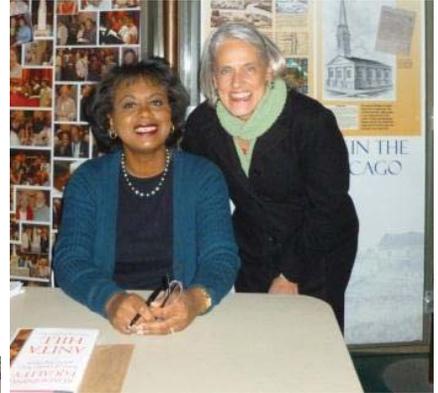
**AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION,
PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH.**

Jane Addams Day Celebrations 2011

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, many gathered in Cedarville as we celebrated the life of Jane Addams. The Party began with coffee and rolls at the Cedarville Area Historical Society which houses a permanent exhibit, including artifacts, documents and photos, of Jane's early years. After a tour of the exhibit and a chat with Jim Bade, President of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, a buffet lunch of assorted sandwiches and salads...and yes – birthday cake – was enjoyed. Then the group proceeded to the cemetery where Mr. Bade provided insight into the family burial site. A small memorial to honor our sister in AAUW, Jane Addams, was left. On December 10th at the Chicago Temple, another Illinois Jane Addams Day celebration was held featuring Anita Hill and "Jane Addams."



Anita Hill



Jan Lisa Huttner
"Jane Addams"





Membership Matters

Rachel Campbell and Marilyn Van Ausdall
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Rachel writes: As AAUW-IL members we are justifiably proud of our energetic and vibrant organization. Across the state, branches have engaged in projects which support our mission to educate, advocate for and empower women and girls. I am so proud to be a cheerleader for our local branches, our state and national organization.

Along with “cheerleading” comes the responsibility not to become lethargic in light of our accomplishments. We the “grass root” members are responsible for inviting new members to become a part of AAUW and retaining those who already are members. Have you thought of calling a former member and inviting her to rejoin? Have you called a new member of your branch and volunteered to provide transportation to an AAUW event? Even better, have you volunteered to join your branch’s membership committee to help brainstorm ways to attract new members and retain the current ones?

Other wonderful tools to help us are found on the website AAUW.com in the membership section. I invite you to take a look at the AAUW Annual Starter Kit for 2011-2012. These kits were sent to all branch membership chairs. There are many ways you and your branch can use the suggested techniques to increase your membership. Give a Grad a Gift is a good way to introduce AAUW to individuals who have recently graduated. (My niece will graduate from law school this spring. I imagine you can guess what I’m going to give her!)

Shape the Future is a wonderful program that is useful to attract new members. If your branch holds a public event, anyone who joins at that event gets 50% off the national membership dues. Spend a little time investigating the website and order the free brochures that help advertise and explain the many different programs.

Finally, let’s share our own wonderful ideas with other branches. If you and your branch have developed an effective technique for attracting new members and/or retaining the ones we have, let me know in an email (snowylark@gmail.com). I will make sure that your ideas will be shared around the state.

Together, we will make a positive impact on membership in AAUW-IL.

Please call or email us if you have any membership problems or suggestions.

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Public Policy Co-Directors



The above slogan is becoming familiar in Illinois since we have a grant to help make an impact in the AAUW Action Fund efforts for increasing voter registration and turnout during the 2012 elections. The Action Fund is gearing up for a high energy, high return nonpartisan campaign which will mobilize women voters, with a focus on young women of the **millennial (ages 18 - 31) generation**. To see a 30 second announcement, go to <http://www.aauwaction.org/index.php/my-vote/psas/>

Why Millennial Women?

There are as many Millennials as Baby Boomers — and they have enormous potential to be a potent force in politics for years to come. The difference right now is that Millennials have yet to establish a consistent pattern of voting (studies have shown that voting is actually habit-forming). However, fewer millennial voters participated in 2010 as compared with 2008. Note: On one Illinois campus the voter turnout of on-campus residents decreased by 54 percent for the 2010 election.

