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SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S DISTRICT MEETINGS SPAWNS REPEAT FOR THIS FALL

Again this year, AAUW-IL District Directors will be working locally to hold events for their district branch members, giving them the opportunity to discuss issues affecting them in their particular areas of the state. Meeting with AAUW members from different branches serves as a wonderful reminder of why we are AAUW members and why it is so important for us to continue the work that has been happening within the organization for over 130 years toward improving the lives of women and girls.

AAUW-IL District 1 Director, Jennifer Urish, will again be driving around beautiful southern Illinois, visiting the branches in her district this fall. AAUW members from the Alton, Belleville, Carbondale, Centralia, Jersey-Calhoun Counties, and Wood River branches will be invited to meet with Jennifer to share their ideas and concerns about AAUW issues of the day.



District 2's Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The meeting's location will again be the Lincoln Library, 326 South 7th Street, in Springfield. AAUW-IL District 2 Director Sallie Miller invites all branch members in Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Decatur, Quincy, and Springfield to attend. Several AAUW-IL State Board officers will be available to provide information about membership, public policy, programs, and a new State proposal. Time for networking will be included to allow attendees the opportunity to learn about successes that branches in District 2 have experienced.

Additional information will be emailed to District 2 branch officers closer to the time of the event. There will be no charge for the District Meeting, except for lunch. Attendees are encouraged to bring their ideas and enthusiasm.

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President's Fall News

By *Andi Danis*

Hello AAUW-IL!



Welcome to another great AAUW year! We continue to refine the process of producing a “greener” newsletter; I hope that it travels safely to your inbox!

We ended our 2012-13 program year on such a high note – I am still smiling! For all of you who joined us at the IL/MO joint state convention, you know what I am talking about. What a great weekend we had - filled

with enthusiasm, AAUW friendships, wonderful speakers, and helpful information. And the partnership between Illinois and Missouri continues, as we learned at the national convention that we have been awarded a joint Public Policy Impact Grant! Congratulations to the IL/MO Public Policy Team for their successful proposal to keep the spotlight on passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Watch for information throughout the year on related events.

And Illinois was in the limelight again at the national convention with the announcement that we had been awarded a SECOND Public Policy Impact Grant! This one will be headed up by Nicki Skogfeldt and Meg Still – Elgin Area Branch Public Policy Co-Chairs - along with our State Co-Chairs, Diane Balin and Marcia Wherry. Many thanks to Alice Smith, a past AAUW-IL, Inc. State President, who wrote the successful proposal for this grant. Watch for information on events surrounding this initiative throughout the year as well! Boy, are we going to be busy!

In this issue you will find information about the fall District Meetings. The District Directors are putting together a great agenda that will ensure there is something for everyone: we'll talk about the latest AAUW initiatives and research, offer help with programming and membership, provide lots of time for networking, and we'll kick off our newest State project – TRIO! The district meetings are open to everyone, so please get the date for your district on your calendar and plan to attend!

As I begin my second year as your State President, I want to say again how thankful I am to be part of such a great AAUW state! As I travel to different branches I meet so many wonderful members whose passion for our mission is obvious in their contributions of time, talent, and treasure. You are truly the heart of the entire AAUW organization and I am proud to serve you. I know I speak for the AAUW-IL, Inc. State Board, when I say that we are ready and waiting to help, to listen, and to serve. Here's to another great AAUW year in Illinois!

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Shirley Daddona is asking District 3 branch members from Monmouth, Morton, Ottawa, Pekin Area, Peoria, and Rock Island-Moline to mark Saturday, November 2, on their calendars. District 3's meeting will take place from 11 AM – 2 PM at

the Packinghouse Dining Company, 441 Mulberry, Galesburg. AAUW-IL State President, Andi Danis, will be there to get those present fired up for AAUW, along with other enthusiastic State Board members. Attendees will order lunch off the menu (those in-the-know will include the famous Packinghouse cinnamon rolls!) At the close of the meeting, there will still be time to browse the specialty shops along the nearby Seminary Street Historic Commercial District. District 3 branch presidents should look forward to receiving more detailed information from Shirley this fall.



AAUW-IL FALL CONFERENCE – DISTRICTS 4 AND 5
OCTOBER 26, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Oakton Community College
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Save the date and plan to join other branch members in Districts 4 and 5 at this joint District Meeting! Presenters include Andi Danis, Marla Kim Benziger (former AAUW-IL state president), Kathleen Brenniman (AAUW-IL bylaws chair), and Diane Balin (AAUW-IL co-director of public policy.)

