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# Palmetto Leaf

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## Message from Your President

*from Carol Tempel*



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 were so inspired at the AAUW National Convention that we wanted to kick off our new year with our very own South Carolina Leadership Retreat. Please join us for an exciting, interactive workshop.

I don't have to tell you that since the 2016 election, voter engagement is soaring and women are searching for organizations that involve and empower them. AAUW exists to make sure women's voices are heard and women's votes count.

Here are three actions you can take today:

1) Join us at our SC Leadership Retreat on Saturday, September 23 in Charleston. Plan to bring a team from your branch.

2) Make a donation to SC-AAUW to increase leadership opportunities, host

## SC AAUW Leadership Retreat

Saturday, September 23

Come experience an interactive workshop with Cordy Galligan, AAUW's vice president of Marketing and Communications with more than 35 years' experience in the for- and non-profit sectors.

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

Please register by September 18.

This meeting is open to members and friends of AAUW.

meaningful workshops and support STEM education for women and girls. [DONATE here.](#)

3) Welcome and engage new members with programs and activities that accomplish our AAUW mission. [CLICK here for ideas.](#)

The work we are doing 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.

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## SC AAUW Leadership Retreat

Saturday, September 23 2017

9:30 registration

10 am - 3:00 conference

Gage Hall

Unitarian Church of Charleston

6 Archdale Street

Charleston, SC 29401

Join us and register by March 15

The \$30 registration fee includes lunch, tour, and materials.

**Program:** This inspiring day will be led by **Cordy Galligan** who will help us capitalize on the opportunities to promote our AAUW mission, build and retain membership, make real change through political advocacy, and encourage philanthropy both within the AAUW community and our local communities.

With her expertise, we will learn that small can be mighty, and messaging means everything!

Most of all, we will focus on bringing out the best in our leadership teams and branches. We will take the first steps in establishing a Lobby Corp for South Carolina and also build our STEM network. Look out South Carolina, here we come!

Cordy will also be available for one-on-one consulting to focus on how to market your branch in particular.

**Special features:** A delicious luncheon, plenty of networking, and women authors will display, promote,



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### State Leadership

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**Jan Haldeman**

and sell their books. After our conference there will be a special Charleston walking tour.

**Accommodations:** A block of guest rooms is reserved at Embassy Suites by Hilton in North Charleston (across from Tanger Outlet). Rooms are \$149 +tax. Dates include: Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. The rooms will be held on a first come first served basis until 5pm on **Wednesday, September 13**. Guestroom reservations can be made via the telephone at 800-362-2779. Or [CLICK HERE to reserve your quest room on-line](#).

### REGISTER TO ATTEND

\$30 Registration fee includes materials, lunch and tour.

**Register by September 18.**

Register on-line at: [aauw-sc.aauw.net/donate](http://aauw-sc.aauw.net/donate)

**Or Mail in your registration to:**

Pat Hall, 180 Ford Road, Gaffney, SC 29340

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## Is There a War on Women?

*from Ellie Setser and  
Public Policy Co-Chair*

The Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1970 and was forwarded to the states for ratification. Many states ratified right away and it looked like equality for women would be a part of the US Constitution for the first time in our history.



It looked like smooth sailing but then resistance began with (you guessed it) bathroom issues. Bathroom issues seem to be repeatedly used to block equal treatment. I do not know what that says about our society but I am sure it is not positive.

The text of the amendment is "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." It was not the intent of the authors of the Constitution to give equal

## Member Support

**Hillary Hutchinson**  
Member Support

**Laura Burcin**  
STEM Education

**Lori Christopher Glenn**  
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SC AAUW Websites  
and  
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Carolina

Facebook

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Young Women in SC

Facebook Pages

AAUW Action Fund

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Charleston Branch  
Due West Branch  
Greater Columbia  
Branch  
Greenville Branch  
Hilton Head Branch  
Rock Hill Branch

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rights to women or even to allow us to vote. It took an amendment in 1920 to give women that right. Laws have been passed but they can always be repealed including Title IX, Equal Pay, the Ledbetter Act, access to insurance covering birth control and pregnancy, and more because there is no constitutional guarantee. There is currently a movement to revive this amendment and the legislature of Nevada has passed it. South Carolina is not among the states that have ratified.

