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AAUW FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday February 15
10:00 am
Coronado Community Center
Room 5

Program: SISTERS UNITED: THE FIGHT AGAINST SIDS

The Sisters United Committee of the Hot Springs Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., invite you to attend their first ***Safe Sleep Baby Shower/Workshop*** in Hot Springs Village. The guest presenter is *Susan Rima*, Director of Volunteer Services at CHI St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs. She will discuss and demonstrate infant CPR. ***The Safe Sleep Baby Shower/Workshop*** will address **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome**, also referred to as **SIDS**. **SIDS** is the sudden, unexplained death of a baby younger than 1 year of age that doesn't have a known cause, even after a complete investigation. Most deaths occur when babies are between 1 month and 4 months old. One half of all infant deaths are **SIDS**. In Arkansas, a baby dies before its first birthday almost every day, which is a rate of infant mortality well above the national average. This problem is greater among African Americans than in other populations. To help reduce

infant mortality among all populations, the Arkansas Department of Health formed a partnership with members from four predominately African American sororities, thus the name **SISTERS UNITED**.

Since their specified training, sorority members have conducted and continue to hold various events across the state to promote SISTERS UNITED's 4 focus areas. Follow through in these areas have shown to have an impact on reducing infant mortality:

- *Folic Acid
- *Flu Shots
- *Breastfeeding
- *Safe Sleep

Social media such as Facebook and YouTube are also used to reach their targeted population.

The workshops benefit parents, *grandparents*, siblings, those thinking of becoming parents, parents-to-be, and any *others who may be entrusted with caring for an infant child*.

**JOIN AAUW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR
A FUN AND INFORMATIVE TIME!**

Valuable Information
Refreshments
Door Prizes
Games

***Reservations to Pam Burns by
February 12. Call 922-4106 or
jbreelem@yahoo.com.***



In 2016, our AAUW national organization began an Anniversary Pin Campaign to celebrate members who had reached their 5, 10, 20, 30, or 40 years in AAUW as of 2016. These pins were a way of saying thank you to members for their years of membership in AAUW and for their dedication to our shared mission on behalf of women and girls. Below is a list of members of the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Branch who celebrated a designated anniversary as of 2016.

5 years: Diane Bielanski, Pat Mershon, Pat Poole, Sue Luerssen

10 years: Sally Carder, Becky Elliott, Chris Cash, Mary Kay Benkert, Lynda Grasse, Cynthia Saalfeld, Luetishie Fisher

30 years: Jean Olstad, Ann Hair.

If you have not already received your pins, please see or call Karen Vinyard VP Membership (915-0054)



Welcome New Members

Jeanne Ginnaven moved to the Village in 2016 and resides at 13 Purista Lane. Her phone is 226-5226 and email jginnaven@gmail.com. She received a BS in Psychology in 1979 from Vanderbilt University and a MSHA from UALR in Health Services Administration. Myra Sanders recruited Jeanne, who enjoys reading and traveling and is

interested in attending branch book groups and volunteering.

Vanessa Edgar resides at 21 Delgado Lane with her husband Jim. New member Mary Eliades recruited Vanessa to AAUW. Vanessa graduated from Franklin University in Columbus, OH with a BS in Computer Management. Her phone is 922-4992 and her email is vedgar455@yahoo.com. Vanessa enjoys reading, hiking, and golf and is interested in our book groups.

HELP OUR BRANCH SHINE: AAUW STATE CONVENTION



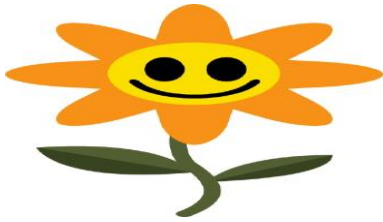
As most of you are aware, our branch will host the **AR AAUW Convention**, **April 28-29** at Hot Springs Village.

As the host branch, we want all of the delegates to feel welcomed. We can do this by housing delegates who need lodging and being present during the two day event. If you would be willing to sponsor a delegate in your home, please email Myra Sanders: myra.sanders08@yahoo.com. Lodging is also available to delegates at the Village Inn and vacation rentals.

