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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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

branch program chairman: **May 1** deadline 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 update the legislative situation.

THE WORTH OF AAUW - FOR INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

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 in 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.

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.

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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

for 1st vice president: Lee Davis
member, Orono-Old Town Branch
B.S. Ind U of PA/ M.S. Cor-
nell. biologist/ past
experience in research,
teaching, Currently
interested in pop-
ulation edu-
cation.

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

5 May. convention registration due
plan to attend
"all roads lead to Augusta"

Friday/ 16 May
afternoon & evening

3:00
5:30
6:30
tours of museums
registration
banquet at Larson's. Annual
citation award and featured
speaker, Dr. Burns. Cordial
hour following banquet.

Saturday/ 17 May
morning & afternoon

8:30
9:00
registration
program (1) Dr. Burns speaks
about women and higher
education. (2) presentation
of new study topics
luncheon. Comfort Komolafe,
speaker.

12:00
1:30
3:30
registration
program
luncheon. Comfort Komolafe,
speaker.
business meeting
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

cobossee 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

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East Winthrop Baptist Church
(Saturday meeting)

Route 202

app. 4 miles

western avenue

capitol s

state museum

Larson's
(Friday banquet)