For the most part it is still legal to pay women less than men. The rules and laws that apply are extremely difficult to enforce and any female who brings a suit, even if she wins, will probably find herself without a job in the near future.

In recent years the rate of incarceration for women has greatly increased, exceeding the rate of increase for males. Women are subject to domestic violence and are killed by their partners at an alarming rate especially in South Carolina. Ninety percent of the women in prison for murder are there because they killed their partner during domestic abuse. How is it fair that you can shoot someone robbing your home but cannot protect yourself from a spouse who has repeatedly beat you? The number of women murdered by their partners far exceeds the number of combat deaths in the last ten years.

Nine thousand, six hundred women are denied a place in a shelter every day. Many of these women have children and are fleeing domestic abuse. Some, especially those with low paying jobs, have been evicted from their homes due to a sudden emergency that has taken rent money.

Human trafficking is by and large a female enterprise run by male pimps. A runaway girl no matter how young will encounter a pimp within 48 to 72 hours. Runaway females are forced into prostitution. Some females as young as 10 or 12 are often threatened with videos of sex acts to keep them from going back home.

In the United States we have one of the lowest rates of female legislators in the western world. Many third world countries have higher participation rates of women in governance positions. South Carolina is one of the worst states. We have only four female

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

*\*branches in green have web sites.*

### State Leadership Opportunities

Let us know your interests and talents. The more we know about your interests and skills, the more we can do.


Contact: Carol Tempel

We will elect new officers for 2018-19.

Proud of our AAUW women and activities



News for Young Women

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senators in our General Assembly.

The poverty gap between males and females in the United States is also one of the worst in the western world.

**Is there a war on women? I leave that for you to decide. But we at least need to keep abreast of what is going on nationally and in our state and take a stand to protect the rights of women**

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### **NCWSSL Experience Rising senior attends the leadership conference**

Rising senior Kristin Richey is the fourth Erskine student selected in the last five years to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

This year's attendee received her scholarship from the Due West Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Professor Emerita of Biology Dr. Janice Haldeman, who serves as president of the Due West Branch, said, "Our branch had been 'saving up' to send a student. We'd hoped at some point to have a State winner and so there could be two students."

As it turned out, the state organization did not send a student to NCCWSL this year, but Kristin, a chemistry major who serves as vice president of the Erskine chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS), was happy to travel to the University of Maryland, College Park, for the 2017 conference, where she enjoyed meeting young women from various

## **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, 2017-18**

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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Advancing Gender  
Equity for  
Women and Girls**



backgrounds.

"It was amazing," Kristin said. "All the women there were sweet and helpful, and I feel like I have made some lifelong friends from this conference."

The speakers at the conference were "phenomenal, especially at the Women of Distinction Ceremony," Kristin said.

Women of Distinction named at the 2017 conference included Danielle Feinberg, director of photography for lighting at Pixar; Amanda Nguyen, president and founder of Rise, a nonprofit organization focused on the civil rights of survivors of sexual assault and rape; Rosie Rios, 43rd treasurer of the United States; and Crystal Valentine, author and poet.

"The experience was truly a blessing, and I am honored I was chosen as the candidate to represent Erskine College."

