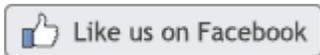




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Message from Your President from Carol Tempel



I don't have to tell you that with the 2016 Election and a start of your Fall Branch activities, it is a busy time. The results of the election and our work at home, will have real consequences for women across the country. AAUW exists to make sure women's voices are heard and women's votes count

Your state board met to set up a calendar, support existing branches, identify important public policy issues, make plans to build new branches, and initiate activities that are important to girls and women.

So please:

- 1) Get involved in the upcoming election by registering voters, planning/attending forums, and voting on November 8.
- 2) Make a donation to SC-AAUW so that we can increase our support for young women at leadership conferences, host meaningful workshops for our members, and support STEM education for younger women. [DONATE here.](#)
- 3) As you plan for the year, focus on mission-based programs to build your membership and accomplish the AAUW mission. [CLICK here for ideas.](#)

The work we are doing in our communities is important to girls and women. This newsletter is full of great information. Just read

**Election Day is
November 8.**

[Click here for on-line
registration.](#)

**October 8 is the last
day to register to vote
in the
General Election.**



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Information and
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through this edition of the *Palmetto Leaf* and you'll see what I mean.

2016 is an exciting year to continue to bring our mission into action in South Carolina.

Introducing our State Board



[Ann Terry, Palmetto Leaf and Past President](#)



[Hillary Hutchinson, Member Support](#)

[Jan Halderman, Member Support](#)



[Ellie Setser, Public Policy](#)

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Its New...
[Young Women in SC](#)



[Becky Bailey, Public Policy](#)



[Lori Christopher Glenn, Communications](#)

Let's connect with each other to share ideas and support our AAUW mission.

Update on Advocacy Issues
from Ellie Setser and Becky Bailey, Public Policy Co-Chairs

During a recent phone conversation with Katie Simon from AAUW Public Policy in Washington we had a discussion about how we reach members to activate contact with legislators. I told her the story of how a student from the College of Charleston designed a four step process so that we can e-mail legislators to advocate for issues of interest to SC AAUW members.

South Carolina has one of best websites for state government that I have seen. Check it out. You can find almost any kind of information you need about our state government and contact government officials to solve problems, register complaints and maybe even send a thank you note. The address is very simple: www.sc.gov. You will see a picture of our governor, and a directory for your convenience.

Please voice your opinion by telephone, letter or e-mail using the following:

- Step 1. <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>
- Step 2. Type in you address and click "find legislators".
- Step 3. Click on the Legislator's name
- Step 4. Click on the link: "Send message to Representative or :

Branch Facebook Pages

- [AAUW Action Fund](#)
- [Beaufort Branch](#)
- [Charleston Branch](#)
- [Greater Columbia Branch](#)
- [Greenville Branch](#)
- [Rock Hill Branch](#)
- [SC AAUW](#)

Branch Websites

- [Aiken](#)
- [Beaufort](#)
- [Charleston](#)
- [Denmark](#)
- [Due West](#)
- [Gaffney](#)
- [Greater Columbia](#)
- [Greenville](#)
- [Hilton Head](#)
- [Newberry](#)
- [Rock Hill](#)

**branches in green have web sites.*

**Plan NOW to Attend
Your
SC State Convention
Saturday, March 25,
2017**

State Leadership Opportunities

Let us know your interests and talents

Send message to Senator

It is as easy as 1,2,3,4.

AAUW is working on a universal system for contacting legislators using "salsa" and to date it seems very much more complicated than the one we have in South Carolina. So during the year when issues arise you may receive an e-mail from us or your branch advocacy chair or president asking you to send a message. Please do respond and use the system for items of interest to your local branch especially in conjunction with your programs.

We have cards available for your Branch members with this information on it. These information cards are great to keep close to your computer and are available from me at rhsetser@aol.com. You will want to make sure your Branch members have a ready supply when the South Carolina Legislature begins its session in January.

The upcoming election is very important and as AAUW members we want to be sure to **GET OUT THE VOTE!** If you are looking for some inspiration you will want to check out the AAUW website for voter guides that include side by side comparisons of where the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates stand on issues of importance to women.

Though there are no guides at present for any of the South Carolina races, this could be a grand opportunity for branches to look at their local races and design voter guides of their own! Just click on the Action Fund Tab at www.aauw.org and look for the guides.

We would also urge all of you to participate in the Title IX delivery project. Each public school entity is required to have a Title IX coordinator and you can have a huge impact by downloading the guidelines from our website and delivering them personally to your school district's coordinators. Some of them have no idea what they are supposed to do and I would suggest you go over a few items with the coordinator to be sure they understand what they are supposed to do.

