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Illinois joins Missouri for State Convention in St. Louis

AAUW-IL 89th Convention
Friday – Sunday May 3, 4 & 5, 2013
Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, MO

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Our two states are joining to put on a GREAT convention themed “AAUW in Action! **ILL**uminating and **MOT**ivating Together!” We will meet at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark in St. Louis, MO, with AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman opening the convention on Saturday morning. Linda will also host the final session, including a Town Hall meeting, on Sunday morning.

At lunch on Saturday we will hear from Cathy Pieronek, the Director of the Women’s Engineering Program at Notre Dame University on the topic of Title IX and STEM. There will be eight breakout sessions during the day Saturday with a range of topics (**refer to the [schedule](#) on page 12 of this newsletter**) as well as our State Business Meeting. Following Missouri’s tradition, we will gather for a banquet on Saturday night featuring an LAF Plaintiff speaking about her military sexual assault case.

Sunday morning brings a unique opportunity for a “Cubs vs. Cardinals” Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run around Busch Stadium, which is across the street from the hotel. Wear your favorite team colors – if you don’t want to be a Cub (blue), the Cardinals will welcome you on the red team!! This is a fundraiser for the AAUW Funds, so you can get sponsors from your branch and collect your money before you leave home. If you don’t wish to walk, you can pay up and sleep in! Sign up on the convention [registration](#) form. (**More [details](#) on page 11.**)

We will have an AAUW Marketplace for conventioners to sell items or display projects that other branches can learn from. The cost for a full table will be \$30, or \$15 for a half table, if you are selling items. Display tables are free. Please contact Diane Ludwig at dbludwig22@aol.com to reserve a table. We have a very full schedule designed to appeal to many interests. We hope you can come and make it a weekend to remember!

(See page 4 to read about our [speakers](#).)

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President's Spring News

By Andi Danis

Happy 2013, AAUW - Welcome to the launch of our first electronic edition of LINK! Hopefully, most of you are reading this on your computer. We have still provided a hard copy to those without technology, but we are very excited to implement this major change, which will put us on a more “green” path as well as save money! I want to thank the LINK Editor, Marilyn Van Ausdall, for all of her research and preparation to get this process going!



As we turn the corner toward spring, and hopefully warmer weather, we have some fabulous events coming up that you are not going to want to miss! But before I talk about those, I want to tell you what a wonderful time I had traveling the state for our District Meetings. I was so pleased to meet many of you in Elgin, Naperville, Galesburg, and Springfield! I think you will agree that your District Directors put together informative and fun events. I was not able to get down to you girls in District 1 this year, but I know that Jennifer represented the State Board well and was very enthusiastic about her branch visits. I do hope to meet many of you from District 1 in May, as well as AAUW members from around the state, at the:

2013 AAUW ILLINOIS-MISSOURI JOINT STATE CONVENTION

Friday – Sunday May 3, 4 & 5

St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102

I can't tell you how excited I am about this convention! Illinois and Missouri teamed up once before, and that was my very first state convention. I was a fairly new member at the time and going to that convention confirmed to me that AAUW was “where I wanted/needed to be.” About 180 fun, smart, savvy, dedicated women (and a few men) together in one place, focused on AAUW's mission, full of energy and enthusiasm – I was hooked! Read all about this year's convention in the pages to follow, and be sure to get your reservations in early to get the best rate! The IL/MO Program Team has worked very hard to present you with a good variety of interesting speakers, informative breakouts, and time for socializing/networking – in other words – we'll have some fun, too! We are very pleased to have Linda Hallman, AAUW National Executive Director, as our keynote and wrap-up speaker!

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Part of what made the previous joint convention so lively was the marketplace where many branches set up tables to either earn money for AAUW Funds or to showcase branch achievements. It was so neat to “go shopping” for actual goods or new ideas for fundraising and programming. So please consider reserving space and bring us the best from your branch!

The second major event this spring is **AAUW National Convention** with the theme of Leading Across Generations. I hope you will join us in New Orleans, LA, June 9-12, 2013. This convention will be chock full of workshop opportunities to learn about the latest research, national initiatives, how our fundraising helps women and girls and so much more. I love to talk with women from all over the country about our passion for AAUW and also take in the sights, culture and history of New Orleans. Great speakers are planned, including Melissa Harris-Perry and our own Lilly Ledbetter. Come and celebrate 125 years of fellowships and grants, the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act and the 40th year of Title IX. I will be so proud to lead the Illinois delegation to New Orleans. Early Bird registration ends April 14, so don't miss out – come on along! **(See bottom of this page for roommate information.)**

Let the good times roll in vibrant and historic New Orleans!

