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ENCOURAGING DIVERSITY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006, BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.
7:00 P.M. RECEPTION; PROGRAM 7:30 P.M. at the SIUC FACULTY HOUSE,
GRAND & ELIZABETH STREETS, CARBONDALE
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: INGE RADER, SUSIE KAPP & FRANCES GILMAN

Join us as Carmen Suarez, SIUC Coordinator of Diversity and Equity, discusses what is involved in the practical application of diversity principles within an organization.

CARMEN SUAREZ

Carmen served as SIUC's Hispanic Community Liaison from 1994 to 1997 and as an affirmative action officer for SIUC from 1990 to 1994. In those roles she represented SIUC in the Chicago area and directed and implemented affirmative action plans.

She holds two degrees from SIUC, a bachelor's degree in history (1980) and a master's degree in medieval history (1983). She is working on a doctoral degree in higher education administration.

She was hired as assistant dean in the School of Law in 1997. For three years before that she worked at Time Definite Services in Elk Grove Village, Ill., directing all facets of affirmative action and personnel administration. She serves as an adviser to the Hispanic Student Council and the Hispanic Law Student Association.

She serves on Carbondale's Human Relations Commission and the Southern Illinois Healthcare Diversity Committee. And she was named an SIUC Woman of Distinction in 2002.

From Southern Windows, Sue Davis, 2004

A CHAMPION RECRUITER

JEAN RAY, 1916-2006

Whatever she belonged to—AAUW, Audubon, Sierra Club, PTA—she convinced others to join. She would even drive to your home to pick up your dues. And sometimes she rode her bicycle. She was always a participant, and when occasion demanded, she led. Perhaps that was why she was a map librarian: She was aware of the "lay of the land."

Jean Ray, Carbondale Branch president 1980-1982, died this month in her New England home in her 90th year. Jean had never lost her New England accent, and retired to New Hampshire and Massachusetts some years ago, near her son and his family.

We honor her as a builder of our Carbondale Branch in the 70s and 80s.

Anne Hill, Cultural Interests

NEXT MONTH

Meet the live author, Dr. Ronola (Ronne) Rone Hartfield, of *Another Way Home: The Tangled Roots of Race in One Chicago Family* as we Celebrate Black History Month, Tuesday, February 21, 2006, off-site at the Rockhill Baptist Church on Monroe and Marion Street in Carbondale.

INTRODUCING BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006



Susie Kapp, Membership Co-Vice-President, originally joined the Carbondale Branch of AAUW in 1998/1999 when her husband was a visitor at the SIUC

School of Law. She lived just around the corner from the Faculty house. When she returned to Dayton, Ohio, she discovered that here wasn't a convenient branch for her to attend meetings, so she continued her membership in the Carbondale Chapter. It was easy for her to pick up on her return as a permanent resident in June of 2004 -- a move brought about by her husband's appoint as the Garwin Distinguished Professor in the Law School.

Having graduated from Goucher College with a degree in American Studies, her career was concentrated more in the managerial and sales end of various local and national businesses. As the Administrator of Temple Beth Or in Dayton, OH, for over 3 years, she managed both the day-to-day and long term activities of the congregation and building.

Since moving to Carbondale, she has become more active in the volunteer sector, as well as actively volunteering at the Carbondale Library. She currently holds the office Treasurer in the Friends of the Carbondale Public Library group. Last year she participated in the Women's Day activities in the SIUC campus and various other AAUW functions. Community involvement also includes membership in the University Women's Club and various activities originated by Congregation Beth Jacob.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Welcome new member Geraldine Hendrix, 1155 Glenbeth Drive, Carbondale, IL, 457-6772, Graduate Student at SIUC. She is our AAUW Carbondale Branch Scholarship winner for 2005.



Jeannie Killian, Program Vice-President, is a humorous, content-rich presenter who specializes in keynote addresses, customized workshops and seminars, in-service training, and after dinner speaking. She has spoken

nationally to audiences in such places as Tucson, Las Vegas, Orlando, Louisville, St. Louis, and Atlanta to name a few. Her enthusiasm, emphasis on content, standup comedic approach, along with her entertaining humorous style, has made her a successful motivator. Jeannie obtained her B.S. in Psychology, her M.S. in Rehabilitation, and her Ph.D. in Workforce Education Training and Development at Southern Illinois University. She is currently employed as a Development Skills Training Specialist at Southern Illinois University.

Holiday activities -- fun for all!

Thanks to all who helped for all their hard work on the Holiday Party and Silent Auction to raise funds for scholarships and the Legal Advocacy Fund. The celebration earned us over \$800. As a treasure hunter, I was thrilled to bid on, and win, a piece



of glassware to add to my home collection. Anyone who was not in on the action

should send their contributions to scholarships to Treasurer Frances Gilman, 2131 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, 62903-5906.



