

From Your President...

This is your last official *Update* for a while. You'll find the same monthly information on the various Directors' pages on our web site (www.florida-aauw.org). I will be sending timely reminders and information to the presidents via e-mail, so please be sure I have an up-to-date e-mail address for you. Also, make sure when you (or your successor) fills in the 2002-03 **Branch Officers Report Form** that you include current e-mail addresses. I gave out copies of the BOR form at convention; it is also found in this *Update*, and on our web site under Members Corner. The drop dead due date is May 25, so if you have already held elections in your branch, I suggest that you send it in now.

Please note the calendar of events/deadlines included in this issue. In particular, I want to call your attention to the South Atlantic Regional Conference, to be held June 7-9 at the Embassy Suites in Tampa. I had lunch last week with the keynote speaker for the conference, Fawn Germer. Fawn is a veteran investigative reporter and a Pulitzer Prize nominee. She has been the Florida correspondent for *The Washington Post* and *US News and World Report*, as well as a staff writer for the *Miami Herald*, and an editor for *The Tampa Tribune*. She has recently written a book, *Hard Won Wisdom: More than 50 Extraordinary Women Mentor You to Find Self-Awareness, Perspective, and Balance*, which has been heralded as one-of-a-kind by Oprah Winfrey. It is a compilation of never-before published interviews with over 50 of today's strongest and most successful women, sharing the "sources of their strength and the secrets of their success". The book is excellent – readable, flowing and insightful. Fawn herself is delightful, slightly irreverent, and lots of fun. She will also be available for book signings and will be giving a workshop at the conference on time management.

The final date to remember is June 30. Please be sure that your branch treasurer sends her Branch Dues Report with a check to Carol Newnam, Director of Finance, by that date. Keep in mind that *FloriVision* mailing labels are sent from Washington based on the BDR's that Carol sends them. If your members are not included, they will not receive the fall issue.

In a state presidents mailing, AAUW president Nancy Rustad included a quote from Meg Wheatley's new book, *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*. I would like to close this last *Update* letter with that quote:

"Human conversation is the most ancient and easiest way to cultivate the conditions for change – personal change, community and organizational change, planetary change. If we sit together and talk about what's important to us, we begin to come alive. We share what we see, what we feel, and we listen to what others see and feel. For as long as we've been around as humans, as wandering bands of nomads or cave dwellers, we have sat together and shared experiences. We've painted images on rock walls, recounted dreams and visions, told stories of the day, and generally felt comforted to be in the world together. When the world becomes fearsome, we came together. When the work called us to explore its edges, we journeyed together. Whatever we did, we did it together."

Thank you for all that you do for Florida AAUW. Let's continue to journey together.

Warm regards,

Leslie

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia

FLORIDA AAUW WEB SITE – A SOURCE OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Beginning in July the Florida AAUW Web Site will replace the *Branch Update* as a source of information about AAUW activities for all Florida AAUW members including branch presidents, branch officers and state board members. Be sure to consult it regularly to keep up with the latest news!

If you want to put information or an article on any part of the Florida AAUW web page please follow these general guidelines:

1. Submit articles and information regularly to make your part of the web page interesting and timely.
2. Use Microsoft Word, proofread, and run through spell check before emailing to the web manager as an attachment.
Your article (or information)
 - a. Must be interesting, succinct, be time sensitive, and have wide appeal.
 - b. Include a title, the text, and your name (if you want to)
 - c. Include a date when the information should be removed from the page in the email message accompanying the attachment.
 - d. Be specific about where the material should be placed, i.e.:
 1. Members Corner: Calendar, Forms, etc
 2. Program, EF, Public Policy, LAF, etc, pages
 3. Branch page—Name of branch and location on that page.
3. The Florida AAUW home page is reserved for President's message and for brief, intriguingly written special interest items that will entice visitors to go to another area of the web site.
 - a. For special interest items provide three or four lines of text and give the location of the remainder of the information.
 - b. In the same attachment provide the remainder of the text following the guide- lines listed above in item 2.
4. Quick changes (new phone numbers, change in dates, new email addresses, etc) should be submitted in an email message. Be specific about where the item to be changed is located.
5. The web manager will provide links to an email address or another related page when asked to do so. These will always appear in a different color from the text.

Our web site will be helpful and valued as an Internet destination if we keep it interesting, informative, exciting, and current. We all are responsible for our own submissions—the web manager loads them where we ask her to put them and removes them when she is asked to do so.