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**Join as a New Member:**

<http://www.aauw.org/join/>

**Renew National, State, and Branch**

**Membership:**

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>

**Join/Renew National Membership:**

<http://www.aauw.org/national-member-join-renew/>

**Join/Renew Student Membership:**

<http://www.aauw.org/student-member-join-renew/>

**Join as a College/University Partner:**

<https://ww2.aauw.org/cu-join/>

## Congratulations to the Gaffney Branch

A celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Gaffney Branch is planned for Monday, October 9th at 6:30 PM at the Spartaanburg Community College on the Gaffney Campus. **Sara Setzer** is planning the celebration. This is an amazing accomplishment. An invitation is extended to the state officers and all nearby branches to attend. Contact: **Beth Swanger**, President at [swangerbeth@gmail.com](mailto:swangerbeth@gmail.com)

## Greenville Branch

by Doris McLallen, Branch President

Imagine waking up to this headline: **STUDY: SC one of the worst states for women's equality.** Here, we didn't have to imagine. It was the headline on top of page 1 of our *Greenville News* on August 25, the date of our first meeting of the new year, alleviating any and all doubts about the relevance and need for AAUW in the here (SC) and now (2017).

**Greenville Branch** is on the move! President Doris McLallen returned from the national convention in Washington, D.C. in June with stories to tell (John McCain's family tree) and excitement to share! The branch is small but growing and dynamic like this area of the Upstate! Find us via our membership VP, Nichelle Harrison, at [nichelle.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:nichelle.harrison@gmail.com).

And, when you do, ask Nichelle about her growing new business, The MAP (Modern Access to Professionals) Agency, an enterprise to help women returning to work after years at home or in school.

In preparation for Greenville Branch's 100th Anniversary in 2019, we have begun to research the amazing history of the branch by digging into the 98 years of records housed and archived at Furman University's James B. Duke Library.

Our Book Group continues to be a source of great conversation and enlightenment! Administered by Harriett McIntosh ([harriettm2015@hotmail.com](mailto:harriettm2015@hotmail.com)), this year's books are as varied as the interests of members.

Next up: "Cocktails and Convos," date to be determined.

Greenville Branch --- poised to make a difference in the Upstate!



## What Legacy Will You Leave? by Neola Waller, AAUW Legacy Circle Team

Wouldn't you like to leave a legacy to AAUW that will take the next generation to a level of AAUW we can only imagine? Let me tell you how to do that.

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to honor one's passion for our organization, and leave a lasting impact. Giving to the **AAUW Legacy Circle** through one's estate will sustain and advance our mission. It ensures that AAUW will survive and thrive in the process. Gifts to the **AAUW Legacy Circle** allows you flexibility in providing for your family and supporting AAUW. Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime because you name AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, IRA, or other similar document. Every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

Sometimes a contribution is so unique that the world is changed forever. For most of us, a more modest legacy will be remembered by those whose lives we touched. Such a legacy may not change the world, but it can leave lasting footprints.

**Leave a legacy and join the AAUW Legacy Circle today!** For more information, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877.357.5587, or contact

me at 757-217-2356.

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

South Carolina has one of best websites for state government. Check it out. You can find the 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](http://www.sc.gov).

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 SC Leadership Retreat..

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## South Carolina State Board Members



**Hillary Hutchinson,  
Member Support**



**Ellie Setser, Public  
Policy**



**Jan Halderman,  
Member Support**

**AAUW is Committed to  
STEM Education.**



**Laura Burcin  
STEM Education**

**Laura is currently  
working more STEM  
programs and  
she will be glad to  
share more information.**





**Lori Christopher Glenn,  
Communications**



**Becky Bailey, Public  
Policy**



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

## Collaboration

**SC Progressive Network**  
by Jamie Wurdinger, Greater  
Columbia Branch Co-president

AAUW SC is now an organizational member of the SC Progressive Network, a coalition of organizations and individual activists from across the state dedicated to promoting social and economic justice in their communities and in their government.

