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Message from Your President from Carol Tempel



We're already off to a busy year with advocacy on issues that impact women and girls. In the Winter 2017 edition of the *Outlook* it's apparent that AAUW's nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy are needed now more than ever.

Welcome all of our new members and subscribers to the *Palmetto Leaf*. It's through this state publication that we keep you informed and involved.

We are excited about our Annual State Meeting which features the interactive WORK SMART workshop. It teaches women how to negotiate their worth confidently in the job market. Members and women across are state are invited to participate. With the pay gap women experience in SC, it's time to empower women in the workplace.

I don't have to tell you that since the 2016 election, voter engagement is soaring and women are searching for organizations that involve them. Let's help others know that AAUW

Annual State Meeting

Saturday, March 25

Come experience the **WORK SMART** interactive workshop

[Click here for the registration form](#)

[Click here to PAY ON-LINE](#)

Please register by March 15.

This meeting is open to members and friends of AAUW.

exists to make sure women's voices are heard and women's votes count.

So please:

1) **Join us at our Annual State Meeting on Saturday, March 25. Plan to bring a team of at least three members from your branch. [Register NOW](#) and [Pay-On Line](#)**

2) Make a donation to SC-AAUW to increase our support leadership opportunities, host meaningful workshops and support STEM education for women and girls. [DONATE here](#).

3) As your branch plans for the remainder of the year, welcome and engage new members with programs and activities that accomplish our 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 through this edition of the *Palmetto Leaf* and you'll see what I mean.

AAUW of SC Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2017

9:30 - 3:00

Columbia College

1301 Columbia College Drive

[Join us and register by March 15](#)

The \$30 registration fee includes lunch and materials.

AAUW of South Carolina will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Columbia College. All guests, branch, state and national members are invited to participate in this gathering.

We will begin with a welcome from **Dr. Elizabeth Dinndorf, President of Columbia College**. Then we will feature the award winning AAUW workshop, WORK SMART presented by **Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager**. It's an interactive program that teaches women how to negotiate their worth confidently in the job market.



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Becky Bailey

With the pay gap women experience in SC...it's a perfect way for us to empower women in the workplace.

Our keynote speaker is **Amy Brennan, Executive Director at the Center for Women**. She will discuss with us the status of women in South Carolina.

An important part of this meeting is for us to network, get updates from national and state, conduct a little business and share the significant work going on in our branches.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM AND SCHEDULE.](#)

[Click Here for our proposed 2017-18 Budget for the Business Meeting.](#)

Note: members will be asked to vote for approval of the state budget

Nominations for the NCCWSL Scholarship are due March 1.

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

[Click here for the application.](#)

Please know that branches may sponsor a young woman if they have the funds (around \$1500). Previous winners have come from Aiken, Greater Columbia, Due West, Hilton Head and Rock Hill.

The student selected is expected to present a program on her experience to the branch that sponsored her, post frequently on the SC AAUW Facebook Page for Young Women, write an article for the September *Palmetto Leaf* on her NCCWSL

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experience, and possibly present at a state meeting or another function.

Nominations must use the electronic application (as a word or pdf document) and submit it by **March 1** to Carol Tempel at carol_tempel@bellsouth.net.

The state board will make the selection by the March 25 state meeting, where the winner will be announced.

Update on Advocacy Issues

from *Ellie Setser and Becky Bailey, Public Policy Co-Chairs*

The recent Women's March that turned into a worldwide event was supported by the American Association of University Women. The goals of the March were consistent with the public policy of AAUW published in our 2015-2017 Public Policy brochure.



Our State President **Carol Tempel** spoke to more than 1,000 participants at the Columbia March where Branch President **Anne Mellen** and members **Jamie Wurdinger** and **Becky Bailey** were in attendance. We advocated for reproductive freedom, for civil rights for all, public tax dollars for public schools and pay equity.

Hillary Hutchinson, Dr. Jo Anne Simson, Ellie Setser and several other branch members were in the Charleston March which included well over 2,500 participants.

Pat Wolman, co-president of the Charleston Branch, **Doris McLallen**, president of the Greenville Branch, and **Betty Villano** from the Rock Hill Branch participated in the Washington, DC March.

We need to advocate for these positions. Women are looking for ways to express their concerns in the current political climate and AAUW offers an excellent opportunity.

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**branches in green have web sites.*

State Leadership Opportunities

Let us know your interests and talents.

Proud of our AAUW women and activities

News for Young Women

 Like us on Facebook

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,

Ellie has sent an e-mail to SC Legislators Leon Stavrinakis thanking him for introducing **H3342** a bill requiring equal pay for equal work and to Gilda Cobb-Hunter for introducing **H3085** bill to increase the minimum wage. **This is especially important as the majority of minimum wage earners are women.** Please contact your legislators and encourage them to support these bills.

Do not hesitate to use our public policy program as a recruiting tool for your Branch. Keep that TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST line humming and call or e-mail your legislators at every opportunity.

Beaufort Branch Movie Club

by Debbie Ahlers, movie club organizer

During the year when the Beaufort Branch meets, our Movie Club gathers on the 2nd Thursday afternoon of the month. We each take a turn facilitating or hosting. The facilitator picks the movie and does a little background research on the selection. Everyone views the movie at home before they come to the discussion. When we meet, the facilitator presents her findings and then leads the discussion for about 90 minutes. We allow two hours total to include some socializing and snacking.

There are only two requirements for the movie selection: it has to be available at home (Netflix, Amazon, etc.) and discussed. Some examples of movies we have seen include: Ordinary People, Queen to Play, The Visitor, Nebraska, etc.

We recently took a "field trip" and to see Hidden Figures... an important true story about women in STEM careers. We had a fun evening. After we saw the movie in the theater, we went out to eat and discussed the movie. The Movie Club is in its third year and continues to be a popular activity.