**Start Thinking About Nominating a Student for the
SC-AAUW
NCCWSL Scholarship.
Branches can support a
student as well.**

AAUW of SC will provide a scholarship for a student in a SC partner

Proud of our AAUW
women and activities

News for Young Women

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**YOUNGER WOMEN'S
TASK FORCE**
powered by AAUW

Does your branch have members in their 20s and 30s? "Like" our new SC page for Young Women

Encourage your younger members to sign up for the AAUW **Younger Women's Task Force newsletter** to learn about opportunities that are tailored to young working professionals, like professional development webinars.

[Click Here.](#)



**SC AAUW
College and University
Partners**

Benedict College

college/university to attend AAUW's National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June. The scholarship covers registration, lodging, food and travel. Nominations can be made by any branch. Young women in our database will be encouraged to apply and seek out your branch's nomination. Nominees must be student leaders who will return to college after the conference. Applications will be due on March 1, 2017.

PS:

Please encourage the "free" **e-Student Affiliation Membership** to all women students at our South Carolina College/University Partner schools. https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/join_esaf_member.asp. In addition graduating students are eligible for one year's free national membership.

- Claffin University
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- Columbia College
- Erskine College
- Furman University
- Limestone College
- Medical University of SC
- Presbyterian College
- The Citadel
- Sherman College of Chiropractic Medicine
- University of SC Aiken
- University of SC Columbia
- University of SC Upstate
- Winthrop University

[Link to all AAUW Partner Schools](#)



Join one of our
Branches in
SC.

[Click Here for
Information on Who Can
Join AAUW.](#)

REGISTER TO
★ VOTE ★ [HERE](#)

Reflection

What are your thoughts about what's next for you after Erskine? Did the conference experience give you some ideas about what you might do?

Originally, I figured I would go to graduate school and then find a job that I enjoyed in the field of psychology - most likely forensics. But after going to the

Reflection

Did you learn anything about leadership that might serve you well as you begin your final year as a college student?

A lot of what I gained from the conference helped strengthen my prior beliefs about leadership. Leadership is comprised of a goal and is driven by motivation to attain such a goal. Although leadership is often assumed as a one-person job, I believe it's a team effort. Without multiple individuals

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to Register to
Vote on-line
in
South Carolina



conference and meeting so many fantastic women, I was inspired to do more. I still want to go to graduate school and get a degree in forensic psychology, but I realized that there's so much more out there. I want to travel. I want to implement change. I want to impact people. I want to do so much more for the world than just find a career. I want to touch the lives of young women and men, and help inspire them to make the world a better place.

working to achieve the goal in mind, it's just an idea. I would like to believe that one person can change the world; but overall, my experience has taught me that working as a team gets the job done. I want to be that person that people can depend on to be fair and to help make our campus an amazing place to be. I want people to be able to come to me without fear of judgment or criticism or bias. I think that's a key part of leadership and equality.



**Angie Schoonoverer
Erskine College**

NCWSSL Conference Experience,
2016

Communication Matters

*from Lori Christopher Glenn, State
Communications Chair*

New people who want to connect with an AAUW Branch in your area use the website as one of their first places to find you. Keeping your AAUW website current let's others know you are a viable organization.

I can help you setup and get started with your "free" website.

It's very easy - just give me the information for the page and I will have our "webmaster" in DC post it. In most cases, it's up and running within 1 to 2 days! And can be continually updated just as easily.

A branch Facebook page is also a good idea.

Just contact me at: .

Lori@gersony.com

Membership Matters

*from Jan Haldeman and Hillary Hutchinson,
State Co-Chairs of Member Support*

As we begin 2016, we're excited to share information with you about the wonderful resources and opportunities that are available to help strengthen our branches and states.

This year we'll be focusing on AAUW's new Diversity and Inclusion Tool Kit, which provides a wealth of ideas and step-by-step exercises for growing membership. We also have companion webinars and a support team to help this resource reach a greater audience.

Encourage the undergraduates you know to learn about and become e-student at

<http://www.aauw.org/article/become-a-student-affiliate/> and they'll receive Campus Connections along with other great resources!

**Take Your Branch Programming to
the Next Level**

For Branches

How to Create a Strategic Plan for Your Branch
11 Leadership Essentials for Branch

Don't forget to utilize these other AAUW programming resources that will take your events on campus and in your community to the next level.

