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## State AAUW Convention highlights financial issues for women

The 12th AAUW/Ohio Annual Equity Day Conference and 83rd Annual Meeting and Convention took place April 21-22 at the Camden Falls Conference & Convention Center in Tiffin. The Bowling Green Branch was represented by Diane Regan, Jen Sader, Mary Lou Baty, Beth Hofer, Evelyn Bachman, Holly Norton, Christine Drennen, Mary Ellen Pratt, Emily Resnik, and Deborah Wooldrige.

The theme of Friday's Equity Day programming was "Financially Fit for Life." Michele Wetherald, AAUW Executive Director, opened the convention with remarks about the continuing pay gap between men and women. AAUW has just concluded an update on the pay gap data, released on April 24.



*Diane Regan, BG Branch President and Ohio AAUW President-Elect/President, and Michele Wetherald, the Association Executive Director*

Ohio was the first state to pilot test a new panel presentation on women's financial issues that will be rolled out across the country by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute and Prudential Financial. This program is intended to augment other financial literacy resources available through the national organization. Panelists Jo Casady, Dena Bragg, Katie Harper, Anne M. Lange, and Fran Rothstein discussed the financial behaviors of women and took questions on topics as diverse as Social Security, financial and estate planning, and life insurance. They said women often delay decision-making because they are afraid of making a mistake, but warned that inaction is often the worst mistake a woman can make when planning her financial future. Members had the opportunity to discuss these topics further in breakout sessions on socially responsible investing, financial planning, and book

discussions on *Money, a Memoir: Women, Emotions and Cash*, by Liz Perle.

*Evelyn Bachman, BG Branch EF Chair, spearheaded record Branch donations for 06-07*



On Saturday, the convention opened with the theme of "Honor the Past: Embrace the Future." Great Lakes Regional Director Pam Thiel discussed proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws that are intended to streamline the organization. Branches will also be encouraged to be more mission-driven, focusing programming around the new mission statement of "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Details on these changes are available at the Member Center at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Members took part in breakout sessions to discuss how these changes effect communications, membership, diversity efforts, programming, public policy, and the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. The BG Branch made a good showing at the awards ceremony. [Read about our Branch honors in the following article.] During the AAUW/Ohio Annual Business Meeting, Diane Regan was elected as the new state President and in an inspiring speech, promised to help promote AAUW and its mission.

During the Convention, attendees had the opportunity to view and bid on silent auction items to support the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Thanks to the organizing efforts of Beth Hofer, Bowling Green created the attractively packaged EF auction items that earned funding to support women and girls in education.

--Jennifer Sader

### **BE A 2-MINUTE ACTIVIST!!**

Title IX, judicial appointments, reproductive health—**These and other current issues await your action as an AAUW member. Sign up for alerts & take action:**

[http://www.aauw.org/takeaction/two\\_minute.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/takeaction/two_minute.cfm)



# Branch Celebrates Excellence

Unique music and delicious desserts and a gracious venue made a delightful setting for the annual Branch awards ceremony and officer installation on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Linda Dobb started the evening's events by introducing Phillip Dupont, a local pianist who played several selections on the piano in the atrium of the Wood County public library. The public was invited to sample the treats and join Branch members for this part of the evening.

The members then convened in a nearby meeting room, where President Diane Regan began the program by introducing Lisa Cesarini, this year's chair of the local scholarship committee. Lisa introduced the committee and presented the two \$600 awards to non-traditional students, Teresa Hudson and Marsha Olivarez. Ms. Hudson is graduating with a degree in music performance and informed the group how honored and thankful she was to have been awarded this scholarship. She planned on using it "to pay my accompanists for all the recitals I have coming up!" Ms. Olivarez is a junior in liberal studies and has been enrolled in classes for thirteen years. She, too, stated that she was very honored by this award. "I hope to finish my studies before I retire!" she chuckled.

President Diane Regan installed the incoming officers – Deborah Wooldridge as President, Lona Leck and Susan Peet as Co-Vice Presidents for Membership and Jean Gerard as Recording Secretary – before thanking the retiring members and a host of other members for their efforts over the past year. Diane continued discussing recent successes, most notably from the recent AAUW State Convention in Tiffin, Ohio, remarking that the Bowling Green branch had scored in every category.

