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DRAWING THE LINE
LEARN ABOUT THE 2006 AAUW FINDINGS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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
HOSPITALITY BY MARTHA ELLERT, CHARLOTTE WEST AND MARY WALLACE

DRAWING THE LINE

Don't miss this presentation! Joan McDermott and Jeannie Killian will present findings of the 2006 AAUW report, "Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus" and relate it to the climate on the SIUC campus.

PUBLIC POLICY

This is a good time for our members to view our legislators' score on AAUW's public policy priorities and principles as adopted by AAUW convention delegates in 2005. Use the voting record to hold our senators and representatives accountable for how they voted on AAUW's priority issues. The priorities include education, judicial nominations, tax and budget, civil rights, and reproductive rights.

The Voting Record lists only roll-call votes officially recorded on the floor of the Senate or House of Representatives. It is neither an endorsement nor a condemnation of any member of Congress.

You can access the AAUW Congressional Voting Record 109th Congress, First Session (2005)

and be informed on positions taken by our senators and representatives on the Association's federal legislative priorities. Please visit:
http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voting_record.cfm

You will then be informed and be able to ask questions during candidate and issue forums in our community or at a town hall meeting by members of Congress, knowing the full extent of a legislator's support for or opposition to AAUW positions. Use the Voting Record when writing letters to the editor regarding a legislator's support of or opposition to AAUW's issues. With upcoming elections, this is a great time to let your Legislators know how you feel about their performance on our issues.

We urge you to get involved with your legislators! Promote discussion of these issues by candidates for national office!

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[AAUW's Carbondale Branch
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PROFILE OF ANN MARIE SHEPHERD AAUW APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE

In 1978, Ann Marie joined the Carbondale Branch AAUW. Her late Mom was a very dedicated member in the Baton Rouge, LA Branch AAUW throughout the 70's and early 80's, thus motivating



Ann Marie to want to become a member. She enjoys the rich legacy that the organization maintains in the community, especially its efforts to bridge

the cultural gap between the masses and to increase opportunities for the underserved populations, enhancing her position as Diversity Rep for AAUW.

Along with the AAUW Board, Ann Marie currently sits on the Board for the Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau, Carbondale Community Arts, and the Friends of WSIU. She is the outgoing president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which assisted in bringing the famed Boys Choir of Harlem to Shryock Auditorium in 1997 and 2005. She is coordinating the sorority's upcoming 65th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 5th, at the Student Center Ballrooms, and encourages your support. She was Membership Chair for the Carbondale Branch NAACP from 1990-2000 and still remains the lone female Jackson County Jury Commissioner, appointed by the late Judge Richard Richmond.

Her two children, "Tiger" and Michelle are "grown and gone" and Ben is fishing every chance he gets. She keeps quite busy trying to help make Carbondale and its surrounding areas better places in which to live for everyone. She is a member of Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church and a die-hard Saluki sports fan.

Profiles of AAUW Appointed Representatives will appear periodically.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11

Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday

October 14

[Fall District Conference : Districts 4 & 5](#)

Student Resource Center (SRC) Room 2800 College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn

October 24

UNA/USA and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute present Gillian Sorensen, Senior Advisor, United Nations Foundation, who will discuss "The Complexities of the US-UN Relationship and the Future of the UN" at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. AAUW members are invited guests of the talk and reception to follow.

October 28

[Fall District Conference: Districts 1, 2, & 3](#) The

Buckminster Fuller Geodesic Dome

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville campus

Volunteer to help at the 16th annual EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS conference for young women in grades 7 through 9, held at SIUC.

November 1

Deadline: Nominations for AAUW-Illinois officers due to [Alice Huebner](#)

November 7 Election Day

December 1 Jane Addams Day

December 5

Poverty and Hunger in Africa: Think Globally, Act Locally, Hosted by: AAUW, Carbondale Branch and co-sponsored by International Programs and Services, SIUC, Southern Illinois University Law School, 7 p.m. (Read more p. 3)

December 15

Deadline: Branch EF and LAF contributions due to AAUW-IL: [EF Director](#) and [LAF Director](#) (please don't mail to Washington, DC)

December 31

Deadline for the Illinois EF and LAF and Association contributions to be applied to the recognition year

**SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE
AAUW CARBONDALE BRANCH
DECEMBER 5TH PROGRAM**

Learn about global poverty with a focus on Africa, as part of AAUW's One Shared World Campaign. The program, moderated by Naseem Ahmed and Susan Kapp, will begin with an overview of AAUW's OSW program followed by a panel discussion led by Dr. Ella Lacey, Edith Ngoma and Stella Iwagwu. The speakers will draw from experiences in Malawi, Zambia and Nigeria respectively and shed light on issues of poverty and public health in Africa.

A no-frills "poverty meal" will be served at the end of the program. Additionally, a toy drive will be part of our local response, all donations will be sent to the "Chintelwe Project" a grassroots organization in Zambia which is providing micro credit and skills training to over 400 vulnerable household including 100 household headed by orphans whose parents have died due to HIV-AIDS.

We have talked with Lisa Huttner, District International Representative, about opening the toy drive to AAUW branches not only in Illinois but in the Region. Contributors can send toys or checks to the Carbondale branch and monies collected will be used to cover cost of sending the toys to Zambia.

**2007 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION
FRIDAY, JUNE 29-MONDAY, JULY 2, PHOENIX**

Expanding a Legacy of Leadership

Call for some presentations for workshops is closed. However, AAUW seeks presentations from professionals, groups, organizations, and members on solutions to the challenges facing proponents of education and equity. The convention theme will focus on:

- The AAUW mission, especially focusing on AAUW's new theme, Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security
- New partnerships and collective resources to enhance the position and status of women and girls
- Diversity and international perspectives

Find out more: <http://www.aauw.org/convention/Conv2007/index.cfm>

MUSINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"It often happens that I wake at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope."
Pope John XXIII.

I am reminded as we enter the season of Fall, that when it is all said and done, there is you and your life. What works for other people may not work for you. For example: Slim Fast, Ab Roller, Clairol #36, parallel parking, Tylenol, one size fits all, etc. More than trying to find ways to change our life allows me to suggest we spend as much time as we are allotted in finding ways to enjoy our life. It is the beauty of being human. We get to change our minds and we can always choose again.

"What do you want to be?" "I would like to be myself. I tried to be other things but I always failed." *Anonymous*

Enjoy yourself and celebrate in your uniqueness. Blow some bubbles. And the answer is, yes, I have two bottles of bubbles in my office desk drawer! Come on over.

Jeannie

YEARBOOK

At this time, every member should have received her 2006-2007 Yearbook.

Please let me know if you did not receive one. I would also appreciate corrections of any inaccuracies which you may find.

Finally, please check your yearbook to see that it has all 16 pages, and in the right order. If not, let me know and I will send you a replacement. You may reach me at 529-1563 or msellert@aol.com.

Thank you!

*Martha Ellert,
Yearbook Editor*

OUR AAUW MISSION

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and societal change.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

AAUW's Legal advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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

See you on the 10th!

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