



# THE HOT SHEET

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## END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL

**Date:** Wednesday June 20

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Place:** Cortez Pavilion

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person \*

**AAUW Members....**please bring an Appetizer OR a Dessert to share.

Beverages will be provided and will include soft drinks, water, and wine.

**Bring a friend and/or your Spouse!!\***

This last meeting of the year is always fun. Meg Koziar is planning an activity.

\*Send \$5.00 per person to Myra Sanders, 4 Romera Lane, HSV. **Deadline** for your RSVP for planning purposes is **June 16**.

Mary Jane Attwood, Programs

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Website: [hshsv-ar.aauw.net](http://hshsv-ar.aauw.net)

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee interviewed 22 amazing candidates for our scholarships. As always, it was a hard decision. We will be awarding 5 transfer scholarships and 6 regular ones each worth \$1500.00. I always leave my checkbook at home on interview days because it would be too easy to just write each of them a check.

I want to thank my committee for their hard work through the year. We have helped some amazing women to have a better life. I will be stepping down as Scholarship Chair so I can be your President beginning in July. Carol Freeland will be taking over as chairperson and we will be including Susan Aldridge and Anais Troadec as committee members to replace Pam Burns (she moved away earlier) and Diana Reeves (she will be stepping down from the committee after many years of hard work). I know they will be valuable additions.

**Sue Luerksen**



In principle and 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.



### GET YOUR VOTE IN!

Voting is underway on three important proposed amendments to the AAUW bylaws. By now all AAUW members should have received their online email ballot from AAUW Election, which provided a link to the voting site. The email includes each individual's member ID and their Voter Pin number. If you have not yet received your email, be sure to check your junk mail / spam folder as it may have

landed there. If you still cannot locate it, you can request an online ballot at [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or by calling 800-326-2289 Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 5pm ET. Requests for paper ballots must be received by May 7 and postmarked by May 21. Online voting closes on Saturday, June 9 at 9 pm ET.

The three proposed amendments, all of which are endorsed by the AAUW Board of Directors are as follows:

- Creating three-year staggered board terms
- Opening board service to those outside of the AAUW members, and
- Eliminating the degree requirement for member.

The AAUW Arkansas Board has also supported the three national bylaw amendments, although it was not unanimously approved at our state board level. The first two proposed amendments are focused on governance structure and bringing it more in line with best practices by other non-profits. The third amendment, changing the degree requirement, has been voted on before. This is the first year that the National Board of Directors has supported this change, as the perception is that the degree requirement limits the ability to build capacity to increase AAUW's impact.

Make your voice heard ... please





## AAUW ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

### HS/HSV VISITS THE NORTHEAST CORNER: JONESBORO AND STATE CONVENTION.....

Three members of our branch took to the road as representatives at this year's AAUW Arkansas State Convention held at the Hilton Garden Inn / Jonesboro. **Meg Koziar-Treasurer/AAUW State, Myra Sanders-Secretary/AAUW State and Kim Townsan-President/HS-HSV** branch enjoyed an interesting conference which kicked off on Friday, April 27 with the State Board's Business Meeting. Reports were provided by Meg and Myra, along with the VP's of Program and Membership.

Board members were then joined by members of various state branches for appetizers before heading out for a nice evening of Italian food and conversation (although some attendees were disappointed when they discovered that Jonesboro is a "dry county"). The next morning, Saturday, April 28 was "convention day". After a welcome by **Julia Payne**, representing the host Jonesboro branch, the keynote speaker was introduced. **Anne Hedgepeth**, Interim VP for Government Relations from AAUW National, presented information on **AAUW's new strategic plan process**. The presentation also included a financial overview of past and future budgets showing efforts on cost control to narrow the gap between revenues and expenses. Anne shared Kim Church's (President AAUW

Nation) message on three key concepts for AAUW going forward:

- **Focus** – AAUW cannot be all things to all people
- **Relevance** – Where can AAUW show leadership
- **Impact** – How does AAUW differentiate itself

Anne highlighted one of the challenges for AAUW as it now exists in a crowded space. Currently, there are 400 organizations working on equity for girls and women. A much different environment than when AAUW was found in 1881.

The program also included a presentation by **Humeyra Ulusoy-Erol**, AAUW International Fellowship Recipient and Chemical Engineering PhD candidate at University of Arkansas. Humeyra discussed limitations she encountered as a woman in her native Turkey which provided the impetus for her to pursue her advanced education in the U.S. All attendees were impressed by Humeyra's accomplishments, including her efforts in organizing and hosting a U.N. panel. She also encouraged participants to investigate their own biases by taking the Project Implicit survey at <https://implicit.harvard.edu> to learn about their own implicit associations about race, gender and sexual orientation.

**Anthony Owens**, Director of Arkansas' Computer Science Education with the State of Arkansas provided a wonderful overview of the State's work on programs in the technology arena. Anthony discussed the coding programs being implemented across the public schools along with mechanisms for teacher training in the computer sciences. These state efforts are working towards expanding the pipeline of technology-literate students for improving Arkansas' work force pipeline of the future. After lunch, an update on Arkansas' Equality Pay Coalition was led by **Maria**

**Jones**, Arkansas's outgoing State President. That was followed by another representative of AAUW National, **Sue Barley**, who discussed the Legacy Circle...members who have provided for AAUW in their estate plans. Our own Meg Koziar received recognition as a Legacy Circle Member, along with two other members of the HS/HSV branch – **Velma Coolidge** and **Bonnee Hagen**. The Legacy Circle Program does not have a specific amount requirement for participation.

The program then included time for a “Town Hall” during which the three by-law amendments were discussed with Sue Barley leading as facilitator. Sue shared with the group AAUW's rationale for the three amendments. Each amendment was discussed separately, with the proposed elimination of the degree requirement as the subject generating the most discussion.

The end of the day wrapped up with the AAUW Arkansas State Business Meeting at which time current board member Meg Koziar was thanked for all her efforts and dedication to the Board over the years. Meg's tenure as Treasurer comes to a close at the end of this year. **Maureen Terrafranca** was confirmed at Treasurer and **Felisha Perrodin** as President. The Board is still looking for a VP of Programs for the upcoming year.

**Our HS/HSV branch was one of the recipients of a 2018 Diamonds In The Rough Award.** Our branch received recognition of our community action, public policy, membership, AAUW funds, education and Diversity, Leadership, Visibility and Technology activities.

Next year's convention location will be Little Rock. Hopefully, the HS/HSV branch will be able to have greater representation given the geographic proximity.



Maria Jones, Felisha Perrodin, Meg Koziar  
Kim Townsan, Myra Sanders



#### 2018 -19 AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

The total of AAUW National, State, and Local dues for 2018-19 is \$74. Some who were a little late with dues last year may think you just paid dues! **But remember, dues are actually due and payable on March 1st of each year.** The breakdown is as follows:

**\$59.** National (of which \$56 is tax deductible)

\$ **8.** State

\$ **7.** Local

**\$74. TOTAL**

**YOU SHOULD MAIL YOUR CHECK FOR \$74 TO MYRA SANDERS AT 4 ROMERA LN., HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR. 71909.**

So if you haven't yet become a member... make it happen today!

Please don't hesitate to call should you have any questions. Myra's phone number is 226-5106.