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**President's Pen*****Congratulations...***

We have a new Board for fiscal year 2017-18! At our May 4th meeting at Gregorio's our Board members were unanimously voted in as follows:

President: Dianne Mero
VP: Janine Greenwood
VP-Program: Judy Skirbunt
VP-Membership: Ilene Banker
Secretary: Sharon Gilman

Ruth Ruttenberg, our current Treasurer, will continue for the second year of her current term.

Please look for ways to support these volunteers by helping out on various committees and/or by your participation in branch efforts. In particular, there is a tremendous opportunity to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee that will be formed to concentrate on our 50th Anniversary in 2019. Can you believe that the branch started with 16 members in 1969? And today we have 93. Look for more information in the coming months.

On a personal note, many if not of all of members already know that my husband and I are moving to Arizona on June 1 of this year. Although my term does not officially end until June 30, please know that I am fully committed to ensuring a smooth transition to the new Board. It has been the most wonderful experience to be involved on many levels in this fully engaged branch beginning with my being a mentor at Forest Edge Elementary in 2004. I have made many friends that I know will be life-long friends in spite of my geographical distance. I have one more newsletter to publish so no more sentiment until June.

God Bless.

Annual Dues...

Our fiscal year ends on June 30 and that means that annual dues (\$79 of which \$46 is tax deductible) are payable as of July 1. You may either renew on the AAUW website www.aauw.org or mail a check payable to AAUW Reston-Herndon Area Branch to:



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Ruth Rутtenberg, Treasurer
1767 Wainwright Dr., Reston, VA 20190.

As you have recently been advised by National there is a proposed increase in National Dues (from \$49 to \$59 annually in 2018). Our current state and branch dues add \$30 to the National Dues.

Caroline Pickens, our Northern District Rep, requested information that supported the rationale for the increase. The information is a bit lengthy but it is powerful information that provides an impactful overview of what National is doing to support the AAUW mission of empowering women and girls. Please read on!

Per Caroline:

“The response below from Lisa Maatz, National VP Public Policy, highlights the impact made by our national Public Policy staff. I think that sometimes we don't take into account the value of excellent staff work and how that magnifies AAUW's mission and voice. Add to this other departments such as Fellowships and Grants that staff administers and its huge impact on women's education in the U.S. and abroad, plus AAUW's research that is published to acclaim and that underpins branch projects on the equal pay, STEM, etc. FYI, dues income accounts for only about 27% of total income.”

Government Relations Metrics 2017 YTD (January 1 – April 24)

Federal

- AAUW Public Policy staff currently monitoring 34 different bills in the 115th Congress and conducted 795 different interactions with Capitol Hill between January 1, 2017 and April 28, 2017. Of these interactions, AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps conducted almost 650 visits to Congressional offices compared to over 400 in the same time period in 2016.
- AAUW was mentioned in 1st floor statement from a Member of Congress and in 9 Dear Colleague Letters from Members of Congress. AAUW was mentioned in 11 press releases from a Member of Congress.
- AAUW joined 52 sign-on letters with coalition partners (an almost 3-fold increase over this same time period last year).
- AAUW authored 14 letters. About half of these letters were sent to the House, 43 percent were sent to the Senate, and 7 percent were sent to the Trump Administration.
- Highlights:
 - AAUW spoke at Equal Pay Day press conference with Sen. Patty Murray, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Rep. Steny Hoyer, Rep. Bobby Scott, Rep. Lois Frankel, Rep. Brenda Lawrence, Rep. Nanette Barragan, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Rep. Alma Adams, Rep. Barbara Lee, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, and Rep. Bill Foster.
 - AAUW joined Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Ann Kuster, Sen. Kamala D. Harris, Rep. Gwen Moore, Sen. Maggie Hassan, Rep. Tom Reed, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Futures Without Violence, Girls Inc., RAINN, American School



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Counselor Association, SafeBae, YWCA USA, and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence in hosting a Congressional reception focused on policies to prevent sexual assault and harassment in middle and high schools.

State

- AAUW Public Policy staff currently monitoring 1,480 different bills in the 2017 state legislative sessions. Bills are being monitored in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Thus far, 11 positive bills that AAUW Public Policy staff and members worked on have passed, and 2 bills that threatened AAUW public policy priorities were vetoed, in addition to several others that were blocked before reaching the governors' desks.
- AAUW received 57 requests to vet state legislation from members via the state legislative request intake form, and at least an additional 42 requests directly from members for assistance with analyzing legislation, drafting talking points, or crafting testimony.
- AAUW Public Policy staff received 15 requests from state legislators or legislative staff in the states. Of those requests, 6 were to draft bills or amendments, and 5 were requests to provide testimony.
- Highlights:
 - AAUW attended a roundtable discussion in New York City on salary history prohibitions to encourage passage of a city bill on the issue. Staff previously provided testimony on the bill in December. Other roundtable participants included Chelsea Clinton, NYC Public Advocate Letitia James (the organizer), and AAUW-NY immediate past president Edwina Martin. Staff provided Chelsea Clinton with a copy of the Simple Truth, discussed our state work, and promoted Work Smart and Start Smart.
 - AAUW members are working diligently across the country to pass strong equal pay legislation. Puerto Rico, Philadelphia, and New York City (bill will be signed next week) have passed laws to help close the gender pay gap. Colorado also passed a bill that is awaiting gubernatorial signature. Overall, bills have been introduced in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia in 2017.

