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AAUW MINNESOTA 2014 STATE CONVENTION

The Art of Purposeful Living



AAUW Minneapolis and the AAUW MN State Board cordially invite all Minnesota AAUW members to The Gale Mansion, home of AAUW Minneapolis, for the AAUW Minnesota 2014 State Convention, Friday, April 11–Saturday, April 12.

Registration will open at The Gale Mansion on Friday, at 1:00 p.m. On Friday, free valet parking (gratuities welcome) will be available to convention attendees.

We will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, with a free optional docent-led tour, “*Women in the Arts*,” at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, located just across Fair Oaks Park from The Gale Mansion.

On Friday evening, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Presidents’ Hall of The Gale Mansion. Beverages will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. During dessert, the Young Women for Equity Award will be presented. Following dessert, Ruth Bachman will speak on *Growing through the Narrow Spots*, sharing her personal story as a cancer survivor who now steps boldly into life as an amputee. Ruth’s book, *Growing Through the Narrow Spots*, may be purchased after her presentation.

The business of the Convention begins at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, in the Presidents’ Hall. Following the Presentation of the Flag and welcoming addresses, Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of Research, will give the keynote address, *Making Research Matter in the Lives of Women and Girls*. Awards will be presented following the keynote address. The Business Meeting will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

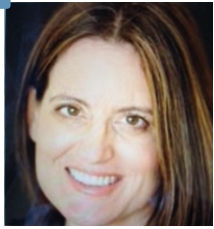
Between the business meeting and lunch, there will be an hour to shop the AAUW Funds Silent Auction, take a self-guided tour of The Gale Mansion and socialize with fellow AAUW members.

Lunch will be served in the Presidents’ Hall and will conclude with a presentation by a Legal Advocacy Fund Speaker. Following lunch, you may choose from four workshop offerings at both 1:30–2:15 p.m. and 2:30–3:15 p.m. The following four choices will be available: *Elder Law*, legal issues facing seniors, their families and advocates; *Making a Difference*, enriching one’s life by giving back through volunteering and financial support of non-profit organizations; *Tai Chi*, limited to 20 people per session; or *Community Colleges: Educating Student–Mothers for the Future*.

Our first ever 24-hour convention will conclude when you pick up your silent auction treasures and hand in your evaluation sheets.

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Keynote Speaker

Catherine Hill

AAUW Director of Research

Catherine Hill is the director of research at AAUW. She is the author of several recent AAUW reports, including *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success* (2013), *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* (2012), *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011), *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (2010), and *Behind the Pay Gap* (2007).

Before joining AAUW, Dr. Hill was the director of Income Security Programs at the National Academy of Social Insurance and a study director at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research. She has bachelor and master degrees from Cornell University and a doctorate in public policy from Rutgers University.



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Featured Speaker

Ruth Bachman

Life's challenges often cause us to feel broken; however, they can also serve as a catalyst to sharpen our sense of purpose. Ruth Bachman is a cancer survivor, mountain climber, author, and inspiring speaker. Her core message, change is inevitable and transformation is intentional, grew out of her decision to step boldly into life as an amputee. Ruth shares her personal story as a cancer survivor to encourage audiences to look closely and patiently at all of life's challenges in order to discover the possibilities that can bring us transformation. She brings a timeless message to diverse audiences, about one constant in life—change!

Ruth contributes her time, her resources, and her talents on behalf of cancer research, education and advocacy through "The Hourglass Fund Project". Her greatest hope is that these efforts will provide others with the same opportunities she has had - to choose life and live it fully after passing through the narrow spot called cancer.

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Workshop Sessions

Saturday, April 12, 2014

1:30-2:15 p.m.

2:30-3:15 p.m.

The following four workshop options will be offered at both sessions.

