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## Message from State Co-President Dianna Morgan

As we slog through what has often been a cold, gray and messy winter, I am sure many of you are entertaining thoughts of spring. I know I certainly am! When you think of the warm days to come, I hope you also will think about AAUW and the opportunities for growth that are just around the corner.

First of all, please make plans to attend the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Convention April 4-6 in Bentonville. It will be fun to meet members not just from Oklahoma but also from Arkansas. Even more importantly, a stellar convention agenda means you will hear interesting speakers, have opportunities to learn, and in general be inspired.

We also can look forward to the AAUW Mid-West Regional Conference on June 13-14 in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. Another great program is planned---you will not want to miss it.

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## A Message from State Co-President Jeanna Wing

The warmer weather this week is giving me hope for the arrival of spring. Let's hope the worst of the winter weather is behind us. As we look forward to the renewal of nature that spring brings to us, let us also look forward to renewing and refreshing our AAUW Oklahoma branches. The best way to do that is to attend the AAUW Arkansas/Oklahoma State Convention and the AAUW Mid-West Regional Conference. The energy and new ideas that you will receive when you attend these events is well worth the time spent.

Mark your calendars for Equal Pay Day on April 8 and think about planning events in your local branches. The Oklahoma Women's Coalition of which AAUW/OK is a partner has set a Lobby Day for April 15. AAUW will be participating in that event and your support and attendance is needed.

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**AAUW/OK members  
will be taking calls for the  
OETA Festival  
Friday, March 7, 2014  
5:45 p.m. —10:00 p.m.**

Here is your chance to be on TV in a positive way and support the educational programming offered by OK Educational Television Authority (OETA). This is a combined efforts by AAUW members from several branches and is a great outreach to the state. If you can't join us in person, call in and donate. It is always interesting to visit with the individuals who call in to donate! Contact Pat Snodgrass if you are able to help. [psnod-gra4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psnod-gra4@sbcglobal.net)

## What's Happening With AAUW Around Oklahoma!

The **Durant Branch** and Betty Clay report that they are busy with the planning for the annual children's theatre production scheduled for April 7-10, 2014.

Jessica Martinez-Brooks reported that the **South OKC Branch** reported that Melodia Gutiérrez from the AAUW Regional office spoke at their Feb. 19, 2014 meeting.

**Stillwater-Oklahoma State University (OSU)**– Jaretta Horn Nord, faculty sponsor, reports that **OSU's AAUW Student organization** is meeting on the third Thursday of each month with speakers or activities.

Pam McDonald reports that in Nov. the **Tulsa Branch** had a Wine & Cheese Tasting Event at Jan Graham's beautiful historic home and raised money for LAF. The Jan. program was to focus on the Girl Scouts program "Beyond Bars." In Feb., they will be viewing the documentary "The Invisible War" which addresses sexual assault in the military.

The **Weatherford Branch** reported that their successful Pampered Chef fundraiser allowed them to help fund their branch scholarships awarded in Dec. 2013. They are working to select nominees and find funds for at least one SWOSU student for NCCWSL. The March 3 Spring Luncheon, featuring Ronda Mikles speaking on Laughter Truly Is the Best Medicine, is dedicated to raising funds for LAF, EOF, and the 2014 Tech Trek Camp. During the Tech Trek camp, we will plan one day during which AAUW members are welcome to participate along with the girls. A few of our Tech Trek Committee members plan to attend the AR/OK meeting in April to co-present a STEM education workshop with "Girls of Promise Women's Foundation of Arkansas."



December 3, 2013, Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Mackenzie Bergagnini (middle left) of Tonkawa and Delene Gonzalez (middle right) of Hollis were awarded the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Nancy McClain scholarships. With the pair are AAUW members (from left) Dr. Sylvia Esjornson; Vera Kelln-Bullock; Brandi Rizzi; Dr. Lisa Appeddu; Dr. Lori Gwyn; Darla Davenport; Dr. Patsy Parker and Debbie Brown. Bergagnini is a senior chemistry student participating in research under the supervision of Dr. Trevor Ellis. Upon graduation she plans to attend graduate school, obtain a Ph.D. to work in drug development/testing for the treatment of neurological disorders. Gonzalez is a senior exercise science student currently working two jobs to help pay for living expenses and her education. She plans on continuing her education and hopes to obtain a Ph.D. in dietetics and research.