Field Metrics 2017 YTD (January 1 – April 24)

*Website Blog: [Look What AAUW Action Network Accomplished in 2016](#)

- AAUW members and supporters have received 29 federal Action Network emails this year. These alerts enable AAUW advocates to take action when their federal advocacy is needed most.



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- AAUW members and supporters have received 49 state Action Network emails this year. Co-authored by AAUW state leaders, these alerts call on AAUW advocates to take action on pressing state legislative priorities.
- In result of AAUW's Action Networks, AAUW members and supporters have sent 63,972 messages to federal and state legislators this year.
 - The Action Network has seen record growth in 2017, with more individuals joining the list already this calendar year than in all of 2016 combined.
 - In addition, AAUW members can sign up to receive *Washington Update* each Friday that Congress is in session. And *AAUW In the Statehouse* once monthly. *Washington Update* offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest public policy news, advocate resources, programming ideas, and updates from the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department. *AAUW in the Statehouse* provides updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy, and insider information from the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department about good and bad bills in the states.

What I can say but WOW!!!

Now for more local updates...

Branch Name Tags...

As a reminder, laminated name tags are available on the AAUW website. I highly recommend that each member order one and wear it to every branch event. We are fortunate to have 17 new members this past year so the name tag is a great way to introduce you to an unfamiliar face and make them feel welcome.

<http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=1576&itm=131042>

Upcoming Branch Events...

Saturday, May 20, 10:00am – Noon, Joint Meeting with the Giving Circle of HOPE
"Becoming an Informed Philanthropist: How to Evaluate a Non-Profit Organization's Stability and Health." Location: Refractions at Reston Town Center.

Please register your intention to attend by accessing this link

<https://www.meetup.com/Giving-Circle-of-HOPE/events/239193144/>

The program will be a panel-format, with each panelist speaking 20-25 minutes and a Q/A session at the end. IT is expected that there will be 3-4 speakers two of whom are:



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- Paul Evans - Paul was AFAC's treasurer a few years ago and has worked with several other nonprofit organizations. He has a knack for explaining financials in real terms to real people.
- Todd Ihrig- Todd is a well-known Arlington community member and adviser. He will discuss his "Give A Plan" model:
<http://www.investwithaplan.com/p/give-with-a-plan>
- Due to unforeseen work related demands, our speaker for our May meeting had to cancel but the good news is that Allison Hamlin will reschedule for a later date.

June 14-17 – AAUW National Convention – Washington, DC – Go to www.aauw.org and click on the heading "Convention". The next page will have information about registration, agenda, speakers, etc.

Interesting AAUW Factoids...to pass along to your daughters, granddaughter and SONS!

1887 Susanna Salter first woman mayor (Argonia, KS)

1892 Laura Eisenhuth first woman to win a statewide election (ND-Superintendent of Public Education).

1896 Martha Hughes Cannon first woman elected State Senator (Utah).

1917 Jeannette Rankin first woman elected to Congress (MT).

1922 Soledad Charon first Latina elected to statewide office (NM Secy of State).

1925 Cora Reynolds Anderson first Native American woman elected to a state legislature (MI).

1925 Nellie Taylor Ross first woman governor (WY).

1928 Minnie Buckingham Harper first African American woman in a state legislature (appointed, WV).

1933 Minnie Craig first woman Speaker of the House in a state (ND).

1933 Frances Perkins first woman cabinet member (Secy of Labor).

1938 Crystal Bird Fauset first African American woman elected to a state legislature (PA).

1955 Consuelo Bailey first woman Lt. Governor of any state (VT).

1965 Lorna Lockwood first woman Chief Justice of a state supreme court (AZ).

1965 Patsy Mink first woman of color and first Asian American woman elected to Congress (HI) (and an AAUW member who co-sponsored Title IX bill).



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1968 Shirley Chisholm first African American woman elected to Congress (NY).

1978 Nancy Kassebaum first woman elected to a full term in the U.S. Senate in her own right (KS).

1981 Sandra Day O'Connor first woman appointed to the Supreme Court.

1984 Arlene Violet first woman elected state Attorney General (RI).

1984 Geraldine Ferraro first woman Vice Presidential candidate of a major political party.

1985 Wilma Mankiller first woman elected Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

2016 Hillary Clinton first woman Presidential candidate of a major political party.

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