



The BayStater

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Branch Leadership and Learning—A Conference Not To Be Missed *Saturday, June 18, 2005 Massasoit Community College—Canton Campus*

The annual statewide Summer Branch Training, “**Branch Leadership and Learning: Counterparts and Collaborations,**” will take place on June 18th from 8:30 to 1:30. The packed full and exciting agenda will be an invigorating, inspiring as well as just plain helpful and fun few hours. Whether you are a general member or a branch office holder, you are strongly encouraged to attend.

One of your State Board’s objectives is to provide concrete, substantive support and assistance to local branches. We hope those intentions are apparent in the summer’s branch training agenda. For one full session, the state chairs and vice presidents will facilitate workshops with their corresponding branch office holders. They will bring their perspectives and experiences and then listen to what is working and challenging at the branch level. No one pretends to have all the answers but certainly many brains work together more creatively than one. Please come and share both what is going well with your branch and what is causing you to struggle. Someone else may have just solved your problem or you may have just solved theirs!

We will also do some creative brainstorming to help with fundraising, membership and our second round of Branch Partnerships projects. Bring your best, most creative, no-holds barred thinking to share with others. We all understand the need for and importance of AAUW. It shouldn’t be too hard to convince others while raising funds and gaining new members in the process. Your state board knows that Massachusetts has many fantastic members—and thus, many ways to entice new members and reinvigorate our organization. Nothing is more attractive to prospective members than becoming part of a group that is made up of incredible people who are making a difference and inspiring others. Hey, that’s YOU!

Bring your own bag lunch; we’ll provide a continental breakfast, break snacks, drinks and dessert for lunch. Registration is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door—either one a bargain since you come away with:

- * **Ideas for projects and fundraisers that will help your Branch learn and grow.**
- * **A feeling of better connection with your State AAUW Board members.**
- * **Inspiration for a GREAT 2005-2006 AAUW year of learning across the lifespan!**

See you there!!

Marilee Kenney Hunt
AAUW-MA Program Vice President

Conference Agenda on page 3. Registration and directions on page 2.

Thoughts from Patricia

Patricia Ho, AAUW-MA President

ENDINGS ... AND BEGINNINGS

Endings can be meaningful, with opportunities for self-assessment and for celebration. The State Convention on April 9 – 10, in Falmouth signaled the end of this AAUW-MA year with a celebratory look at notable achievements and serious reflection on areas for stronger effort.

Following reports from the President and Executive Committee, delegates enthusiastically accepted the outstanding slate of new officers. We are truly proud of our state board members who balance notable contributions to profession and community with an unwavering commitment to AAUW’s work. But then, they reflect the quality of our membership.

With Regional Director Marcelline Barron and Director-at-Large Pam Collins presiding, the Open Forum provided updates on Association and other New England branches. Members posed questions and gave valued direction to the new Board.

The Legal Advocacy Fund dinner recognized the strong efforts of branches and individuals who contributed significantly to LAF’s work, and the winners of the second annual Progress in Equity Award. Liz Fragola was commended for another enriching, enjoyable event, and the members of Cape Cod branch were warmly thanked for their outstanding planning and graciousness of presentation. Hollie Bagley was indispensable in her preparation of the Annual Report and other documents for convention.

Outstanding speakers energized the Women in Transition conference on Sunday. Members were particularly touched by the stories of despair, hope, perseverance and success that our member panelists shared. AAUW-MA resolves to consider ways the state and branches can offer the support so desperately needed by other women in transition. (continued on page 4)

Events 2005-2006
2005-2006 AAUW-MA CALENDAR

2005	
Wednesday, June 1	Branch Officer Reports due to Patricia Ho & Association
Saturday, June 18	Branch Leadership and Training Summer Board Meeting
Friday/Monday, June 24-27	Association Convention Washington, DC
Sunday, September 11	Fall <i>BayStater</i> Deadline
Saturday, November 5	Fall State Conference Women at Work Museum, Attleboro
Sunday, November 20	Winter <i>BayStater</i> Deadline
2006	
January, February, March	Branch Partner Projects
Sunday, February 12	Spring <i>BayStater</i> Deadline
Saturday/Sunday April 8-9	Spring Convention and Annual Meeting

DIRECTIONS

The Massasoit Community College—Canton Campus is located in Canton, MA at 900 Randolph St, and is easily accessible from anywhere in the Commonwealth.

