

THE HOT SHEET

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Are You One of the 25 Per Cent?

Pam Burns, President
Maria Jones, President of AAUW-AR,
noted at our state board meeting in
Conway that only **25 per cent** read
their club newsletters. I hope that
isn't accurate because I have some
important requests and information
that needs to be shared with **100**per cent of you.

The small branch (six members) of Conway, AR is responsible for this year's AAUW State Convention April 24-25. They have an interesting program planned and we need to be there to support their efforts. Thirty participants are needed in order for the state to break even.

Check-in is at 3:30 on Friday, April 24 at the Hilton Garden Inn where rooms are \$99 and breakfast is included. After dinner at ZaZa's, a documentary film *Ivory Tower* will be viewed at the Faulkner County Library. The film is about the rising cost of higher education. We certainly recognize this problem as we try to increase our scholarships from our book sale each year. Clint Vogus, a professor at Arkansas State University and author of A **Current View of Higher Education**, has been asked to lead a discussion following the film.

Saturday will include sessions beginning at 9:00 at the Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center at UCA. Lunch is included in the \$40 registration fee. After the meetings and weather permitting, a tour of the Jewel Moore Nature Reserve has been planned. Jewel Moore, a lifetime member of AAUW, was a biology professor at UCA.

If you are interested in attending the convention, please let me know by April 15. Our branch will pay the registration fee for those wishing to attend. jbreelem@yahoo.com

I have been asked to help in recruiting new board members to the state board. AAUW Arkansas is seeking volunteers to serve as Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Chair for the state. Please contact me if you are interested in helping in one of those positions or contact Maria Jones for more info about the duties: nmhjones2@comcast.net

Our branch needs a STEM representative to serve on a state committee. If you are interested in encouraging young women to study careers in science, technology, engineering, or math, you would be perfect for this position. You do not need to attend state board meetings. This is a committee position that would communicate by phone and

email.

Serving AAUW as a branch or state officer is important if we are to continue as a viable organization in the future. When you are asked to serve, please say yes.



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the April 15, 2015 general meeting. We will meet at the Coronado Center, Room 6. There will be a social at 10:00 followed by a short business meeting. Our program will be a "Breaking Barriers" panel discussion. Our panel will feature, Suzanne Hartnett an Environmental Engineer; Kelly Millender, owner Spa City Golf and teaching golf professional; Melanie Bell, Certified Hypnotherapist; and, Nichole Good, Director Garland County Habitat for Humanity. These women have traveled rather unusual career paths and will share those with us. Please plan to attend what promises to be a very interesting and informative meeting. Contact Marge Collin at 922-6032 or hsvhusker@att.net for your reservation. A fee of \$5.00 for

refreshments and room rental is payable at the door.

Looking Ahead

April 15

Annual Meeting-Officers elected and program: Women Breaking Barriers

April 24, 25

AAUW Arkansas State Convention Conway, Arkansas

May 20

End of year social-May Magic (Marge has a fun program planned. Time & location to be announced.)

June 18-21

National AAUW Convention San Diego, CA

BOOK SALE

No book sales yet, however, let the planning and preparation begin! The Unitarian Church will be open to drop off books 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. on **April 14, May 12, and June 9.** On these dates Marjorie Griffith and Brenda Sellers will be at the church to accept any books that you have collected for the sale. Please share these dates and times with any of your friends who wish to donate books.

The first sorting date will be on **July 14 at the Unitarian Church 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.** This will be a large sorting date so please come help begin the sorting process on that date.

Additional sorting dates will be August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Reminders about these dates will be published in *The Hot Sheet* each month.

Barrels will be placed at the various locations on July 21.

If you missed the volunteer meeting on March 17 and have not yet contacted anyone about assisting with the book sale, please contact Marjorie Griffith at 501-209-1816 ssmkg1@yahoo.com or Brenda Sellers at 479-651-0969 bredasellers1699@gmail.com to indicate what you would like to do to assist with the sale. We especially need a barrel collections coordinator as well as book sorting coordinators for August and September. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

classrooms are being planned. In the past some women have even set up voter registration booths for women.

After contacting Senator Boozman of Arkansas, I was told that he feels that Arkansas has adequate laws in place regarding equal pay.

Anyone interested in doing an event concerning Equal Pay Day should contact Myra Sanders, Public Policy Chair. If you would like to know more about the gender pay gap you can order copies of "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap"; 2015 ed. by going to the following link: http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=4303&Itm=105513





EQUAL PAY = EQUAL PAY

All of you may not be aware that **National Equal Pay Day is on April 14, 2015.** This year AAUW is trying to take EPD activities to the next level. Ideas, activities, and events are being planned nationally to draw attention to the pay gap between men and women, even college graduates. Such events as rallies on college campuses, local merchant discounts for women, and educational programs in K-1

Diversity



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 or disability.

Diversity Advocates

"As we often talk about *diversity*, let's always walk for <u>diversity</u>, as well."



DUES

Branch Membership dues for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 are now being collected by treasurer, Meg Koziar. Meg's mailing address is 13 Magnifico Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. Dues are \$64 and checks are made payable to AAUW. If you are traveling this summer, please send your check before you leave. This makes bookkeeping easier for our Treasurer.

A Note of Sadness From Nancy Alkov

This month we offer sympathy to Jane Henderson at the passing of her husband, Harry. We hope fond memories will bring her comfort.



Welcome New Members

Becky Wakefield and her husband Harry moved to the Village from Dallas in 2014. She received a BS in Med Tech from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1973. She enjoys hiking, golf, gardening, reading, and biking. She inquired about being a branch member at our 2nd Chance Book Sale and joined in February. Her directory information is Becky Wakefield, 26 Dominar Way, Hot Springs Village becky wakefield@sbcglobal.net

(214)455-2921.

Stephanie Hubbard and her husband Frank moved to the Village in 2013 from Houston. Texas. She received a BA in Elementary Education from Stephens College in Columbia, MO. Stephanie taught fifth grade for 25 years in Texas. Stephanie likes to read, exercise, travel, dine out, attend plays and live concerts. Branch member Mary Jane Atwood met Stephanie at the Coronado Fitness Center and invited her to attend our meetings. Stephanie's directory information is Stephanie Hubbard, 1 Alava Lane, Hot Springs Village, (281)685-5474, fshubbard@hotmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship committee is preparing to conduct the interviews to pick our Scholarship recipients for the 2015-2016 school year. We will be interviewing for the regular scholarships on Monday, April 13th and for the transfer scholarships on Thursday, April 16th. The week before the interviews is spent reviewing all the applications so we can familiarize ourselves with the interviewees before we meet them.

Thank you to my wonderful committee members for their thoughtful insights and generosity with their time.

Sue Luerrsen



Good-bye Sisters

Jane Schenkelberg has moved away from the Village. It might be nice to track her if someone knows where she moved.

Jackie Thornton has also moved. All the way to Little Rock.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

At our Annual Meeting on April 14 we will take a few minutes to accept officer nominations from the floor. We will present and vote on the slate of officers for 2015-2016. The recommendations for officers from the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President Myra Sanders Treasurer Pam Burns VP Membership Donna Wetzel

We still need a candidate to serve as President-elect. If you find you can serve in this capacity, please call Paula Mathews at 922-3393.