During the course of this fun and interesting monthly activity, not only do we see and learn about different movies, but we get to know our fellow Branch members better. This fosters closer relationships among our members and better team interactions to accomplish the important AAUW work that we do in our Branch.

like professional development webinars.

[Click Here.](#)



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College and University
Partners, 2016-17**

Aiken Technical College
Claflin University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Erskine College
Limestone College
Presbyterian College
The Citadel
University of SC Aiken
University of SC Columbia
Winthrop University

[Link to all AAUW
Partner Schools](#)

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Branches in
SC.**

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Information on Who
Can Join AAUW.](#)



Greenville Branch

by Doris McLallen, Branch President

The long-awaited morning dawned with a forecast of a moderate 43 degrees and cloudy. Left my umbrella and plastic poncho behind. Pinned on a "Be Kind" button (fashioned by a SC friend who couldn't make the trip) and donned my pink pussy hat and headed to the Metro with my son, J.R. Upon seeing the crowds in the station and the tightly packed trains, we joined a chorus of "Who'd of thought?" and "We should have left earlier."

When we finally squeezed aboard, imagine coming face to face with AAUW member, Millibeth Currie, of the Charleston Branch! And if AAUW-SC's president, Carol Tempel's, ears were ringing, that's why! In similar circumstances throughout the day, we met marchers from CT to CA and everywhere in between. It was impossible to get through from L'Enfant Station to The Newseum where the AAUW delegation was to meet.

J.R. and I managed to squeeze into the crowd at the side of a Jumbotron to see the opening ceremonies. There was much cheering and chanting and a myriad of signs and topics of interest and concern to women and families. What no one knew was that 55 speakers had each been given one minute to speak. After almost two hours, and a few needing to be taken out due to claustrophobia, the porta-potties called

THE MARCH that made history is THE MARCH that will continue to galvanize and inspire millions to work on the issues that matter.

I have been asked why I went. My answer is that I HAD to go if I could go. I could, so I did.

Countless others did the same, many riding through the night on buses from villages, towns and cities far away, others coming by plane, train or automobile. Almost all gladly spent hard earned resources to make the trip. Countless more marched in cities across the U.S. and around the world. And, I sincerely believe, countless more were there in spirit and support.

I believe that people marched and will continue to march because we see almost everything we care about threatened.

... families, friends and neighbors of all ages,

... the chance for all kids to get a good education,

... the safety of the food we eat,

... even the air we breathe,

... health care for all (and that means ALL),

... the dignity and value of every human being and ultimately

... their everyday safety and security

ALL AT RISK.

SO, no, we will not be silent any more than those women who marched to the

and the lines were very long!
Organizers did their best but the numbers would have been impossible to estimate.

Unique to my experience were:

#1. I was interviewed by producer, Jared Rogers-Martin, of the South Carolina Radio Network, and

#2. J.R. took me to see the Mandarin Hotel. He is the project manager for the hotel's extensive renovation. We were told that the hotel was crazy busy, that Paul Ryan, Caitlyn Jenner and Scarlett Johansson had just left and Madonna was on her way.

And, yes, we had a quick buffet lunch before heading back out to the March.

White House the day before the Inauguration of Woodrow Wilson could be silent.

Those courageous women prevailed and so must we.



Rock Hill Branch

by Trish Johnson, President

Members of our branch get together often to socialize over a meal. Recently we had supper then attended the Winthrop University women's basketball game, as we support Title IX at work in our community. The University's mascot Big Stuff joined us for the fun!



Due West Branch

by Jan Haldman, President

Exam Bags were sold, prepared and delivered in December, with help from Erskine's Biology and Chemistry students. Money raised benefits AAUW Funds and Legal Advocacy as well as the Branch's annual Student Recognition Program. In March this event honors senior women from three local high schools and Erskine College. We will also honor Charles Angel, our Mayor and leader of three state award winning robotics clubs for area girls and boys with a named gift to AAUW Funds. We have two new members, serving as our College/University Partner Representatives: Psychology Professor Dr. Briana VanScoy, and Chemistry Professor Dr. Tiffany Hayden. We're looking forward to moving online with the Exam Bag fundraiser for next Fall.

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 of 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.](#)

Advocating in South Carolina ..it's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4

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 : Send message to Senator

We will have cards available for your Branch members at the annual meeting.

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

Membership Matters

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

As we begin 2017, 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.

just as easily.

A branch Facebook page is also a good idea. Just contact me at:

Lori@gersony.com

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

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

For Branches

How to Create a Strategic Plan for Your Branch
11 Leadership Essentials for Branch 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.](#)

Our South Carolina State Board Members



**Hillary Hutchinson,
Member Support**



**Ellie Setser, Public
Policy**



**Jan Halderman,
Member Support**

**AAUW is Committed to
STEM Education.**



**Laura is currently
working in Beaufort on**

Laura attended the Next Steps Conference in September.

[CLICK HERE for her report on NEXT Steps.](#)



**Laura Burcin
STEM Education**

a STEM program for middle school by collaborating with USC on February 11.

She will be glad to share how she organized it and how it turned out.



**Lori Christopher Glenn,
Communications**



**Becky Bailey, Public
Policy**



**Ann Terry, Palmetto
Leaf and Past President**

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 scholarships).
- 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
25 Deadline to announce state NCCWSL Scholarship Nomination(s)
25 Annual Meeting - Columbia, 9:30 am-3:00 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

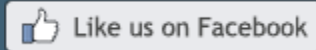
May

Branch Elections of Officers
State Board Conference Call, if needed

June

- 14-17 NCCWSL Conference (May 31-June 3)
- 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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