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**DAWN BREAKER**  
THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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**CHANGE IS AFOOT: ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE**

At the 2009 AAUW National Convention, delegates approved the concept of “One Member, One Vote,” which eliminates the need for delegates at National Conventions. The AAUW staff at the national office has done an outstanding job of making it possible for all members to participate, whether they vote electronically or by mail. The full details of the process are available in the last issue of AAUW Outlook. The remaining deadlines for this process are as follows:

- Early Dec 2010: Candidate profiles will be posted on the AAUW website
- Jan 2011: Initial slate of candidates and proposed bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program additions and revisions will be published in the Winter AAUW Outlook
- Apr 2011: Final slate of candidates and proposed bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program additions and revisions will be published in the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook
- Apr 15, 2011: Ballots mailed to all AAUW members
- May 1, 2011: Online voting and paper ballot scanning begin
- May 31, 2011: Deadline for mailing paper ballots to AAUW
- June 17, 2011: Deadline for online voting, 9 p.m. EDT.

An exciting slate of candidates will be presented for your consideration. Important proposed bylaws and Public Policy changes will be presented for your consideration. Now you can be directly involved in the process, so be sure to vote.

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**AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION: JUNE 16-19, 2011**

The 2011 AAUW National Convention will be held June 16–19 at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel. The 2011 convention will celebrate AAUW's 130 years as a nationwide community that is breaking through barriers for women and girls! Early bird (= less expensive) registration begins December 1.

**CONVENTION (Continued)**

At the 2011 AAUW National Convention, you can

- join AAUW members from across the country to advocate for change with a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill;
- learn how AAUW members in other states shape their programs in light of changing demographics;
- be inspired by nationally recognized speakers and learn new leadership skills and AAUW best practices to take home to your community;
- play a personal role in creating a road map for AAUW's future by participating in our strategic breakout sessions; and
- celebrate the inaugural Breaking through Barriers Awards ceremony featuring outstanding, innovative AAUW state/branch programs.

Forms for registration can be found at:

<http://www.aauw.org/convention/>. Several of us from AAUW Maine will be attending. We certainly hope you will consider joining us.

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**BOARD BRIEFS FROM CHARMEN GOEHRING-FOX**

The AAUW Maine Board met at the home of Marilyn Leimbach in Waterville on September 25, 2010. We discussed the annual state convention which will be hosted by the Hancock County branch, website improvements, and our involvement with the Coalition for Maine Women. The next board meeting will be February 26, 2011 at the home of Joan Sanzenbacher in Waterville. All members are encouraged to attend.

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**AAUW'S ISSUES: WHAT ARE THEY?**

Want a succinct summary of policies and advocacy of AAUW? Here's the link for you:  
[http://www.aauw.org/act/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

from Charlene Goehring-Fox, President, AAUW Maine

Transitions are often scary and cause us to feel uncertain. But often, changes bring about new and exciting opportunities! At the 2009 Association convention in St. Louis, delegates voted to approve a One Member, One Vote procedure for future conventions and business items in AAUW. This spring, we will have the opportunity to try out the new system. Each member will be mailed a paper ballot and will have the option of returning the ballot via U.S. mail or going online to return your ballot electronically. The ballot, including candidates for office and their statements, will be online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) in mid-December. Spend some time reading about the proposed public policy program, candidates, and any resolutions that will be submitted. This voting procedure could be very interesting as we will likely hear from more than the usual 900-1,000 members who attend convention. My fear though, is that members will not support attending conventions with the new procedure and future conventions will cease. I hope this is not the case!

While I was on the AAUW website researching the One Member, One Vote procedures, I found a page listing all of the AAUW programs that our dues and membership support. I am constantly amazed at the quality and breadth of programs; from LAF Campus Outreach and Case Support to Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Research; from Fellowships and Grants to National Girls Collaborative Project; our partnership with CARE to AAUW Outlook

magazine; from Two-Minute Activist to Planned Giving. Add to that a full Public Policy Program with a fantastic staff, and it is easy to see why so many of us continue to value our membership in AAUW. I hope each of you will take some time exploring the improved website. Be sure to check out the webinars on the Chapter Leader's Playground and add some oomph to your recruiting efforts!