Explore. Learn. Share. Join us in the Big Easy at the Sheraton New Orleans hotel from June 9-12 for AAUW's 47th National Convention. Engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and insightful panels will guide us in an exploration of Breaking through Barriers: *Leading across Generations*.

AAUW has been empowering women and girls since 1881 through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. For 131 years, AAUW has helped women advance through every stage of their lives. This June we will celebrate our accomplishments, reflect on our challenges, and explore our opportunities.

What's New at Convention?

- 4 workshop tracks, featuring more workshops than ever before!
- Skill-building sessions to help you become a more effective member and AAUW leader
- A celebration of 125 years of Fellowships and Grants at AAUW
- A celebration of 50 years since the Equal Pay Act and 40 years of Title IX
- National updates and workshops to help you build a better branch

Lots and lots of chances to network with other AAUW members and explore fabulous New Orleans

Looking for a Roommate in New Orleans?

Hopefully there will be a strong contingent from Illinois at the National Convention in New Orleans this June 9-12th. If you are going and looking to share a room, you can e-mail Cindy Grau at cindy@equivoice.com or call her at 847 384-8136. She will keep a list of those wanting roommates and share it accordingly.

STATE CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKERS

Luncheon Keynoter – Cathy Pieronek



Cathy Pieronek comes to us from the Society of Women Engineers. She is Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Women’s Engineering Program at the University of Notre Dame College of Engineering. Holding a BS (University of Notre Dame) and MS (UCLA) in Aerospace Engineering and a Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame, Cathy is able to address issues of gender equity and Title IX in engineering education. Cathy will also do a breakout session going more deeply into current statistics and analysis of the state of women in STEM today. Among her credentials are having been an engineer with NASA, appearances on a number of television shows on the Title IX issue and long-time memberships in the American Society for Engineering Education and Society of Women Engineers.

AAUW Executive Director and CEO – Linda D. Hallman

Linda will be opening the convention on Saturday morning and also will be hosting the final session, including a Town Hall meeting, on Sunday morning. As the executive director and CEO of AAUW, Linda is a nationally respected leader with more than 20 years of executive-level experience. Now in her fourth year at the helm of our organization, Hallman has guided AAUW through the financial recession and has increased its levels of funding to meet an ever-growing need. Under her leadership, AAUW ramped up its fellowships and grants program by an extra half-million dollars annually, allowing the organization to continue its primary commitment to break through barriers for women and girls at a time when many women have flocked back to graduate school because of the dismal job market.



Other highlights of Hallman’s extensive nonprofit experience include leadership positions with the National Alliance for Health Information Technology, the American Medical Women’s Association, the American Horticultural Society, and the American College of Health Care Administrators. Hallman also served in the U.S. Army as a soprano soloist with the U.S. Army Band and Chorus for nine years. Today, Hallman lives with her husband in Washington, D.C., where she maintains a personal commitment to what close friends call her “exquisite” garden.

Meet the State Board Slate

Judy Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair

Members of the Nominating Committee this year were Penny Parish, District 1; Nancy Daugherty, District 2; Sharon Urban, District 3; Alice Smith, District 4; and I represented District 5. I wish to thank the people who served in this capacity during our search for two Membership Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and President-Elect. Thanks also to those who suggested possible candidates. We are very happy to present the following nominations:

Carol Heisler, President-Elect—Crystal Lake Area Branch (District 5)



We are extremely pleased to announce that Carol Heisler has accepted the nomination for President-Elect. We believe she will be a dynamic and strong leader in the next biennium. Carol has been a member of the Crystal Lake Area Branch since 1993. She has held many branch offices, including Branch President. On the state board, she has been District Director, Diversity Chair, Membership Co-Vice President, and she currently serves as International Affairs Director. Carol volunteers in her community with the Library Board, League of Women Voters, & Crystal Lake Kiwanis Club. She has been a bank trust officer for over 20 years and holds the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (C.T.F.A.) designation. Carol and her husband, Jeff, have 3 daughters, two sons-in-law, and 5 grandchildren.