From Boston

Take the Southeast Expressway to Rt. 128 N, Exit 2A (Route 138 S). Take a left at the second traffic light (Randolph St.); Massasoit is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Cape Cod

Take Rt. 3 N to Rt. 128 N, Exit 2A (Rt. 138 S). Take a left at the second traffic light (Randolph St); Massasoit is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Southern Mass

Take Rte. 24 N to Rt. 128 N, Exit 2A (Rt. 138 S). Take a left at the second traffic light (Randolph St); Massasoit is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Western Mass

Take Rt. 2 or Rt. 90 (Mass Turnpike) to Rt. 128 S, Exit 2A (Rt. 138 S). Take a left at the second traffic light (Randolph St); Massasoit is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Northern Mass

Take Rt. 95, 93 or 3 S to Rt. 128 S, Exit 2A (Rt. 138 S). Take a left at the second traffic light (Randolph St.); Massasoit is 1/4 mile on the left.

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June 18, 2005 -- Branch Leadership and Learning Training Registration

Registration fee: \$10.00, \$15 at the door

Registration fee covers workshop materials, morning coffee and muffins, and lunch beverages and dessert.

Please bring your own sandwich or salad.

Branch: _____

Name _____

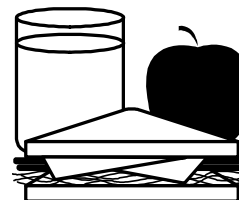
Counterpart session choice _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

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E-mail _____



Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 12, 2005

Send registration form and check to: Hollie Bagley, 82 Kimball Beach Road, Hingham, MA 02043

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Branch Leadership and Learning: *Counterparts and Collaborations*

Massasoit Community College—Canton Campus
June 18, 2005

Brown bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided; Registration fee: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door

- 8:30—9:00 **REGISTRATION**
Morning coffee and continental breakfast provided
- 9:00—9:10 **WELCOME, Patricia Ho**, AAUW Massachusetts President
- 9:10—10:00 **BRANCH PARTNERS, Marilee Kenney Hunt**, facilitator
9:15-9:25 Inspiration from the Association
9:25-9:40 Inspiration from AAUW-MA 2004-2005 branch partnerships
9:40-10:15 **Branch Partnership Planning for 2005-2006 projects**
Breakout into branch partnership groups
- 10:15—10:25 **BREAK**
- 10:25—11:10 **COLLABORATIONS—OUR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND**
Panel presentations—Government agencies and organizations as resources
Local community agencies and organizations as resources
- 11:10—12:15 **COUNTERPARTS: STATE AND BRANCHES** (Attendees who are office holders should attend their task specific break-out; non-officer attendees may attend any of the break-out or the general fundraising session. Break-out groups will be facilitated by state board members for that area.)

Area	Facilitator	Intended Audience
Diversity	John Sims	Diversity Chairs; those interested in diversifying their branches
Membership	Rosemarie Buote	Membership vice presidents or those interested in learning about or serving as membership vp's.
Presidency	Patricias Ho and Bologna	Those who are or are considering becoming branch presidents
Programs	Marilee Kenney Hunt	Those who are program vice presidents or those who are serving on program committees
Public Policy	Arline Broberg and Lois Pulliam	Public Policy chairs; all those who are interested in public policy
Technology/Web use/ Publishing	Hollie Bagley	Newsletter editors; web masters; publicity chairs; anyone interested in using technology to advance their branch's visibility or efficiency
Money Talks: Putting the Fun in Fundraising		General membership, anyone interested in fundraising initiatives for the state or local branch.
Treasurer, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund	Linda Britt and Liz Fragola	Branch treasurers, EF and LAF chairs, those interested in EF, LAF or serving as treasurer.

12:15—12:45 **WORKING LUNCH:** Report out from Fundraising and Partnership groups

12:45—1:30 **STATE BOARD MEETING**



Come away with: Ideas for projects and fundraisers that will help your branch learn and grow.

A feeling of better connection with your state AAUW board members.

*Inspiration for a **GREAT** 2005-2006 AAUW year of learning across the lifespan!*



Directions to Massasoit Community College—Canton Campus and Registration form are on page 2.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

HONORS FOR DONOR BRANCHES

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Karen Messing, Taunton Area

Congratulations...

and thank you for your generous support of the Educational Foundation.

Each branch contribution of \$500.00 entitles the branch to honor a member of AAUW or a non-member with a Named Gift. Certificates are available from the Foundation office.

Patricia's Thoughts (continued from page 1)

Our new **beginnings** are expressed in **state goals for 2005-2006**: Strengthen membership recruitment and retention with focus on diversity outreach; Support branch partnerships in community endeavors through action or advocacy projects; Strengthen the Action Corps to advocate on issues for women and girls; Continue building collaborative alliances with other mission-driven organizations; Reach out to current and potential college/university partners. Let us work together in this new year!