By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox, the fate of the Paycheck Fairness Act will already be decided. AAUW worked long and hard on this issue as the lead organization. We lobbied congressional members all over the country, wrote letters to the editors of hundreds of newspapers, met with congressional staffers, supported Lilly Ledbetter as she spoke around the country and testified before Congress on behalf of the Paycheck Fairness Act. Sadly, Congress failed to pass the Act preventing women from finally having the tools they need to seek equal pay from their employers. As the strong women we are, we will continue to fight for pay equity!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, filled with good friends and family, festive activities, peace and joy! Thank you for your continued involvement and support of AAUW Maine and the work in all of our communities! Happy New Year!

## SAVE THE DATES!!

### FEBRUARY 26 BOARD MEETING - ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

The next board meeting will be February 26, 2011, at the home of Joan Sanzenbacher in Waterville (12 Brooklyn Avenue). All members are encouraged to attend. Contact Joan ([jhsanzen@colby.edu](mailto:jhsanzen@colby.edu)) for start time of the meeting (usually 10 a.m.).

### AAUW MAINE CONVENTION

**April 29-30, 2011** for AAUW Maine state convention in Hancock County. More details to follow in the spring newsletter! Thanks to the Hancock County Branch for their hard work.

### 2011 NATIONAL AAUW CONVENTION: "Breaking through Barriers: Advocating for Change"

June 17-19, 2011 AAUW Association Convention in Washington, DC. Look for more details in *AAUW Outlook* and at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). This venue is a great opportunity to meet your legislators, advocate for women and girls, enjoying sightseeing and fine dining, and meet with the wonderful women of AAUW.

"We need women leaders. But we need them to have a vision for something."

--Charlotte Bunch

## Keep Maine Connected CAMPAIGN ONGOING

At the March 2010 meeting of the AAUW Maine Board, the *Keep Maine Connected Campaign* was wholeheartedly endorsed. The annual goal of \$2,000 is the same as last year. These extra funds help us meet our annual budget in the face of decreasing membership and allow us to join in activities and programs that support advocacy and education for women and girls.

If you have yet to give to the campaign, please support the goal by giving whatever you can. Checks should be made out to "AAUW Maine" and sent to Marilyn Leimbach, AAUW Maine Treasurer (9 Wilson Park, Waterville, ME 04901).



### MAINE GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT UPDATE

from Sharon Barker, Univ. of  
Maine's Women's Resource  
Center

The Maine Girls Collaborative  
Project (MGCP) held its  
annual conference on Friday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup> at the

University of Maine, showcasing the mini-grant projects that have been funded over the last three years. MGCP is part of a national initiative to support organizations that encourage girls' participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by providing funding support, educational programming, and research materials, as well as participation in a national network of organizations focused on this work. AAUW is a partner in this replication project which is funded by the National Science Foundation through the EdLab Group in Washington State. The conference attracted educators, staff from non-profit organizations, university faculty and students, and others interested in the participation of girls in STEM. Amyl Ghanem, Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Dalhousie University, gave the keynote address.

The MGCP has been particularly successful and innovative during the three years of the grant. Maine distributed

\$35,000 in grant monies, used high school girls as reviewers for one grant cycle, and utilized distance education technology to beam presentations about girls and STEM to Aroostook and Washington Counties. Anja Whittington, Assistant Professor of Outdoor Recreation at UMPI, acted as the AAUW liaison, and was particularly effective in bringing Maine's AAUW members into active partnership on this project. Several of the AAUW branches have sponsored presentations at branch meetings about MGCP, and Anja presented information about the participation of women in STEM at an AAUW State Convention. The Leadership Team for MGCP is comprised of individuals with an impressive track record of success in working with girls and women in STEM. The Champion Board is a broader network of influential people in many different sectors who assist in a variety of ways to distribute information and support within their networks.

The EdLab group is in the process of applying to the NSF for extension funding. If successful, the project would focus on extending access to minority groups, especially in the IT field. An extended project would also offer professional development support to local collaboratives to develop organizational capacity and sustainability, and programs would be developed focused on the involvement of counselors in this initiative. For more information, contact Sharon Barker, Collaborative Lead for MGCP, at [sbarker@maine.edu](mailto:sbarker@maine.edu); or call her at 581-1501.



### TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AT AAUW

(by Bets Brown)

Patricia Ho served for several years as Regional Director for New England. She worked hard to keep AAUW Maine members informed and traveled to Maine on several occasions to speak in person with us. Now she is running for Vice President of AAUW's Board. What impresses me most is that she is using Facebook technology as part of her campaign. See: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/video/video.php?v=126168227444943&comments>. I'm sure other candidates are doing so as well. So, keep your eyes peeled for lots of online campaigning and enjoy the fun and challenge of getting electronically connected.



**THE ACHIEVEMENT CITATION AWARD: 2011**  
by Kristin Sweeney, Chair of the Achievement Citation Award Committee

Nomination forms and instructions for the Achievement Citation Award were sent to the Maine Branches at the end of October 2010. At least one branch began working on a nomination last summer, but there is still plenty of time for the rest of you to scurry into action, just like those mice coming into our houses for winter.

**The deadline is January 31, 2011.**

The basic requirements include:

- The nominee should be a woman in Maine who has made a distinctive contribution in some AAUW field of interest or study (service to state, to education, to arts, or to humanity, for example).
- The nominee should have a valid connection with the state.
- The nominee should exhibit achievement over and above job-related activities.
- The nominee should be a “pioneer” in her area.

Additional considerations include:

- The nominee does **not** have to be a member of AAUW and does **not** have to be an “unsung” heroine.
- The achievement does **not** have to be employment related.
- Other qualifications may be non-traditional fields and significant contribution to community/region/state, women’s issues, or a particular field.



**AAUW MEMBERS FOUGHT HARD FOR PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT**

The Paycheck Fairness Act, which was aimed at stamping out wage discrimination based on workers' sex, failed Wednesday because too few senators voted to move forward with the legislation. The Act needed 60 votes to move forward, and captured only 58. The bill would have amended the Equal Pay Act in a variety of ways, including limiting employers' basis for differential wages, when responding to charges of wage discrimination based on sex, to reasons such as differences in workers' experience or training. The vote came in the first week lawmakers reconvened since the midterm elections.

“What's especially frustrating is that this critical bill became a victim of arcane Senate rules,” said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. “This de facto filibuster of fair pay by Senate Republicans ensured that we never got to a debate on the bill's merits. Strategically, I can't blame them --- they can't win a fair

fight against pay equity.”

The bill's supporters said stronger laws are needed to erase the persistent earnings gap between men and women, while critics said the bill could hurt businesses and workers. You can read about Lisa Maatz being personally thanked by President Obama for her efforts on behalf of the Paycheck Fairness Act at the following website:

[http://www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/ObamaOnPFA\\_111710.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/ObamaOnPFA_111710.cfm).

AAUW Maine members worked hard to move this bill through the Senate, especially in Maine where Senators Snowe and Collins could have saved the bill had they voted for it. This vote is a sign of times to come and demonstrates that our voices are vitally important to protecting women’s rights, education, and equity.

## CHOICE AND CHOCOLATE

From Ruth Lackhart, Director, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center



Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center will hold its annual Choice and Chocolate event on **January 20, 2011, 6:00 PM** at the Center in Evergreen Woods in Bangor. This no-cost event will celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Roe v Wade decision that made abortion legal across the United States. In addition to providing information on abortion access and reproductive rights, there will be Fair Trade Chocolate and other goodies for sampling and, as always, lively discussion with like-minded friends. Mark your calendars and join us in January! More program info is available at the Mabel Wadsworth website (<http://www.mabelwadsworth.org/>).

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### AAUW MAINE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### REPORT: NOVEMBER 9, 2010

from Betsy Eggleston  
AAUW Maine Nominating Committee Chair

The State AAUW Nominating Committee currently has two members instead of the usual three or four it should have. Ann Dewitt has one more year on the committee and Betsy Eggleston, immediate past president and nominating committee chair, is in her last year. No new members were nominated at the 2010 state convention.