Carolyn Berning, Secretary—Springfield Branch (District 2)



Carolyn is nominated to serve a 2-year term as AAUW-IL Secretary, after filling in as secretary this last year for Cindy Grau when Cindy became Program VP. Carolyn earned a B.S. degree in Vocational Home Economics from Southeast Missouri State University in 1970, and later a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Illinois, Springfield. Carolyn initially was employed as a Home Economist by Illinois Power in Sparta, IL. She moved to Springfield after marrying her husband, Richard, where she worked for City Water, Light and Power in Springfield. In 1975 she took a job with the Illinois Commerce Commission, retiring in 2002. She has served her branch in many capacities, including as President. In addition to AAUW, Carolyn is an active member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, P.E.O. Sisterhood and Westminster Presbyterian Church. She and her husband enjoy traveling, boating, gardening and cooking.

Kelly Orban, Co-Vice President Membership—Alton Branch (District 1)



Kelly has been a member of AAUW since 2005. She serves as the Program Vice President of the Alton Branch. After graduation from Southwestern High School in Piasa, IL, she received her BA in Biology from Blackburn College in Carlinville. She currently lives in Medora with her husband, Jeff Dixon, 3 cats and 1 dog. She previously served on the State Board as Administrative Assistant from 2006-2007. In addition to working full time at Farm Credit Services in Jerseyville, she volunteers as a blood drive coordinator with the American Red Cross, secretary/treasurer of the Jersey County Street Machine Association, and is a member of Medora Elementary STAPLE Club. In her leisure time, Kelly enjoys improving her older home and attending car shows.

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Rachel Campbell, Co-Vice President Membership—Elgin Area Branch (District 5)



Rachel has been a member of the Elgin Area Branch since 1970. She has served as President of the Branch, VP for Programming and Membership and chair of other committees. She recently finished a term as District 5 Director and has been serving on the State Board as Co-Membership VP for the past two years. Rachel is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO, and received an MS in Library Science from the University of Illinois—Champaign-Urbana. She has been a middle-school teacher and a librarian in middle and high school and public libraries, and she also taught ESL at Elgin Community College. Rachel has been active on the Board of the Elgin Area Historical Society and various teacher and professional organizations.



AAUW Funds

What is the AAUW Legacy Circle?

Marla Kim Benziger, National Legacy Circle Chair for Illinois

The Legacy Circle is the instrument AAUW uses to recognize and honor those members and individuals who have provided for AAUW in their estate plans. Planned gifts generate a legacy of opportunities to ensure that the work of AAUW continues into the future.

The simplest form of a legacy is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. There is no minimum amount required to join the AAUW’s Legacy Circle; in fact AAUW does not require you to provide an exact figure or estate plans when you join. All you need to do is inform Catherine Heffernan (see below) of AAUW that there is a planned gift for AAUW in your will or living trust.

You can also name AAUW as a beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock amount, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

To honor you as a Legacy Circle member, you will receive the exclusively designed AAUW Legacy Circle pin. Given as a gift to Legacy Circle members, the Legacy Circle pin is a meaningful symbol of your generosity and commitment to the future of women and girls. Designed by Swarovski, the pin is a gold wreath adorned with pave crystals and trimmed with a gold ribbon that proudly proclaims, “A Legacy of Equity.” At the base of the wreath is an open book with a suspended pearl.

At the joint state convention, Sue Barley (MO) and Marla Kim Benziger (IL) will be available for additional information.

Or for more information, call Catherine Heffernan at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877.357.5587 or email her at heffernanc@aauw.org.



Membership Matters

Rachel Campbell and Margaret Stewart
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Margaret writes: As March slips into April we think “spring.” And it’s a good time to take stock of where we are in membership recruitment and where we want to go.

Your membership chair and committee may be in the middle of planning a big recruitment event right now. They have probably consulted the Starter Kit, as well as the AAUW website in their planning. But here’s a note to all branch members: This is a special time when you as a branch member actually become the membership committee. The membership chair will be counting on you to support this effort, especially in bringing your friends and/or prospective members to the event.

This time of year also brings a once-a-year deal in dues. Any dues paid after March 15 by a new member entitle that person to membership not only for this year but also for the 2013-14 year. Still another seasonal perk is Give a Grad a Gift. If you know someone who in the last twenty-four months has completed an Associate’s degree or higher, you may present her with a free year’s membership in the Association. Some state organizations and branches accept this free membership as well.