## What to look forward to at the AR/OK AAUW 2014 Convention—April 4-6, 2014 “Working Women in America: Then and Now”

If you have not yet registered, use [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and list the location as Bentonville, AR and the AAUW sessions will be listed in the available events.

Friday, April 4 4p.m. – 9 p.m. (Check out [www.crystalbridges.org](http://www.crystalbridges.org))

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, 600 Museum Way, Bentonville, AR 72712

Separate registration: Use [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) Events - AR-OK 2014 Pre-convention

Friday night dinner is on your own. Options include “Eleven” at Crystal Bridges (reservations required) or one of many restaurants on the Bentonville Square or the local area. Check out possibilities at [www.bbvchamber.com/newcomers](http://www.bbvchamber.com/newcomers)

### Saturday, April 5

6:45 am Optional Walk/Run/Sleep-in for funds

Separate registration: Use [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) Event—Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-in For Funds”

8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development @ Northwest Arkansas Community College, SE Eagle Way, Bentonville, AR 72712

Separate registration: Use [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) AR-OK AAUW 2014 CONVENTION “WORKING WOMEN: THEN AND NOW”

### Sunday, April 6

8:00 am – 11:00 a.m. AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-In for Funds

Bentonville-Crystal Bridges Trail System, Bentonville, AR

Separate registration: Use [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) “AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-in for Funds” to register.

### Lodging:

Our room block at Simmons Suites [www.simmonssuites.com](http://www.simmonssuites.com) is secured at the rate of \$99 plus 13% tax per night for double queen rooms on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer, a king room may be available for the same rate. Mention AAUW.

## SAVE THE DATE

**AAUW MID-WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
June 13-14, 2014

**Lodge of the Four Seasons**  
**Lake of the Ozarks Missouri**

**Lisa Maatz**

**AAUW Vice President of Government Relations**  
**Keynote Speaker**

Reasonable hotel and meal rates;  
choice of 11 different breakout sessions;  
public policy panel; open forum;  
all-participant opening reception;  
various other events/activities.

**Enjoy the beautiful Ozarks and Lake area**  
**at this outstanding AAUW conference.**

More Information Available Shortly!  
Questions? [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com)



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Lorealee Cooley, member of the Weatherford AAUW Branch, participated in the Author's Corner at the AAUW National Meeting in New Orleans, June 2013. She was signing copies of her children's bio *ISLAND CHILD*, about Barack Obama's childhood through his 10th year. You can find out more about this interesting writer by visiting her website: <http://www.storyspinning.net/>



## Shirley Breeze — AAUW Leadership Corp Report

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

The 44th Midwest Biennial Conference will be held June 13-14, 2014 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. The lodge has room with beautiful lake views and good meeting facilities for conferences. Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Governmental Relations at AAUW, will be the keynote speaker. The planning committee is working to make this an event that all can afford to attend.

### RESOURCES

Hope your branch is making use of the various short officer guides prepared by National. They have some valuable information.

### NOTEWORTHY DATES

There are several important dates for women coming in the next months. Each one of them would provide a good opportunity for programming for your branch.

March 22	ERA passed by Congress
April 8	Equal Pay Day
May 28	Equal Pay Act passed by Congress
June 23	Anniversary of Title IX
August 26	Women's Equality Day

Can it be five years since the Lilly Ledbetter legislation was signed (January 29)?

### NOVEMBER ELECTION

This will be a very important election year. A great number of vacancies are occurring in the Federal House and Senate. They will provide opportunities for progressive women candidates. AAUW plans another Get Out The Vote campaign for this election.

### NCCWSL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Now is the perfect time to get your state and branch involved in sending a student to this exciting conference. A full scholarship is great-but also half scholarships are greatly needed.

