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GENDER ROLES AND PRESCHOOL CURRICULA

**Tuesday, October 9, 2007, Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. Reception;
Program at 7:30 p.m. at the SIUC Faculty House, Grand and Elizabeth Streets, Carbondale.**

Hosted by: Ella Lacey, Susie Kapp, Anne Marie Shepherd

Gender Roles and Preschool Curricula

Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. hear Curriculum and Instruction doctoral candidate Elida Giraldo discuss how early childhood education shapes gender roles. There will be a reception at 7:00 p.m. so come early to network and enjoy refreshments. This topic is vital for the future of our children. See you there and bring a family member, friend, colleague, or anyone interested in this important topic. Business meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

**Our Theme: Supporting Education for
Peace & Social Justice by Providing
Empowerment Through The Arts**

**Monday, October 15, 2007, UN Day Lecture by
Dr. Catherine Bertini, 7:00 p.m., at the SIUC
Student Center Auditorium.**

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, Faculty House:
11:00 AM – 1:00 p.m., program at Noon, SOUP
AND SALAD BENEFIT LUNCHEON ART FOR
EMPOWERMENT. Enjoy lunch provided by the
AAUW Board-minimum donation \$5 proceeds to
benefit our local scholarships and the Legal
Advocacy Fund. At noon, enjoy a presentation by
Elka Kazmierczak, printmaker, book artist, and
founding director of the Art for Empowerment
program at The Women's Center .

**Monday, December 10, 2007, Celebrating Jane
Addams, Pioneer Social Worker**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008, Public Policy at the
Law School Courtroom**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008, Celebrating Black
History Month at Wham 105, campus**

**Tuesday March 18, 2008, Empowerment Through
the Arts, Uppity Women Sing the Blues**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2008, Promoting Peace and
Social Justice Through the Arts**

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Let There Be music.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Saturday, November 3 (not the 2nd – Yearbook date is INCORRECT) volunteer to help at the 17th annual all-day EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH) IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS conference for young women in grades 7 through 9, held at SIUC.

The conference consists of hands-on workshops in a variety of subjects led by professionals working in the sciences. Concurrent workshops are offered for parents, teachers, and counselors to assist them in guiding girls in career choices.

Four Goals:

- Increase the interest of young women in math and science through positive, hands-on experiences
- Foster awareness of career opportunities in math and science related careers
- Provide young women with opportunities to meet and interact with positive role models who are active in math and science related careers
- Involve young women in positive experiences in math and science

Workshops and panels are led by volunteer college faculty and science professionals from the community. Other volunteers are needed throughout the day for set-up, registration, escorting groups around campus, and clean-up.

Our Branch members have volunteered at this conference every year since its inception. To volunteer contact Branch Member Mary Wright at mwright@math.siu.edu

AAUW APPLAUDS SENATE PASSAGE OF MATTHEW SHEPARD LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

Measure passes as an amendment to defense authorization bill

Washington, DC -- AAUW congratulates the Senate for passing the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act as an amendment to the defense authorization bill (H.R. 1585). The amendment, based on the Senate version of the hate crimes bill (S.1105), was added by voice vote after a successful cloture vote (60-39) today. The measure will strengthen the federal response to hate crimes and provide grants to support states and local communities in combating violent crimes. The House passed its hate crimes bill in May.

This bill will provide a backstop to local efforts by permitting federal prosecution to ensure a just result.

“Hate crimes are serious, well-documented problems that remain inadequately prosecuted and recognized,” said Maatz. “AAUW has been a strong supporter of this legislation from the beginning, and we believe it is time to give the issue the attention and resources it deserves.”

For more information or to schedule an interview with AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz, please contact AAUW Director of Communications

Ashley Carr at 202/785-7745 or carra@aauw.org.

WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS!

Cindy Vines and Joan Dickens

AAUW's FIRST PROGRAM OF 2007 Was a Big Success!



The Honorable Christy Solverson

On September 18th, our first program of the 2007 year started off with a most captivating and enchanting evening. Jo Poshard hosted a delightful evening with a tour of the Stone House and lovely gardens followed by an awe-inspiring talk by the Honorable Judge Christy Solverson, Williamson County Associate Judge.

The “road less traveled” for this female judge was encouraging for anyone pursuing their dream. Because equity is still an issue, she discussed how the judiciary can affect more social justice by applying the laws equitably.

Following the program, refreshments were served in the formal dining room while participants enjoyed networking. A big thank you goes to Jo Poshard for her gracious hospitality.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR ELLA LACEY

**Friday, October 5, at 2:30 p.m.
Alumni Lounge**

On Friday, October 5th at 2:30 p.m., in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center, Ella Phillips Lacey, our Branch member, will be one of three so honored as the 2007 Most distinguished Alumni.

Ella has a rich history at SIUC where she earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in psychology, rehabilitation administration, and community health education. Lacey retired from the SIU School of Medicine in 1994, but remains active in many settings since retirement. She is widely recognized for her devoted work to improve health delivery systems and to health care for the indigent and persons with limited resources.

She was instrumental in developing and implementing a plan that improved ambulance service in seven Southern Illinois counties. She conducted research on pica, an eating disorder found largely among women characterized as low-income individuals. After retiring, Lacey dedicated herself to serving as a long-term international volunteer. She served as a Peace Corp trainee and volunteer trainer as a child survival specialist, in Zomba, Malawi for two years. She studied the health care system in Vera Cruz, Mexico, and worked in the Worldwide Polio Eradication Program in northern India and in several regions of Africa.

Two other women to be honored are Lynda Lee Kaid, professor of Telecommunication at the University of Florida and Anamai Singhabhandhu, former Deputy Permanent Secretary and Ministry Spokesperson in her native Thailand.

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Copies of the 2007-2008 Branch Yearbook were distributed to all paid members as of October 4. Anyone who has paid her dues for 2007-2008 and has not received her Yearbook should contact Susie Kapp (skapp62901@yahoo.com) or Martha Ellert (msellert@aol.com).

Errata for Yearbook

- Page 8: Expanding Your Horizons Workshop date is November 3, not November 2.
- Page 9: Social Committee for December program is Kem Lewis and Bonnie Heidinger;

- Date of February program is February 12, 2008
- Page 13: Correct e-mail address for Connie Shanahan is cshan@midwest.net
- Page 14: Correct phone number for Maxine Williams is 549-6556
- Page 12: Margie Parr's correct e-mail address is meparr2@verizon.net, and she no longer has a work number.

Please note that your copy may have already been corrected, as corrections were made during the production of the booklets.

OUR AAUW MISSION

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.

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,

See you on the 9th!

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