We will meet at the Coronado Center **Friday evening at 6:00** for registration, **appetizers and wine** and at 7:00 to view *Equity*, a movie about a female investment banker working her way up the Wall Street ladder.

Please join us **Saturday morning at 8:00** for registration and a **continental breakfast** at The DeSoto Club and Chef

Johnna's Restaurant. Sessions will begin at 9:00. Your continental breakfast and luncheon of soup, salad, and sandwich are included in the registration fee.



The theme for this year's convention is **Women Leaders: Past, Present, Future**. Our keynote speaker will be a National AAUW representative (TBA), Panelists Dr. Susan Aldridge (branch member), Dr. Margaret Ellibee, Lesley Nalley, and others will discuss the challenges that are in the work place. The afternoon session will include Nancy Hendricks introducing her latest book Notable Women of Arkansas, a speaker from the Equal Pay Coalition, and a presentation about NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). After a brief general business meeting, the convention will conclude at 3:00.

Your presence is needed at the convention. Register now by making your check payable to AAUW and mailing to Pam Burns, 19 El Espinar Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. Cost is \$40 for Saturday only and \$45 for Friday evening and Saturday. Deadline for registering is April 15.

Women's Advocacy Day

It is time to gear up for the **Women's Advocacy Day** at the Legislature on **Tuesday, February 14th**. This is a non-partisan event, focusing on specific issues and legislation dealing with women's issues. Last year the primary

focus was on Pre-K funding. This year we are focusing on legislation regarding women's economic issues.

So far the following groups have committed for 2017:

League of Women Voters (LWV) of Pulaski County, LWV Arkansas
Arkansas Literacy Councils
American Association of University Women (AAUW), all branches and state organization

Arkansas Association of Women
Lawyers - Bowen Chapter
Arkansas Equal Pay Coalition
Citizens First Congress

Please see the notice at the end of this hot sheet on "What to Expect on Advocacy Day".

Call Myra Sanders for further information at 226-5106.



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**.



Our website for other information about AAUW

hshsv-ar.aauw.net

Plan for Advocacy Day— February 14, 2017

1. The day will start at 9:30 a.m. with check-in. This is when we will collect \$15 from each participant to cover their own lunch and to defray the cost of lunches for legislators. The speakers will be scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. We have requested a committee room for the morning session. The exact meeting location on the Capitol Grounds will be forwarded to you as soon as it is secured.
2. Parking is difficult at the State Capitol during a legislative session. Attendees may want to be prepared to walk one or more blocks. Drivers can drop off some passengers in the tunnel, if that is needed, and then go park.
3. We will have introductions, and a program that includes some short presentations to our joint group. The Arkansas Literacy Council student of the year will share a short presentation. Senator Linda Chesterfield has been invited to welcome the group if her schedule allows. Legislators are in committee meetings at that time. In the past, some have stopped by for brief visits. When that happens, we interrupt things and let them introduce themselves and make a brief comment, if they wish.
4. About 11:30 we will go down to the cafeteria for lunch. We do NOT go through the cafeteria line. There will be box lunches and drinks prepared in the reserved back meeting-room. Everyone picks up their own lunch. All State Legislators are invited so that it does not violate ethics standards. There are always competing events so we won't have all members.
5. We will have talking points. We will have small handouts at the Capitol for you to share and leave with any members you visit with at lunch. Do not bring big sheets of paper or lengthy handouts. They receive so much information that they are unlikely to maintain anything that they can't easily tuck in a pocket.
6. Members go to their respective chambers (House or Senate) on opposite ends of the third floor at 1:30.
7. When the afternoon sessions begin, we encourage you to go to the House and/or Senate chamber to observe. Also, each group is welcome to plan any special activities

NOTE: You do not need to have any experience to do this. People come from all over the state every two years to discuss matters that are important to them with their elected representatives. If you have not been before, it is an interesting, exciting experience. We would love to have a large turn-out so please plan to come.