For Leaders

AAUW Diversity and Inclusion Tool Kit
Programs in a Box Directory
Mission-based Programming
Six Steps to Diverse, Engaging Programs
How to Design an Effective Planning Meeting
How to Secure Speakers for Free

Programming

For Student Organizations

How to Create Engaging Campus Programming
AAUW Student Organization Leaders Tool Kit
Make the Most of Your AAUW Student Organization Meetings

[CLICK HERE FOR LINKS TO ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS ON THE AAUW WEBSITE.](#)

Greenville Branch

by Carol Tempel

The Greenville Branch has existed in South Carolina for 97 years. This summer the branch met several times to re-energize and make plans for the coming year.

Thanks to the leadership of **Doris McLallen**, President/Administrator, **Vera Stang**, Finance, **Pat Borenstein**, Bylaws, and **Susan Thomas**, College/University Partnerships this branch is starting its new year with energy. Sometimes, branches have to take a new look at what they've been doing, decide what they can do differently, and reach out to the community for new members and ideas.

Already the Greenville Branch met with the Clemson President's Commission on Women along with two professors, Jennifer Ogle and Juli Pilcher.

Susan reports that a major learning she walked away with is that in today's society women/gender equity and equality matters and AAUW can help. AAUW has many programs and grants that can help.

[CLICK here for a quick summary of AAUW benefits to colleges and universities.](#)

Get More out of your Book Club

Does your branch have a book club, or are you interested in starting one?

Check out AAUW's newest "Program in a Box" to learn how you can start hosting the ¡Adelante! Book the Month Club with your branch. Have a recommendation for a book? Share your ideas with us for the next newsletter.

[Click Here for More Information.](#)

AAUW of SC Board adopts goals for year

As a new membership year begins, your state leadership team has set some ambitious goals for its work this year. These goals were adopted during the Board's summer conference call:

- encourage branches to plan mission based programs throughout the year.

- maintain state-wide communication and Palmetto Leaf newsletter via Constant Contact.
- establish new branches in Florence, Myrtle Beach, and Spartanburg.
- encourage state-wide membership according to the 2016 bylaws.
- initiate a state-wide fundraising campaign to support mission-based programs and professional development (e.g. Start Smart, Work Smart, Elect Her, STEM activities, and leadership scholarship).
- encourage/support websites and Facebook pages for every branch.
- encourage/support participation in the MPP financial services for every branch.
- encourage state leaders to visit branches and conference with their respective counterpart.
- link branches with college/university partners; encourage face to face meeting with the college representatives, share a packet of information, increase the number of *e-affiliate* memberships of young women, and gather emails of students and faculty.
- collaborate with state-wide organizations and higher education, and continue to work with United Methodist Women on annual advocacy day and other organizations with a similar mission.

AAUW of SC Calendar of Dates & Deadlines, 2016-17

This is the working calendar for activities and deadlines for 2014-2015. Please mark your calendar and stay involved. Branch presidents should make note of several special deadlines related to student nominations and financial reports.

[CLICK Here to print out a copy.](#)

October

30 Branches submit the 990 N exemption tax form
State Board Conference Call, if needed

November

8 National Election Day
12 State Board Conference Call

December

15 Deadline for 2017-18 State Budget Requests
31 Deadline for Submitting Contributions to AAUW Funds for 2016 count
State Board Conference Call, if needed

January

1 Half-Year Dues Accepted for New Members until 3/1
7 Begin promotion of Legislative Advocacy Day (February)
14 State Board Conference Call
16 Mass email regarding Advocacy Day details
TBD Branch President/Directors Conference Call with State Leaders

February

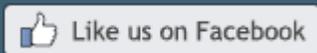
1 Official Membership Count Deadline
1 Palmetto Leaf Deadline
TBD Legislative Advocacy Day, Columbia
11 State Board Conference Call

March

1 Deadline for Branch nominations for state scholarship for NCWSSL
1 Deadline for Branches to submit Named Gift Honorees' information
15 Deadline to announce state NCCWSL Scholarship Nomination(s)

- 25 Annual Meeting - Columbia, 10:00 am-2:30 pm
State Board Conference Call, if needed
- April**
- 1 Deadline NCCWSL Early Bird Registration
- 4 Equal Pay Day 2017
State Board Conference Call, if needed
- May**
- Branch Elections of Officers
State Board Conference Call, if needed
- June**
- 1-4 NCCWSLConference
- 14-17 National AAUW Convention, Washington DC
- 30 Deadline to post 2017-18 State and Branch Officers
- 30 Deadline for 2017-2018 Dues
State Board Conference Call, if needed

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