Designated Branch and Individual Contributions	
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Eleanor Roosevelt	\$819.00
Unrestricted Foundation Support	\$2824.00
International Symposium	\$365.00
Enid Wilson	\$475.00
Diversity, Pamela Lincoln	\$800.00
Leonette Warburton Wishard	\$250.00
American Fellowships	\$1359.00
International Fellowships	\$500.00
Sema Faigen	\$6143.11
Research Projects and Grants	\$646.00

Message from NE Regional Director

Congratulations to AAUW Massachusetts for a wonderful 2005 Convention April 9th and 10th in Falmouth. The productive Annual Meeting was followed by a wonderful LAF Night. The next day we had a marvelous Women In Transition experience. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the two days. Kudos to Massachusetts for a fabulous weekend!

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Association convention. Please join us in challenging dialogue and informative sessions plus a Lobby Day on the Hill on Monday.

Marcelline A. Barron

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

*2005 AAUW Convention
Washington, DC
June 24 -27, 2005*

The 2005 AAUW Convention, *Purpose, Power and Progress* has been arranged to meet the institutional, intellectual and informational needs of all AAUW members. As a "New Vision for Women's Leadership," lectures, workshops and more are scheduled to help you explore, expand, learn, chart, hear, lobby and connect with other AAUW learners.

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY and view more details in your *Outlook* or at www.aauw.org

Legal Advocacy Fund Gift Clubs April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

Gift Clubs for Individuals

ADVOCATES: \$500 - \$999

Florence Baturin	Bedford-Lexington
Sema Faigen	Bedford-Lexington
Liz Fragola	Danvers-Topsfield

LITIGANTS: \$50 - \$99

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Nancy Luther	Danvers-Topsfield
Sylvia McDowell	Boston
Karen Messing	Taunton Area
Gloria Moran	Taunton Area
Lois Pulliam	Bedford-Lexington

Branch Gift Clubs

CASE SUPPORTER

(100% increase over previous year)

Merrimack Valley

NETWORKER

(100% Board participation)

Danvers-Topsfield

BRANCH PER CAPITA AWARDS

Merrimack Valley (\$89.25)
Danvers-Topsfield (\$66.12)
Taunton (\$33.92)



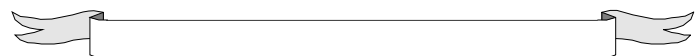
*Announcing the AAUW-MA
2004-2005*

Progress in Equity Award winners

**Babson College Center for Women's
Leadership**

and

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Women's Industry Network**



With grateful appreciation...

Thank you to all, especially Phyllis Rubin and the Cape Cod Branch, for helping to make the LAF dinner a successful event. We raised \$1050.00 in member contributions and \$200.00 from jewelry sales for a total of \$1250.00. The PIE award recipients were thrilled to be honored by AAUW and delighted to meet our members. Thank you to all branches who do consistent and substantial fundraising for LAF each year.

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Boston Inc.	Merrimack Valley
Cape Cod	North Shore
Danvers-Topsfield	Newburyport Area
Foxboro Area	Taunton Area
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Marilee Kenney Hunt - Taunton Area
Karen Board Moran - Worcester
Marge Mead - Sun City, AZ

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ASPIRE Mentoring Project Community Action Grant
with Asian American Sisters Participating in Reaching Excellence

Young Women in Technology Mentoring Project Community Action Grant
with YWCA Malden

Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston
Representation on Leadership Council Board
Partnering on workshop presentation to AAUW National Convention on 'Gender-Specific Programming for Girls'
Legislative advocacy on girls' issues

Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW)
Collaboration on Community Legislative Breakfast, North Shore
Legislative Advocacy and follow-up action on MCSW Study

League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Collaboration with MCSW Community Legislative Breakfast,
Conference on Human Trafficking of Women,
It's Your Health Conference

Women at Work Museum, Attleboro
Support and collaboration in program presentation
and exhibits, Title IX

Lowell Women's Week
Annual participation with Women's Week Committee,
Kick-off Breakfast, Girls Inc. Conference,
LAF presentation at UMass Lowell

Girls Inc. of Lynn and Lowell
Girls in math, science, technology projects

Campaign for Fair School Finance
Support of equitable funding for public schools, *amicus brief*

**Coalition for Choice
Coalition to Protect Choice
Prevention First Campaign**
Advocacy and action on behalf of comprehensive reproductive health services, sexuality education, family planning, teen pregnancy prevention, access to emergency contraception (EC)

Ongoing **networking** with MA Caucus of Women Legislators, ACLU of MA, MA Family Planning Association and Health Quarters

Massachusetts Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW Project)
Working to integrate international human rights protections into MA's legal code

AAUW JOINS MASSACHUSETTS HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE

For the first time in Massachusetts, we have an opportunity to integrate international human rights standards and protections into our own state's legal code. AAUW has joined a legislative campaign coordinated by The Massachusetts CEDAW Project (CEDAW stands for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) to pass the Massachusetts Human Rights Bill (HB 706).