Newsletter editor, Marcy St. John, was honored with two awards from the State Convention: one for best newsletter in the state and another for newsletter content that best represents AAUW's mission. Lona Leck, who did the program and membership booklet for the previous year, was also honored with an award for best program booklet and the best young leader award. Donations to the Educational Foundation account [coordinated by Evie Bachman] were also the highest ever for the Bowling Green branch and third highest in the state, with more than nine members from

the BG branch donating more than \$100. BG also placed ninth in the state for per capita giving and also won the award for highest donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund [thanks to fundraising efforts by Betty Jean Anderson]. In addition, Bowling Green was awarded the top award in the STARZ program, which assesses the branch. Thanks to Marie Johnson for organizing our STARZ presentation! Three branch members were also honored with named gifts to the Educational Foundation: Ellen Dalton, Marcy St. John, and Linda Dobb.

After honoring so many branch members and the branch itself, the program turned to honoring two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, Jessica Williams and Holly Rothweiler, who will be attending BE WISE Camp at Denison University in June on AAUW scholarships. BE WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) focuses on young women's interests in mathematics, science and engineering. Maria Latta and Katelyn Metzinger – last year's winners – spoke briefly about their experiences and related what a good time they had in lab classes.

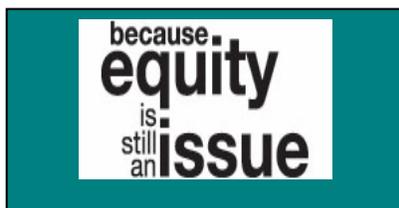
Incoming branch President Deborah Wooldridge encouraged members to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday party fundraiser for the Cocoon Shelter on June 11, from 7-9 [See information on the next-to-last page of this newsletter.] Branch member Ellen Dalton won the raffle – with ticket sales being donated to the local scholarship fund - for a painting done by branch member Nancy Leetch. Jamie Hollinger won the \$47 rebate for the new membership raffle and Dr. Gloysis Mayers, a friend of incoming President Wooldridge, won the raffle for the complimentary membership. *--Kate Najacht*

## FROM THE TOP

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read about the achievements of this branch at State Convention on April 21--YOUR achievements and those of your friends and sister branch members. By any measure, this branch is vital and brimming with good ideas and lots of energy; by the measure of mission-based programming and reaching AAUW goals and priorities, we have done particularly well. Our programs have attended to the primary theme for 2005-07, overcoming barriers to women's economic security. We have addressed education and Title IX which ensures the rights of women and girls to participate as full partners with men and boys; worked to support the Cocoon as it aids women and children faced with domestic violence; and organized informational programs on credit card

usage and debt, and equal pay. As the Board convenes one more time on June 5, we will be planning a challenging series of programs and activities for '07-08 around this continuing theme of women and their relationship to money. One thing you might do this summer is read Liz Perle's *Money: A Memoir*, the shared book for Convention. Many of the BG branch members who attended the meetings at Tiffin joined together with other AAUW members from around the state in a thought-provoking book discussion on our relationship to money--all of the many complex feelings women typically have about money and cash. Read it and see where you fall in the spectrum!

This is the last time I will survey things "from the top" and would like to leave you with some reflections. As president for nearly 3 years, I have tried to view branch activity in the larger context of the Association, its goals and priorities. My columns have typically referred to Association principles. This was very deliberate, because we must keep our eyes on the prize, as they say. And it was affirming when the State recognized our newsletter as not only the best in the state for 2006-07, but also the best in conveying Association goals and priorities. I hope that we continue to focus our energies on national priorities so that we can achieve our agenda of "equity for women and girls." That is the bottom line for members, isn't it? But I also believe that it is the bottom line for NON-members! The future for women and girls will be better if we continue our efforts their behalf whether or not they are members. AAUW will remain relevant if we shape the organization for those women who are not members, the ones who think the battle is over!



