

AAUW DELAWARE

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- **AAUW
advances equity
for women and
girls**
- **through
advocacy,
education**
- **philanthropy,
and research.**

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The AAUW DE Lobby Corps

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Advocacy efforts for 2011 began on December 6 when a small group of the AAUW Lobby Corps met at Legislative Hall to begin planning our approaches for the 146th session of the General Assembly. We received helpful advice and tips from Melissa Hopkins, Legislative Aide to the Democratic Caucus. She also brought with her fellow legislative aides, Sarah Wooten and Nancy Hickman. The knowledge and advice we got from these resourceful women was invaluable. We learned about the schedule, process, and people at Legislative Hall. We also updated our AAUW Lobby Corps Training Manual with lists of elected members and tips about lobbying. We visited the various parts of the building so we can plan efficient use of our time when we are actually lobbying.

We are eager to extend lobbying to members who may not want to travel to Dover, but are willing to call and write concerning bills of importance. So watch the website for ways in which you can be involved in our effort to improve the lives of women and girls—and of all children—in Delaware.

Now that the Legislature has officially begun meeting, several pre-filed bills are of

Letter from the state president

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Set your calendars for the Annual State Meeting on Saturday, May 14th at the Virden Center in Lewes where Dr. Nancy Targett will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Targett is dean of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment College at the University of Delaware. The speaker's topic is a wonderful melding of AAUW's encouragement of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) for girls and women with UD's academic emphasis on green jobs for the future. Patricia Ho from national AAUW will also be there to answer any questions we might have about AAUW and the upcoming convention in Washington, D.C.. We have been promised tours of UD's research lab vessel which does exploratory work on the ocean. But do come early for a nice weekend beginning with a wine tasting on the evening of Friday the 13th. Hosted by Coastal Georgetown, the wine tasting party will be held at 7:30 at a branch member's home – details will be provided. Lodging is available at the Virden Center, but also check into arrangements to stay with AAUW members here at the beach. Let us network to achieve AAUW goals as well as to prepare for candidates interested in becoming officers at the next state convention in 2012.

I hope you are looking into coming to the National Convention in June in D.C., if not to stay for the entire time, maybe to stay for a day or two. Check out the volunteer possibilities with Kathleen Thompson, our Host Committee person responsible for volunteers (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). Lana Cobb, our former

What's going on in Delaware AAUW Branches?

Find out by checking our state calendar, which is linked to National's from

www.aauwdelaware.org

“... how lucky we are in the small state of Delaware.”

**2011
AAUW DE**

Lobby Days

- Tuesday, April 12
Equal Pay Day
- Wednesday, April 13
Early Childhood Advocacy Day
- Wednesday, May 18
- Wednesday, June 22

Letter from Nadyne

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AAUW DE president, is volunteering and this is after having finished the second part of the public policy grant from AAUW. I hope we get to check out our new Congressman John Carney and our new Senator Chris Coons and their staffs on Capitol Hill but state members know that they can meet and greet them both up in state offices in Wilmington and Georgetown almost anytime. We don't realize how lucky we are in such a small state as Delaware.

Check out the new website redesigned by our webmaster, Tom Bason, at www.aauwdelaware.org. Each branch has its own webpage to post newsletters, events, photos, etc. Just contact me for any updating. My new year's resolution was to keep the information current on our state website. Actually, that resolution also included getting savvy with photo downloading but that will probably be for another day. Technology has been moving so quickly, that it can be overwhelming and yet, at the same time, it is getting easier for those of us who remember Ma Bell. The new iPad has a button that you click when you want to get out of a program. *A button!* Keep forgetting how simple something can be and yet you can contact anyone around the world with e-mail and read anything around the world on the Internet. That's the new world and what is AAUW's place in this? This is a question we should ask ourselves as we decide what we will be doing this new year.

Delaware won a federal grant for "Race to the Top" and will not be making severe cuts to the state education system that other states are already being forced to make. At least not this year. But there have been cuts to school libraries, especially in the loss of professional school media librarians in several districts. This loss relates to one of the policies we in AAUW Delaware care about. See Wave Starnes and join the Lobby Corps if this concerns you. Come add your voice and your concerns about policies we support – please see our website to learn more.

