

American Association of University Women Mission Statement:
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Hilton Head Island Branch AAUW Newsletter



Branch Meeting:

Date: Sat. 9/11/10

Time: 10:00 am

coffee/cakes/ followed by
Meeting and speaker

Place: Seabrook

300 Woodhaven Drive
HH Island (off Pope Ave.)

Program:

NANCY WILLIAMS

Literacy Volunteers of the
Low Country

This is our first opportunity to catch up with friends and find out what will be happening in our branch, the state and the association this year.

An Important Message From Sandy Stern Membership VP:

If you haven't already renewed your AAUW Membership for 2010-2011 now is the time! You won't want to miss another year of intellectually stimulating programs and fun with your AAUW friends, so please complete the membership form in this newsletter and mail it with your dues check to my attention, TODAY!

The national dues are \$49 (and are tax deductible): state dues are \$10 and HHI Branch \$11 for a dues total of \$70. Call me at 843-342-4834 if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in September.

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!
We Need You!**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO- PRESIDENTS Pat Batten and Mary Lou Hiatt

Dear Fellow Members:

Summer seems to have flown by and now it is time to start on fall activities. Pat and I are looking forward to serving you but ask, in return, that you help us have a smooth year. We would like everyone to feel part of AAUW and get to know the other members. We need help in certain areas. There is no position open that requires a great deal of time and we need your talents for getting things done. When you read about these openings, please be positive and volunteer.

The first TRIPS & TREKS takes place on **September 30**, and is being organized by Pat Batten. We will be going to the Red Piano Too Art Gallery on **St. Helena Island**. This should be a fun trip. You may have a place in mind you would like to share with the membership. It would be such an interesting year if different members volunteered to organize a jaunt.

Another position open is **HOSPITALITY**. It entails asking for members to bring fruit or coffeecakes. Coffee and the set ups are provided by the Seabrook. We only need help with four meetings. Our first meeting goodies will be provided by **Kathleen Boggs** and **Katherine Rieth**.

Priscilla Dement has agreed to be our **GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**. If you know of any situation where a card is warranted or about which we should be advised,, please contact Priscilla @843-681-3202.

Our 1st meeting will be on Sat. Sept.11 at 10:00 am at the Seabrook. On October 12 we will join with the **LWV** for an evening "**Candidate Forum**" at the HH High School.

Please put down March 5, 2011 on your calendars for the SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER. Also be thinking about whom you can bring to join in the fun and also what items you can get for our silent auction and raffle. Attendance was down last year so we really need your help in building it up again. We are trying to make sure we have the money to give good scholarships and this is our only fundraiser.

Co-Presidents message...continued

HOSPITALITY:

The Hospitality committee would greatly appreciate volunteers for the next three AAUW meetings to bring coffee- cake and or fruit for members to enjoy with their coffee or tea during the hospitality period of our Saturday meetings at 10:00 a.m Thank you.

Please volunteer by Contacting MaryLou Hiatt or Pat Batten.

The next HHAUW Saturday meeting dates are:

October 12: HH High School (with LVW) Evening program .. **“Candidate Forum”**.

Nov. 6: Seabrook Program TBA

Dec. 8 (Wednesday) Luncheon with LVW with speaker.

January 8: Seabrook **CINDA SEAMON:** HH Fire Department.

Feb. 5: Seabrook **KAREN DAUGHTIE** “Memory Matters”

March 5: FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON FUND RAISER at the HILTON HEAD COUNTRY CLUB.

By the way, I hope you noticed that two of our members were written up in August. **Dorothy Anderson** was in “**PINK**” magazine for all the things she has done in education and literacy programs and **Sandy Stern** was in the “**ISLAND PACKET**” for wanting to establish a cancer survivors’ park.

Pat B. and I are looking forward to seeing you in September. Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or questions. I have a suggestion – feel free to bring a guest to our Saturday meetings. Thank you for any talents you are willing to share. That is what makes a vibrant organization.