On a personal note, thank you for allowing me to try some new things and hone my leadership skills which I will certainly need for the next three years as I take my place as the new post as president-elect/president for AAUW Ohio! Thanks, too, for the encouragement to say "yes" when the

nominating committee came knocking on my door! I wish I could have shouted "nobody home!", but that's not what responsible women do. I want to end by thanking the wonderful women who opened the door when I came knocking, Board members all: Deborah Wooldridge and Fiona Mackinnon for executing great programming this year; Marcy St. John whose work on this wonderful newsletter placed us as first in the State; Helene Weinberger who stepped up two years ago to take on the membership responsibilities; to Lona Leck for accepting the challenge of revitalizing our Program booklet, recently judged best in the state! [Lona has now been elected to the membership vice-presidency and she'll be a wonderful voice for us]; Beth Casey and Cindy Whipple for accepting and sharing the responsibilities for accurate minutes over the last two years; Evie Bachman for returning to the board and to the job of EF chair; to Lynn Ward for working on behalf of LAF for a term and raising ever-increasing donations; Marie Johnson who always sees that our STARZ assessment is done on time and well presented; Julie Fiscus for her excellent management of awards and recognitions for the past two years; Kate Najacht for her exemplary work as our public information officer; Linda Dobb, Beth Hofer and Radhika Gajjala for providing two years of excellent Great Decisions programming; Lisa Cesarini for taking on the scholarship program for the Non-traditional student awards; to Ellen Dalton for picking up and promising to continue with BE WISE Camp; Mary Krueger for her contributions to our Board meetings and excellence in educating us on public policy issues; Jen Sader who has built and maintained the BEST AAUW website in the State; Mary Ellen Pratt, parliamentarian and by-laws chair, who kept me out of trouble at board meetings (mostly); Mary Lou Baty, Ann Light and Deb McLean for their work as Social Committee; Betty Jean Anderson for her tireless efforts with raise local scholarship funds; and Holly Norton for continuing, despite distance and \$3.00+ gasoline, to drive to BG from Lima each month to energize the readers in the branch.

Good leaders are good because of those people who work behind them. If I have been a "good" president, it's because of these women. I'm convinced that opportunities to make this branch a model for the state will continue to present

themselves and I hope you will make yourself available when someone comes knocking on your door. Excellence comes from many people doing something; not a few people doing everything! I invite you--urge you--to become one of the many for 2007-08.

--Diane Regan , Branch President



## Legal Advocacy Fund puts AAUW mission in action

### ***Plaintiff Travel Grants at State Conventions Are a Huge Success!***

This year, LAF awarded ten Plaintiff Travel Grants to AAUW state conventions across the country. From New York to North Dakota and from Maryland to Texas, LAF-supported plaintiffs teamed up with local AAUW members to help spread the word and raise awareness for LAF. New York raised over \$7,100! Florida raised nearly \$3,000! It's wonderful what can happen when everyone pulls together for one mission. We couldn't have done it without you! And LAF plaintiffs appreciated the opportunity to meet members as well. This comment from plaintiff Robin Potera-Haskins, who visited North Dakota, says it all: "It was an *outstanding experience*. It was so wonderful to have so much support. It is so needed during this difficult time. ... They treated me like family I truly enjoyed everything. AAUW exceeds your expectations and makes it a lifetime memory, *'because equity is still an issue.'*"

### ***AAUW Lends Voice to Equal Pay on Capitol Hill***

On April 24, AAUW joined U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, on Capitol Hill to present testimony to the House Education and Labor Committee at a hearing on Equal Pay Day. DeLauro's Paycheck Fairness Act would close some key loopholes in existing law and reinstate the Equal Pay Initiative, which was eliminated by the Bush Administration in 2002 in order to level the playing field between men and women. "The persistence of the pay gap among young, college-educated, full-time workers suggests

that educational achievement alone will not close the pay gap," Catherine Hill, Research Director of AAUW, said in her testimony. "We need to make workplaces more family-friendly, reduce sex segregation in education and in the workplace, and combat discrimination that continues to hold women back in the workplace." For more information about AAUW's new research report, *Behind the Pay Gap*, and AAUW's testimony on Equal Pay Day, visit the newsroom at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

### ***AAUW Hosts National Student Leadership Conference***

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which will take place June 7-9, 2007, at American University in Washington, D.C., is presented by AAUW's Leadership and Training Institute in partnership with NASPA's Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women. Themed "Leadership for Today and Tomorrow," the conference will provide women students with opportunities to build leadership, advocacy, networking, financial management, and other skills.

### **HELP LAF DO ITS WORK!**

- Make a monetary donation; our donations keep the LAF healthy and helpful. Your checks are tax-deductible.
- Go to [www.aauw.org/laf/cases](http://www.aauw.org/laf/cases) and read about current legal cases that our donations support!

