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### AAUW FEBRUARYMEETING

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Join AAUW as Cheryl L. Batts, President & Founder of People Helping Others Excel By Example (P.H.O.E.B.E) shares more about the Emerging Leaders, the historic John Lee Webb House, behind the scenes information, the man who owned the house and how the community, city and state have joined in the effort to be sure the house is restored and the youth have a place to call home.

> Date: February 21, 2018 Location: Unitarian Universalist Village Church, 403 Barcelona Time: 1:00 pm

{See more on this subject later in this Hot Sheet.}

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Q. How many purses do you think you have owned so far?

Q. What was/is your smallest purse? Largest? Q. What does Queen Elizabeth carry in her purses?



We are taking our March branch meeting "on the road" as we visit the ESSE purse museum in Little Rock's SoMa district. SoMa stands for SOuthside MAin Street, an historic urban neighborhood in Little Rock.

The description of the museum from the ESSE website ... "See the evolution of the 20th-century American woman through the bags she carried and their contents. ESSE Purse Museum – one of three purse museums in the world and the only one in the United States – is a don't miss experience."

Our HS/HSV AAUW branch will visit the Museum on Wednesday, March 21. If you would like to attend, please send your reservation request to Kim Townsan at townsaka@yahoo.com by February 6. We have room for another 12 people. The cost is \$25 which includes admission to the museum and a box lunch with beverage from The Community Bakery.

The museum experience does not require a significant amount of walking. And there are chairs available for those who want to stop, sit and observe. Parking is right next



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to the building and those driving will be able to drop people off at the door. We will leave HSV by 10:00 to arrive at the museum for 11:00 and then spend 2 hours at the museum, where we will also have our lunch. We need a few folks willing to drive. If you haven't been to the Esse Purse Museum, it is a wonderful experience to travel from decade to decade and see not only what purse fashions were at the time, but what women carried in their purse and the societal changes impacting women. So get your reservation to Kim Townsan by February 6 at townsaka@yahoo.com.



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## NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

### **UPDATE**

From the AAUW website ...

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops,

groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more.

## You've Got To Be Kidding Me!

In 1970, my two daughters were in second and fourth grades and I was a Special Ed teacher in New Jersey, where girls and women were required to wear skirts to school and to work. That year the rule changed and we were told that pant suits were permissible. I could hardly wait to go out and buy suits for the three of us and we all wore them to school for the first time. The fourth grader was told by her teacher, "Don't ever wear those again." The second grader faced whispering and giggling by her classmates but the teacher announced that it was not acceptable to make fun of anyone. I walked down the hall of school and coming towards me I saw my male principal and the male principal from another building. My principal said, "You're wearing pants?" and I answered, "I have as much right to cover my legs as you do." The three of us wore pant suits again the next day and many days after that. Nothing was ever said again.

~Paula Mathews~



#### A Bit More About P.H.O.E.B.E

In 2014, Emerging Leaders were given an opportunity through, P.H.O.E.B.E., to become a part of Arkansas history. The Historic John Lee Webb House, а contributing structure, located in the largest African American Historic District in the State, was given to P.H.O.E.B.E. and will become the home of the Institute \*. The youth will continue with the "Remember When..." program, developing and learning leadership skills, volunteering and earning stipends as docents telling the oral histories in the house and neighborhood where it all took place.

\* The Uzuri Project Youth Institute, Emerging Leaders, youth ages 10-17, seeks to build bridges through joint activities that will shatter stereotypes, garner greater understanding between generations while studying leadership skills, social skills, and living their lives around the six nonviolent principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



#### Pictured Above

This group, Track I and II have just finished their eight-weeks learning etiquette, assertiveness vs aggressiveness and team building to name a few. They celebrated their accomplishments during their graduation exercises and a Black History Month Celebration with speeches, and a special musical presentation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



### MARCH 21 - Wednesday

Location: Little Rock at the ESSE Purse Museum 10:00 am

APRIL 18 - Wednesday

General Meeting. Details to Follow Later.

MAY 8 - Tuesday (Please Note Day Change)

Teacher Appreciation Day – Local Schools. Details to Follow. Volunteers Needed.

#### JUNE 20 - Wednesday

Social – Cortez Pavilion. Details to Follow.

<u>Please mark your calendars with these</u> <u>dates NOW.</u>



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



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That's it for this issue. See you ALL at the February meeting.