1. **ELDER LAW**...By 2050, the number of people in the United States 65 years old or older will double. A. Kimberley Dayton, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Elder Justice and Policy, created the National Elder Law Network in 1995. Her “Ten Point List” is in the convention packet. She will discuss legal issues facing this burgeoning number of seniors, their families, and advocates.
2. **MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING AND PHILANTHROPY**...Dr. Mary Tjosvold believes doors open for opportunities to make a difference. When we choose to walk through those doors, it changes our life, as well as the lives of others. It is a gift to oneself, as well as to others, to be involved in volunteerism and philanthropy. Each of us needs to decide what values we will put into action, and to evaluate the transparency of the organization to which we will give our resources.
3. **COMMUNITY COLLEGES: EDUCATING STUDENT-MOTHERS FOR THE FUTURE**...One of Dr. Catherine Hill’s more recent AAUW research reports, *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*, draws attention to the more than 4 million women who attend our nation’s community colleges, the reasons they enroll in community colleges, the challenges they face in completing a certificate or degree or transferring to a four-year school, and strategies to help them succeed. Dr. Hill will talk about implications of the report and provide suggestions for branches and members as they reach out to community colleges in their efforts to provide more women with opportunities for individual success and economic security.
4. **TAI CHI**... Terri McNamara, Instructor with the Natural Step School of Tai Chi and Qigong, will lead us in this meditation in motion. Class is limited to 20 people per session.

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The Art of Purposeful Living

The Gale Mansion, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Program AgendaFriday, April 11

1:00-6:30 p.m.	Registration (Founders Room)
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting (Fellowships-2 nd Floor) AAUW Funds set up in the Heritage Room through 7:30 a.m. on Saturday
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Tour "Women in the Arts" (Minneapolis Institute of Arts) FREE
5:00 p.m.	Cash Bar
6:30 p.m.	Dinner (Presidents' Hall)
7:30 p.m.	Young Women for Equity Award during Dessert Ruth Bachman, "Growing Through the Narrow Spots" Books will be available for purchase

Saturday, April 12

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens (Founders Room)
7:45 a.m.	AAUW Silent Auction open for bidding (Heritage Room)
8:00 a.m.	All "Resolutions from the Floor" must be received by Mary Petron, VP Public Policy
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony Flag Presentation River Valleys Junior Girl Scout Troop 43000, Elgin, MN Welcome by Teresa Sagen and Caroline Owens, AAUW MN Co-Presidents Welcome by Ginny Craig, Minneapolis AAUW President
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Keynote by Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of Research "Making Research Matter in the Lives of Women and Girls"
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Awards
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00-12:15 p.m.	Socialize, shop the Silent Auction (until noon), or attend a workshop to hear Pam Thiel, AAUW Board Director, provide AAUW national updates and answer questions (11:15-noon)
12:15-1:15 p.m.	Lunch, LAF Speaker, Susan Burke, last half hour LAF Speaker, Attorney Susan Burke, who filed the sexual assault cases against the US military featured in <i>The Invisible War</i>
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Workshops (Four Choices)
2:30-3:15 p.m.	Workshops (Four Choices)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elder Law, A. Kimberley Dayton— two sessions Legal issues facing the burgeoning number of seniors, their families and advocates 2. Making a Difference, Dr. Mary Tjosvold — two sessions Enriching one's life by giving back through volunteering and financial support of non-profit organizations 3. Tai Chi, Terri McNamara— two sessions 4. Community Colleges: Educating Student-Mothers for the Future, Dr. Catherine Hill —two sessions
3:30 p.m.	Second Business Session, if needed

AAUW MN PUBLIC POLICY



By Mary Petron, VP Public Policy

At the state convention, delegates will be asked to adopt the Biennial Action Priorities for AAUW MN. These priorities are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong membership support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution. The proposed AAUW MN Biennial Action Priorities listed below provide direction for AAUW Minnesota and branches when undertaking legislative action at state and local levels. They do not preclude members and branches from acting in support of any of AAUW's Public Policy Principles.

Proposed AAUW Minnesota 2014 – 2016 Biennial Action Priorities

To support the elimination of wage discrimination and achievement of pay equity for all women:

- Advocate for equal pay for work of equal value
- Promote the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act in the U.S. House and Senate
- Promote the passage of the Fair Pay Act in the U.S. House and Senate
- Support the Minnesota Pay Equity for State Contractor Bill

To help support and solve issues on human trafficking for women and girls:

- Support all Safe Harbor legislation
- Forge crucial relationships with organizations providing victim services, with law enforcement, with health care providers, and with other nonprofits working on this issue
- Support bipartisan legislation to take "Safe Harbor" nationwide

To support protection for students from bullying and harassment:

- Support a comprehensive law to address bullying and harassment
- Encourage all school districts to enact Safe Schools or PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) state wide
- Endorse school districts using Safe School or PBIS programs
- Recognize the Leaders in Action Program and the Mentors in Action Program

SILENT AUCTION AT CONVENTION TO BENEFIT AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Once again we have the opportunity to help raise money for AAUW Funds through the annual silent auction at the Minnesota AAUW State Convention. Branches throughout the state contribute items for the auction and receive credit for the amount that is donated by the winning bidder. **What fun!**



The event will be held on Saturday, April 12. Please bring all auction items to The Heritage Room on Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning, before 7:30 a.m. Bidding takes place Saturday morning from 7:45 a.m. to Noon.