9:00 – 9:40	Meet, Greet, and Eat – Registration and Full Breakfast
9:40 – 10:00	Welcome and update re AAUW Convention and AAUW-IL Initiatives. TRIO Initiative.
10:00 – 10:15	Public Policy Report
10:15 – 10:25	Break
10:25 – 10:55	Nonprofit Organization Fundraising
10:55 – 11:00	Suggested Topics for Breakout Sessions

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11:00 – 11:40	Breakout Sessions/Sharing Branch Successes/Struggles/Solutions Presidents, Program, Membership, Public Policy, New Members Misc/Brainstorming
11:40 – 12:10	Sharing from Breakout Sessions
12:10 – 12:15	Closing Remarks

DIRECTIONS TO OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oakton College is located ¼ mile west of I-294 and approximately 7 miles north of O’Hare Airport.

Via Tri-State Tollway (I-294):

From North: Exit at Golf Road. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Turn right at the traffic light (Golf Road). Turn right at the first traffic light (College Drive).

From South: Take the Dempster West exit. Turn right on Rand Road (Route 12) to River Road (Route 45). Take River Road north to Golf Road. Turn right on Golf to the first traffic light (College Drive) and turn left.

Via the KENNEDY EXPRESSWAY:

Take the Kennedy Expressway to the TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294 to Milwaukee). Exit at Dempster West and Follow the directions (from south) above.

PARKING AND ENTRANCE

Park in the Faculty/Staff Parking Lot C and enter the building through door entrance #37. (across the street from Parking Lot C.) Once you have entered the building you will see the registration tables.

REGISTRATION AAUW-IL FALL CONFERENCE – DISTRICTS 4 AND 5

Cost - \$20 per person. Please return registration below by OCTOBER 10th

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Branch Name _____ Branch Position (if applicable) _____

Mail check (payable to AAUW-IL) to: Marlene Boncosky, 1030 Plantain Ct., Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Questions: Linda Henning-Cohen, District 4 Director, at 630-850-9470 or
Marlene Boncosky, District 5 Director, at 815-459-3313

Margaret Keen, Elgin Area Branch 2013 AAUW-IL Agent of Change



Since 1984, the Agent of Change award has been presented annually to an AAUW-IL member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change. All efforts relating to AAUW's mission are considered, with special emphasis placed on activities that relate to current AAUW priorities and initiatives, such as education, equity, diversity, and public policy. Selection is made by the directors of the five AAUW-IL districts. District 3 Director Shirley Daddona, announced this year's winner at the Joint Missouri/Illinois State Convention on Saturday, May 4, in St. Louis.

Margaret joined the Elgin Area Branch in 2010, quickly becoming involved in book club, bridge group, and Reel Women – a monthly movie discussion group that focuses on women in film. In 2011, Margaret was appointed by the branch's co-presidents to the position of diversity chair. This challenging role afforded Margaret the opportunity to explore STEM initiatives and collaborative community partnerships. Margaret has led her branch in cooperating with Elgin Area Schools and Judson University to

develop and staff eight programs for girls to encourage careers in STEM.

Margaret graduated from the University of Scranton with a BA in modern languages. She received a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship to teach American language and culture in the south of France. She received her Paralegal Certificate from Roosevelt University and then headed straight to Loyola University of Chicago School of Law's evening program.

Margaret practiced civil litigation for nearly 10 years. She actively sought a change of pace when the hours of trial work prohibited her from giving back to her community through volunteerism. Margaret currently works as Executive Assistant for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She participates in health policy-related marketing, educational, and advocacy efforts.

Margaret has facilitated Elgin Area Branch's partnerships with a sister branch of AAUW, with the local school district, with the League of United Latin American Citizens, with the Girl Scouts, and with local college innovators. Margaret's work has resulted in Elgin Area branch members serving many roles, including as judges for a science fair with over 1000 young innovators, as advisement panel members for a "Future Teachers" symposium; and as lab assistants to young scientists. Margaret has also recently received a two-year appointment to the AAUW National Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Margaret learned that she was the recipient of the 2013 AAUW-IL Agent of Change Award when she was visiting the Grand Canyon for her very first time. She regretted not being able to accept the award in person. She wrote that, "I am writing to say how deeply honored, humbled, and inspired I felt upon learning that I was distinguished as the 2013 AAUW-IL Agent of Change. I am honored to be recognized for the work that I do...the work that I love to do...to bring middle school and high school young ladies closer to science, technology, engineering, and math. I am humbled because I work on these collaborative initiatives with so many female role models, dynamos, movers and shakers, innovators, forward thinkers...agents of change. I am inspired because for all of the work and for all of the innovative initiatives and for all of the movers and shakers, the mission is not accomplished...and so your recognition of me recharges my spirit and my determination. These words are not sufficient to convey my gratitude, but I hope you will accept them."