Consequently, the nominating committee is not able to properly do the job of finding and nominating candidates for state office. Our current president is in her third year, and the president-elect and VP for membership positions are vacant. At the fall state leadership, a discussion of this problem was discussed, resulting in a proposed amendment to our state bylaws, as follows:

“The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one member from each branch who will serve for a one-year term. Chairmanship of the committee shall be decided by the members, and there will be no fixed term for the Chair. The immediate past President shall be a member *ex officio*. If a branch representative cannot serve out her term, the branch will send a substitute. Individuals may serve up to three consecutive years.”

With this change, each branch would have a branch member participating in the nominations who knows her or his own members and who would be able to discern whether any branch members would be willing to serve in state office.

Please forward comments to Betsy Eggleston, State AAUW Nominating Committee Chair at [eggleston62@gmail.com](mailto:eggleston62@gmail.com). We will be voting on this change at the state convention at the end of April.

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### COALITION FOR MAINE WOMEN

by Bets Brown

The Coalition for Maine Women began the 2010-2011 year meetings in September. The first order of business is setting the agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Because of the change in the legislature and the governorship, many uncertainties lie ahead. Women's issues are affected by the budget, and, as we all know, we can expect proposals to cut several programs that affect women. It is important that we continue to support funding for healthcare, safety, and educational opportunities for all women.

The Coalition will hold its Day at the State House on April 27, just a few days before our own state convention in Hancock County. Last year, Charlene Goehring-Fox, Cathy

Bevier, and I represented AAUW. I hope some of you will participate this year. It's a great chance to speak with your legislators. Please let me know if you are interested ([wilbro@fairpoint.net](mailto:wilbro@fairpoint.net)). The program is well designed, such that every year we learn a great deal about the workings of our legislature.

On November 4, I had the honor of serving on a panel discussion with Sarah Standiford and Mary Cathcart on the TV show *State of the State* with host Christopher St. John. We discussed women, the economy, the Paycheck Fairness Act, and the importance of education to the financial well being for women. The audio version of the show is at the website [http://www.mecep.org/state\\_of\\_the\\_state\\_archive.asp?podcastyear=2010](http://www.mecep.org/state_of_the_state_archive.asp?podcastyear=2010).

## BRANCHING OUT: NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### **Bath-Brunswick News** (from Debbie Schall)

Under the leadership of co-Presidents Joanne Bollinger and Frances Caswell, our branch is active and has added four new members. Pat Forsyth and her program committee have a wonderful year in store for us. In September, at our Harvest Pot Luck Supper, we welcomed Bowdoin professor and director of Gender and Women's Studies, Jennifer Scanlon, who shared inside information on her research and writing of the book, *Bad Girls Go Everywhere, the Life of Helen Gurley Brown*. At that same meeting we had the opportunity to meet Margot Anne Garnick, who is the recipient of our first ever scholarship to a non-traditional student and is attending the University College at Bath-Brunswick majoring in pre-law.

October's speaker was one of our new members, Attorney Mary Ellen Sullivan, who presented a program on *Estate Planning for Women: What You Need to Know*. The buzz on the street is that Mary Ellen provided much needed information and sent members scurrying to make sure their financial papers were in order. In October, we also held our first fundraiser of the year, an Open House and Bake Sale at Growstown School, the 1850s one-room schoolhouse in which our branch provides a 19th century school experience for local school children.

In November, we will hear from Genell Poitras who spent 30 years living in South Korea. Her subject will be *Behind the Bamboo Curtain: Women's Lives in North Korea*. Rounding out 2010 will be our Holiday Party and Greens Event Fundraiser, our largest fundraiser of the year featuring an elegant cocktail buffet.

We are fortunate to be able keep up-to-date with AAUW's good friend, Genevieve Goltz, who moved to San Miguel del Allende, Mexico this past summer. Genevieve periodically writes *Letters from Mexico* for our newsletter. You can access the newsletter at our branch website: [community.curtislibrary.com/aauw](http://community.curtislibrary.com/aauw) or through the national AAUW website.