It is not too early to start thinking about things that would make good auction items. You and a few friends from your branch might work together on a themed basket. Some ideas might be: Tea Time, Morning Coffee, Books and Bookmarks, Wine and Cheese, Knitting, Crafts, Cards, Ceramics, Photo Package, Jewelry, Spring Gardening, Beach Accessories, Pictures, Paintings, Quilted Pieces, Children's Activities, etc. **Make it fun. Be creative.** Remember—all donations to AAUW Funds are tax deductible.

Resolutions: How Do I Do Them? *By Mary Petron, Public Policy VP AAUW MN*

Making your voice heard bringing forth and voting on resolutions is an important concept of our AAUW MN Convention scheduled for April 11-12, 2014.

Who can submit a resolution?

Any branch members, the state board of directors, state standing or special committees, or the resolutions committee.

How do I submit a resolution?

Resolutions must be presented in writing—hard copy or electronic copies may be sent electronically in advance to Mary Petron. If you missed the deadline, you can still submit from the floor. Resolutions may be presented from the floor of the convention for discussion by 2/3 vote of the convention accredited delegates present. THESE MUST BE PRESENTED TO MARY PETRON BY 8 AM ON APRIL 12TH IN WRITTEN FORM OR BY ELECTRONIC FORMAT TO BE DISPLAYED ON SCREEN AT THE CONVENTION. By submitting in this format, your resolution can be shown to convention attendees on a screen. These steps must be followed for the resolution to be heard.

How do resolutions differ from motions?

A motion is a recognized recommendation or suggestion expressed through common language which may/may not require action. A resolution is the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, or formal expression of an opinion, which includes formal language (includes “whereas” rationale and specific implementation). A public policy resolution must be in conformance with national’s public policy principles and priorities.

www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities

Who reads and considers resolutions?

The resolutions committee is authorized to reword, clarify, or combine submitted resolutions. They will report approved and unapproved resolutions at convention.

Do you have any suggestions or concerns that are not addressed by resolutions?

Please send them to the addresses listed below.

Thank you.

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A Message from AAUW MN Co-Presidents

Teresa K. Sagen and Caroline Owens



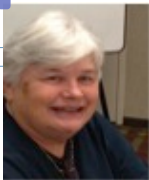
We, along with Sharon Bigot, President Elect, continue to enthusiastically represent AAUW Minnesota at events throughout the state. In January, we, along with other AAUW members, attended the Minnesota Women’s Consortium “Celebration 34” honoring organizations and individuals who advanced equity and justice for women in Minnesota. Also in January, we participated in the Minnesota Women’s Economic Security Summit, hearing state legislators, community leaders and advocates discuss policies we need to remove economic barriers, especially for women. Highlights we look forward to in the coming months are the “Elect Her” event at the University of Minnesota and our sponsorship of “Girls Rock! the Capitol”. Both events focus on preparing young women to become more involved in government and to build confidence that they have much to offer as leaders, whether it is student governance or political offices later in life. The spring offers us opportunities to visit branches to celebrate special events. It is inspiring to experience firsthand the enthusiasm of branch members working toward fulfilling the AAUW mission.

Raising awareness and addressing the issues of human trafficking in Minnesota continues to be a focus and priority for AAUW Minnesota. In April 2012, state convention attendees adopted a resolution to join the “Minnesota Girls Are Not for Sale” campaign. Human trafficking statistics and stories continue to be in the news. This underscores the need for AAUW MN and branches throughout the state to continue to address this issue in Minnesota. Expect to hear more on human trafficking this spring with opportunities to take action.

