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## **2009 AAUW National Convention will be ‘BREAKING through BARRIERS’**

AAUW-MO and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) in St. Louis are hard at work planning the details of hosting the 2009 AAUW National Convention at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel, June 26-28, 2009. This historic convention, themed “BREAKING through BARRIERS,” will discuss and vote on issues related to membership requirements, dues payments, public policy issues, and much more. The results will have a momentous impact on who and what AAUW is to be in the coming years. You don’t want to miss it! Check out the AAUW website for full details on the issues, the convention, and things to do in St. Louis: [www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention).

Convention registration began on December 1<sup>st</sup> and you DON’T want to miss out on Best Value Registration!\* Hundreds of AAUW members are making plans to head for St. Louis next June to shape the future of our organization. The hotel has ample convention space, lovely rooms, great restaurants and is right in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The Cardinals will be playing ball, the Zoo is free, the Art Museum is world class, as is the Missouri Botanical Garden. Theater, opera and a great children’s museum also await you.

At the convention we’ll have welcoming activities on Thursday, stimulating workshops on Friday morning, First Timers’ briefings, lively business sessions each day, dynamic keynote speakers, an exciting CEO Women Leaders luncheon, bylaws briefings, Meet the Candidates reception, elections for new officers, Taste of Success displays, the elegant banquet on Saturday night, and a final business session on Sunday morning. All this surrounded by the popular CyberStop, AAUW merchandise sales, our friendly AAUW Missouri hospitality and much more. We want YOU to have a GREAT time at the convention!

Please join us in St. Louis! Plan now to send branch members and delegates to convention by budgeting for it, appointing delegates early, discussing the issues and bylaws. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the historic Renaissance Grand Hotel where spa treatments, great restaurants, and lots of extras await you. Don’t forget to invite your AAUW family and friends from across the country to “meet you in St. Louis” as we continue to ‘break through barriers’ for women and girls.

For additional information, you may contact the Local Arrangements Committee: Lynne Roney, chair ([lynnroney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnroney@sbcglobal.net)), Diane Ludwig - local sponsorships ([dbludwig22@aol.com](mailto:dbludwig22@aol.com)), Pat Shores - volunteers/hospitality ([apatriciashores@charter.net](mailto:apatriciashores@charter.net)), and Julie Triplett - volunteers/hospitality ([julietrip@charter.net](mailto:julietrip@charter.net))

*\*There is a SPECIAL Best Value registration fee of \$375 for those who register between December 1, 2008 and January 15, 2009. This is the same rate as the 2007 convention two years ago! PLAN AHEAD and take advantage of this great deal!*

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Newsletter editors - please use a smaller font and italics for the above \* and the text -- makes it stand out! Also, there is a GREAT official graphic for the convention you can pull from the AAUW website featuring our popular St. Louis Gateway Arch and the convention theme.