From the Board:

We passed a resolution in support of the work of the Avid Gardeners of Hilton Head Plantation for their “ Plant it Pink” Garden. The garden is being planted on the grounds of Hilton Head Hospital. Watch for the grand opening ceremony on September 14. This is a project sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the NGC. Remember to wear pink in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

DOROTHY ANDERSON’S JEWELRY EXCHANGE

Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry will be the beneficiaries of this unique exchange operated by our member and former branch president, Dorothy Anderson.

Please bring the jewelry that you no longer wear to our **general meetings** where it will be sold and the proceeds will be donated to the literacy organization.

AAUW WOMEN WRITERS’ BOOK GROUP

Come join our book group. We meet at the **SEABROOK at 1:30 p.m.** on the following **Mondays:** **Pat Batten** is chairperson. If you are not on the “e-mail reminder” list for this group please contact Pat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book/Author</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
09/27	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot	G. Denton
10/25	The Women’s by Marilyn French	F. Hodges
11/15	The Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks	J. L. Witt
Jan. 24, 2011	Wednesday Sisters By Meg Clayton	A. Olenchuk

No Meeting in December

PUBLIC POLICY: Pat Batten Chair ptbatten@aol.com

We have several upcoming events at the state as well as local level this year. Don’t forget to watch for information about our local elections. The local

April 2: Seabrook
Program TBA

May 7: FINAL MEETING
LUNCHEON/ with speaker:
**LT. GENERAL CLAUDIA
KENNEDY** (ret'd)

AAUW – STATE:

Bev James, a member of the HH AAUW Branch, has been our State President for the past 4 years! She's done a terrific job and will be missed. **Pat Batten** is our incoming State President. **Gisele Denton** is a member of the State Nominating Committee. Hilton Head seems to be the branch to join!!

The State Board is looking for volunteers for several key positions. If interested, please contact Pat at ptbatten@aol.com or Gisele at giseled@msn.com. The State Calendar is in this newsletter.

IN MEMORIUM:

HHAAUW branch members are saddened to have heard of the passing of our long time active member, **Edythe Scott** this past June. She was 92.

Edie, as we affectionately called her was active in the scholarship program and a super participant in all the activities of our branch.

We will miss her cheerful smile, her blue eyes, and her charming Southern Hospitality.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will be hosting a "Candidate Forum" on October 12 at the Hilton Head High school. We will also be working with the state **LWV** to partner in a Judicial Diversity Conference on October 8 in Charleston. More information will be available about this at our September 11th meeting. If interested and cannot attend, contact me.

Our **Legislative Advocacy Day** will again take place in February. Thus far the date has not been set, but will be either Feb. 22 or Feb. 23. Our emphasis this year will be on meeting with our legislators. Education will be the main focus and our partners in this are the **LWV** and the **SC School Improvement Council**.

We will be working with them to host 3 advocacy workshops throughout the state to "teach everyone how to advocate effectively". More information will again be available at our September meeting.

WHAT RESOURCES DO WE OFFER FOR YOUR VOTER ED & TURNOUT ACTIVITIES? National AAUW'S "**WOMAN TO WOMAN VOTER TURNOUT**" **MANUAL** provides step-by-step instructions for turning out the vote, conducting ballot issue and candidate forums, producing voter guides and candidate voting records, etc. Download at: http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/WomanWoman.cfm. AAUW'S Congressional Voting Guides show you how incumbents voted on key equity issues. You can find them on line at <http://aauwaction.org/VoterEd/cvr.htm>.

NEW BOOK BY NATIONAL LAF PROGRAM MANAGER.

Whistling, catcalls, sexist or sexually explicit comments, stalking and groping – these experiences and the fear of them prevent women from having the same access to public spaces men enjoy.

Do you want to learn more about this issue and take action to ensure that girls and women have equal access to public spaces?

Use your Barnes & Noble.com discount to preorder or purchase "**Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women**", (Available Aug. 30). LAF Program Manager **Holly Kearnl's** new book about this long-standing problem and what we can do to stop it. The book has already received attention in issues of **Ms.**, on AOL.com and in publications in New Zealand, Turkey, and Canada.

Maybe we can invite **Kearnl** to speak at one of our branch meetings or book group about street harassment.