2014 AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

This is a reminder to be thinking about who might qualify for the prestigious Agent of Change award from your branch or from another branch. The process for selecting the next winner will begin in January, 2014, when branches will receive a packet with nomination forms and instructions. Also included will be a list of past winners. The nominating process will have a deadline of March 1, 2014.

Nominees should be outstanding models who have worked to break through barriers for women and girls. Individuals who have actively promoted change in education, equity, diversity and public policy should be considered for nomination. The successful nominee's activities should have resulted in increased visibility for AAUW in the community. A nominee's activities can have taken place at any time. There is no longer a "during the past year" criterion for the nomination.

Nominations may come from individual AAUW members or branch boards. Branches may resubmit previously nominated individuals.

There are many deserving individuals for this award. Please start early to seek a nominee and gather supporting documents.

Please call or email me if you have any questions. Linda Henning Cohen, AAUW-IL District 4 Director
630-850-9470 (H) linda1211@aol.com

MAKE A LIFETIME GIFT TO AAUW

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

Our regional Legacy Circle Chair, Marla Kim Benziger of the Deerfield Branch, became a Legacy Circle member in part because she found the process to be one of the best ways for her to provide for AAUW's mission. She says, "Giving to AAUW through my estate plans is another opportunity to advocate for increased educational opportunities for women in STEM fields for generations to come." Marla Kim has held multiple leadership and fundraising roles for AAUW on the state and national levels and would love to speak with you about how to make your gift a reality. You may contact her at marlakim2@aol.com.

Apart from leaving AAUW as a beneficiary in your will or charitable trust, many find that giving through other vehicles like retirement plans, life insurance policies, and charitable gift annuities can provide a simple avenue to create a legacy within AAUW.

Designating AAUW as a beneficiary to your life insurance policy or retirement plan can be as easy as filling out a change of beneficiary form with your insurance company or 401(k)/IRA advisor. Additionally, the AAUW Charitable Gift Annuity program offers a way to make a gift to AAUW while providing tax savings and income during your lifetime. More information about these deferred gifts is available by calling Catherine Heffernan in the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877-357-5587 or by emailing heffernanc@aauw.org.

Information about the AAUW Legacy Circle, potential giving options, and the Legacy Circle brochure and forms is available at www.aauwlegacy.org. Please let us know how we can help you create a lasting impact.



Membership Matters

Rachel Campbell and Kelly Orban
Membership Co-Vice Presidents



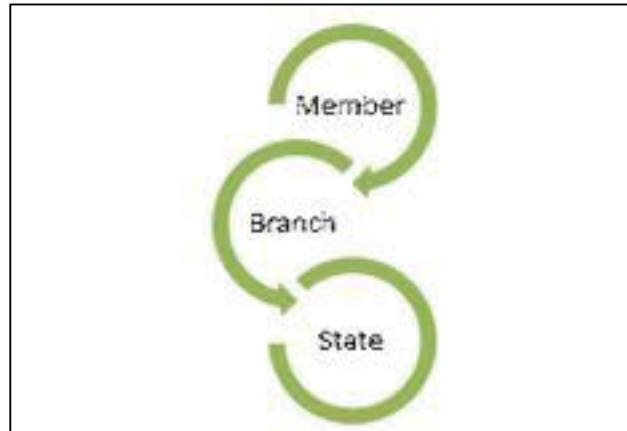
Rachel writes: It's that time of year again. All over the state, AAUW branches are planning programs and projects—getting ready for the upcoming year. Branch membership chairs are planning as well. They are considering ways that they can attract new members to the branch. They are anxious to share AAUW's mission with their community, as well as expanding wider experiences to their own branch members. Probably the first question a membership chair asks herself is: "Where can I find new members for our branch?" Oh, No! That's the wrong question! The proper question is: "Where can WE find new members for our branch?" Membership recruitment is not just the purview of the membership chair; it's part of the responsibility of every branch member. Let's answer that question, "Where can we find new branch members?"

