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MAINE DIVISION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Peggy Hodgkins, President

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A Topic Happening: Convention Wrap-Up to Program Planning

During the Portland Convention we brainstormed the topics and then role-played program development committees. Our goal was planning overall branch yearly programs : branch meetings, smaller groups, action projects. Helping us very ably was Lynne Stitt, Assistant Director of Program for the Association. Her major responsibility since the preparation of the excellent Tool Catalog has been preparing very useful topic information. We were fortunate to share her ideas.

Notice some of the interesting overlap of ideas between the topics:

Woman: Searching for Self. Imagine starting with the goal of getting the Equal Rights Amendment passed in Maine. There might be a great deal of consciousness-raising for people on both sides, a need to understand why so many rural Maine women--factory workers, union members, school teachers, friends--are opposed to its passage. What is it in our biology, psychology, education, identification with our sex, life styles that influence our feelings about ERA?

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Public Service Project Submitted

An exciting education resource booklet proposed by Education AR Barbara Waters has been submitted to compete for funding from the Educational Foundation as our Division Public Service Project. \$1500 has been requested.

As proposed, the Yellow Pages of Learning Resources for Education in Maine will gather information on educational resources that exist in the state for use by educators and concerned individuals. Those resources will be a pulling together under one cover of people, programs, places, ideas, present and prospective, of interest and use in all areas of education.

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WELCOME, CORPORATE REPS.!

A potentially far-reaching development is that of a revitalized relationship between ourselves and our Corporate Representatives.

A Corporate Member is an institution on the AAUW qualified list which pays dues to belong to AAUW. (There are 934 C.M.'s) A Corporate Representative is an AAUW and a staff member chosen by the president of the Corporate Member There are ten Corporate Members in Maine, eight of which have Corporate Representatives. They are:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Bates College | Ms. Judith Issacson* |
| Colby College | Miss Frances Thayer* |
| Ricker College | Ms. Sharon Floyd* |
| St. Francis College | Miss Judith Mann |
| Thomas College | Miss Marie F. Deeb |
| UMF | Miss Margaret Armstrong |
| UM Fort Kent | ----- |
| UMO | Ms. Constance Carlson* |
| UMPG | Mrs. Mary W. Connini* |
| UM Presque Isle | ----- |

* attended Division Convention

The other colleges in Maine which qualify for Corporate Membership should be encouraged by local members to join AAUW.

Our Corporate Reps. are being encouraged to participate in a reciprocal relationship with the Division. For example, sharing knowledge of qualified women interested in employment or voluntary positions. The C.R.'s will enjoy meeting together at Division functions and developing a meaningful role. They may suggest goals in higher education which

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l. to r., Sharon Floyd, Peg Hodgkins, Judith Issacson, and Frances Thayer

Dean Runnals Receives Achievement Citation

This year the Maine Division is delighted to honor Dean Ninetta May Runnals, founder of the first branch of AAUW in the state of Maine at Waterville fifty years ago, after Colby became an accredited college. Dean Runnals diligently worked to upgrade the place of women at Colby and indeed the status of women everywhere. As the founder of AAUW in Maine, the Waterville Branch quite proudly presented her for this award and the Maine Division is most humble in recognizing this amazing and inspiring woman.



Jeannine Varuolo, Franklin County Branch, displays a drawing of her winning design for the Maine Division Banner.

In Maine.... with Peggy

from Peggy's desk...

"We must realize our strength and resolve to do more."

This phrase came to me in a Fellowship-Centennial Fund memo. The message is important and one we should take to heart.

As members of a very unique organization our "belonging" indicates that we CARE. Our educational experience points to our potential strength. Next, a personal commitment is needed in order to use that belonging to help accomplish our shared goals.

We can best utilize our membership by understanding the Association and of course through participation. Now..... let us each do more:

- As women
- As citizens
- As AAUW members!

Peggy Hodgkins, President

A BRANCH IS BORN

In September 1972 nine women interested in forming a new branch in the Greater Portland area met with Division President Peggy Hodgkins and Membership Chairman Marion Turner, who came to lend the hand of leadership and experience. They discussed the composition of an AAUW branch and the meaningful involvement resulting from membership.