### EQUAL PAY

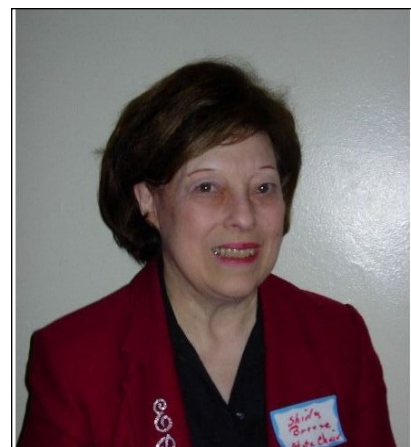
The Paycheck Fairness Act is an important piece of the whole pay equity picture and needs to be passed. Contacts need to be made with members of Congress. The recently released Shriver Report had the following quote on pay equity: "... the U.S. economy would produce \$447.6 billion in additional income and the poverty rate for working women would decrease by half if women received equal pay."

### VOTING RIGHTS

Across the country restrictions on voting are constantly being proposed by state legislatures. AAUW has a strong position against limiting voting rights. Contacts should be made with your state legislators.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION 2015

The next national convention is scheduled for June 18-21, 2015, in San Diego.



## AAUW CALENDAR

### 2014

March	Women's History Month
March 8	International Women's Day
April 9	Equal Pay Day
June 5-7	NCCWSL
June 14-15	Mid-West Regional Conference, Lake of the Woods, Missouri
June 30	Shape the Future 2013-2014 Free Members Expire
July	Implementation of New Fundraising Guidelines

### 2015

June 18-21	National Convention, San Diego
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## AR-OK AAUW 2014 CONVENTION “Working Women in America: Then and Now” April 4-6 2014

### Friday, April 4

**Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, 600 Museum Way, Bentonville, AR 72712**

4 – 6 pm **Register and visit** in lower lobby at *Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art*

4 – 9 pm **Browse** the museum at your own pace – or – take the

**“Inspiring Women” Guided Tour for AAUW** pre-register by March 21st - \$12

7 – 9 pm **First Friday** Bentonville Community Event on south lawn of Crystal Bridges

“French Riviera” theme with limited refreshments available.

Heard of *Rosie the Riveter*? Let this 20th century women's icon inspire a look at the world of working women today. Daytime headliners include: Dr Becky Paneitz, CEO of Inseitz, Inc; recently retired President of NorthWest Arkansas Community College speaking on "Community Colleges: Preparing Women for the Workforce"; Missy Craig, Regional Manager of Mid-Atlantic Region, *Sam's Club* and a panel of women reflecting on "Working Women in Middle America"; Author Nancy Hendricks will model as Arkansas "Hattie Caraway" - first female US Senator - while telling her story. AAUW Public Policy Report will be made during the luncheon. Workshop will include "Tech Trek" and "Girls of Promise". A silent auction will be conducted throughout the day for AAUW Education Funds. A banquet with keynote by Patricia Ho, AAUW National President will complete the day.

### Saturday, April 5

**Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development @ Northwest Arkansas Community College  
SE Eagle Way, Bentonville, AR 72712**

6:45 am Optional Walk/Run/Sleep-in for funds

8:00 am **Registration and Silent Auction Begins** - Peterson Auditorium

9:00 am **Welcome**

9:30 am ***Rosie the Riveter* – Library of Congress Documentary**

9:45 am ***Community Colleges: Preparing Women for the Workforce* – Dr Becky Paneitz**

10:45 am **Break**

11:00 am **Workshop**

***Girls of Promise (AR)***

***Tech Trek (OK)***

12:15 pm **Luncheon: Speaker AAUW Public Policy for 2014-2015**

1:45 pm **Panel: *Working Women in Middle America Today***

3:45 pm **State Business Meetings - Silent Auction items awarded**

6:30 pm **Banquet** – Walmart Auditorium - Center for Workforce Technologies

***Hattie Caraway* by Dr Nancy Hendricks, Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Branch**

***National AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho***

### Sunday, April 6

**Bentonville-Crystal Bridges Trail System, Bentonville, AR**

8:00 am – 11:00 a.m. AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-In for funds

Editor's Note: The AAA *Home & Away* Magazine for March/April 2014 has a feature article on the Art in Arkansas. The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, AR is the first site highlighted. AAUW members from OK have a treat in store for them when they attend the AR/OK State Convention in April 2014. Be sure to take lots of pictures so you can share them with your newsletter editor for future issues of The Leader.