From the Program Perch

Submitted by Alice O'Keefe, Co-Director For Program

The Program Development Committee (PDC) is happy to announce that there were two winners for our Mini-Grants this February. Congratulations and success to the Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte Branch (President: Hazel Robinson) for their project, "Community Wide Educational Equity Activities" and to the Port St. Lucie Branch (President: Jean Busicchia) and the Stuart Area Branch (President: Sheila Leach) for their joint inter-branch program, "Today's Woman: Challenges, Obstacles and Solutions, A Woman-To-Woman Forum." The PDC is also proud to mention that there were four (4) mini-grant awards during the 2001-2002 time frame. We look forward to more submissions by 8/1 and 12/1 in 2002. We hope that the availability of these grants/funds will encourage branches to undertake exciting and meaningful programs. Keep the deadline dates in mind; now is the time to start planning for your branch to take advantage of the Mini-Grant Program. Let your branch be the recipient of one of the awards announced on 10/1/02 and 2/1/03.

The Program Development Committee (PDC) lacks a complete list of branches that have held any of our six programs (Financial Independence For Girls, Signposts, Sister-To-Sister Summit, Tech Check, Transitions and Woman-To-Woman Forum.) We have a partial list, gleaned from past issues of *FloriVision* and by word of mouth information, for the past several years. There are, we believe, other branches that have conducted at least one of the programs. If you have, would you send us the name of your branch, which program it was and when it was held. It would be greatly appreciated. This data will be helpful for the PDC in record keeping, planning and communicating with branches. Contact me, Alice O'Keefe, Co-Director For Program, at dratok1@aol.com, 772/287-9878 or P.O. Box 1084, Jensen Beach, FL 34958. Thank you!

Important Reminder: The application deadline for Fall Mini-Grants is August 1st, 2002. A Mini-Grant award can provide your branch with the opportunity to broaden the scope of the program you have chosen to undertake next year. To request an application, contact any of the following: Rose Webster, Mini-Grant Chair, at: getterry@aol.com or 813/ 624-1099; Co-Director Alice O'Keefe at: dratok1@aol.com or 772/ 287-9878; Co-Director Shirley Haglund at: sh7788@aol.com or 321/ 773-7912.

FLORIDA AAUW BYLAWS CHANGES APPROVED

These are changes to Florida AAUW Bylaws passed unanimously by the delegates at the April 6th Business Meeting at our 72nd Annual Convention. Please put them in the back of your state directory with the rest of the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers: The elected officers of Florida AAUW shall include the president, president-elect, director for program, director for membership, director for finance, director for Educational Foundation, director for public policy, director for Legal Advocacy Fund, director for communications, secretary, and eight (8) directors-at-large.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The term of office shall be two (2) years, with the exception of the president-elect whose term shall be one year and begin on July 1 of the odd year. No member shall serve more than two (2) terms consecutively as an elected officer except the president and president-elect. The president and president-elect shall have served previously on the Florida AAUW board of directors and may have served two (2) terms as an elected officer.

Section 5. Vacancies.

- a. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled for the unexpired term by the president-elect, or the director for program acting as the presiding officer until the executive committee can fill the vacancy.
- b. A vacancy in any office other than the president, which is covered in Section 5a, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the executive committee.
- c. If a president-elect leaves office before becoming president, the nominating committee shall, in preparing a slate in the even numbered year, include the office of president.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of Elected Officers.

- b. President-elect. The president-elect shall
 - (1) serve as a voting member of the board
 - (2) perform such duties as may be assigned by the president and the board of directors.
 - (3) act as presiding officer in the absence of the president
 - (4) perform the duties of president in all cases in which the president is unable to serve
 - (5) automatically becomes president without an election when the office of president becomes open.
- c. Directors.
 - (1) Director for Program. The director for program shall:
 - (a) assume the responsibility for implementing the program of FLAAUW.
 - (b) act as presiding officer in the absence of both the president and president-elect.
 - (2) Director for Membership: The director for membership shall:
 - (b) assume responsibility for developing and maintaining membership;
 - (c) act as presiding officer in the absence of both the president, president-elect, and director for program.

ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

- a. There shall be a nominating committee of five (5) members elected by the following procedure:
 - c. two (2) members elected by the board of directors at the board meeting prior to the state convention; two (2) alternates may be elected also;
 - (2) three (3) members elected by the voting body at the state convention.
- b..The president shall appoint a temporary chair from among the committee members who then shall appoint a permanent chair.
- c..No branch shall be represented on the nominating committee in two consecutive years.

Section 2. Elections.

b. the president, director for membership, director for communications, director for the Educational Foundation, and the secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years. The president-elect, director for program, director for finance, director for Legal Advocacy Fund, and director for public policy shall be elected in the odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. Ballot In the interim between meetings of the board of directors, a ballot may be taken at the request of the president on any question submitted in writing.