This state-based initiative seeks to advance and safeguard the human rights of all residents of the Commonwealth. Specifically, HB706 asks the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish a special commission to investigate how international human rights standards have been and could be integrated into Massachusetts law and practices.

In this effort, we will be collaborating with other organizations dedicated to human rights such as: Amnesty International, Survivors, Inc., Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Coalition for a Strong United Nations and MA Welfare Rights Union. It is an opportunity to establish higher rights standards than those embodied in the U.S. Constitution, to take pro-active measures to ensure that rights are protected and fulfilled and to make connection to global movements for social change. This can be a step towards full implementation of international human rights treaties inside the U.S., such as the CEDAW, CERD (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) and the CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child) that the U.S. has failed to ratify.

AAUW has been a long time supporter of CEDAW, and AAUW-MA is supporting this initiative at the state level, as we continue to work toward equity for all.

Submitted by Bonnie Howard

Lowell Women's Week 2005

For the second year AAUW was represented in planning and providing resources for the Girls' Inc. Conference, "Girls With Goals" on March 12, one of the main events of Lowell Women's Week 2005. Close to 100 girls, grades 3 through 6, attend the conference each year for a fun day of workshops, games and other activities that appeal to that age group. This year AAUW operated the hospitality suite for the many volunteers who assist during the conference, and Nancy Moore of the Bedford-Lexington Area Branch, led a workshop on the environment, entitled "Good Riddance."

Submitted by Nancy Moore

PRESENTATIONS AT AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston and AAUW-MA 'Gender-specific Programming for Girls' Workshop

EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS FOR TASTE OF SUCCESS

Title IX – Making a Difference in the Lives of Women and Girls, Katherine Honey for Women at Work Museum, Attleboro

Honoring Family-Friendly Workplaces, Hollie Bagley for Attleboro, Foxboro, Hingham, Taunton, Worcester Branches

Public Policy Arline Broberg, Chair

AAUW continues to be vigilant on behalf of women and girls. AAUW members across the country are being urged to **take action**:

- Tell your senators to maintain full funding of education programs during the budget appropriations process.
- Ask your representative to support the Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act (HR 366) when it comes before the full House.
- Urge your senators to scrutinize all judicial nominees for a commitment to civil rights. Tell them to oppose the confirmation of extremist nominees, such as Boyle, Brown, Griffith, Owen, and Pryor.
- Contact your senators and urge them to oppose the nuclear option. Tell them to support bipartisan compromise and preserve the filibuster.
- Tell your members of Congress that privatizing Social Security is the wrong way to provide lifelong economic protection for women and families.
- Ask your members of Congress to support a welfare reauthorization bill that includes comprehensive education and training programs to enable women to attain jobs and reach self-sufficiency.

AAUW makes it easy to take action using the **Two Minute Activist** found on the AAUW website (www.aauw.org). From the home page choose **Issue Advocacy** tab on the top bar. Read more about these and other issues affecting women and girls and take action!

AAUW-MA Advocacy in Action

Because of AAUW’s broad mission and comprehensive Public Policy positions, many issues arise which demand our action. AAUW-MA has risen to the challenge by speaking at public hearings, lobbying legislators, writing letters, and joining forces with other organizations with similar goals.

Public Policy Chair Arline Broberg has been disseminating AAUW Action Alerts and Updates to members via e-mail, BayStater and state website. A number of our knowledgeable members represent AAUW-MA with other community groups and coalitions. Through their significant efforts, AAUW’s credibility and visibility are heightened--as an organization that takes action.

Recently, Lois Pulliam testified before a legislative hearing in favor of an Act to Provide Timely Access to Emergency Contraception, a longtime AAUW-supported issue. This act would make EC readily available from emergency room physicians and trained pharmacists. This is not RU-486, the abortion pill.

AAUW-MA collaborated with the MA Commission on the Status of Women in presentation of a regional briefing on the “Effects of the State Fiscal Crisis on Women and Girls in MA”; the MA CEDAW Project, integrating human rights into state legislation; and the League of Women Voters Forum on Trafficking of Women.

AAUW-MA was one of sixteen states invited to apply for an AAUW Public Policy Impact Grant, based on our past success in public policy activities. If awarded, this grant would fund a voter education campaign geared toward mobilizing women to action, while addressing membership recruitment, leadership development, visibility and diversity. Arline Broberg and Meredith DiMola will co-chair this project.

“Because equity is still an issue.”



AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls. life-long education, and positive societal change.
AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.
AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. 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.

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