The enthusiasm of this group soon spread to others. Organizational meetings and social gatherings melded 34 women together, setting the stage for embracing the ideals and principles of AAUW.

Dedication to action and community involvement are the key words in the minds of members of the new branch. During the year, as the necessary procedures for becoming a branch were executed, they worked among themselves on various projects, cultural, social and legislative.

The charter was approved on May 4. Mildred Mussman was recognized at the Division Convention for being the founder and first president of the Gorham-Cape Elizabeth Branch.

Division Officers 1973-1975

First Vice President - Program

LOUISE S. SMITH (Mrs. Wayne), Waterville

Recording Secretary

MARY HERRICK O'HALLORAN (Mrs. Reginald),
Waterville

Treasurer

ELIZABETH D. FITZJARRALD (Mrs. Launy),
Bath-Brunswick

GET ACQUAINTED WITH Mary O'Halloran, NEW TO OUR BOARD....Mary has a B.S. from Simmons College, an AB from the University of Maine, and an M.S. from Columbia University. She is a librarian with many years of experience. She retired as Asst. Director of Boston U. Libraries in 1971. Her AAUW interests are varied and she served as president of the Boston Branch 1967-1971. She has also served as Branch and State Fellowships Chairman. Her interests are historical research and bridge.



INTRODUCING INCOMING BRANCH PRESIDENTS

CAROLINE MICHAEL, FRANKLIN COUNTY

Caroline graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from Aurora College in Illinois and will complete her Masters Degree in Education this year at UMPG. She has enjoyed teaching positions at Aurora College and at UMF and also has done substitute teaching in public schools. Caroline and her husband Forrest have two children, Janet, a recent graduate in nursing from UMPG, and David, a sophomore at Gordon College.

Caroline has served as 2nd V.P., treasurer and editor for her branch. She is also active in church and community activities, enjoys music, reading and travel.

FRANCES SEAMAN, WATERVILLE

The recipient of the Division Achievement Citation in 1969, Frances will lead the Waterville Branch during the celebration of its 50th anniversary. As her two children grew to adulthood, her professional life ranged from operating her own nursery school to being Assistant Dean of Women at Oberlin and finally the first Dean of Students at Colby College. Now "retired," she continues to be involved. Frances has been a member and chairperson of many bureaus and boards of directors in the areas of status of women, social welfare, child care, mental health, nursing homes, Zonta, and women deans. Interwoven throughout her activities is her interest in music, her major at Oberlin.



Frances



Caroline

Unique Workshop Being Planned

Our Cultural AR, Mildred Mussman, together with the Maine Arts and Humanities Commission will be inviting AAUW members to a workshop in the fall. Since AAUW and the Commission both pursue educational goals, it seems a workshop enlightening both sides would be most valuable.

Branch presidents will receive details of this unique event from Mildred. Keep it in mind!

Branch Highlights

CAPE NEDDICK BRANCH has chosen the Media topic for next year's study. As action to follow up our study on Conservation, some of us are working with the Conservation Commission to hold some AAUW meetings at a house in Goodrich Park, land recently given to York for a town park. The annual meeting was highlighted by entertainment provided by a singing group coached by one of our members.

PORTLAND BRANCH members worked diligently to plan and subsequently hostess the Division Convention. A very successful garage sale in April benefitted Fellowships. A legislative and a book study group have been active. We again co-sponsored the Young Artists Competition, in which 31 contestants participated. Programs on Day Care and Peace Education were excellent and well attended.

HOULTON BRANCH board members plus newest members held an informal membership coffee at President Jeanette Anderson's home in early May. Every possible prospective member was searched out and invited to this event. This included checking with local colleges for names of recent graduates still in the area. It was well publicized in the paper and on radio. Invitations were mailed, followed by telephone calls. The proceeds from the Fashion Show, our main \$\$-raising project, were allocated to Dollars for Scholars, a scholarship for a Ricker College student, and to Fellowships.