By engaging with millennial women we can support an enormous generation of young women in establishing lifelong voting habits and to strengthen the voice of women in the 2012 elections.

What's the Plan?

- **Come to the voter education workshop on Friday, April 27!** Samuel Lawrence, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator, will show us how to reach voters and potential voters. Learn how to craft the message to get out the vote! The workshop is FREE (lunch included!) and open to AAUW members and friends. (Use the convention registration form on page 13.)
- **Check out the Woman to Woman Voter Turnout manual**
 - http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/index.cfm
- The AAUW Action Fund will hire an on-the-ground staff person in Illinois to help coordinate volunteer activities and voter education efforts.
- Public service announcements will be designed and distributed, along with campaign materials, and other resources specifically designed to underscore the impact the upcoming elections will have on the issues women care about the most.
- In the months leading up to Election Day 2012, the Action Fund will use resources such as social and traditional media, mailing lists, and relationships with AAUW's College and University partners to drive home the message: **Elections matter for women and girls — VOTE!**

PUBLIC POLICY DATES and ACTIVITIES

March 20 - Vote on Primary Election Day in Illinois. Our informal surveys at the Fall Conference and a number of branch events through-out the state reflect an almost perfect count of the membership as registered voters, with a few exceptions for non-citizens. Voter turnout for general elections is very high while the number of members voting in primary elections is substantially less. With the push to register more voters, let's also advocate for learning about the candidates and increasing the turnout in the 2012 primary.

We thank branches with deputy registrars who are working with local high schools and colleges to provide the opportunity for students to register to vote. Several are working with like-minded groups such as the League of Women Voters and college campus organizations to expand and update the voter registration rolls, especially for the millennial women. Forums have been conducted or are being planned to help educate women about campaigning and critical issues.

April 17 - Pay Equity Day observed. This is a special day to call attention to the wage gap between men and women and the efforts of many to close the gap. While there is marked improvement from the days when the average earnings of women were 59 cents to every dollar earned by men, pay inequality remains today. Branches are encouraged to request proclamations from local officials to draw attention to the current inequity, to submit letters to the editor of local papers to call attention to the issue, and to lobby legislators about the pay gap.

April 27 - State-wide Training session by AAUW national staff for the voter registration and education effort known as the "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign. The training will be from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Holiday Inn in Itasca and will precede registration and the evening events at the State Convention. This activity is in conjunction with the Public Policy Impact Grant awarded to Illinois and 14 other states to promote voter registration, educate the electorate on issues critical to women and increase the turnout for elections.

Legislative Update

*Paula Johnson Purdue and Jenni Purdue
Legislative Consultants*

Last year's session of the 112th Congress saw little or no progress on women's issues. Federal statistics from 2009 show Illinois women are paid an average wage that is 77% of average earnings for men. To see how our federal representatives are voting on such issues, use the website, www.aauwaction.org, and view the recently posted overall voting records for both senators and representatives on campus safety, education jobs, full-year spending, paycheck fairness and reproductive health.

On the state level, bills pertaining to issues of interest to AAUW have been filed or re-introduced and are winding their way through the legislative process. As has happened in past sessions, some of the bills are "shell" bills that offer a technical change of one or two words to a law; the shell bills are often later amended to include language for an important change that leadership or their members wish to promote. Our lobbying team is monitoring the hearings and action on the floor at the Capitol. Of course, bills are occasionally assigned to committees that leave us scratching our heads - an example being HB 4117. The bill was moved from the Human Services Committee to the House Agriculture Committee which normally hears farming, livestock and hunting issues, not bills relating to women's health issues. Other bills of interest include HB 3903 which would require a photo ID be shown by voters on election day and HB 3932 which would require candidate statements about child support arrearages of \$10,000 or more. Status updates will be given at the AAUW State Convention in April.



AAUW Funds

Kathy Brenniman and Sharon Urban
AAUW Funds Co-Directors

LAF PLAINTIFF TO SPEAK AT STATE CONVENTION

Great news! A Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Plaintiff will be one of the main speakers at our Spring Convention April 27 & 28 in Itasca, IL and will speak at our special luncheon Saturday.