Plan to join us at the 85th AAUW Minnesota State Convention on April 11-12. This is an abbreviated convention based upon the recommendations of a task force formed in 2012, after input from branches. The Minneapolis Branch and the Minnesota State Board have been diligently working to provide speakers and workshops that emphasize “The Art of Purposeful Living”. We look forward to hearing Ruth Bachman’s story of perseverance and determination, and of course we welcome the opportunity to hear our own AAUW Director of Research, Catherine Hill. Catherine will provide the Saturday keynote address and present workshops in the afternoon. Pam Thiel, AAUW Board Director, will provide us with AAUW national updates and answer your questions about AAUW initiatives. Attorney Susan Burke will be our LAF speaker. Ms. Burke was involved in spearheading nationwide lawsuits to reform the way that the American military prosecutes rape and sexual assaults. Many of you will recognize Ms. Burke’s work since it was highlighted in the documentary, *The Invisible War*. And we look forward to welcoming one of the plaintiffs supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Funds to our convention. Our members have traditionally given generously to LAF, and we always enjoy learning about LAF’s impact in the lives of recipients.

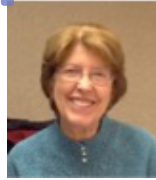
See you in April at Gale Mansion, the home of AAUW Minneapolis! The convention is a wonderful opportunity for first time or “seasoned” convention attendees to meet and share exciting ideas to implement our common mission: advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Teresa and Caroline



Mary Jo Dickinson & Carol Sheggeby

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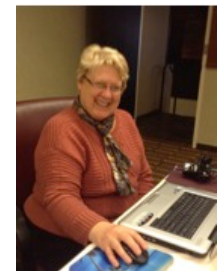
DECADE HISTORY

DON'T GET LOST TO HISTORY!

By Alice Laudon, Secretary/Historian

We are compiling our AAUW Minnesota Decade History for the decade of 2003 – 2013. We have asked each of our Minnesota branches to contribute a short paragraph of highlights, important events, or initiatives from those years. I have not heard from many of the branches as yet. If you have not sent a paragraph about your branch, I hope you will do so right away. The deadline has been extended to February 20, 2014!

Let's have all our branches represented!
Send your branch highlights to Alice—
ajlaudon@q.com



**AAUW MINNESOTA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2014**

February 2014

- 1 Deadline for NCCWSL Applications to State
- 15 Convention Mailing to Branch Presidents, Past State Presidents, C/U Reps, Committee Chairs, and State Board
- 15 Credential's Chair Notifies Branches of Number of Delegates
- 15 President's Mailing to Branches

March 2014

- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 15-Month Dues Accepted for New Members
- 15 Deadline for Applications for Young Women for Equity Award

April 2014

- 8 Equal Pay Day
- 10 NCCWSL Early Registration Deadline
- 11 State Board Meeting
- 11-12 State Convention in Minneapolis

May 2014

- 15 Pine Deadline

June 2014

- 5-7 NCCWSL 2014
- 30 Deadline for Branch Officers to State and National

INCOME

Dues	\$17,000.00
State Convention Profit	\$ 2,000.00
Return Host Advance	\$ 1,000.00
Interest/Dividend Income	\$ 200.00
Over Payment Going to College & Other	
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,200.00

EXPENSES

10 Association Convention	\$ 2,000.00
<u>State Convention</u>	
21 Host Branch Advance	\$ 1,000.00
22 Pre-Planning Expenses	\$ 100.00
23 Board Expenses	\$ 1,900.00
24 Program/Leader on Loan	\$ 400.00
25 Program Development	\$ 500.00
26 Parliamentarian	\$ 400.00
27 Award Recipient cost/Gifts	\$ 500.00
State Convention Total	\$ 4,800.00

Board of Directors

40A Mileage	\$ 1,700.00
40B Meals	\$ 1,500.00
40C Lodging/Meeting Room	\$ 1,700.00
43 Financial Records Review	\$ 350.00
44 Crime Policy	
45 State Leader on Loan	\$ 400.00
46 President's Fund	\$ 150.00
47 Finance Committee	\$ 50.00
48 Web Site	\$ 150.00
Total Board of Directors	\$ 6,000.00

Administration

50 Postage	\$ 300.00
51 Copying/Printing	\$ 400.00
52 Phone	\$ 15.00
53 Supplies	\$ 225.00
54 Assumed Named Certificate	\$ 147.30
55 AAUW Funds Fundraising	\$ 100.00
Administration Total	\$ 1,187.30