### **Mid-Coast Branch** (from Judy Dinmore)

We chose two persons for the lift-off scholarships this fall. Both are enrolled at University College at Rockland: 1) Kathy Estabrook was awarded a Jean Nickel Scholarship. She is taking a beginning library science course. As the eldest of nine children, Kathy needed to help support her family rather than pursue higher education. This scholarship will allow her to fulfill her desire to get more formal education. 2) Gail Lenfestey was awarded the Bridget and Kenneth Paddock Scholarship. She is taking music for hospice patients. Gail's family's income discouraged the

pursuit of a college degree after high school. Gail raised a family and worked as a pre-school Montessori teacher and as home health and hospice certified nursing assistant. At this juncture in her life, Gail wants the opportunity and challenge of getting her degree, which will provide her with more professional knowledge and skill.

Sadly, we had to cancel our October Workshop due to inadequate enrollment. We hope to have a generous response to our letter soliciting funds to support local scholarships. The branch is scheduled to discuss fundraising at our November meeting.

Our upcoming programs are: December 15th *Green Architecture: Why Should We Care?* January 19th *Genealogy: How We Keep Track of Ourselves* February 16th *Good Tern Co-op: Healthy Eating is Easier Than You Think* March 16th *The Restorative Justice Project: A Discussion of Restorative Justice*. All our programs are free and open to the public at the Rockland Public Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Members of other branches are warmly welcome. Come at 12 noon and join us for a brown bag lunch and meeting.

### **Waterville** (from Bets Brown)

We began the year with a convivial gathering for a delicious soup and salad dinner. What good cooks we are! New members joined us, and the social format allowed us to get to know each other better. Thanks to Marilyn Leimbach for hosting a wonderful evening.

In October, we heard from Heather Pratt, Colby College senior, who attended the 2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. She reported on her honors research project on sexual harassment on college campuses and on her participation in the NCCWSL conference. We also enjoyed viewing AAUW's 10-minute video on NCCWSL.

Megan Williams, Executive Director of Hardy Girls Healthy Women (HGHW), spoke to us of the 10 years of outstanding successes of the dynamic work of HGHW. She emphasized the importance of teaching girls to recognize the outlandish images of women and girls in the media. As only one of many examples, do the 14-year-old (mostly) girls who read *Seventeen* magazine really need to know, as one cover offered to tell, 405 ways to be "hot" at parties? Hardy Girls Healthy Women emphasizes the importance of girls learning to deconstruct thoughtfully the many unrealistic images of females in the media. Megan's well targeted PowerPoint presentation had many examples of the influence of media. As another example, she showed how dolls that used to be cute have been physically distorted and sexualized. Advertisements in magazines for

young girls are more sexually explicit than ever, giving the erroneous message that girls need to learn to be sexy and not necessarily smart. HGHW also works to discourage the concept of girlfighting, which is seen in many TV shows and movies. The Adventure Girls programs have been a huge hit. Hardy Girls has also developed curricula to help disseminate their approach, and requests for those curricula have come from all over the United States and several other countries including in Africa and Europe. And, this work is just beginning to take off. Megan has been pivotal in making this program a success. If you ever have a chance to hear her talk about HGHW, don't pass it up. As one branch member said to me after the talk, "I am ready to work harder to support these girls."

Betty-Jane Meader will lead our meeting in December by morphing into our auctioneer. This holiday auction is our major fundraiser for the branch's contributions to the AAUW Funds.

**Hancock County Branch** (from Louise Storer)

The Hancock County Branch began the new year with a pot-luck get-together at the waterfront home of one of our long-term members. Two new members joined after that meeting and another past member has returned since then. In October, we were one of the five sponsors of a

candidates' night for those running for DA, State Senate and State House from this district.

The other four sponsors were BPW, League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, and the Ellsworth American. The audience fluctuated in size, depending upon interest in the particular race, but it averaged about 100, with people often standing in the hall outside the meeting room. Everything went smoothly and, amazingly, everyone - candidates and audience - was polite. Because AAUW was one of the sponsors, the event had good coverage, with AAUW being mentioned more than once.

In November our speakers were two local women who have expertise in nutrition and exercise for those of us who are well past their first youth. Their presentation helped prepared us to survive the holiday season without harm to our health.

Every December, we have a pot-luck and cookie swap, along with collecting items to donate to the local shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic violence, as well as cash for the local food pantry.

For many years, our January meeting has featured book reports by the members, suggesting books which we have read in the last year and which we think others might enjoy.

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**AAUW Maine: Public Policy Chair Report**

(from Bets Brown)

As you might expect, my major effort over the past two months has been working for the Paycheck Fairness Act. I was also asked by AAUW national office to sit in on two phone calls. The first phone call was with representatives of the National Economic Council who discussed the new White House report, published in October 2010, called, "Jobs and Economic Security for America's Women Report." This intriguing report is found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/10/21/jobs-and-economic-security-americas-women-report>. It is recommended reading for those interested in economic issues facing women today.

I was also offered the opportunity to sit in on a conference call with Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Jan Schakowsky. Women's groups from across the country were on the call. The focus of the call was on saving social security. Women, more than men, depend on social security. With the budget now under threat, there is a distinct possibility that Congress may try to privatize Social Security, which, according to Nancy Pelosi, would cut the benefits in half. This step would be devastating to older women whose major source of income is their Social Security benefits. Stay tuned to see how this develops.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR WOMEN SCIENTISTS?**

AAUW's publication, *Why So Few*, is being reprinted due to popular demand. The report discusses roles of women in science and reasons why fewer women than men go into many scientific fields. Here are some very famous scientists and their fields of study. Can you match them all correctly? Answers on page 8. If you want to know about these amazing women, they are all readily "googled" on the Internet.

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| 1. Inez Fung            | a. Biomechanic                                    |
| 2. Cynthia Breazeal     | b. Archeologist                                   |
| 3. Mimi Koehl           | c. Physicist on the Manhattan Project             |
| 4. Shirley Ann Jackson  | d. Climate Modeler                                |
| 5. Gerturde Belle Elion | e. Ecologist & MIT's first woman graduate student |
| 6. Grace Hopper         | f. Developer of the computer language Cobol       |
| 7. Hypatia              | g. Mathematician & Astronomer                     |
| 8. Mary Leakey          | h. Robot Designer                                 |
| 9. Ellen Richards       | i. Nobel Prize Winner for drug development        |
| 10. Chien Shiung Wu     | j. Subatomic Explorer                             |





## AAUW FUNDS REPORT

from Susan Landry, AAUW Funds Liaison

I'm happy to note that our third quarter report from AAUW's Manager of Individual Giving shows that for the period January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 branches and individuals in Maine have contributed just over \$2,600 to AAUW Funds— wonderful! As you know, "AAUW Funds" is the umbrella term for all of AAUW's 501(c)(3) charitable efforts; it incorporates the familiar Eleanor Roosevelt and Legal Advocacy Funds, the Public Policy and Leadership Programs Funds, and the fellowship and grants programs so near and dear to us that we formerly called the Educational Foundation Program and that are now known as Educational Opportunities.

Our branches and individual members have contributed this year to the Educational Opportunities Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, the Public Policy Fund, LAF, and the unrestricted AAUW Funds. That leaves only one other fund not directly supported by Maine (to date this year): the Leadership Programs Fund formerly was part of the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute, which includes such programs as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, and "Elect Her," which teaches the skills needed to run for student government [and eventually, we hope, for public office]. These functions constitute a very important part of our mission, so let's not forget this fund! We do understand that AAUW will apportion general funds as appropriate and we need not worry that valuable programs will be neglected— yet it's always good to let our leaders know where our greatest interests lie, and certainly we can do that by directed giving.

There's not much time left for sending in any contributions you want credited to the year 2010! **Any gift postmarked 01/01/11 or later will be considered a 2011 contribution regardless of envelope contents.** If this is a concern for your branch or for you as an individual member, be sure to get your checks in the mail soon, to be postmarked no later than December 31. **All awards given at the 2011 National Conference in June will be based on combined giving in 2009 and 2010.**

Please be aware of a couple of special ways in which you can amplify your gifts to AAUW. AAUW is a member of the Independent Charities of America, and as such it takes part in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)—the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charitable giving campaign. From September 1 to December 15, eligible employees can make pledges through their workplaces to support philanthropic endeavors such as AAUW's. Any member or branch wanting to look into this can find information on the website— there is even a "CFC

Program in a Box"! It may be too late to act on this in 2010, but branches may wish to work up a campaign for next fall— you'll see that branches can be given credit for participation. Another important means of giving is through estate planning; the Legacy Circle program provides for making bequests, establishing named fellowships and grants, and otherwise planning to support the AAUW mission well into the future. You can find much information and an enrollment form on the website; questions can be directed to Carol Rognrud, director of transformational giving, at 202/728-7627 or rognrudc@aauw.org; or to Kristie Malley, manager of major and planned giving, at 202/785-7766 or kristie.malley@aauw.org.

### A few additional tidbits

Acquire the new public policy pin and a copy of **Secrets of Powerful Women** – with a chapter by Lisa Maatz – by donating \$100 or more to the AAUW Public Policy Fund.

Have you received the "exciting and dramatic" **2010-2011 Calendar** that was supposed to be mailed to members in early summer along with a donation envelope? Included in the 8½" x 11" 18-month calendar along with the beautiful art are dozens of anniversaries and events significant to those who care about equity for women and girls. This impressive publication resulted from the 2010 art contest, which yielded more than 300 entries; additional winning entries will be featured on textured **note cards** that can be purchased from the online store. Obviously these items would be great gifts for friends, relatives, and colleagues . . . and this fundraiser is expected to be highly successful.

We will hold our annual basket raffle at the spring state convention to generate AAUW-Maine's contribution to AAUW Funds. If your branch hasn't yet begun planning its basket, now's the time! I will be in touch with branch liaisons early in the new year; if you have questions or suggestions before hearing from me, please get in touch!

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## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON WOMEN SCIENTISTS

1 - d, 2 - h, 3 - a, 4 - j, 5 - i, 6 - f, 7 - g,  
8 - b, 9 - e and 10 - c

Let's continue to learn about the women scientists past and present. They are pioneers in discovery.

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## Maine State and Branch Bylaws Update

Betsy Eggleston, AAUW Maine Bylaws Chair



The Maine AAUW Bylaws are complete and certified correct by the AAUW Association and now the Maine AAUW branches are in the process of updating their branch bylaws. Each branch bylaws chair or branch president was sent a copy of the model branch bylaws sent out by the Association to help each branch update their bylaws. Penobscot Valley and Hancock County branches have contacted the State Bylaw Chair that the branch is in the process of updating their bylaws. Waterville's bylaws update is complete.

After redoing the branch bylaws, each branch should send a copy (electronically) to me as State Bylaws chair for review, as per Association instructions. Once the review is complete, then that branch will be current until the next mandated changes. These current changes to your branch bylaws do not need to be voted on by your branch, as you are updating your bylaws as voted on by the Association. **Thank you for your help.**



### 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS

It is not too soon to start planning a way to sponsor a student from a university, undergraduate college, or community college to attend the 2011 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Sponsorship can be an individual or a branch activity. Some branches like to sponsor a student and then have her speak about her experiences at a branch meeting. Individuals sponsor students because they believe in supporting activities that develop women leaders of the future. Visit [www.nccwsl.org](http://www.nccwsl.org) for more information.



**This photo is of the Suffragists Parade in 1917. Thanks to these women, we can vote.**



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## CALENDAR 2010-2011

### **2010**

- Dec 1 Early bird registration for national convention begins
- Dec 15 Career Development Grant applications due
- Dec 31 2010 annual contributions to national office due

### **2011**

- Jan 15 Community Action Grant applications due
- Jan 31 Achievement Citation Award nominations due
- Feb 15 Breaking through Barriers Award applications due
- Feb 26 State Board Meeting (see article on page 2)

### **2011 (continued)**

- Mar 5 *Dawn Breaker* deadline (earlier this year due to earlier state convention)
- Apr 15 Ballots for national elections mailed to all members
- Apr 27 Day at the State House (see Coalition for Maine Women article on page 5)
- Apr 29-31 Annual AAUW Maine Convention
- May 1 Online voting for national elections begins
- May 31 Deadline for mailing paper ballots back to AAUW
- Jun 17 Deadline for online voting, 9 p.m. EDT
- Jun 16-19 National AAUW Convention, Washington DC