AAUW Illinois has been awarded an LAF Travel Grant to pay for the expense of having one of AAUW's LAF plaintiffs speak about the specifics of his case that is partially funded by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. For those of you who have never heard one of our LAF plaintiffs speak of the injustice and hardships involved in these employment discrimination cases, you are in for a real treat.



Paul Thein, former Vice President of Student Affairs and Institutional Development, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students at Feather River Community College, sued the university in 2006 for retaliation for complaining of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. He was responsible for building up the athletic department and bringing in millions of dollars in federal grants to the college. Thein witnessed inappropriate actions of a staff member at a campus party and heard from female students about sexual harassment of female students by the staff member. He reported these incidents to the college president and the authorities and was subsequently fired. His ongoing case has just had a recent development that could be very good news for Paul. I have heard from Holly Kearn, AAUW LAF Director, that he is an excellent speaker and will tell quite a story.

At the luncheon, we will have a "Pass the Hat" fundraiser for LAF. We encourage branches and individuals to participate. Checks should be made out to AAUW Funds with LAF or Fund 3999 in the memo line. We are sure we will all be inspired by our LAF Plaintiff Paul to support one of AAUW's most important funds. Thanks in advance for your donations.

We hope many of you will be able to join us at the State Convention in Itasca for this very special event.



SAVE THE DATE
MAY 3-5, 2013
MISSOURI-ILLINOIS JOINT STATE CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MO

PLAN A FAMILY VACATION! LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO! THE ARCH, ST. LOUIS ZOO, CITY MUSEUM, BOTANICAL GARDENS, SOULARD FARMERS MARKET, CITY GARDEN, LUMIERE CASINO, MISSISSIPPI RIVER, CARDINALS BASEBALL, LACLEDE'S LANDING, MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM, ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM, THE MUNY, FOX THEATER, THE HILL, OLD CATHEDRAL, HOLOCAUST MUSEUM, BUTTERFLY HOUSE, SCIENCE CENTER, ETC. ETC.

International Affairs Faye Marcus & Diane Balin, Co-Directors



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Programs, Partnerships and Affiliations.

The more you know:

- Did you know that AAUW has a long and proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,600 international fellowships to women from over 132 countries?
- Did you know that AAUW has been collaborating with leading international organizations and coalitions to break through barriers for women and girls?
- Did you know that AAUW holds special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council? This designation gives AAUW a voice at U.N. meetings and allows us to be eligible to work with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO). Carolyn Donovan is AAUW'S representative to the U.N.

In this role, Carolyn attends meetings at the U.N. and monitors issues affecting women and girls. You can read her blog on AAUW.org.

You can learn about AAUW's involvement with global affairs that affect women and girls worldwide. Just go to AAUW.org. Look for the band at the top of the page and click on "About AAUW". This will bring you to another page. Scroll down the left side and click on "International Connections." Look what you will find!

International Organizations & Coalitions:

Learn about AAUW's affiliations with global organizations that bring positive change for women and girls worldwide.

International Programs & Partnerships:

Check out the list of these programs and resources to help you become more informed and engaged in critical issues facing women and girls.

International Delegations:

Read the white papers about AAUW's delegations to Israel and Cuba.

Recent News and Information:

- Did you know that AAUW has joined UNFPA's 7 Billion Actions campaign? This is a "global movement for all humanity" to build awareness about the opportunities and challenges in a world of 7 billion people. Find out about the campaign, take action and even share your story!
- Do you need help planning a program or initiating a project around IA issues? Look at the new Global Issues for Women and Girls Program in a Box. Get great programming ideas for your branch. You can contact one of our coalition members, CARE. Go to care.org and they will do their best to bring you a local speaker.

AAUW.org and Learn All About It!



Proposed Bylaws Changes

Lori Switzer

Bylaws and Policy Director

Two amendments are proposed to AAUW-IL members to be voted on at the Spring AAUW-IL state convention on April 28. There will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the amendments before voting. If you have any questions in advance, please contact me at switzer99@att.net.