CALL FOR STUDENT ESSAYS

Girls and boys in Grades 7 and 8 in the Carbondale Area are invited to write a paper about a woman who has distinguished herself in any field. Deadline is February 24. Send entries to Carolyn Snyder, AAUW Women's History Month Essay Contest, 545A Beadle Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901.

Illinois has the largest achievement gap in the U.S. – TAKE ACTION

Last year on November 15, 2005, Illinois released an analysis of the 2005 nation's report card results. While the state's report card tells us how schools stack up against each other within Illinois, the nation's report card allows us to compare Illinois' performance with other states across the nation. The report, "The Gap Persists: Closing Illinois' Achievement Divide" demonstrates Illinois has the largest achievement gap in the U.S.!

Illinois is committed to school funding and property tax reform that will infuse much-needed additional resources into financially strapped schools and reduce the state's over-reliance on local property taxes to fund education. This kind of comprehensive reform is critical to providing all schools with the funding they need to close the achievement gap.

Take action! Write your local newspaper to urge the editor to keep attention focused on the overall quality of education Illinois provides.

COMMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE

For the next nine months Citizens Health Care Working Group is seeking ideas from ordinary Americans like you on how to develop a plan that will result in health care that works for all Americans. The Working Group is looking for answers to four questions posted on their website: www.citizenshealthcare.org

There are two things you can do to help form the recommendations the working group will make to Congress and the President. First answer the questions below and send in your answers to the website or mail in the following questions to Church Women United Legislative Office, 100 Maryland Ave NE Rm. 100, Washington DC, 20002.

1. What concerns you most about healthcare in America today?
2. Our current way of paying for health care includes payments by individuals, employers, and

government. Are there any changes you think should be made to this system?

3. What trade-offs do you think the American public is willing to make in either benefits or financing to ensure access to affordable, high-quality health care?

4. What is your single most important recommendation to make to improve health care for all Americans?

Second, register to attend one of the community meetings—on the website you can find the schedule of meetings and cities and addresses where they will be held.

DORIS TURNER FELLOWSHIP AWARD #1638



An award was made for the Doris Turner fellowship -- #1638. It was a Selected Professions Fellowship awarded to Lorinda Mall (left) who works at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Lorinda Mall plans to become a tribal lawyer working to ensure tribes' future success by enforcing their rights, finding creative solutions to long-standing problems, and developing the structural framework necessary for successful governments.

DUES SPECIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

New members may join at a special 6 months dues rate from January 1 to March 15, 2006.

Association dues will be \$21.50 (1/2 the regular dues), dues for undergraduate student affiliate members are \$8.50; AAUW-IL dues are \$10, but \$3 for undergraduate student affiliate members; and branch dues are \$9 (undergraduate student affiliate members and graduate student members do not pay branch dues).

The total dues for new members joining within the above time period will be \$40.50. Total dues for undergraduate student affiliate members will be \$11.50. Total dues for graduate student members will be \$31.50.

WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS FOR THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND THAT NEEDS OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

According to the LAF Annual Report at the AAUW National Convention last June, the fund continues its three-pronged approach to stopping sex discrimination.

Step 1 - To raise awareness on college campuses among students, faculty, staff, and administrators of inequities and illegal behavior.

Step 2 - To maintain the national wide network of more than 300 experienced lawyers and social scientists who serve as consultants providing advocacy, technical assistance, and support to over 500 college women and men annually in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Step 3 - To fund the case support program which provides financial and moral support, attorney referrals, and information about sex discrimination lawsuits.

The Legal Advocacy fund has provided more than \$1 million in financial support in more than 80 cases.

Donna Randolph, LAF Branch Rep

SciGirls ARTICLE QUOTES LELIA

Quoted in The Courier, Jan. 5-11, 2006, Lelia Marvin spoke about SciGirls. Lelia, president of and 50-year member of the Carbondale Branch of AAUW, said it is important to encourage girls in whatever subject they are interested in pursuing. She added, "Many girls don't go in that direction unless they feel they have that support."

Leah Williams, The Courier

A LETTER TO NASEEM FROM ONE OF THE RUSSIAN WOMEN

"Two months had glided away, but I remember everything as it was yesterday. I remember a hearty welcome and warm attitude toward us. I'd like to see you again. Welcome to my house. My best wishes on Thanksgiving. Send my best regards to all. I will be glad to receive a message from you.

With love, Irina Shapirova Khabarovsk, Far East"

See you on the 17th!

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