ARTICLE XI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Composition. The executive committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, director for program, director for membership, director for finance, director for the Educational Foundation, director for public policy, director for Legal Advocacy Fund, director for communications, and the secretary.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND NEWS

Submitted by Alex Sterling, Director for LAF

Let's make Florida branches move up the on the list of state's contributions to the 2002 Legal Advocacy Fund! Challenge your branch ! E-mail Alex17@n-jcenter.com for LAF program fund-raising ideas, speakers and videos.

Don't forget the South Atlantic Regional Conference- June 7,8,9. Meet with other States - share ideas for programs and just plain camaraderie.

Thank you for all your fine contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund at State Convention. Now read below a motivating article by Shellie Solomon from the LAF Development Committee. Help women fight discrimination on campuses nationwide with just one additional Zero!

\$5, \$50, \$500, \$5,000... Adding Zeros Increases the Value of Your Donation Exponentially

When the Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison approaches you for a donation, what do you think as you write out the check? Have you ever considered that just adding a zero or two could exponentially multiply the impact of your donation for LAF and for you? Consider the following bits of information next time you write your check.

What is the impact of a \$5 donation?

1. Ensures that you assisted your branch in meeting its \$5 per capita goal
2. \$5.00 tax deduction for yourself because you are donating to a charitable organization
3. 1/1,000th of the average LAF plaintiff award

What is the impact of a \$50 donation?

1. Ensures that you assisted your branch in meeting its \$5 per capita goal
2. \$50.00 tax deduction for yourself because you are donating to a charitable organization
3. 1/100th of the average LAF plaintiff award

What is the impact of a \$500 donation?

1. Ensures that you assisted your branch in meeting its \$5 per capita goal
2. \$500.00 tax deduction for yourself because you are donating to a charitable organization
3. 1/10th of the average LAF plaintiff award
4. 1/20th of a LAF Progress in Equity award (\$10,000)
5. 1/800th of the operating budget of LAF
6. AAUW LAF Pin
7. Recognition as LAF Advocate (contributions between \$500-\$999)

What is the impact of a \$5,000 donation?

1. Ensures that you assisted your branch in meeting its \$5 per capita goal
2. \$5,000.00 tax deduction for yourself because you are donating to a charitable organization
3. An average LAF plaintiff award
4. 1/2 of a LAF Progress in Equity award (\$10,000)
5. 1/80th of the operating budget of LAF, including case support
6. Recognition as LAF Guardian (gifts at or above \$5,000)

Regardless of how many zeros you are comfortable adding to your donation, your gifts help women fight discrimination on campuses nationwide. We appreciate your contribution!

"There are three types of people in the world:

- *Those who see a problem*
- *Those who are the problem*
- *Those who solve the problem*

The first two are a dime a dozen

What you have to ascertain is this: which one are you?"

Source Unknown

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE**Submitted by Joy Bove Lurken, Director for Public Policy**Budget Threatens Public Education

On Feb 4 President Bush submitted his fiscal year 2003 budget request to Congress. Cuts in domestic programs and the return to deficit spending are a result of the 2001 tax cuts (which AAUW opposed) and the downturn in the economy.

Since April 2001 there has been \$5 trillion decrease in the surplus (including the Social Security and Medicare surpluses.) Bush has proposed, over the next 10 years another \$800 billion in tax cuts, including a new education tax credit that was defeated. AAUW is concerned about the new tax cuts and the cuts to domestic programs.

President Bush's education budget request contains a 2.8 percent increase over FY02, barely enough to maintain current education programs. The success of the recently passed No Child Left Behind Act to improve education for underserved students rests on adequate funding for the bill's programs, yet the administration's proposal is the smallest education increase in seven years. AAUW is concerned about the lack of funding in the Bush's education budget and disappointed by decisions to eliminate AAUW priority programs in both FY02 and FY03.

The President's budget also cuts or freezes higher education and financial aid programs, including a \$10 million cut to the Child Care Means Parents in School program, which provides on-campus child care to low-income student parents.

The administration's budget request also contains a new education tax credit and a new \$50 million private school voucher demonstration project to research, develop and implement voucher programs. AAUW opposes vouchers and believes that when so many programs are proposed for elimination from the budget, initiatives to siphon federal funds from public education should not be supported.

*Courage does not always roar.
Sometimes courage is the small, quiet voice
at the end of the day saying,
"I will try again tomorrow."*

Author Unknown

2002-2003 FLORIDA AAUW - DIRECTORY INFORMATION

DUE BY MAY 25, 2002

This information will be used in the 2002-2003 Florida State Directory. Each Branch may include up to eight listings (plus co-officers). Although you are not required to use this form, each Branch should provide the information to be listed. Please print clearly or type in the area provided. Send completed forms, or e-mail the information, to:

**Gretchen Zale, 2241 Monet Road, North Palm Beach, FL 33410;
561-630-0612; email: teal94@ att.net**

BRANCH NAME _____ **BRANCH CODE** _____

1. PRESIDENT

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

CO-PRESIDENT (IF APPLICABLE)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

2. MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

3. PROGRAM

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

4. FINANCE/TREASURER

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

5. AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

6. PUBLIC POLICY

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

7. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

8. AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # to be used for AAUW business _____ Fax # _____
e-mail _____

Please note: If your branch has “co” officers/chairs, please list their names on a separate sheet of paper.