Other Expenses

60 Minnesota Pine	\$ 3,800.00
70 Coalitions	\$ 1,000.00
75 Donation to AAUW Funds	\$ 300.00
80 Visibility/Marketing	\$ 500.00
90 Board to Branch Connection	\$ 50.00
100 Special Events, Board Approved	\$ 100.00
110 Public Policy, Activities Only	\$ 150.00
120 College/University (C/U) Development	\$ 100.00
130 Nominating Committee	\$ 25.00
150 Resolutions Committee	\$ 25.00
600 NCCWSL Scholarship	
800 Leadership Training Institute (NCCWSL)	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses Total	\$11,050.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$25,037.30**

NET **(\$4,837.30)**

By Roger Sween, Nominating Committee Chair

Peg Lonquist, Minneapolis Branch—V.P. Membership, 2014-2016



Since 2011, Peg Lonquist has been the University of Minnesota Representative to AAUW. Through her office, she has been affiliated with the NCCWSL committee, 2009-2012, and co-sponsor of Elect Her at the U of M.

In 2007, Peg became Director of the Women's Center/Office for Equity and Diversity at the University of Minnesota. She has a history of school teaching, 1976-1980, and service to girls and women. Early work was also in Spanish and Ibero-American studies. Later studies and employment featured learning opportunities and women's leadership. Her Ph.D. (1995, UM) is in Educational Policy and Administration with a Feminist Studies Minor. Community activities include the Girl Scouts, YWCA, and leadership programs. She is currently a mentor for a Housing/Residential Life program.

Janice Paulsen, Minneapolis Branch—V.P. AAUW Funds, 2014-2016



Jan has already served 2 years as Minnesota AAUW Funds VP. She is well organized and knows the fund categories. She has been an active leader in her branch serving as Legal Advocacy Chair 2 years, VP for Membership 2 years, and AAUW Funds Chair 3½ years. She is currently Vice President for Minneapolis Branch's evening meetings.

Jan has a B.A. from Hamline University and is retired from the Robbinsdale School District. She taught fifth and sixth graders for 35 years. When she retired, she switched from working with children to serving senior adults. In her community, she is President of Pilgrim Guild, a seniors' church group, and President of Leisure Age, the Robbinsdale senior center. She is National Rep for Multiple Connections, a support group for mothers of multiple birth children. She is also a member of Players in the Groove, who give plays for senior groups and residences.

Teresa K. Sagen, Ely Branch—Nominating Committee, 2014 for 2015 positions



Teresa is both passionate about AAUW and knowledgeable, currently serving as a state president of AAUW Minnesota. She also has experience from university and state consultant work on search committees for faculty and staff positions. On the Ely Branch Board, she served as VP Program and Public Policy as well as President, 2008-2012. She also served on the state's Mission in Motion Committee and a past Nominating Committee.

Teresa taught several years of high school and community college English. Her Ed.D. in Special Education and Research is from the University of Alabama. She taught at the University of Iowa in Special Education, and from 1990-1998 was an educational consultant for the State of Iowa. Her community activities have included local organizations such as the Friends of the Library, EMPOWER concerning women's issues, and WICOLA dealing with lakes and water quality. She reviews grant applications for the Ely Area Community Foundation.

Lisa West, Hastings Branch—Secretary, 2014-2016



Lisa West began as secretary in the Hastings Branch shortly after joining. In a short time, she established a record for complete and accurate minutes. She learned her skills in numerous work committee meetings, facilitating and taking notes to keep track of decisions. Currently, Lisa is the Senior Project Manager for land conservation in Dakota County. She specializes in acquiring permanent farmland, natural area and shoreland conservation easements, as well as parkland acquisitions. Including prior positions, she has spent over 23 years in government service. Locally, she has volunteered on the Hastings Comprehensive Plan Committee, on county solid waste and other issue committees, and on the Hastings Arts Council.

Her career began with a B.S., majoring in Geography, at UW-Eau Claire, where her daughter is now a student and swimmer. While a UWEC student herself, Lisa was an All-American (swimming and academic) and captain of the swim team, which in 1983 won the first national championship (male or female sport) Eau Claire had ever received.