1. Do we have friends, neighbors or even relatives who are interested in AAUW's mission? Are they curious about what AAUW does and why? Talk with them about our organization and why it's so important. Then invite them to attend a meeting with you. Don't forget to pass on their names to the membership chair. She has all kinds of material at her fingertips that answer the many questions a prospective member has.
2. Look around your work place. As working women and men, AAUW supports the needs we find lacking in the workplace: pay equity and equal opportunity. These are basic issues that could attract a prospective member to investigate AAUW and learn what we are doing.
3. Check your past yearbooks for names of former members. Perhaps some of these former members dropped their membership because of a difficult work schedule or raising children. Could it be that these issues are no longer problematic and AAUW could once again become a part of their lives? Recently retired people are a good place to look for new members.
4. Don't overlook social media as a method of linking your branch with possible new members. The Association has introduced a new program that helps branches develop a local website. Find out about this new tool for publicizing and spreading the word about your branch. [See websites section p. 12 of this newsletter.] Facebook is yet another way to spread information about your branch and activities. Setting up a Facebook page is not difficult, but be sure you continually post information about branch activities and keep all the information current.
5. Traditional ways of "getting the word out" can be effective as well. Advertise your branch programs and projects in your local newspaper—in the upcoming events section. Be sure to include a contact telephone number or email address so that anyone who might be interested can get the information she needs. Develop a flyer or brochure about your branch and its activities. Make them available in public places; e.g., your local public library. Again, be sure to have contacts listed so further information is easily attainable.
6. Finally, once a contact is made, keep in touch. Invite these new contacts to programs and events. Send them information that is provided free of charge from the Association. Send them your branch newsletter so they will be aware of the many things in which AAUW and its members participate. Call them and issue a special invitation to join in.
AAUW and its members do wonderful things as we carry out our mission of supporting women and girls. It takes each and every one of us to explain that to our wider community. Good Luck and much success to all of our members this year. You are part of a very special organization---AAUW! Let's work to let everyone know about us!

Coming Soon...

The TRIO Stipend!

(Helping members attend State and National Conventions)



Details and more information
at the **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Your AAUW-IL State Board





Public Policy
Marcia Wherry & Diane Balin
Public Policy Co-Directors

Changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program

In order to strengthen the mission of advancing equity for women and girls, the voting opportunity offered to all AAUW members in late spring 2013 included additional phrases in both the Public Policy Principles for Action and the Biennial Action Priorities. The seven proposals and rationale for the changes were printed on pages E-4 thru E-6 of the Spring/Summer 2013 issue of *Outlook* magazine. All changes were approved when voting ended on June 10. The revisions are under Resources and Public Policy on www.aauw.org and will be in revised publications.

New Impact Grants for 2013-14

AAUW-Illinois was awarded two Impact Grants for Public Policy activities during 2013-2014. Each grant proposal included two issues that are part of the AAUW Action Priorities. The grants will help support activities planned to promote the issues at both the branch and state levels.

1. Impact Grant for the issues of **Social Security and STEM**

Co-chairs are Nicki Skogfeldt and Meg Still from the Elgin Branch

Goals: Cement relationships with coalitions interested in the two issues, increase visibility and reputation of AAUW-IL as a leader with a purpose, develop and provide resources to increase knowledge of the issues, and act in ways that will affect change.

Involvement: Social media will be used to inform members and garner participation for activities related to the Social Security and STEM programs. To better inform both members and the general public of the challenges and potential changes to Social Security, activities will also include issue forums, meetings with public officials, conference calls, and lobby days at district offices of elected officials and at the Capitol. Work with coalition groups, including local colleges, will be a key to expanding STEM programs to more branches and communities.

2. Impact Grant for the issues of the **Equal Rights Amendment and Pay Equity.**

This grant was awarded for a joint effort by AAUW in Illinois and Missouri. State Public Policy Co-Directors Diane Balin and Marcia Wherry will direct the Illinois effort. Nancy Hutchins and Joanie Shores are co-chairs for the Missouri branches.

Goals: Build momentum for ratification of the ERA in the two states by energizing more members to become politically active, increase visibility; increase awareness of the importance of involvement (especially on issues relating to pay equity for women), and increase co-operation with Missouri as well as coalitions with ERA advocates.

Involvement: We hope all branches will be involved with a focus that will use more modern methods, including social media, to bring issues to the forefront for long-overdue ACTION. Plans include personal contact with legislators in-district and during session, as well as Equal Pay Rally and lobby days.