This is also a good time to talk about what the branch can do better in membership recruitment. As you look over what you planned to do, what were your successes? What can you do better? Was the branch able to pull off the big events designed to recruit members? If so, terrific! If not, if the branch was disappointed in it, now is the time to talk it over and try to figure out what to do next time – either to make it work or to try something else instead.

As you reflect on your recruitment efforts, keep in mind that more and more people are using the Internet to find the information they want. If you don’t have a website, use AAUW resources to help you create one. If you do have a website, keep it fresh and appealing to the potential member looking for a branch.

Finally, there is another membership concern that branch members need to pay attention to. Are you retaining new members or are they dropping out? Are there members who have talents that are not being appreciated? Board members or Interest Group chairs might be able to find a niche for that individual. Do all members feel comfortable when they come to meetings? Everyone can help to make the event a good experience for all.

In assessing the year’s activities, the membership chair will get the conversation going and the membership committee will help. But the biggest successes will come only if every branch member gets involved.

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Public Policy
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Public Policy Co-Directors



HATS OFF to our branch public policy people and coalition leaders who organized and carried out so many activities for the 2012 Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign. As a result of their hard work, AAUW-IL was recognized as the **national leader** in voter registration and turnout efforts for the fifteen states receiving AAUW Public Policy impact grant monies for 2010 - 2012.

A Special thanks goes to Elgin's **Nicki Skogfeldt** as Campaign Manager and **Laurel Bault** as Coalition Outreach Coordinator from the Elgin Area League of Women Voters for their extraordinary efforts for GOTV activities throughout the northwest Metro area. The coalition with branch members in Cook and the collar counties and northern branches such as Rockford were responsible for the lion's share of the state's 4,000+ voter registrations.

Briana Brown was hired by the national office as a part-time campaign organizer during the last four months of the campaign. Briana was responsible for collecting statistics from branches and for promoting participation in voter registration drives, canvassing, and phone banking. Her efforts with voter turnout helped us reach a record 93 campaign activities. Thank you, **Briana Brown**.

Throughout the state, we emphasized registration of women in the millennial generation and the use of social media (including Facebook and Twitter) to reach more potential voters. Branches with members volunteering at registration drives at high schools and colleges included Alton, Arlington Heights, Batavia-Geneva-St Charles, Belleville, Carbondale, Crystal Lake, Elgin, Elmhurst, Hinsdale-Oakbrook, Lombard, Monmouth, Naperville, Quincy, Rockford, Schaumburg, Springfield, Waukegan, Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, and Wood River. GOTV activities following the registration drives included candidate and issue forums organized by Carbondale, Champaign, Decatur, Rockford, and Springfield. Canvassing and phone banking were done by branch members and coalition women from Carbondale, Chicago Inc, Downers Grove, Elgin, and Riverside. An Op-Ed column written by Carli Alvarado, a Monmouth College sophomore, and Erika Solberg, adjunct professor at Monmouth College and AAUW member, was published in several newspapers in late October. Their catchy title "Young Women, grab the power. Vote." summarizes the efforts for the GOTV campaign. On election night AAUW also co-sponsored the streaming of online analysis of election results by statewide commentators.

AAUW members also publicized a successful campaign that urged voters to say NO to Constitutional Amendment #49. This proposal would have had a negative impact on many public employee pensions. In follow-up to the fall elections, we reviewed statistics relating to participation in state-wide elections. The following information from the State Board of Elections provides a comparison of registrations and turnout for primary and general elections during the past 12 years. Note the fluctuations during years of presidential elections versus years of state-wide elections. There is more work to do with turnout in the future!

Statistics for Voter Turnout in Illinois

Year	<u>Primary Elections</u>			<u>General Elections</u>		
	Registered Voters	% Total Turnout	% Total Vote	Registered Voters	% Total Turnout	% Total Vote
2012	7,304,333	1,694,317	23%	7,520,722	5,279,752	70%
2010	7,600,962	1,758,489	23%	7,506,073	3,792,770	51%
2008	7,304,563	2,986,982	41%	7,789,500	5,577,509	71%
2006	7,263,969	1,804,624	25%	7,375,688	3,587,676	49%
2004	7,137,954	2,067,824	29%	7,499,488	5,350,493	71%
2002	7,069,886	2,321,875	33%	7,043,557	3,651,808	52%
2000	6,745,655	1,748,191	26%	7,129,026	4,932,192	69%

New Tracking System for Pending State Legislation

The national office is providing access for states to use the CQ State Track System to track the status of state bills that are identified by key words such as education, sexual health education, and pension reform. We are using this system to supplement a similar system used by our lobbyist, Jenni Purdue. As the legislative session progresses, reviews of the systems will help us alert AAUW members about contacting their legislators concerning action on state bills. This activity supplements the AAUW Action Fund (www.aauwaction.org), Washington Update, and the Two Minute Activist alerts that come via email from National. National alerts provide information and may ask members to send a message to your congressman on certain issues.