Nadyne Rosin
President, AAUW Delaware

DE Lobby Corps makes plans

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interest to AAUW members. House Bill (HB) HB1 deals with state funding for public schools. HB2 would expand the scope of the state's Children's Health Insurance Program. HB3 concerns school meals and fat content. The Kids Caucus, a group of legislators especially interested in matters related to children, is considering bills related to bullying, foster children aging out of care, diagnosis and treatment of autism, and juvenile justice improvement. So we will have much work to do, especially once committee work is completed. Our proposed dates were revised once we saw the 146th Session Calendar. There will be no legislative sessions in February or early March. So the following are the dates for Lobby Corps meetings. Sorry for the closeness of Equal Pay Day and Early Childhood Advocacy; that is just the way the two organizations happened to select their dates this year! Please put these dates (see the sidebar) on your calendars. Presidents of branches across the state, please try to enlist some of your members lobbying activities. If you should hear of pending bills that might concern us, please let me know.

Wave Starnes, 302-227-5577, twstar54@aol.com

Delaware Public Policy Grant Update

We have completed the first part of our AAUW public policy grant, which was to identify where Delaware's congressional candidates stood on public policy issues and to share this information during the 2010 election period. With the help of many of you we were able to accomplish this. Thank you!

Now we are beginning to work on the second part of our grant. We are compiling information on existing early childcare and early childhood education (for ages 1-5) programs in Sussex County. For this grant, we will concentrate on Sussex County. We will collect information on existing provisions in order to produce a directory of services for early childcare and early childhood education. Our plan is to produce a directory of services and publicize its availability.

We plan to use our DE Lobby Corps to support legislation related to recommendations of the DE Child Poverty Task Force. Given the financial shortcomings, the Lobby Corps will focus on maintaining early childhood funding for this next year and working toward improvement in coming years.

Will we need help? YES! If you are interested in helping to lobby, e-mail Wave Starnes, twstar54@aol.com. If you are interested in being part of a work group that will be doing some research, phone calls, writing, and surveys, please e-mail Lana Cobb, lcobb2@verizon.net. Yes, this is work but we hope to help our youngest citizens and improve their care and education. They need our help and we need you to accomplish this effort.

Wave Starnes and Lana Cobb

Give a little Whistle! Support NCCWSL

Who will replace us and keep AAUW going? The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) provides part of the answer. Each year young college women who attend this conference, sponsored by the national AAUW, develop leadership skills and get a chance to network with other female college students like them. The intensive 3-day conference is held bi-annually in College Park, Maryland, with trips to nearby Washington, D.C..

Delaware was fortunate in 2010 to have one student attend, sponsored by the Newark Branch. Her name is Meghan Wallace and she is a Political Science major at the University of Delaware. Meghan attended our AAUW-DE state board meeting on January 29, 2011, and gave a personal account on how the conference was a benefit to her. She is serving on the national AAUW Student Advisory Council and is contributing to AAUW blogs, which you can find via the AAUW Facebook link.

Last year, only one member in AAUW-DE contributed to fund #2504 (NCCWSL), which goes towards making the conference a success for these future female leaders within the AAUW. It would be great if more Delaware members would contribute to this fund to ensure that the AAUW will continue to flourish after the rest of us are no longer around. With a small contribution from each member going towards this aspect of AAUW Development we will be answering the question, "Who will replace us to keep the AAUW viable in the future?"

The Newark Branch paid out of its budget last year to send a college student and is sending two college women in 2011. Perhaps branches are not seeking scholarships from the national office, which has funds on hand. Please note contributions to "Leadership Programs Fund—NCCWSL" (#2504) are tax deductible, but, if you send a college student and pay out of your branch's pocket directly for an individual, or individuals, this is not tax deductible per IRS rule 526. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at (302) 736-2519 or e-mail me.

Dr. Kathleen "Kathy" Jacobs, State Funds Chair, AAUW-DE

NCCWSL

(Nick Whistle)

*is the National
Conference for
College Women
Student Leaders*

*June 2-4, 2011
UMd College
Park*

www.nccwsl.org

AAUW-DE State Funds Chair Report

Dr. Kathleen Jacobs, State Funds Chair/LAF

U. S. Supreme Court Dukes v. Wal-Mart Case heard 29 March 2011

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if this gender discrimination case against Wal-Mart can proceed as a class action lawsuit. The lawsuit, which was originally brought in 2001, alleges that female employees of Wal-Mart are denied advancement and training opportunities, paid less than men for comparable work performed, and are placed in lower wage departments than male counterparts.