At the Houlton Membership Coffee, l. to r., Sarah Douglas, Pat Chase (prospective), Jeanette Anderson, Sharon Floyd, Janet Bates, and Margaret Ludwig (seated)

Environmental Education Draft

Ready for Review

The writing team appointed by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to develop a State Plan for Environmental Education has completed a draft.

To insure that the Plan represents the collective views of as many people within the state as possible, the committee solicits wide based participation in finalizing the State Plan for Environmental Education.

If you are interested in reviewing and commenting on the Plan, your president has a copy.

New ERA effort planned

At a Board meeting before the Division Convention, Ann Dewitt volunteered to act as Coordinator for the renewed Division efforts toward ratification of the ERA in Maine. Branches will be urged to appoint their own coordinators to work with Ann. Governor Curtis has pledged to bring the ERA before the special session in '73-'74. Ann worked very hard this past year on this legislation.

women's legislative council

Topics presented in recent months have included the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, child and women "protective" labor laws, child day care centers and Indian Affairs.

Miss Madge Ames of the Maine Bureau of Labor and Industry spoke about the harm liberated women had done to "protective" labor laws. It was unclear what rationale she used since it was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which dispensed with "protective" labor laws.

Mrs. Anne Loth of Community Counciling Center of Portland spoke about coordination of Family Care Programs. She noted the cut-backs in federal funds and the need for community financial support. Some WLC members spoke of the reluctance on the part of towns to use federal revenue sharing for human services. Other comments centered around the need to put "mom" back in the home so day care centers would be unnecessary. Debate ensued.

It is informative but frustrating to take part in the WLC as they are not an action group. After I had lobbied extensively for the ERA, it was very disappointing that the WLC did not openly support it. Perhaps next year, the Council will change its attitude. Ann D. Dewitt

Eleanor Sulerud, Minnesota State President, wrote: There are some things we as AAUW members are NOT!!!

WE ARE NOT a woman's auxiliary. We are not members because we are the wives of - or daughters of... We are members on our own merits, our own accomplishments.

WE ARE NOT a professional organization. We encompass the entire range of professions within our membership. Some devote full time, some part time to our careers. Others are using their time and talents as volunteers, as homemakers. We have room for all.

WE ARE NOT organized because we are the alumnae of, or work at, a particular college or university. Our membership comes from the graduates of the colleges and universities of the world.

WE ARE NOT organized for purely social purposes. We want our branches to be a place to make friends and to meet friends. We want to create a friendly atmosphere about our meetings. But this is one of the pleasant by-products of being a member.

WE ARE NOT organized on an age basis. We range from the youngest of graduates to 50-year life members. This mingling of age and experience is another of the plusses of AAUW membership.

What do these negatives add up to? To something very positive. To what we ARE:

WE ARE Women -- alumnae of colleges and universities
 Contributing various experiences and backgrounds
 Vitally interested in the world we live in and the world of tomorrow
 Beholden to no special interests
 Free to work out the purpose of AAUW in a manner fitted to our abilities and experience as individuals or through our combined efforts in our branches.

Excerpts from a Letter from Maine's Fellow *

*(Mary Helen Fernald is completing historical research on the rebellion of followers of the Earl of Essex 1600-1601. She is working toward her Ph.D. at Brown)

"I can't promise a very coherent picture for a long time: it's like working on one of those huge picture puzzles with thousands of pieces...you should be prepared for the possibility that...several crucial sections got lost a long time ago.

"Luckily, a lot more has been printed than I had dared to hope. I say 'luckily' because the thought of Elizabethan calligraphy sends my heart right down to the soles of my shoes...I can read the Queen; I can read Camden, the Clarencieux Herald; but Walter Raleigh stops me cold every time, not least because he cannot spell catte, even by Elizabethan standards. Many of the papers I have worked on have been transcribed from originals that were in bad handwriting, with water stains, marks and holes from rats, edges burned by fire; one set had been sealed in a wall from 1605 to 1828."

FELLOWSHIP FACTS

Did you know that...

---AAUW's program is the oldest and largest graduate Fellowships program for women in the nation?

---studies about women by Fellows for 1972-73 will include focus on: socio-medical stresses on working wives and mothers; the image of women in literature during the past three centuries; the role of women portrayed by three women novelists of mid-19th century France; contrast between public image of turn-of-the-century women (as seen in Lydia Pinkham ads) and their own sexual image?