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### A Message from State Co-President — Dianna Morgan (continued from page 1)

The details of these meetings are included in this newsletter. I also encourage you to check out the national website to find out all that is happening in your Association. We love our local branches and the friends we have made there, but AAUW is much more than that. After all, we've been "Empowering Women Since 1881."

Dianna Morgan, State Co-President

### Message from State Co-Presidents — Jeanna Wing (continued from page 1)

Registration for the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is now open. Last year eight women college students from Oklahoma attended this conference through sponsorship by AAUW/OK, various local AAUW branches and several universities. We heard about the experiences of these young women at the AAUW/OK State Conference last July. Please contact us if your branch would like to contribute in supporting students to attend the conference in June 2014.

I want to recognize a Duncan branch member who had two submissions, "All Dressed Up" (an orchid) and "Signature of the South", (trees softly draping over water") for the AAUW Art designs that were being considered for the AAUW greeting card set for 2014. Voting closed February 28. The AAUW Annual Art Contest winners will be announcement later in March 2014.

Please share your branch accomplishments and news with us and invite us to branch meetings and events. We always enjoy meeting AAUW members from across the state.

Jeanna Wing, AAUW/Oklahoma Co-President

The next newsletter deadline is May 20, 2014. If you have news of interest about your local branch or would like to contribute pictures from your local happenings, please send information to Faye Henson, AAUW/OK Newsletter editor, at the following address: [epi-ta@cebridge.net](mailto:epi-ta@cebridge.net)



Women held only 17 percent of board seats at Fortune 500 companies in 2013.



## 2014-2016 Slate of Officers submitted by Nominations Committee

Sara Brown, Chair of AAUW/OK Nominations Committee, submitted the following slate of officers to the January 2014 AAUW/OK Board for approval at the 2014 State Convention Business Meeting. The state board approved the slate and presents these individuals for consideration during the AAUW/OK Business Meeting to be held on April 5, 2014. The individuals have agreed to serve in the designated offices.

Co-Presidents:	Dianna Morgan, Duncan Branch Shelli Wasson, Edmond Branch
Vice-President for Programs:	Peggy Glenn, Tahlequah Branch
Vice-President for Membership:	Nora Pugh-Seemster, South OKC Branch
Treasurer:	Angie Lewis, Chickasha Branch
Secretary:	Linda Brooks, Tulsa Branch
President-Elect for 2016-2018:	this position is currently open



Individuals and branches can contribute items for the Silent Auction. Consider the starting value of your item and also the minimum increase for each bid to progress.

### SAVE YOUR \$\$\$ SO YOU CAN BID !!!!

Every AAUW branch is encouraged to bring a basket to raise money for EF with a Silent Auction at the OK/AR combined state convention in Bentonville, AR from April 4-6, 2014. Baskets may be brought to the Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development on Sat., April 5 between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The auction will close at 5:00 p.m. and the baskets may be picked up and paid for at that time. Branches receive credit for an AAUW donation credit equal to the value of that their baskets sell for at the event. Branches can designate the fund to which their donation should be applied. Branches or individuals will need to fill out a form to help the Silent Auction Chair designate their contribution correctly. Silent auction forms for bids will be available for each basket.

Pat Snodgrass, Edmond, OK branch  
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## AAUW

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### AAUW/OK - Calendar

#### 2014

April 4-6 AR/OK AAUW 2014 Convention  
Bentonville, AR

April 15 AAUW/OK partners with the  
OK Women's Coalition for a  
Lobby Day— Oklahoma City  
[www.oklahomawomenscoalition.org](http://www.oklahomawomenscoalition.org)

June 13-14 Mid-West Regional Conference  
Lake of the Wood, MO

#### 2015

June 18-21 National Convention—San Diego, CA



Make plans to recognize Equal Pay Day on April 8, 2014