In addition to providing financial support, AAUW signed an “amicus brief,” and issued press releases regarding this case. The AAUW will have representation at the Supreme Court hearing on 29 March 2011. Please pay close attention to media outlets the evening of 29 March 2011 and the days to follow to keep abreast of the opinion of the justices sitting on the United States Supreme Court.

Contributions

The final report from the AAUW National Development Office shows that the state of Delaware contributed a total of \$14,835.86 from January through December 2010. Each branch that contributed is to be congratulated. These funds go to help the AAUW conduct its work in seven different areas. The reports I received listed gifts from seven programmatic areas, shown in the sidebar. It is important to note that your contributions to the AAUW do count and are used in many ways to further the causes of women and girls.

AAUW's SEVEN PROGRAMMATIC AREAS

AAUW Funds

AAUW Action Fund

Legal Advocacy Fund

Educational Opportunities Fund

Public Policy Fund

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Leadership Programs Fund

AAUW DE co-sponsors international Women's Rights speaker, Bushra Aitzaz, at May 19 luncheon (cont'd next page)

AAUW DE, along with nine other organizations, joins the Rotary Club of Wilmington in co-sponsoring a luncheon program featuring Bushra Aitzaz, who will speak on “Human Rights, Women's Rights, Democracy & the Rule of Law in Pakistan Today.” The program is organized by the Rotary Club of Wilmington's Pakistan Project, which has offered several newsworthy events in the past year. In addition to AAUW DE, the co-sponsoring organizations include Delaware chapters of American Civil Liberties Union, Circle of Hands, International Women's Forum, League of Women Voters, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, The Links, Incorporated, Wilmington Women in Business, World Trade Center Institute, and YWCA.

Ms. Aitzaz, of Lahore, Pakistan, is an educator and women's rights activist with several decades of experience as English Professor at Lahore College for Women University. She is a motivational orator who has captivated audiences across Pakistan as well as internationally. A significant member and leader of the Lawyers' Movement of Pakistan, Ms. Aitzaz has led rallies, addressed gatherings of lawyers and civil society, and appeared in press conferences and television interviews to garner support and create momentum for the revival of an independent judiciary.



Bushra Aitzaz is the luncheon speaker on May 19 at the Hotel DuPont Gold Ballroom. AAUW DE joins the Wilmington Rotary Club as co-sponsor of this Pakistan Project event.

Bushra Aitzaz to speak May 19

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The luncheon will be held May 19, 2011, at noon, in the Gold Ballroom at Hotel DuPont. The cost is \$30 per person (\$20 for students) and includes a pre-luncheon Cider Bar. Registration will open at 11:30 am.

Please send registration with check by mail to:

Rotary Club of Wilmington, P. O. Box 685, Wilmington, DE 19899

\$30/person (\$20/student) payable to the Rotary Club of Wilmington

Registration deadline: Mail for receipt by May 13

Inquires to: Kathleen Meyer at 302-764-6654

or e-mail Kathleen at PRC47@hotmail.com



12th Annual Excellence in Science & Mathematics Luncheon to Honor Delaware Juniors statewide

Please join Newark and Coastal-Georgetown Branches for the 12th Annual Excellence in Science and Mathematics Luncheon to Honor Delaware Juniors from each of the state's high schools. *We need your help to sponsor honorees!* (See form next page.)

This year's invited speaker is Dr. Clytrice Watson, who has ten years of experience in higher education, beginning with her employment at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore as a lecturer of Biology and laboratory coordinator in 1996. Her responsibilities included teaching general biology courses, supervising graduate teaching assistants and mentoring undergraduate students.

In 2000, Watson became the coordinator for the Louis Stoke Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program at UMES. As the program coordinator she worked with the admissions office to recruit quality students for the program. She coordinated the LSAMP summer bridge program, which hosted incoming students for six weeks. Once the students matriculated in the fall semester, she served as their mentor and academic advisor, thus promoting academic success.

Dr. Watson resigned her position and pursued her doctoral studies full time. Upon the completion of her doctoral degree in Food Science and Technology in 2005, she accepted a position at Delaware State University as an Assistant Professor of Biology. She currently is conducting research in the area of microbial food safety and has two graduate students working toward Master's of Science degrees.