---If the focus is merely on money, the money will not be raised?

---AAUW members, through giving to current and endowment needs, have supported more than 2500 individual Fellows since 1890?

---individual stipends range from \$2500 to \$6000 annually?



Some of our 18 members attending the Washington Convention are, l.to r., Peggy Hodgkins, Brenda Johnson, Linda Bohan, Betty Fitzjarrald, Ann Castonguay, Marion Turner and Debbie Scholl.

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the Division could implement. And, of course, she will be most helpful in acquainting the students at her university with AAUW.

Some of our C.R.'s will be attending special workshops at the Washington Convention to implement the developing relationship between Corporate Members and the Divisions.

(President Peggy Hodgkins notes, "The rekindling of the interest of our Corporate Members is an exciting step and we can certainly look forward to greater strength through these relationships.")

MEMBERSHIP IS RISING

Mt. Desert Island Membership Chairman, Marion Kimball, received an award at the Division Convention for the highest percent increase in branch membership (from 46 to 54 members.) Runners up were Bath-Brunswick, Waterville, Franklin Co. and Houlton.

Let's keep the momentum going. Clip the coupon and mail it to Marion. She will forward it to the appropriate branch or division.

INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO AAUW!

Clip and mail to: Marion Turner,
19 Potter St., Brunswick, Me. 04011

Name of prospective member

Address

College, if known

A Topic (cont. from page 1)

Media: Issues in Communication. Who influences media and how: Editors? Publishers? Station owners? FCC? Writers? Advertisers? General public--young and old? How does media influence us as consumers, our role as women, as citizens of the world? Do different forms of media exert influences differently?

Global Interdependence: Budgeting for Earth. If one were to consider the dependence of one's area on outside products and services, where would the questions lead? Consumption levels, energy sources, food (sources, distribution, dietary habits), trade quotas, immigration quotas, dollar value, international organizations, women leaders in emerging nations, life style variations, educational exchanges.

Dynamic Learning: Releasing Human Potential. In questioning our own attitudes about learning we might become involved in sharing learning experiences with nursing home residents, varieties of educational institutions, prisoners, people of different life styles, exceptional children. It might be through tutoring children and young people in correctional institutions, career counseling for women, legislation directed toward alternative educational experiences for exceptional children, career education starting with children in elementary grades through our division project: "Yellow Pages of Learning Resources for Education in Maine."

Sometimes sitting at a branch meeting listening to a very inspired speaker can be very useful, but wouldn't it be interesting to include varieties of media? Programs as models of dynamic learning situations would simultaneously provide a great variety of experiences.

Here is the beginning of the excitement of our branches. The results? Increased participation by members, improved publicity, new members, satisfaction in our personal continuing education.

Louise Smith
V.P. for Program



Louise Smith, L., and Lynn Stitt discuss the Topic Happening at Division Convention

Trade a home & travel

The Santa Cruz, California, Branch of AAUW has initiated a Trade a Home and Travel service for AAUW members on a national and international level. This will enable you to exchange your home for another AAUW member's home in whatever part of the land you wish to travel.

What exciting place would you like to explore this year?

Application Form

Branch of AAUW

Name

Address.....

Desired destination: (two choices).....

Date you wish to travel: '73.....'74.....

No. of adults.....No. of children.....

Information about your home:

Approx. size of house or apartment.....

Sleeping accommodations for ...persons

Amenities, such as view, golf, skiing, beach, etc.

Comments.....

Please mail to: Mrs. Donald R. Ellis,
7350 Viewpoint Rd., Aptos, Ca. 95003

Public Service (cont. from page 1)

The Maine Division could perform a valuable service to the state with this project. The resources are available and several new trends in education endorse the need for such a compilation.

Interest and support for the effort have been given by the Maine Department of Education Bureau of Educational Resources, Bureau of Continuing Educational Resources, by Bennett Katz of the Senate, and by Dean Bennett of the Maine Environmental Education Project.

Awardees for these projects will be announced on June 18 at the convention in Washington.

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