Using Information from the AAUW website

Take a few minutes to become more familiar with www.aauw.org. Weekly or bi-weekly alerts (AAUW Washington Update and AAUW Action Network) provide a synopsis of what is happening in Congress. If a particular issue interests you, a link is available to help you send a comment to your congressman or senator. Plans are underway to refine the program to provide this type of communication for issues and contacts with state-level officials.

Other suggestions include links under Get Involved: See how the wage gap affects you, Meet with your reps, Teach a girl about STEM, Do your research, Read a feminist book, and Share your pay discrimination story.



AAUW Funds

Barbara Spiegel
AAUW Funds Director

Illinois raised \$130,643.78 in 2012 for AAUW Combined Funds. At the Illinois-Missouri Joint Convention in July, Illinois members donated \$5,289.00 to LAF and Illinois members who participated in the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk and their supporters raised \$2,406.00. We can all be proud that Illinois continues to be among the Top Ten States in raising money for AAUW Funds. Congratulations!

The following Illinois Endowments were completed prior to the National Convention: Vivian Wright R&P Grant, JoAnn Horowitz R&P Grant, Mary Ellen Smyth American Fellowship, and the Marjorie Robinson-Katharine Storm R&P Grant. Illinois currently has only one uncompleted Endowment – the Lois List American Fellowship.

AAUW is expanding the Leadership Programs Fund to include a Leadership Opportunities Fund which will provide donors the opportunity to give in perpetuity to the many AAUW Leadership programs currently available. Look for information on this new program in upcoming national publications.

The AAUW Funds Contribution Year is January to December, which means the deadline for submitting 2013 donations is December 31, 2013. All contributions received in Washington after that date will be considered 2014 donations and part of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Handouts illustrating several designated funds/programs and explaining how to establish AAUW Fellowships and Grants will be available at the fall District Meetings.

International Affairs

Carol Heisler, Director



As part of AAUW Funds, the National Office has announced the addition of *International Projects Grants*. These are used to fund projects initiated by former AAUW International Fellows. These grants can be named and funded as we have done in the past.

These are endowment funds, and payouts are made from income earned with principal retained within the account. You can start an International Project Grant with as little as \$3,000 and a completion level of \$50,000 over 7 years. For individual donations, monies can be given to the Education Funds and designated for the International Projects Fund.

You may have heard that AAUW has been working with the *Clinton Global Initiative* (www.clintonglobalinitiative.org), a non-profit organization started by former President Bill Clinton. This group is devoted to finding answers to world problems such as poverty, disease and limited economic opportunity. The *Initiative* brings people together from other countries to discuss and formulate strategies.

Finding answers to thorny problems isn't possible if citizens are not aware or if they disregard challenges, so I encourage each branch to plan at least one international program each year. It can be as simple as having a speaker with foreign experience, screening a film like **HALF THE SKY** or inviting a rescue worker or Peace Corps volunteer to be a guest at your meeting. Some branches have expanded the meeting to include ethnic foods and local relief efforts with an international focus. For most of us, it is no longer surprising to hear horrific stories of conditions for women and girls throughout the world. Spreading the message increases awareness and political pressure.

With all that has happened in the last several years in terms of natural disasters, I have heard the term "compassion fatigue" or "donor fatigue". I admit to cynicism myself, thinking "how many dollars and how many years does it take to **fix** some of these problems?" Some folks have discontinued their monetary support. I think that there is a difference between "donor fatigue" and being prudent with your resources. I would suggest that when you donate, you review the mission of the organization and consult websites such as charitynavigator.com. AAUW has designated *7 Billion Actions*, *CARE*, *Half the Sky*, and *Women Thrive Worldwide*, along with United Nations efforts as partners and/or collaborators. Remember that many non-profits purport to help women and their families, and you will find numerous human interest pictures and stories on internet sites. As we have come to realize, success stories and engaging photos don't always mean that our donations are successful. Please contact me with your comments.

***By joining AAUW, you belong to a community
that breaks through educational and economic barriers
so that all women have a fair chance.***

Call for Nominations for State Officers

Judy Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair

Nominations for the offices of Program Vice-President (two-year term), Director-Elect of Finance (one year as Director-Elect of Finance – two years as Director of Finance), AAUW Funds Director (two-year term), and Nominations Chair (two-year term) are due to Judy Jolly, Nominations Chair, by November 15, 2013.

Please contact one of the members of the Nominations Committee if you are interested in being on the AAUW-IL, Inc. State Board, or if you know of someone from your branch that you feel might be interested in serving on the State Board or a state committee.