Upcoming Public Policy Activity Dates

March - Women's History Month

??? - Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act by Congress

March 8 - International Women's Day - Fair and lunch at Union League Club; contact Lori Switzer of Chicago, Inc (switzer99@att.net) for reservations

April 9 - Consolidated Election Day - remember to vote in your local election; early voting is available thru April 6 and absentee voting thru April 8

April 9 - Equal Pay Day - - major rally in Daley Plaza in the Chicago Loop at noon

June 10 - 50th Anniversary of Equal Pay Act

June 23 - 41st Anniversary of Title IX

AAUW Introduces New Logo, Tagline, and Website



On Feb. 20, AAUW launched a brand new website, accented by the first new logo in more than 20 years. The website is designed to be more user-friendly, provide a better experience for smartphone and tablet users, and create greater visibility for AAUW. "It's easier than ever to use the new website and share AAUW content across platforms such as Facebook and Twitter." So if you haven't already done so, go to <http://www.aauw.org> and check it out!

International Affairs

Carol A. Heisler, Director



“Poverty is the worst form of violence,” Mahatma Gandhi

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

AAUW’s mission is to advance equity for women and girls. While the efforts in the USA have produced results, some of our foreign sisters and daughters are legions behind our efforts. The pervasive, disturbing and apparently culturally-oppressive conditions for women and girls in some countries are unsettling at best. With our mission statement to support us, and the obvious need ahead of us, we are empowered to compel changes.

Our organization is affiliated with the United Nations, Women Thrive Worldwide, 7 Billion Actions, C.A.R.E. and the Virginia Gildersleeve Foundation. These organizations are a click away. Most welcome donations. AAUW Funds also provides international post-graduate scholarships for women from other countries. Anecdotally, many fellow AAUW members contribute to smaller micro-financing efforts for women and families. Researching organizations before sending money is always wise, since much has been written lately about ‘misdirected’ funds. You may want to make sure that the organization’s purpose and your purpose are related if not identical.

Our voices can generate more awareness and visibility. Our legislators need to know our concerns. Many events have been highlighted by media investigations. In some cases, foreign government officials haven’t the grace to be embarrassed. Continuing to focus light on world affairs may increase political action within these countries.

I have been keeping my eyes and ears open for local hands-on groups that develop projects in foreign communities. These groups handle a project’s funds locally. Thus, they are removing the temptation for asset mismanagement. The projects are closely monitored and successes, while seemingly modest, are gratifying. I have found several such groups in northern Illinois. Of course, these are like drips of water on a parched field when a good soaking rain is needed. Many tiny projects along with consistent long-term help by larger NGO’s and Foreign Government Aid may eventually turn the tide.

We cannot experience the unique situations, politics and injustices occurring around the world. In HALF THE SKY by Kristof & WuDunn, one is struck by the many different and awful ways that women continue to suffer. You are empowered to change the dynamic—one family at a time. It would be wonderful if we all accepted this challenge!! Let me know your successes by emailing carolheisler@gmail.com.

There will be a workshop at the AAUW-IL State Convention in May discussing International efforts. I hope you can plan to attend.

Fun Things to do in St. Louis

Two pre-convention trips are planned for Friday afternoon. You may choose to take a free tour of the newly renovated Central Library, a downtown St. Louis landmark, or you may prefer to take a one-hour riverboat ride for \$14, which leaves from under The Gateway Arch just a few blocks from the hotel. Those interested in the second option will leave from the hotel lobby at 2 PM for a 3 PM boat ride. The Gateway Arch, our nation's tallest monument, is a must-see. More information about the Arch can be found at <http://www.gatewayarch.com>. Many other options exist for those who enjoy venturing out on their own, including the Missouri Botanical Garden and the St. Louis City Museum. Both of these are free and FABULOUS!



Friday night options include a fantastic rooftop bar called 360, right at the top of our hotel, where views include The Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium and the Mississippi River. There is a great music area on Broadway just south of the hotel, and the Lumiere Place Casino is also nearby.