If you would like to make a donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund, please send your check, made out to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, to:

Jeannie Ludlow, LAF Chair  
910 N. Main Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail Jeannie at [jludlow@bgsu.edu](mailto:jludlow@bgsu.edu) or call 419-372-6816



--Oh, no! I forgot to renew my membership!!  
--Don't worry!! There's a membership form included with this issue of the Focus!!  
[And pass a copy to a friend!]



## AAUW Keys to the Future: “A Member-Get-A-Member” campaign

Research shows that the most effective way to get new members is by PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT from a current member! This campaign will focus on essential keys to AAUW’s future: equity, advocacy, lifelong learning, leadership training, public policy, a diverse membership, and our unmatched legacy.

EACH MEMBER IS CHALLENGED TO RECRUIT ONE PAID MEMBER BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2006 AND JUNE 15, 2007!!

In the past three issues of the Focus, you’ve seen the list of awards and rewards for recruiting. Think about earning one and helping our Branch grow! More information is available at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

—Lona Leck and Susan Peet, VPs for membership

## 2007 AAUW National Convention

Phoenix, Arizona – June 29-July 2, 2007

For details, go to: <http://www.aauw.org/convention/Conv2007/index.cfm>



## Really long-range planning...

Mark Saturday, November 10 on your calendar—the next Elder-Beerman Community Day fundraiser. President-Elect Deborah Wooldridge has again registered our Branch for the coupon sale. Let’s repeat our 2006 success!! Further details at: [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com).



## SHOP AND HELP

### *Gift Registries to support the Cocoon Shelter*



The Cocoon Shelter has four registries in area stores for community members to access. Because the items listed are what the shelter most needs, those wishing to help have a convenient way to get such items to the survivors of domestic violence.

The registries are at the following stores:

1. Target: the Cocoon Shelter has a wish list through Target, which is slightly different than a registry. You can access the wish list on-line at [target.com](http://target.com), or at the store at the kiosks located near the entrance. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
2. Home Depot: the registry at the Home Depot is only available on-line. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
3. Elder Beerman: the registry at Elder Beerman is available both on-line at [elder-beerman.com](http://elder-beerman.com), and in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
4. Meijer: the registry at Meijer can be viewed on-line or in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.

Please note that we do not want you to feel pressured to buy the specific items from these registries, but that the items listed reflect what we need most and continually. If you would rather purchase the same item from one of the registries from a different store, please feel free. Please note also that we prefer to pick items up from the store or from you personally. Our number in the office is 419-373-1730. Thanks so much!

[You may also view the Cocoon Wish list for individual shopping at:

<http://www.cocoonshelter.org/Wish%20List%20Current.pdf> ]

### **SHOP WITH A MISSION!**

### The Literature Group

gathers on the first Saturday of every month (except January and July), at noon, at Grounds for Thought. Please bring a book of your choice to review!

--Holly Norton, literature group leader





## ¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2006-07 reading selections are available at the Association website:  
[http://www.aauw.org/community\\_programs/adelante/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/index.cfm).

By selecting the "Buy the book now" links you can purchase the book online at Amazon.com with a portion of the proceeds directly benefiting AAUW.

## Author! Author!

Everyone is invited to join the Writers Group at the Women's Center. We meet every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, on the BGSU campus. The Writers Group is an informal weekly gathering of writers, people who enjoy writing, and people dragged along by their writer friends. It is open to university students, faculty, and community members. In the past the Writers Group has done free writing and other writing activities using prompts, as well as informal workshops. We are always open to suggestions for writing activities and creative methods of venting!!

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office phone - 372-7555

### Moving AAUW forward into the future: New Mission and Vision statements adopted

**MISSION STATEMENT:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

**VISION STATEMENT:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**DIVERSITY STATEMENT:** In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION / EF:** AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change. Send EF Contributions to Branch EF Chair Evelyn Bachman, if you want a tax deduction.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND / LAF:** AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. Send LAF contributions to Branch LAF Chair Jeannie Ludlow, if you want a tax deduction.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### **FREE AD PLACEMENT FOR MEMBERS!!**

**Chrysalis**, a discreet all-women fitness center. Open workouts. Classes. Competitive membership rates. Senior discounts. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.

