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the dawnbreaker

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volume 23, no.2

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

THE WORTH OF AAUW -
FOR INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

make plans to attend the spring
convention in Augusta. info attached.

branch program chairmen: May 1 dead-
line for reports to Brenda Johnson,
Box 196, MRA, Bangor 04401.

also May 1. Annual reports due to
Marion Turner, president, 19 Potter
St., Brunswick 04011. Attention
branch and division officers.

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

-the learning resources project -

Has a name: Inside Maine.

Will be copy-ready for publishers
on 1 May.

The Grant Story (cont.)*

Latest news is that the grant is "on,"
that we will receive the \$1,000
as well as the recognition. Keep
us posted, Vici.

*still a true story

-legislative day was 17 April -

the Dawnbreaker is caught between
on this one: not out soon enough
to publicize a coming event and
out too soon for coverage. The
convention offers a chance to up-
date the legislative situation.

In IRS language, you are a member of
a 501(c)(4) organization, part of whose
activities qualify as 501(c)(3).

It means that your newsletter is not
mailed as nonprofit material because
AAUW as a statewide organization does
not qualify. That I learned during the
weeks of searching alternative plans for
the Dawnbreaker.

It also means that some - but not all -
of your expenditures for AAUW are tax-
deductible. Although the following
information is not 100 percent thorough,
it should provide the skeletal structure
of your tax records system and provoke
questions best answered by an IRS agent.

First, a definition of our status as
501(c)(4). It means we are classified
a social welfare organization. An IRS
ruling denied us tax exempt status
because we engage in legislative activity.
However, one area of our program - the
educational foundation - is tax exempt
and classified 501(c)(3). Therefore, keep
your records of fellowship and scholarship
fund-raising expenses separate.

For example, donations made to the
educational foundation (rather than to
AAUW en total) are deductible. Food or
other items donated to fund raising for
the educational foundation are deductible
at fair market value. Most branches

to keep you informed, cont.

-women authors project-

seven authors participated. Entries are en route to Seattle.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

for 1st vice president: Lee Davis

member, Orono-Old Town Branch
B.S. Ind U of PA/ M.S. Cornell. biologist/ past experience in research, teaching, Currently interested in population education.

for treasurer: Mary Alice Chakoumakos

member, Franklin County Branch
Bates College. Was resident of Farmington five days before attending AAUW meeting. Was branch president & board member, division.
Is topic chrman.

for recording secretary: Joan H. Hall

member, Portland Branch. B.A.,
College of Idaho/ M.A. Emory
U. (expects Ph.D) Was college-level teacher.
Currently religious educ. director of
First Parish Soc.
Portland

the worth of aauw, cont.

engage in specific activities, e.g. used book sales, for fellowship fund raising. Keep track of your spending and giving carefully for these events.

If a special benefit performance is held for fellowship money, you may deduct any cost above usual admission. For example, if a ticket generally costs \$1.00 and you pay \$3.00, you may deduct the \$2.00 difference.

(A question that I can raise, but not answer: what about transportation and babysitting costs accrued for fund-raising for the educational foundation?)

Incidentally, any of you contemplating bequests to AAUW must follow the same guidelines. Only bequests made to the educational foundation are tax exempt. Better consult your attorney when making such a gift to be certain of tax status.

How about annual dues? Generally, the IRS has allowed deduction as a professional expense if you are involved in the field of education or an occupation closely related to education.

I am certain that not all tax questions about AAUW activities are answered. But I hope that the issue is a bit clearer. And perhaps further questions that you raise can be sent to me to be shared in a future issue of the Dawnbreaker.

5 May.

convention registration due
plan to attend

an May 975

"all roads lead to Augusta"

Friday/ 16 May	3:00-	tours of museums
afternoon &	5:30	registration
evening	6:30	banquet at Larson's. Annual citation award and featured speaker, Dr. Burns. Cordial hour following banquet.
Saturday/ 17 May	8:30	registration
morning &	9:00	program (1) Dr. Burns speaks about women and higher education. (2) presentation of new study topics
afternoon	12:00	luncheon. Comfort Komolafe, speaker.
	1:30	business meeting
	3:30	adjournment

Dr. Martha Burns, director of the national fellowships fund, brings information on the changing role of women and changes in higher education that affect women

Comfort Komolafe, Nigeria, is the first recipient of the Dickie Fellowship Fund. She and her six-year old daughter (who will attend the convention with her mother) are in Amherst, MA this year.



please make your own reservations

out of town, near meeting places.

fairway motor lodge, Rt 202,
manchester. 207-622-6338

wishing well motel, Rt 202,
manchester. 207-623-4583

cobbossee motel, Rt 202,
east winthrop. 207-395-4155

winthrop motel, Rt 202,
winthrop. 207-377-2213

augusta

holiday inn, western ave, near exit
15. 207-622-6371

howard johnson, belgrade exit, I-95,
207-622-4751

chalet susse motel, western ave, exit
15. 207-622-3776

senator motel, western ave, exit 15,
207-622-5804

