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Attleboro Branch, Inc.

Editor, Paula Correia and Ashley Occhino

Letter from the Co-Presidents

AAUW Making a Difference

"Promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change."

Dear Members,

I hope that you are enjoying the beginning of summer despite the rainy weather! Even though we don't meet during the summer months, AAUW is still on the minds of the Board as we plan and look forward to another year ahead! At our Annual Banquet at the Bella Vista Restaurant in North Attleboro on May 5, 2009, we enjoyed a lovely evening of friendship and delicious food. We also enjoyed a wonderful presentation by one of our AAUW American Fellows, Nadine Braunstein. I'll share more on her talk in our next newsletter.

We also had decided that the Board of officers would basically stay the same but, new members will have to be on the slate for the year 2010. Paula Correia has come on as Co-President to try and lighten the work load for Ashley Occhino who is working and do all the duties as President. She has done a wonderful job this past year! Pat Knox is now our Recording Secretary.

Finally, we were happy to get responses from many of you as to the direction that you wanted our local Attleboro branch to take in the upcoming season. As you know, you were given options and the overwhelming majority expressed the opinion that we stay together as the Attleboro Branch, Inc. The main changes would be to limit the number of meetings for the year, making them more enjoyable activities so more of you would attend and as you suggested, most of them would take place in members homes. This would help us not only financially but would make the atmosphere more relaxing and welcoming.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Fall at our Pot-Luck Supper. Have a relaxing and, hopefully, sunny Summer!

Paula Correia and Ashley Occhino

See the next page for updated information regarding tax deductions.



View of table from the May Banquet at Bella Vista

The elected Officers for the year 2009-2010 are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Ashley Occhino and Paula Correia

Treasurer: Jacqueline Romaniecki

VP Program: Kristina Occhino

VP Membership: Paula Correia

Recording Secretary: Patricia Knox

Committee Chairs:

Social Justice/ Diversity: Sharon Beckwith

EF/LAF: Kristina Occhino

Hospitality and Yearbook: Irene Yutkins

Public Policy: Maxine Johnson

Publicity & Newsletter: Ashley Occhino

- **Annual Dues** of \$74.00 are due.

Sixteen members have paid. If you are not one of them, please make your check payable to:
AAUW Attleboro Branch, Inc. and mail it to:
Jackie Romaniecki

- **Next Board Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Paula Correia's home

RSVP:

Treasurer's Report from the Annual Meeting:

- By vote of the membership, our branch dues have been reduced by \$2.00.
- Checking account:\$375.00 (scholarship money already taken out)
- Savings Account :\$2,442.00
- Scholarship Contributions this year- \$300.00 to Attleboro High School and \$300.00 to North Attleboro High School. \$100.00 to EF and \$100.00 to LAF.
- Dues: National Association and State dues have not increased for next year.

What are the facts regarding tax deductibility of AAUW national dues/fees for my personal taxes in 2009?*

Because AAUW is restructuring and our IRS Section 501(c)(3) charitable entity, to be called AAUW, will house our membership, most of your national AAUW membership dues for FY 2010 will be considered by the IRS to be a charitable deduction. Please see the following tax information to assist you with your personal 2009 taxes.

Effective April 1, 2009:

- **AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2010 are \$49:**
\$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).
- **AAUW National Student Affiliate fee is for fiscal year 2010 is \$17:**
\$16 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$1 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).
- **AAUW National Life Membership dues (one-time payment) of \$980 are fully tax deductible.**
- Tax deductibility details for [special AAUW membership promotions](#) are specified in the promotion information.

NOTE: Branch members — Full national dues are to be paid through your branch as usual. Individual members (MALs). Branch/state membership dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution unless your branch/state is classified under the Section 501 (c)(3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service. Consult your branch/state finance officer to verify status.

Is there an easy way to determine the deductibility of AAUW national dues for different membership categories?

This chart shows the tax deductibility of national dues, sorted by dues amount.

| National Dues/Fees | Tax Deductible Portion | Non-Tax Deductible |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| \$980 | \$980 | \$0 |
| \$26-\$49 | \$23-\$46 | \$3 |
| \$18-\$25 | \$16-\$23 | \$2 |
| \$17 or less | \$16 | \$1 |

When I pay national dues at the branch, can I still write a single check? What about adding a donation?

- For payment of individual national dues at the branch, you will continue to write a single \$49 check to AAUW, now predominantly a 501(c)(3) organization, which means that the majority of your dues payment (\$46.00) is deductible on your personal taxes.
- Because AAUW applies \$3 of your \$49 dues to support the work of our AAUW Action Fund, through which we operate our 501(c)(4) activities, that \$3.00 is not tax deductible for you.
- Do not send two separate dues checks. Write "dues payment" in the notation section of your check.
- If you want to include a donation as well, you may still write one check for the dues plus the donation. It is advisable to write "dues + donation" in the notation section of your check, and if you want to designate the donation to some specific activity, write "dues + F & G" or "dues + LAF" or whatever program you want to support with your donation. Of this check for dues plus donation, all but \$3 is tax deductible for you. The \$3 of your dues is still not tax deductible to you, no matter what else you contribute. So, for instance, if you pay your dues and donate another \$51, \$97 is tax deductible for you — but you can send a single check for \$100 to include both the dues and the donation.

Does depositing AAUW national dues and/or contributions into branch bank accounts and then forwarding them as lump sum payments to AAUW affect the tax deductibility of these dues and/or contributions?

Tax-deductible funds (national dues and contributions) may be processed through branch checking accounts.

Are my branch and state member ship dues tax deductible now?

Branch/state membership dues are not tax deductible unless your branch/state is classified under the Section 501(c)(3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service. Consult your branch/state finance officer to verify status.

See the [Updated AAUW Branch Tax Status after Restructuring Briefing](#) in the [Current Topics Briefing](#) series on the AAUW site for details.