First Proposed Amendment

Article VI. Officers

Section 1. Officers

a. The elected officers of the State shall be the President, President-Elect, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Director of Finance, Director of Finance-Elect, “**AAUW Funds Director**”, and Chair of the Nominating Committee.”

Due to the changes at the national level with reporting of AAUW Funds donations, past AAUW Funds directors believe only one director is needed in this position. The Board of Directors recommends the bylaws to be amended to provide for the election of one AAUW Funds director effective July 1, 2012. If this fails, the president will appoint a second funds director.

Second Proposed Amendment

Article VIII. Board of Directors

Section 9. Term of Service. No person shall serve on the AAUW-Illinois, Inc. Board of Directors for more than six consecutive years except for the offices of President, President-Elect, and “**Director of Finance-Elect**” may be filled without regard to previous consecutive service in any other office.

The AAUW-IL Board of Directors recommends the AAUW-IL bylaws to be amended to provide for “inclusion of Director of Finance-Elect position.” The rationale behind this amendment is to allow for an officer to complete the Director of Finance-Elect term of one year as well as the Director of Finance term of two years without regard for previous service in any other office on the AAUW-IL board. The Board feels this was an oversight when the Director of Finance-Elect position was established five years ago.

Meet the State Board Slate

Carol A. Heisler, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee is pleased to present the slate of officers for the 2012 – 2014 term. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Jennifer Urish (District 1), Sara Jerome (District 2), Donna Sproston (District 3), Doris Schertz (District 4), and Chair Carol Heisler (District 5).

These candidates will be voted on at the April Convention.

Cindy Grau, Vice President Programs—Elmhurst Branch (District 4)



Cindy is currently serving as secretary of the AAUW-IL Board. She is VP of Membership in the Elmhurst Branch. Before moving to Illinois, she served on the Ohio AAUW Board as Membership Co-VP. She was very active in the Middletown Ohio Branch of AAUW, serving as President, VP, Newsletter Editor, and Book Sale Chair among other positions. Cindy and her husband, and teenage sons live in Park Ridge. She is involved in a variety of volunteer positions including teaching at her church, Boy Scout camping coordinator and she also does woodland restoration work at the Chicago Botanic Garden. She loves to read, garden and do yoga in her spare time.

Nann Blaine Hilyard, Financial Director-Elect—Waukegan Branch (District 4)



Nann joined the Brenham, TX, branch of AAUW in 1975. She has subsequently been a member of branches in Pittsburg, KS; Lewiston-Auburn, ME; Fargo, ND; and, since 1998, Waukegan Area, IL. She has been president of three branches and was North Dakota state AAUW president from 1996-98. She served on the Association Public Policy Committee from 1997-2001. She was AAUW-IL Director of Public Policy, Link editor, and Program Vice President (2010-12). Nann grew up in Northbrook, IL. She received both bachelor's and master's degrees in library science from the University of Missouri. After a one-year appointment as a leadership consultant for Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity, she began her career as a public library administrator. Since 2003 she has been director of the Zion-Benton Public Library. Nann is involved with professional and civic organizations including the American Library Association, Rotary, and P.E.O. She and her husband, Rev. Dr. Stevens Hilyard, enjoy traveling with Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel). Nann is a 'fiber fanatic' which she manifests in her collection of vintage textiles and her passion for quilt making.

Barbara Spiegel, Director of AAUW Funds—Chicago, Inc. Branch (District 5)



Like so many of you, I came to AAUW through the Book Club. When I started to attend Chicago Branch's meetings and learned about AAUW's mission and met the Branch members, I knew I wanted to be part of this organization. I have held several elected and appointed positions, including President, in the Branch and have served on the State Board as Bylaws Chair, C/U Chair and Financial Director.

My "elevator speech" about AAUW begins, of course, with the Mission Statement, but its emphasis is about the Education Funds and how AAUW helps women who want to attain advanced education. I find this an exciting and important activity for our members to participate in and tell the public about..