TRIPS & TREKS: Pat Batten contact: ptbatten@aol.com

Our first venture this year will be on **Sept. 30**. We'll go to **THE RED PIANO TOO GALLERY in St. Helena's**. this is a low country/Gullah gallery and has interesting pieces. Nearby are several interesting gift shops for us to visit. We will then have

lunch at **BARBARA JEANS'**. Sign up at our first meeting or contact Pat Batten.

SOUTH CAROLINA AAUW CALENDAR
2010 - 2011

August 7, 2010 Summer Board Meeting-Conf Call

August 25 Deadline FOR "PALMETTO

**YOUR HAAUW BOARD
OF DIRECTORS FOR
2010-2011:**

Co-Presidents:

Pat Batten
Mary Lou Hiatt

Co-Program V-P's:

Mary Ellen Harkins
Lois Schuhrke

Membership V-P:

Sandy Stern

Treasurer:

Pat Pollak

Public Policy:

Pat Batten

Communications:

Kathleen Boggs

Newsletter Editor:

Gisele Denton

Fashion Show Chairperson:

Gigi Harris

Goodwill Ambassador:

Priscilla Dement

Trips & Treks:

Members share this
Chairperson Needed

Book Group:

Pat Batten

Hospitality:

Volunteer Needed

**Board Meetings: All
At 1:30 in the board
Room of the Hilton Head
Country Club:**

August 17, 2010
November 2
January 11, 2011
February 1
April 5

LEAF" – Fall Issue

October 8	Judicial Forum, Charleston (with League of Women Voters)
December 1	Deadline 2011-12 State Budget Request
December 31	Deadline for AAUW Funds Contributions for 2010
January 4, 2011	Deadline for "PL"-Legislative Day Issue
January 15	State Board Meeting-Columbia: 11a-Noon
February 1	Membership Count Deadline for 22010-2011 Year
February 18	Deadline "PL" State Convention Issue
February 22 or 23	Legislative Day: Columbia
March 28	Deadline: Hotel Reserv: State Convention
April 29-30	Spring Convention: Rock Hill
June 1	Branch Officer information submitted To AAUW and state president
June 17-19	AAUW NAT'L CONVENTION: Wash., D.C.
July 1	Branch Dues Report – BDR- due
Date TBA: For Advocacy Workshops (Partnered with LWV and SC-SIC):	
October	– Charleston Area
November	– Columbia Area
December	– Greenville Area

(Note: Dates are Subject to Change).

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR MARCH FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON/SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISING EVENT CHAIRPERSON: GIGI HARRIS:

This is our only fund raiser for the year to raise money for our scholarship program.

Ladies, we need to enlist the assistance of every one in order to make this event a success.

It's not too early to start planning on attending the fashion show and please bring a guest or two.

Also keep in mind we need items for our Silent Auction..be it a gift certificate from your favorite hair dresser, restaurant or retailer or perhaps a re-gift of an item you received for Christmas that you may not need. All will go towards meeting our fund raising goals for this year.

We will also need volunteers for modeling.

Thank you for your assistance.



PHOTO OF OUR MODELS AT THE 2009 FASHION SHOW FUND RAISER:

(Left to Right). Dana Leal, Carol Cantanzarro, Sang Harris, Katherine Rieth, Jennie Culkin, Lisa Ehlen):



PHOTO OF OUR 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(Left to Right): Ly Nguyen, Lisa Ehlen, and Carol Weir



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dues are due July of each year. If you have not paid your dues for 2010-2011, please do so by mail to: Sandy Stern, Membership Chairperson: 2 Bayley Point Lane, Hilton Head Island, S. C. 29926...or give Sandy a check at the September 11th kick-off meeting. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ (Cell): _____ E-Mail: _____

COLLEGE (s) ATTENDED: _____

YEAR: _____ DEGREE(s): _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR A BOARD POSITION: Yes___ No___

COMMENTS: _____

Dues are \$70: of which \$49 is National, \$10 is State and \$11 is HHBranch (Note: \$49 is tax deductible).