The hotel is only a couple of miles from the train station for those thinking of coming on Amtrak. The Cardinals will be out of town, so there will be no traffic worries, but there will be a charge for parking. There is a self-park lot across from the hotel.

Let's Walk Around Busch Stadium...Cubs or Cards? Who will give the most?

As a part of the AAUW Missouri-Illinois convention, an **Eleanor Roosevelt Walk** has been scheduled on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. Pick your favorite team and wear blue for the Cubs or red for the Cardinals. All proceeds from the walk will benefit the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Check the box on the Conference registration form and you will be sent Walk details. You can also register at the Conference. The cost is \$25 (tax deductible). If you choose to sleep in that morning you can, just make sure you are wearing the correct color pajamas and turn in your donations!

Before coming to the conference and during the conference, participants are encouraged to solicit individuals to sponsor them by making donations. A sponsor record form will be given to each participant and needs to be returned, along with sponsor checks. For information, call Toni at 816-252-2104 or email tonithornton@comcast.net.

Our 2012 Agent of Change Winner has Moved!



After 35 years in Chicago, Jan Lisa Huttner has moved to Brooklyn, due to her husband's new job at SUNY. "Cinema Groupies" can contact Jan at 315 Flatbush Ave #527, Brooklyn, NY 11217, or email her at jan_huttner@msn.com. And definitely check out Jan's top movie picks at <http://pinterest.com/thehotpinkpen>.

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FRIDAY, May 3rd

Friday afternoon	Riverboat Tour - make reservations on form; meet in hotel lobby at 2:00 pm
Friday afternoon	Library Tour of newly renovated historic Downtown Library - make reservations on form
Friday afternoon	Board meetings for IL and MO board members
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Registration; Set Up Sales and Display Room; Sales Room open 6:00-8:00 pm
8:00 - 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception - Meet and Greet

SATURDAY, May 4th

8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration (breakfast on your own)
8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Sales and Display Room Open
8:00-8:40 am	CU Reps Meeting
9:00 - 9:10 am	Opening Session - Andrea Danis, IL State President and Linda Berube, MO State President
9:10 - 10:30 am	AAUW and YOU - A Winning Team! - Linda Hallman, AAUW National Executive Director
10:45-11:45 am	Breakout Sessions (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motivating the Fundraisers - YES! You CAN Do It! Tips, Examples and True Stories of Success! ▪ Motivating Members to Action on AAUW Public Policy Platform ▪ Spotlighting Membership! A Look at Student Affiliate Members; Younger Members and More! ▪ Illuminating the International Scene - Is Microfinance the Answer?
12:15 - 1:30 pm	Luncheon - Title IX & STEM: Myth vs. Reality - Cathy Pieronek (see inset)
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Programs that Motivate and Illuminate! Panel with Tips, Top-Notch Ideas and Tried & True Winners ▪ Why Should I Care Who's An Engineer? The Need for Women in Engineering ▪ Resources for Results! The New AAUW Website and More! Look, Listen, Learn! ▪ Illuminating Women's Health Issues - What's Next?!
3:00-4:45 pm	State Business Meetings for Illinois and Missouri (separate meetings)
5:30-6:15 pm	Legacy Circle Reception (invitation only)
6:00-7:00 pm	Cash Bar
7:00-9:00 pm	"Flavors of The Hill" Banquet Buffet
	Keynote - "Defending the Flag" spotlight on an LAF Plaintiff from a Military Sexual Assault Case
9:00 +++ pm	Hospitality Suite Open

SUNDAY, May 5th

7:30 am	Eleanor Roosevelt 'Cards-vs-Cubs' Walk/Run around Busch Stadium! (Wear Red or Blue!)
8:30-11:00 am	Bi-State Breakfast and Final Session with Linda Hallman, AAUW National Executive Director Highlighting AAUW's Latest Research Report: <i>Graduating to the Pay Gap</i> (college debt, pay inequity) Town Hall - Ask, Listen, Question, Celebrate and Be Motivated! Send-Off to New Orleans Convention, <i>Leading Across Generations</i> , June 9-12, 2013

Reservation Deadline for Early Bird Convention Rates is Monday, April 8, 2013

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is April 12, 2013

Call 1-877-845-7354 or visit registration link at <http://www.aauw-il.org> or <http://aauw-mo.aauw.net>

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