Shop **ELDER-BEERMAN**, whose Community Day program has benefited our local scholarship fund *immensely!!*



## BGSU Women's Center offers great resources

Check out these links for new events, outlooks, and helpful resources:

*Women's Center home page:*

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/index.htm>

*Brown Bag lunch series:*

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/brownbag.htm>

*To subscribe to the e-newsletter:*

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/subscribe.htm>

*Women's Research Network:*

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/wrn.htm>

## The Cocoon grows its library

The Cocoon Shelter, Bowling Green's women's shelter, has an account in the used book section of Grounds for Thought. One can drop off books (either print or audio), and ask that proceeds from one's sales be credited to the Cocoon Shelter's account. ALSO, anyone with a current positive balance on another book consignment account can donate the balance to the Cocoon's account.



--Mary Krueger

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**amazon.com.**

Support AAUW when you buy books from Amazon. Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click on the Amazon hyperlink in the lower right. You'll be instantly connected to Amazon and AAUW will get a portion of your sale!! **Slick!**

## **2005-06 Officers and Board**

**President**—Deborah Wooldridge  
**Co-VPs for Programming**—Fiona MacKinnon  
**Membership**—Susan Peet and Lona Leck  
**Recording Secretaries**—Jean Gerard  
**Corresponding Secretary**—Kathleen McLaughlin  
**Treasurer**—Joan Gordon  
**Educational Foundation**—Evie Bachman  
**Local Scholarship Fundraising**—  
Betty Jean Anderson  
**Legal Advocacy Fund** —Jeannie Ludlow  
**International/Global Affairs Interest Group**—*[open]*  
**Public Information/Publicity**—Kate Najacht  
**Public Policy**—Mary Krueger  
**Diversity**—Beth Hofer  
**University Liaison**—Lisa Cesarini  
**Social**—Ann Light and Mary Lou Baty  
**Awards**—Julie Fiscus  
**Newsletter**—Marcy St. John  
**BE WISE Camp**—Ellen Dalton  
**By-Laws**—Mary Ellen Pratt  
**Cultural Interest Group**—Margit Heskett  
**Literature Interest Group**—Holly Norton  
**Great Decisions Series**—Radhika Gajjala, Linda Dobb,  
and Beth Hofer  
**STARZ Award**— Marie Johnson  
**Web Manager**—Jen Sader  
**Creative Writing**—Teresa Milbrodt



## ***The Cocoon Shelter Turns Two!***

The Cocoon Shelter opened its doors on June 14, 2005 through the generous support of the Wood County community. With gratitude, the Board of Directors and the BG Leadership Group has organized this birthday party to help celebrate our milestone of serving as a place of safety, healing, and justice for battered women and their children for the past 2 years .

*As a long time friend of the Cocoon Shelter:*

*The AAUW BG Branch membership is cordially invited for an evening of fun, food, and music with friends at...*

## **The Birthday Celebration for The Cocoon Domestic Violence Shelter**

**Monday, June 11, 2007  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**St. Marks Lutheran Church  
315 S. College Street, BG**

*RSVP by June 6, 2007 to  
cocoon@cocoonshelter.org*

*or*

*419-373-1730*



## AAUW 2007 Theme Highlights:

# Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security

In 2006, AAUW—the Association, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Leadership and Training Institute—committed to a focused, strategic alignment of programs with mission. Theme is the basis for all programming, which is the clearest expression of mission: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

### Campus/Higher Education

#### Planning for an Economically Secure Future

- **RESEARCH:** *Behind the Pay Gap* examines earnings of female and male college graduates in the first 10 years after graduation, the widening pay gap, and influencing factors (Release: April 24, 2007). A report distribution guide with ideas for outreach to college campuses and communities will be available, along with press release templates members can send to local media for visibility and to raise community awareness.
- **EDUCATION:** Campus Action Projects were awarded to 11 college/university teams to create and implement projects that address the ongoing gender pay gap and identify solutions, including field of study. [www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm)
- **EDUCATION:** The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will take place June 7–9, 2007. This 20-year tradition helps students to build skills and networks across the country. This year's conference features advocacy, leadership, real world, and health and wellness workshop tracks. [www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2007](http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2007)
- **ADVOCACY/RESEARCH:** LAF will release a report on Office of Civil Rights investigations of campus sexual harassment complaints (Release: Summer 2007).