Dr. Watson received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Norfolk State University (1992), Master's degree from Delaware State University (1996) and Doctorate degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (2005). She has a personal commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and the students, which they serve.



Dr. Clytrice Watson

Assistant Professor of
Biological Sciences
and
Program Director for
the Bachelor of
Science in Forensic
Biology
**Delaware State
University**

Featured Speaker

April 10, 2011

12:30 noon

Trabant Student
Center

University of
Delaware
Newark Campus

Trabant Student Center, Multipurpose Room, University of Delaware, Newark Campus

Newark & Coastal Georgetown AAUW Math Science Honors Luncheon, April 10, 2011

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Number of adult lunches _____ at \$25/person Total _____

Number of child lunches (16 years or under) _____ at \$15/person Total _____

I want to sponsor _____ honoree(s) at \$50/girl* Total _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____

Please mail this form with your check, payable to AAUW Newark Branch
to Lori Athey, 32 Kells Avenue, Newark, DE 19711

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D.C. Conference volunteers needed!



*Volunteer
at National
Conference this year!*

June 16-19, 2011

Washington, D.C.

*Call Kathleen Thompson
today*

Please represent Delaware and join us as a volunteer for the upcoming 2011 AAUW National Convention, Breaking through Barriers—Advocating for Change! The convention will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel at Eighth Street and Massachusetts Avenue Northwest from June 16 to 19, 2011. AAUW of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C., are hosting this exciting event, which will bring together 1,000 members from across the country. To ensure that the convention runs smoothly, we are recruiting approximately 50 volunteers. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work with other outstanding members to make the convention is a success.

In recognition of your volunteer service (min 8 hrs required) you will receive:

- \$125 discount on convention registration (volunteers must register)
- Parking reimbursement
- \$50 hotel reimbursement
- Access to volunteer hospitality suite with lunch, snacks & beverages

Please contact Kathleen Thompson, Host Committee Volunteer Co-Chair
(302) 829-8931 k_thompson2@msn.com



Breaking through Barriers

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN DELAWARE

20011 STATE ANNUAL MEETING

WHAT: – Dr. Nancy Targett, Dean of Earth Ocean and Environment, University of Delaware, will discuss how her college is addressing AAUW’s main concerns of STEM. (Science, technology, engineering and math).

A continental breakfast and lunch are included in the \$30.00 per person fee.

WHEN: SATURDAY • May 14, 20011 • 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 PM

WHERE: The Virden Center, University of Delaware
Lewes, DE 19958
For driving directions go to www.mapquest.com

WHO: Speakers and Presenters will include:
Patricia Ho from AAUW

Please mail registration form and \$30.00 fee, payable to AAUW Delaware, to Nadyne Rosin, 22934 Linden Drive, Lewes, DE 19958. **Pre-registration required by May 1st, 2011.**

Name: _____ Tel. Phone # _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Amount Encl.: _____

Branch: _____

Friday Night - May 13th WINE TASTING at 44 Glade Circle at 7:30 pm
\$5.00 for the glass. (Enclose check with registration.) **Join Coastal Georgetown Branch for a fun evening!** Check mark here if attending: _____

Annual Meeting in Lewes, May 14, 2011

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-Delaware/143651662325168>

Coastal-Georgetown Branch is hosting the AAUW DE annual meeting in Lewes, May 14, 2011. The keynote speaker is Dr. Nancy Targett, Dean of the Earth Ocean Environment College of the University of Delaware. She will address the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) for girls and women and for the world. Special Guest Vice President of AAUW Patricia Ho will talk about all the changes that have happened at AAUW and the upcoming convention.

Registration starts at 9:30 am on Saturday morning. The annual meeting registration form is on the verso of this page.

COME FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 13TH TO THE WINE TASTING COASTAL GEORGETOWN BRANCH IS GIVING TO ALL STATE MEMBERS.

Come stay with Coastal Georgetown members and enjoy the beach hospitality.



About Our Organization...

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW DE comprises six branches: Coastal Georgetown, Dover, Middletown, Newark, Western Sussex, and Wilmington. For more information and contacts, please visit <http://www.aauwdelaware.org>

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