As a litigation paralegal, I take pride in the legal and monetary support AAUW gives through the Legal Advocacy Fund to those fighting sex discrimination in the workplace and on campus.

I earned a B.A. in English at the University-of Wisconsin-Milwaukee by attending night classes and working full-time, and then a Legal Assistant's Certificate from Roosevelt University. I moved to Chicago in 1979 and have been working as a Paralegal since then. My paralegal background gives me the expertise in organizing and maintaining the records needed to keep track of all the wonderful fund-raising done by AAUW members for EF and LAF.

At a recent Branch meeting, one of the panel's speakers mentioned that she was an EF recipient. She wanted to thank AAUW not only for the money she received but for believing in her. Hearing her remarks reminded me how proud I am that we help women advance in their education and careers and makes me want to work harder to promote the Funds and ensure that our efforts continue for years to come – which is why I am running for AAUW Funds Chair for AAUW-Illinois.

Judy Jolly, Nominating Chair - Rockford Branch (District 5)



Judy Jolly is from Stillman Valley, IL. She was a teacher for thirty years in the Meridian Community School District #223 and now works as a reading tutor in the Rockford School District #205. Judy has served on the AAUW-IL, Inc. Board for four years as Membership Co-Vice President and four years as Administrative Assistant. She is married to Bill and has two children and four grandchildren. She is a member of the Rockford Area Branch. She looks forward to the next two years serving AAUW-IL, Inc. as Nominating Chair.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee.

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Convention Events

Friday

- It's My Vote – I Will Be Heard! Voter Education Workshop
- Dinner
- Who Cooks? with Penelope Bingham
- Dessert Reception for all convention attendees

Saturday

- Keynote presentation by Amy Blackwell
- Business session will include election of officers and branch recognition
- Lunch with speaker Paul Thein, LAF plaintiff

Breakout Sessions Saturday Afternoon 1:45-2:30 and 2:45-3:30

- Illinois Legislative Update – Paula and Jenni Perdue
Find out what's happening at the Illinois General Assembly from AAUW's lobbyists.
- AAUW 101 – Tips for a Healthy Branch
Alice Huebner, Director of Branch Outreach will show how your branch can balance local involvement with national programs on advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Learn how to run meetings efficiently and take accurate minutes.
- AAUW Research: "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School" – Amy Blackwell will show how you can present the results of AAUW's latest study in your community and spur action by spreading the research report virally to educators, parents, students, and other stakeholders.
- Promoting Women's Interests Around the World
International Affairs Directors Diane Balin and Faye Marcus will provide information about AAUW's development partner, CARE; the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund, which is allied with AAUW; and other agencies for women's welfare. Learn what your branch can do to make a difference globally.
- Social Media 101 – Back by popular demand! Tara Caldara, technology trainer and assistant director at the Zion-Benton Public Library, will show you how to use social media to connect your members, promote your branch, and advocate for AAUW issues.
- Smart \$tart – Amy Blackwell will present the \$tart Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops that empower college students to close the gender pay gap for their first jobs after graduation. She will walk you through the main elements of the program (salary & benefits benchmarking, negotiation skills, etc.) and share her own uplifting experiences as a certified \$tart Smart facilitator.

Convention Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, April 27

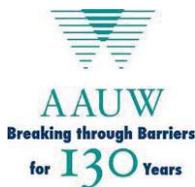
11:00-5:00 It's My Vote! Workshop
4:00-6:00 Registration
5:00-6:30 AAUW-IL Board Meeting
6:30-7:45 Dinner
8:00-9:00 Penelope Bingham
9:00 Dessert Reception

Saturday, April 28

7:30-9:00 Registration
8:00-9:00 Buffet breakfast
9:00-9:15 Welcome
9:15-10:00 Keynote Address – Amy Blackwell
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-11:30 Business Session
11:45-1:15 Lunch and Awards
1:30-2:15 Breakout Session I
2:30-3:15 Breakout Session II
3:15-3:45 Wrap-Up and Prize Drawings

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