AAUW SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 7-9, 2002 TAMPA, FLORIDA

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Branch: _____

State Position (if applicable): _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Early Registration (received by May 20, 2002)..... \$45.00
- Late Registration (received after May 20, 2002)..... \$50.00
- Meals: () Saturday Luncheon..... \$18.00
- () Saturday Reception/Banquet..... \$34.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED (check those activities attending).....\$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Other than dietary (please be specific): _____

Vegetarian meal? Yes _____ Medical dietary restrictions: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **FLORIDA AAUW**

SEND REGISTRATION TO: Renee Ramsay, 116 Fairgreen Circle, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 386-427-5291, ramrey@ucnsb.net (please indicate SAR Conference on memo area of check)

Note: Cancellations prior to May 29, 2002 will receive refund after conference expenses are met.

EMBASSY SUITES
3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612
813-977-7066, 1-800-Embassy

The AAUW South Atlantic Regional Conference will be held June 7-9, 2002 at the Embassy Suites at the entrance to the University of South Florida campus. Rooms are \$104.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy, and \$109.00 for triple occupancy. All the rooms are spacious suites, with an additional sleeper sofa in the living room, separate vanity/dressing areas, work or dining table, kitchen area with wet bar, coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator. Other amenities include two phone lines with voice mail and computer data ports, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and complimentary morning paper. **There is a complimentary full, cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary evening cocktails each day.**

The hotel facilities meet our needs well. There are many meeting rooms for workshops and group meetings and meals. You can soak away the stress of the day in the whirlpool or sauna, or swim in the heated pool. A fully equipped fitness center, a business center with free computer use and access to the Internet, and a game room are on the property. The hotel also provides a **free shuttle to Busch Gardens**, among other near-by attractions.

The reservations deadline is May 7, 2002. Call 813-977-7066 or 1-800-Embassy to make your reservation. Be sure to identify yourself as attending the AAUW Conference to receive the special rate. Make a note of your confirmation number **Embassy Suites will provide transportation to and from the airport for \$10 each way. As soon as you have your airlines schedule, please call 813-977-7066, and ask to speak to the bell person's desk. Identify yourself as AAUW, and give him your itinerary for pick up.**

Be sure to check the FL AAUW web page (www.florida-aauw.org) for up-coming information about the conference!

Shape the Future With Membership

Submitted by Renée Ramsay, Director for Membership

The new updated Members at Large (MAL) list has just been distributed and all membership vice presidents have been sent an email a copy. If for some reason this has not arrived, do let me know and I will resend.

The MAL list can and should be used **now** to recruit new members for next year. A new member joining now can have the \$10.00 dues discount, or if two people join at the same time, they pay \$19.50 off the branch dues (this is paying only half of the Association dues of \$39.00).

Remember that if two join, your branch can earn one free Association membership and one free state membership. It is important to use the Guest List from the Shape the Future brochure and mail to the address at the bottom of that page.

Spring is a great time for new member get-togethers. You can beat the rush of other organizations that recruit only in the fall and have your membership up and ready to go before the end of the summer. This will assist in branch membership directories as well as membership count. Refer to the new Membership Tool Kit for hints and ideas on spring events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2002

MAY

25 Branch Officers Reports due to Gretchen Zale - Florida

JUNE

1 Officer forms due – Florida and Association

7-9 South Atlantic Regional Conference - Tampa

21-23 AAUW Leadership Conference - Washington, DC

30 Branch Dues Reports due to Carol Newnam

Fiscal year ends – Association

JULY

1 *Branch Update discontinued. Information now on Florida AAUW website. Florida-aauw.org*

AUGUST

1 Fall Mini-Grant applications due - Florida

SEPTEMBER

28 Branch Leaders Conference, Location To Be Announced - Florida

DECEMBER

1 Spring Mini-Grant applications due - Florida

15 Contributions for EF and LAF should be sent to Washington DC. Absolute deadline is December 32, but with holiday mailing, it is recommended that all contributions be sent by mid-month, or earlier.

2003

JANUARY

1 Half-year dues incentive begins.

31 Deadline for submitting dues to Association to be included in the February 1st count for Convention.

MARCH

TBD Lobby Days – Tallahassee, Florida

APRIL

25-27 State Convention, Renaissance Orlando Hotel (at the airport) – Florida

JUNE

20-23 Association Convention, Providence, Rhode Island