• **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include enforcing Title IX and improving campus climates ([www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/positionpapers/titleIX.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/positionpapers/titleIX.cfm)); improving college affordability via the Higher Education Act and Patsy Mink Fellowship; and opening up nontraditional fields for women and girls through the Perkins Vocational Education Act and other programs. [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages)

#### Ongoing

- **PHILANTHROPY:** Fellowships, grants, and awards of over \$3.4 million in 2007 will fund 199 American and international women scholars pursuing graduate education, selected professions, and career development. [www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants)
- **RESEARCH:** *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus.* [www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm)
- **RESEARCH:** *Tenure Denied* reports on faculty tenure denial in LAF-supported plaintiff cases. [www.aauw.org/research/tenuredenied.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/research/tenuredenied.cfm)

### Workplace Equity

#### Equal Pay Day and Beyond

- **ADVOCACY:** Communication strategies for Equal Pay Day, April 24, 2007, include e-postcards and letter-to-editor campaigns. Technical assistance will be provided for branch/state activities.
- **ADVOCACY/EDUCATION:** The Pay Equity Resource Kit provides resources about the wage gap issue and ideas for taking action. [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm)
- **EDUCATION:** An LAF web page on pay equity gives a legal overview of equal pay issues on the federal and state levels. [www.aauw.org/laf/library](http://www.aauw.org/laf/library)
- **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include creating more family-friendly workplaces and addressing sex discrimination—pay equity and related issues. [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages)
- **EDUCATION:** The National Girls Collaborative Project, an NSF-funded partnership with Paget Sound Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, focuses on increasing the number of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by coordinating and sharing information and resources of local community projects on regional and national levels. AAUW members serve as regional liaisons. [www.aauw.org/education/ngcp](http://www.aauw.org/education/ngcp)



#### Improving Retirement Security

- **RESEARCH:** The Mom's Retirement Security poll reports on intergenerational knowledge of family economic matters. [www.aauw.org/research/mothersdaypoll2006.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/research/mothersdaypoll2006.cfm)
- **ADVOCACY:** Efforts include protecting Social Security from privatization. [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm)

#### Ongoing

- **ADVOCACY:** Includes LAF plaintiff case support for women on campus fighting sex discrimination, plus volunteer attorney network resources. [www.aauw.org/laf](http://www.aauw.org/laf)

### Community/Lifelong Learning

#### Financial Literacy

- **EDUCATION:** An AAUW/Prudential partnership, *Financially Fit for Life*, pilots intergenerational panel discussions about women's critical financial matters (Spring 2007). [www.aauw.org/education/financialLit/announce.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/education/financialLit/announce.pdf)
- **EDUCATION:** AAUW of Florida's *Financial Independence for Girls* program is described online, sharing a highly successful branch/state-developed program. [www.aauw.org/education/financialLit/FIG.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/education/financialLit/FIG.pdf)
- **EDUCATION:** The ¡Adelante! April 2007 book selection is Liz Perle's *Money, A Memoir: Women, Emotions, and Cash*, a study of women's financial decision making. [www.aauw.org/community\\_programs/adelante/06.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/06.cfm)
- **EDUCATION:** Media watch for articles and reports on women's financial issues. [www.aauw.org/education/mission/documents/retirementSecurity.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/education/mission/documents/retirementSecurity.pdf)



#### Voter Education Campaign

- **ADVOCACY:** *Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual* provides branches/states with resources to increase women's civic participation and voter turnout. Powerpoint presentations introduce program and grassroots organizing. [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/voter\\_ed/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/index.cfm)

#### Global Connections

- **EDUCATION:** *One Shared World* partnership "program-in-a-box" materials focus on connecting American women to efforts to help developing countries overcome poverty through education and economic progress. [www.aauw.org/international\\_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/international_corner/OneSharedWorld.cfm)
- **EDUCATION:** *Imagining Ourselves* partnership platform connects women ages 20 to 35 worldwide to create change. Includes discussion guides, online dialogues, artistic expression. [www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW\\_IMOW\\_intro.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW_IMOW_intro.cfm)

#### Community Action

- **PHILANTHROPY:** The 2007 *Community Action Grants* total \$220,000 for 30 projects across the country, with seed money to support innovative projects promoting education and equity for women and girls. [www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/community\\_action.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm)