Positions are still open! We need members to serve on the next Nominating Committee, 2014, for 2015 positions. This is an excellent and short-term way to extend your AAUW experience for a statewide benefit. For more information, contact Roger Sween rdsk@comcast.net or (651) 528-7454.

AAUW Campus Leadership Programs



Sharon Bigot, AAUW MN President Elect

Most of you are familiar with NCCWSL, AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which unites college women across the country by bringing them together to discuss important leadership issues of the day. Our AAUW Minnesota and some of our AAUW Minnesota branches offer scholarships for this program.

If your Branch is located in or near a town with a college or university, you should consider another AAUW Campus Leadership Program: **Elect Her—Campus Women Win**, which encourages and trains college women to run for student government on their campuses with the hope that this experience will encourage them to run for political office after graduation. The University of

Minnesota, Minneapolis, is hosting their second session of Elect Her. This year's program will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Peg Lonquist, University Representative to AAUW and Director of the Women's Center/Office for Equity and Diversity, University of Minnesota, is the Elect Her campus administrator. Teaona Hasbrouck is the student liaison and Sharon Bigot, AAUW Minneapolis, is the AAUW liaison. The training is 4.5 hours and covers skills such as how to mobilize a constituency, how to craft your message and how to speak confidently and present yourself as a candidate. Outside experts along with current and former student government officials speak to participants about their experiences and what they have learned from running for office. The Outside expert and facilitator coming to this year's Elect Her is Tasha Cole, who currently works as the Vice President of Resource Development for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Tasha has a communications background, which she has used to advantage to develop a career in politics and fundraising. She is on the Board of Directors of Running Start, a national organization whose mission and vision is to engage young women in politics. Elect Her comes from a collaboration of AAUW and Running Start. AAUW Minneapolis is again supplying volunteers to help setup and to greet and register participants. They will also staff an AAUW information table. The day runs from 9:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m. and includes lunch, networking opportunities, lots of chances for discussion and asking questions. Note: There is no cost to the college or university or AAUW branch for this training. Check out leadership@aauw.org for further information.

■ PINKY PROMISES TO STOP BULLYING

What's more powerful than a pinky promise? Just ask Troop 43000, a group of Girl Scout Juniors who recently earned their *Agent of Change Junior Journey Award* through their efforts to stop the bullying at their schools.

The Agent of Change Journey focuses on power—the power of “me,” “team” and “community.” The girls used *their* power to plan and host an anti-bullying event for fourth grade girls. The event informed participants of the different forms of bullying youth can experience and its negative effects.

Girls sported blue nail polish on their pinky fingernails as a symbol of the anti-bullying cause. Each girl completed her pledge to not bully by placing her pinky fingerprint on the troop's poster, which read, “Pinky Promise to Stop Bullying.”

The troop spread the anti-bullying message to their schools by handing out bracelets with the phrase, “Be a buddy, not a bully!” They also encouraged their classmates to take the pledge to stop bullying and continued to share their message with their Girl Scout service unit and families during a local event called the Powder Puff Derby.

“The girls are very proud of the work they have done,” explains troop leader Stacy Hutchison, “but [they] know that it takes everyone—students, parents, teachers and the community working together to stop bullying.”

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Regards,

Steve Sanders

Development Officer

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Welcome AAUW MINNESOTA

Webmaster

We welcome Mary Myers of the Willmar Branch as our new AAUW Minnesota Webmaster. The website will continue to be managed by Site-Resources, with Mary serving as the contact person and the primary person for determining content for the website. For branches that have their own website, there will continue to be a link on the AAUW MN website. Branches that do not have a website should send information to Mary and that information will be added for your branch under "Branches". It is important to keep this information current for potential members. Please visit the AAUW MN website (www.aauwmn.net) regularly for AAUW MN information and updates. Send your ideas for the website, branch information or questions to Mary Myers, 320-589-7116, gjerness@gmail.com

*Our thanks to Mary for volunteering
for this very important job!*

Half Year Membership for Half Price!

This is a good time for recruiting new members. A new member who joins now can find out first hand all the benefits of being an AAUW member, at half price. They only pay \$24.50 for AAUW national dues and \$4.50 for AAUW Minnesota dues. Membership expires on June 30, the same as a full year membership. Tell your friends and acquaintances about AAUW and urge them to take advantage of this opportunity to join at half price!



Mission Statement

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

AAUW Value Promise

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

Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Diversity Statement

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.



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