The SC Progressive Network has several projects that our branches can assist with:

- New Legacy Project's Subversive Art Festival Extravaganza (SAFE). SAFE November is a weekend organizing event to include a music festival, a monument tour/rally at the State House, and a "Corrupting the Youth" panel with seasoned and emerging activists. SAFE will encourage young people and local artists to "dream dangerously"--and do the long work of building a popular movement with the capacity to create a just and equitable society.
- New Legacy Project's "State of the Youth" research project. SC

**AAUW STEM Status**  
by Laura Burcin, STEM Education  
Chair

SC AAUW Branches have had two STEM events in 2017 that mark the first of ongoing annual events. As previously reported, the **Beaufort Branch** held their daylong STEM workshop in February with 48 middle school girls attending. We are in the process of transitioning the leadership of the event to our partner University of South Carolina Beaufort for next year.

In April the **Greater Columbia Branch** held their first STEM for Girls event. The feedback from the girls that attended was very good. The workshop included bio-medical engineering, environmental engineering, and computer science hands on sessions. There was also an inspiring key note speaker from the school system. The Greater Columbia Branch plans to hold the event again in 2018, but will move the date to February to minimize student conflict.

We have scheduled Darren Prevost from the SC Lowcountry STEM Collaborative to speak at our State Leadership

Progressive Network is compiling data on racial justice, health care, education, employment, criminal justice and voting rights across the Palmetto State. It needs researchers to write the copy for the "State of the Youth" magazine that will depict the injustices young South Carolinians face; beyond that, it will offer solutions for systemic fixes.

- Project to educate public on gerrymandering in SC. The SC Progressive Network needs help covering the cost of the \$1,500 survey with USC for this project. Branches can send a check and put USC survey in the memo line; or click Donate at the Network's website, [www.scpronet.com](http://www.scpronet.com)

For details about these projects, please email Kyle Criminger at [kyle@scpronet.com](mailto:kyle@scpronet.com)

Meeting on September 23. The mission of the SC STEM Collaborative is to engage the community to advance STEM awareness, interest and literacy, to establish leadership in STEM education and bolster our STEM workforce. Their organization can connect us to volunteer events in STEM around the state or help us get a new STEM initiative off the ground. He will talk about the highly successful STEM Festival held annually in Charleston.

### **WREN (Women's Rights and Empowerment Network)**

We partnered with WREN to ask the SC Education Oversight Committee pass the Comprehensive Health Curriculum for K-12 students. We look forward to partnering with them on other issues that impact women and girls in the areas of Health and Education, Economic Opportunity and Leadership and Civic Engagement

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## **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.](#)**

**[Upcoming: Skill training Webinars for Members, http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/](http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/)**

## 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 meetings 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 SC Progressive Network, WREN, League of Women Voters, United Methodist Women and other organizations with a similar mission.

## AAUW of SC Calendar of Dates & Deadlines, 2017-18

This is the working calendar for activities and deadlines for 2017-18. Please mark your calendar and stay involved. Branch presidents should make note of several special deadlines related to student nominations and financial reports.

### October

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

### November

7 National Election Day  
11 State Board Conference Call

### December

15 Deadline for 2018-19 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)  
13 State Board Conference Call  
TBD Branch President/Directors Conference Call with State Leaders

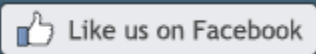
### February

1 Official Membership Count Deadline

	1	Palmetto Leaf Deadline
	TBD	Legislative Advocacy Day, Columbia
	11	State Board Conference Call
<b>March</b>		
	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)
	TBD	Election of State Officers/Annual Meeting State Board Conference Call, if needed
<b>April</b>		
	1	Deadline NCCWSL Early Bird Registration
	10	Equal Pay Day 2017 State Board Conference Call, if needed
<b>May</b>		
		Branch Elections of Officers State Board Conference Call, if needed
<b>June</b>		
		NCCWSL Conference (May 31-June 3)
	30	Deadline to post 2018-19 State and Branch Officers
	30	Deadline for 2018-2019 Dues State Board Conference Call, if needed

Note: **Plan Your Year with AAUW's Events Calendar.** There are many international and women's events for celebration listed on our national website at:  
[https://svc.aauw.org/calendar/index\\_view.cfm](https://svc.aauw.org/calendar/index_view.cfm)

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