Judy Jolly, Nominating Chair	grammajj@aol.com	815-645-2502	District 5
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Lois Strom	lcstrom@comcast.net	217-546-5325	District 2
Sharon Urban	surban@centurytel.net	309-346-1774	District 3
Alice Smith	ahs339@yahoo.com	217-876-1446	District 4

New Branch and State Websites

Champaign/Urbana and Monmouth Area are two of the Illinois branches that are very happy to have taken advantage of the offer below. **The new AAUW-IL website has just gone live, too!** Check out <http://aauw-il.aauw.net>, <http://champaignurbana-il.aauw.net>, and <http://monmoutharea-il.aauw.net>.

Since August 23, 2012, AAUW branches and states have been able to sign up for Site Resources, the attractive AAUW-hosted website solution available **free of charge**. Site Resources uses the WordPress publishing platform to provide an easy-to-maintain website template that delivers a professional web experience. States and branches can maximize membership communications, retention, recruitment, and fundraising efforts online in this easy, cost-effective manner.

Using the WordPress publishing platform, AAUW Site Resources

- simplifies state and branch websites
- is low maintenance and user friendly
- delivers a consistent, professional experience
- integrates content updates from AAUW national
- incorporates advanced functionality such as newsletters and events management to have a dynamic web presence
- provides a centralized infrastructure and updates
- offers dedicated customer service

To learn how AAUW Site Resources can ease the burden of maintaining your state and branch websites, contact site-resources@aauw.org or sign up for a free, no-obligation website review.

State Legislative Report by Jenni Purdue

While there has been a lot of bluster and fanfare after spring session wrapped up, not a lot has actually happened this summer.

At the end of session the General Assembly had voted for a conceal carry bill, and had not taken a vote on pension reform. Governor Quinn vetoed the Concealed Carry bill, and called on the General Assembly to pass a pension reform package as soon as possible - giving a variety of deadlines in June and July. A special session was called, and the legislators overrode the Governor's amendatory veto of concealed carry, voted against a "trailer bill" to clean up some of the concealed carry legislation (there are pieces of it that many - including the Governor - think need to be changed slightly), and did not even take a vote on pension reform. A conference committee was set up to negotiate a pension reform bill - the goal of the committee is to take a bill that the House passed and a different bill that the Senate passed, and find a way to compromise. For most of the summer the committee has been quiet, and has had only a handful of meetings, but word is that they are close to reaching an agreement. If the committee does come to consensus - then that consensus bill will be put to a vote. That vote could happen during veto session (starting Oct 22nd) or during a special session called earlier in the year. There have not been many leaks as to what the committee is discussing, so when (if) they reach consensus - it will be a scramble to find out what exactly is in the bill.

The political gossip mill is teeming with snippets of information about all of the candidates running for office in 2014 - both those who have announced and those whom people think should or could announce their intent to run for office. The primary election will be March 18, 2014, and the general election will take place November 4, 2014. As the end of August is approaching, more and more gossip is coming out about the primary runs from State Representative to Governor (and all the offices in between.) None of the gossip is really worth reporting because most of it changes day to day, and it's still too early to know much of anything. We do know that Lisa Madigan will seek re-election as Attorney General. She was very much rumored to have been eyeing a bid for Governor throughout the spring and early summer, but she released a statement saying that she would not run for that office while her father, Michael Madigan, remains Speaker of the House. There are quite a few others who have announced and are rumored to be announced as gubernatorial candidates both on the Republican and Democratic sides. The Republican field has many more announced candidates, but Governor Quinn will have at least one, if not more challengers in a Democratic primary. Petitions will start being circulated September 3rd and filed by December 2nd, so we won't really know the full slate of candidates until then. In the meantime - expect to be approached by one or more politicians asking for a signature to get them on the ballot!

2013 State Convention "Under the Arch"





Bottom picture is of Illinois Legacy Circle Members in New Orleans!

*We Need **YOU** (to be in one of these chairs)!*

SAVE THE DATES: MAY 2-3, 2014



**AAUW-IL, INC. STATE CONVENTION
PHEASANT RUN RESORT, ST. CHARLES, IL**

*AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.
There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization
on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national
origin, disability or class. Membership is not by invitation.*

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TO:



Save the dates!

**District 2 Meeting – Oct. 19
Districts 4 & 5 – Oct. 26
District 3 – Nov. 2**

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**AAUW-IL State Convention
May 2-3, 2014
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles**