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October Branch Meeting Saturday, October 15, 9:00 – 10:30 AM Community Room, Elgin Community College

A Dream Deferred

Our two presenters, Daysi Diaz-Strong and Connie Zapata, will explore the issues surrounding immigration policy and how it impacts students. Their interactive presentation will help us appreciate the complexity of immigration issues. They will discuss differences between the Federal Dream Act proposal and the recently passed Illinois Dream Act.



Daysi Diaz-Strong immigrated to the United States at the age of eight and was undocumented for nearly 20 years, shaping her research interests in education and immigration policy. Daysi has been a community college administrator in Illinois for eight years. In her various

roles she has worked closely with underrepresented students and developed programs to improve the success of low-income and underrepresented students. Additionally, Ms. Diaz-Strong teaches a first year experience course. She obtained an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University. Ms. Diaz-Strong is currently

conducting research on the experiences of undocumented students in higher education and has co-authored various articles on research findings.

Connie Zapata is the third of seven siblings, whose parents came to the United States as undocumented immigrants in the late 1940's. Connie has always played an active role in the rights of others beginning in her early teenage years when she participated in the Cesar Chavez marches and rallies in Chicago supporting the rights of migrant workers to become unionized (*continued on p 3*).

**Park in the SRC (Student Resource Center)
Parking Lot adjacent to the SRC and signage
will direct you to the meeting room. The SRC is
the central building on the campus**

Calendar

September 28 **Garage Sale** Drop off 3-7
Nancy Gardner, hostess

September 29-30 **Garage Sale** 9-5

September 30 **Theater Party**
How the Other Half Loves
Gareth Sitz, coordinator

October

October 1 **Garage Sale**, last day, 9-3

October 1 **CircEsteem** 9 am
Baker Memorial Church
Chris Brun, St Charles branch

- October 4 **Evening Memoir Group** 7 pm
Gail Borden Library,
Community Room C
- October 6 **Movie Discussion** 4:30 pm
Colonial Café
Sarah's Key
- October 10 **Great Books** 7 pm
Gail Borden Library
The Tempest, William Shakespeare
- October 13 **Morning Book Group** 10 am
Joan Berna, hostess
The Paris Wife, Paula McLain
- October 17 **Evening Crafters** 7 pm
Jelayne Ewers, hostess
Penny Coasters
- October 18 **Afternoon Memoir Group** 1 pm
Barb Chase, hostess
- October 20 **Out and About** 9 am
Long Grove Shopping Trip
Rachel Campbell, Facilitator
- October 20 **Newsletter Deadline**
- October 24 **20's and 30's Book Group** 7 pm
Gail Borden Library
Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier
- October 25 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 pm
Gail Borden Library
Soul Surfer
- October 26 **Evening Book Group** 7 pm
Anne Marblestone, hostess
Life List Olivia Gentile
- October 28-29 **AAUW-IL Fall Conference**
Stronghold Conference Center
Oregon, IL

November

- Nov 1 **Out and About --Art Buffs** 10:30 am
Mary Navin, coordinator

- Nov 3, 17 **Social Media Tutorial** 10 am
Gail Borden Library
Facebook Pages for Nonprofits
Rachel Bloomberg

- Nov 22 **Reel Women/Real Women** 6 pm
Gail Borden Library
Black Swan

Presidents' Message

My Fellow AAUW Members:

As I write this message, I am basking in the warmth of our first general meeting of the season. Wednesday night's potluck dinner was truly a wonderful collaborative event: several members had their hands in arranging for our dynamic Haitian speaker who lived up to her nickname "dyna-MO" (if you were there, you understand this reference) and many members contributed their culinary skills to supply an exceptional array of food. Yearbooks were distributed, new members were introduced and, I dare say, a good time was had by all.

At last count we added twelve new or returning members to our branch this year, testament to the summertime efforts of Becky Olson and her membership team. Thanks, Becky et al, for sharing our mission with these new recruits. Now it is up to each of us to make them a part of the many activities we sponsor throughout the year.

At our July Board meeting, we voted to disband the Calling Committee. We felt that our members had ample notification about upcoming activities by way of the yearbook and the monthly newsletter. However, if you have met a new member, it would be nice to invite her to accompany you to a film viewing/discussion, book group, crafts group, general meeting, garden walk meeting, etc, until she feels at home.

Today happens to be the AAUW celebration of Jane Addams' birthday and several of our members are attending a statewide event in her honor. In case you missed this event, it is now time to mark your calendar for the state Fall Conference to be held the last Saturday in October at the Stronghold Conference Center in Oregon, IL. Car pooling and

room assignments will be coordinated by Medina Gross and I hope many of you will find the time and interest to attend. Some members are staying over Friday night and may do a little sight seeing before the conference. The more we participate with our colleagues from other branches, the stronger we become in our commitment to AAUW as a national entity.

Supporting the generous scholarships and grants awarded through AAUW to women pursuing graduate or professional programs is one of our most important initiatives. Our branch has been intentional about sending at least \$25 per branch member to Washington as an annual contribution. One way we raise money for this commitment to the national organization is by holding garage sales and a biennial garden walk. This Fall's garage sale will be held from September 28 to October 1 at Nancy Gardner's home in Elgin. If you haven't signed up to assist with the sale, please call Beverly Lovett or Mary Navin to volunteer. This is truly an "all-hands-on-deck" effort, and with just a couple of hours' work, you can help us reach our goal of \$25 per member.

I am truly looking forward to the October general meeting at Elgin Community College to learn about the Dream Act. One of my favorite things about being an AAUW member is having the opportunity to become better educated about many aspects of our society. I hope you will join me to discuss this important topic.

Judy Mavros
Co-President

P.S. Those of you who were touched by Dr. Olivier's message and wish to donate to Haiti's cause may choose to do so through one of these websites: amhefoundation.org or haitischildren.org.

October Branch Meeting, Continued from p 1
In 1968, during Connie's last year at St. Edward High School, she began teaching ESL to local migrant workers through the Illinois Migrant Council in the Elgin area. Connie lived in San Luis Potosi, Mexico for seven years where her English as a Foreign Language courses were in high demand. It was there that she experienced teaching

students of high financial privilege as well as those barely able to afford school. Connie attained her bachelor's degree from Judson University and her MEd in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University as a returning adult, while maintaining full-time employment. She is presently employed as Manager of the TRiO Student Support Services/English as a Second Language program at Elgin Community College. Connie is an active member of St. Joseph Parish, has been a member of many organizations and served on various local community boards. She is presently on the board of Centro de Informacion. She continues to advocate on the issue of immigration reform through meetings with local U.S. congressmen as well as attend rallies, prayer vigils and marches in Chicago and Washington, DC.

Branch Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2011

Co-president Judy Mavros called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at St. Hugh Episcopal Church. She thanked members who provided the food for the potluck and those who did the set-up.

YEARBOOK – Marti Jernberg requested members take yearbooks to deliver to those not present, to save on postage costs.

MEMBERSHIP – Becky Olson introduced guests: Faye Marcus, IL-AAUW International Affairs Chair, and her friend, who came from Rockford; Miriam Lytle of Gail Borden Library; and new members – Sonia Solomonson, Mary Kirkman, Marge Haefliger, Jean Pechtel, Faye Kitchen, Brigitte Breitenbucher, and Katrina Chan-Larsen. Other new members and guests- Liz Parker introduced Penny Siewart and Jan Escola introduced Barbara Mulliken. Linda Youngren introduced Rev. Marion Phipps of St. Hugh's.

TREASURER – Shirley May Byrnes said there was \$4,231.99 in the checking account, \$1,211.82 in Savings and \$5,128.51 in a CD – total of \$10,572.32. The report was filed for audit. She then presented the budget. Joan Berna moved we accept it as presented; Rachel Campbell seconded; motion

carried. Judy thanked Shirley May for all her work in preparing these documents.

PROGRAM – Linda Youngren introduced Carol Cowles who described the October program. The two presenters will be Daysi Diaz Strong and Connie Zapata. They will discuss the differences between the proposed federal Dream Act and the Illinois Dream Act. Carol said to park near the Student Resource Center, near the new building).

RECORDING SECRETARY – One correction was made to the May General Meeting minutes, as emailed to members. Barbara Evans was the member who is using Facebook, not Barb Wahl. Minutes were approved as corrected.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT – Carol Cowles, co-president, reported on the regional meeting of branch presidents. From hearing the sad tales of woe from other presidents, she realized our branch is in good shape. We have either resolved our problems or have avoided having them in the first place. Someone stated their meetings were held at the police station, as members did not feel safe coming out at night.

Judy directed members to the latest issue of the *Illinois Link* (the IL-AAUW publication) for information on the fall conference. She said we should be registering and setting up a car pool. More information will be in the newsletter.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – Beverly Lovett reported that \$132 was collected from the potluck and \$30 was received from the plant raffle. She said Mary Navin was passing a sign-up sheet for workers for the upcoming Garage Sale. She urged members to sign up. Mary Navin stated that the two fund-raisers for EO are the Garage Sale and the Garden Walk. A local scholarship, for women 19 and over, of \$1,000, is provided from Garden Walk proceeds. New committee members for the Walk are welcome.

OUT AND ABOUT – Mary announced a trip to the Art Institute on October 6. We will have a docent. Cost is \$22. Transportation will be on Metra train.

DIVERSITY CHAIR – Margaret Keen will be meeting on September 30 with Jennifer McDonnell, Coordinator of Math, Science, Planetarium, and Instructional Technology for U46, about their STEM project. Margaret said Jennifer has ways for AAUW to be involved. On October 13 she will be meeting with members of the Batavia-Geneva-St. Charles branch on cooperating with them on a STEM project.

Carol will connect her with another STEM project at ECC. For those not in the know, Margaret explained that STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Judy said to contact Margaret if you want to be involved.

CURRENT MOVIE GROUP – Jan Jones said there were 19 people at the first discussion group. They will be discussing *Sarah's Key* on October 5. She said they have bookmarks with information about the group.

MEMOIR GROUP – Gareth Sitz said the evening group will be meeting in Community Room C at Gail Borden Library on the first Tuesday, beginning October 4.

RESTAURANT GROUP – Lorna Miller said some members were interested in forming a group that will go to different restaurants once or twice a month. Those interested should let her know.

NEW BUSINESS – Joan Berna told of a new collaboration between the Library and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. There were 20 present for the first lecture on Russian composers. The next one on October 20 will be on American composers. Sandy Kaptain won the raffle. Medina Gross will coordinate those staying overnight at the state fall conference. Medina mentioned a group called Wild Ones, which promotes native plants. They are bringing Doug Tallamy, author of "Bringing Nature Home" to Elgin Academy on Oct 21.

Beverly Lovett moved we adjourn; Ruth Bradburn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Hebeisen, Recording Secretary

Membership Matters

New members submit brief bios and pix to share in our newsletter. I select portions from their submissions BUT actually, there is so much more to each of these individuals than appears in print. I encourage each of you to introduce yourself to our new members and to invite them to our activities. We gained twelve new members since August 1. Not all of their bios are in this newsletter but the following blurbs are to acquaint you with those who have had the time to send their bios & pix since Sept 14 potluck and program:--**Becky Olson**.



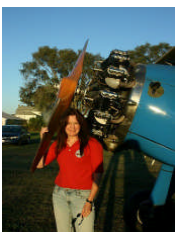
Katrina Chan-Larsen came to the U.S. from Hong Kong as a grant recipient to study at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, where she earned a Master's degree in Educational Communications. Katrina had a long career as a photographer in the Elgin area before branching out into teaching.

She taught in Macau, China for five years before moving back to Elgin. She is teaching English as a Second Language in the Continuing Education Department at Elgin Community College. Katrina is married and has a son and a daughter. Photography is her passion and she also enjoys traveling, exercising, gardening, and reading.



Jean Pechtel grew up on a farm outside of Macomb and graduated from Western Illinois University with a major in Home Economics Education. She retired in 2005 after working 34 years in the buying office for Sears. Then she started working part time in Naperville

at a kitchen design business as General Manager. She is a horsewoman, gardener, and artist.



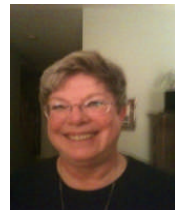
Rose Ellen May is Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. She is actively involved in planning the Girls Scout centennial celebration for March 2012. She invites our members to share their experiences in scouting ...

Reconnect today at rmay@girlscoutsni.org.

Currently living in DeKalb, she manages the Young Eagle program (free flights for kids) for the EAA chapter and has also started a "Chicks Fly"—a social group for women interested in aviation. She is involved in the restoration of a 1957 T-28 military aircraft which she hopes in a year.



Marge Haefliger graduated from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minnesota in 1970 with a B.S in Nursing. She worked 2 years at the University of Minnesota Rehabilitation Center and then was employed by Sherman Hospital as a staff nurse on a medical floor and throughout the hospital. Retiring in 2010, she has worked part-time at Sherman and part-time for Fox Valley Women's Health Care. She has strong interests in the Arts and is especially drawn toward dance. Having danced in high school and college, she continued taking classes with Lisa Boehm and danced the role of Queen in Sleeping Beauty with my husband, Don, as King. She choreographed Oliver for the City of Elgin's Summer Theatre Program and numerous shows for St. Edward High School. As an advocate for Independent Players, she has attended all of their plays. Now, still committed to I.P. she has focused on Fox Valley Beaux Arts and the programs for that club which centers on supporting the arts and providing scholarships for students. She and Don have two sons, Peter and Michael. Peter and his wife, Natalie have her granddaughter, Isabel and Michael is being married to Jenny on October 8th.



Fay Kitchin is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, with a B.S. with a major in Political Science. She has worked for forty years in insurance with experience in claims, underwriting, and marketing capacities. She enjoys golf and bridge when not giving priority to her husband Jeff and her step daughter Patrice.

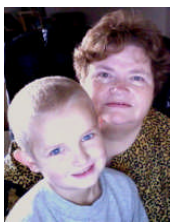


Terri Grow is originally from Freeport but graduated from Auburn High School in Rockford before enrolling in Northern Illinois University where she graduated with degrees in Speech Therapy and Elementary Education. After college, she worked as a Speech Therapist in Freeport, and then, Amboy. She moved to Elgin because her husband worked for IDOT. A friend set up an interview with the head of the bilingual department to teach English as a Second Language. When that program ended, the principal asked her to stay to run the library. where she worked there for eight years. St. Charles hired her as an LRC Director and she went to Dominican College to get a Masters in Library and Information Science degree and training in computers. She taught fifteen years in St. Charles and retired in June 2009. Her new "job" is babysitting two young grandchildren. Courses in brain science led to a subject she loves to study. She likes reading, gardening, hiking, biking, and swimming. In her own words: "I

guess the theme of my life would be change, education and endurance with a healthy dose of humor.”



Sonia Solomonson is a certified life coach at Way2Grow Coaching in Streamwood with a focus on mid-life women in career or life changes and has a passion of advocating for women. Before a job loss, she was managing editor of the Chicago-based *The Lutheran* magazine, a position that allowed travel to 15 countries covering stories such as Liberia’s civil war and land-mine removal in Cambodia. She launched two children’s magazines, *The Little Lutheran* and *The Little Christian*, and served as their executive editor. Having earned a B.A. in journalism in 1984 at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Sonia started MarketPower, an advertising/marketing firm. In addition to being an avid reader, she does freelance writing and editing. She enjoys journaling, movies, walking, biking and spending time with nine grandchildren and their parents, friends and her Significant Other.



Penny Seiwert attended the University of Maryland extension in Munich, Germany for the first 2 years and finished with BA at the University of Illinois and has a MS Ed from Northern Illinois University. As French-German teacher who “officially” retired in 2003, she has taught part-time every year since. Although currently teaching German at St. Ed’s in Elgin, most years were spent in District 300. Her children are Stephanie, a nurse, who lives in Sycamore, IL; Nick, a student, who lives in Fresno, CA; and Amanda, a doctor, who lives in Houston, TX. She has 4 grandsons and will have a granddaughter in November. In her own words: “I love to read, quilt and go to the theater. I also am a techno-toy junkie



Reel Women/Real Women

Coming Attraction

Tuesday, October 25 *Soul Surfer* (2011)

Starring Anna Sophia Robb, Helen Hunt and Dennis Quaid, this bio-pic is based on the 2004 memoir of

Bethany Hamilton, a 13-year-old girl who lived to surf and was competing for a national title when a white shark took her arm off at the shoulder. The factors that enabled her to overcome this tragedy and go on to eventually become a professional surfer should provoke an interesting discussion about the variety of reasons some are able to rebound after catastrophic events and others are not. As an added benefit, the surfing photography is absolutely stunning, and is over before one is aware that what happened is the shark attack.

This is the film group that our branch co-sponsors with Gail Borden Library, which is where the films are shown. Open to the public, show time is 6 pm; discussion follows. Food/drink may be brought into whichever room we're assigned for the evening.—

Barbara Evans

Current Movie Discussion Group

Our first discussion of the movie *The Help* was a great success with about 19 attending. We will meet again at the Colonial on McLean by ECC at 4:30 pm on the first Thursday, October 6. We will again get individual checks. The movie has been changed to *Sarah's Key*, as our first choice is not showing in our area. Please come with ideas for our November meeting as planning ahead for the movies to be shown can be a problem. Looking forward to seeing you in October.—**Jan Jones**

Out and About

October 20, 2011 **A LONG GROVE SHOPPING TRIP** This should be a lovely time for a Long Grove visit; the fall colors should be beautiful and the weather appealing. Meet at Rachel’s at 9 am and carpool to Long Grove for Shopping, lunch, and an enjoyable day. Please be sure to notify Rachel if you plan to join us

November 3, 2011 **ART BUFFS** The next trip to the Art Institute will be Thursday, November 3. We meet at the Art Institute at 10:30 am, after taking the 8:43 train from National Street, or a little sooner from Big Timber. The program will be a power point presentation featuring the works of architect

Bertrand Goldberg, famous for Marina Towers. Cost is \$26 and must be paid to Peg Caughlin by **October 15**. Checks are made out to Peg Caughlin-Art Buffs. Peg's address is 259 N. Worth, Elgin, IL 60123. Also, Mary Navin needs a count by October 15 of members attending. Call or email her-[847-931-0351](tel:847-931-0351) or jpn98@aol.com. Membership to the Art Institute is not required. The program lasts about an hour, and then we are free to see the actual exhibit. Lunch is on our own, but many of us eat at the Art Institute.--**Mary Navin**

December 2, 2011 **ONE-OF-A-KIND CRAFT SHOW AT THE MERCANDISE MART**. We plan to take the train to Chicago. The show opens at 10 am. The show includes a stunning array of fashion, jewelry, art, etc. There is an entrance charge, but I've been told there are coupons available. We will check into that. Further information to follow.

January 31, 2012 **PINSTRIPES AT THE ARBORETUM** (South Barrington at the corner of routes 59 and 72) Join us for bowling, bocce ball and other activities. The facility opens at 11am. There is a bistro at the facility, and there are many restaurants in the shopping center. I will provide more information about costs in an upcoming newsletter.—**Rachel Campbell**

Social Media Tutorials

Using Facebook for Nonprofits and Small Businesses

November 3 and 17 (repeated program)
Do you want to learn how to reach out to more people and build an online community for your nonprofit or small business? We will help you learn what kinds of content to post, and how to attract fans and avoid common pitfalls. Register through the gailborden.info calendar.-- **Rachel Bloomberg**

Evening Crafters

The October Evening Crafters will be meeting on October 17, 2011, at 7 pm to make Scrappy Penny Coasters, not a rug as listed in the yearbook. The name scrappy is because you do not need large pieces of felt; most pieces are no larger than a two

inch square and others no larger than a one inch square, but you need a large variety of colors. We will be meeting at Jelayne Ewers' home. She lives at 13426 Dakota Fields in Del Webb Huntley. Car pooling can be arranged by calling Linda Rusenovich at 847-741-7636.

To make the coasters, you will need:
Five 4" x 4" Chocolate brown felt (about 1 ½ -9 x 12 sheets)
An assortment of felt colors (small scraps 2" square or larger and others 1" square)—others will be provided.
50 yds. of Size 3 Cotton Crochet Thread in No. 365 Coffee or 1 pkg. chocolate brown embroidery floss
Large eye sewing needle, scissors, straight pin

You can bring your own project or just come for fellowship, dessert and to get acquainted. If you have questions or need directions, call me at 847-515-1145. Hope to see you there. -- **Jelayne Ewers**

Jane Addams Event



Six branch members and two guests traveled to Cedarville on Sept 10 to see the Jane Addams artifacts at the Cedarville Historical Society and then visited

her gravesite after lunch. It's always inspiring to be reminded of Jane Addams' contributions and it was a very peaceful day in the country—**Medina Gross**

Wilma Booth Receives Award

The organization Women of Grace and Dignity sponsored a 9/11 commemorative community recognition luncheon at the Centre Ballroom on September 9. They honored 20 women in Elgin, including Wilma Booth, who was nominated by Elgin Women's Connection for her service through that organization.

ReRuns, Too – Community Crisis Center ReSale Shop

A small but dedicated group of AAUW members volunteer twice a month at ReRuns Too – the Community Crisis Center resale shop. We work the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 3-5 pm. We divide those days among our group of volunteers, so each person usually works once in a two-month period. Tasks may include waiting on customers, sorting donations, pricing items, etc. It's a bit like working the AAUW garage sale. All profits at the shop support the programs of the Community Crisis Center. The shop is completely staffed by volunteers and CCC greatly appreciates our help. We are looking for some new volunteers to add to our group. If you are interested call me at 847-742-2963. –**Marcia Cameron**

Memoir Groups

On Tuesday, October 4, at 7 pm, the first meeting of our Evening Memoir Writing Group will take place at Gail Borden Public Library in Community Room C. This will be an ongoing group, meeting the first Tuesday of every month. As this group is co-sponsored by the library, it will be an opportunity for AAUW members to mingle with members of the public, hopefully to recruit some new members to our branch. At our first meeting, we will share some oral history and get to know one another.

Gareth Sitz, the facilitator, will distribute handouts pertinent to writing your life stories, as well as a book list of memoirs to read to stimulate your creative juices. This ongoing writing workshop is designed to help you hone your writing skills while making new friendships as you share your life experiences with one another. Our afternoon Memoir Writing Group continues to meet Tuesdays monthly at 1pm in member's homes. Contact Medina Gross to be placed on the mailing list for the afternoon group. We welcome new participants who prefer a daytime meeting. For more information about either group, contact me at femmeprov@gmail.com or [847-695-6719](tel:847-695-6719) -

Circesteem

The St. Charles branch has extended an invitation to join them at the Baker Memorial Church on Main Street, St. Charles for a free workshop on

Circesteem at 9 am on Saturday October 1. This is a movement whose goal is to improve communication among today's youth by way of team-building through circus acts. Comfortable clothes/shoes are the order of the day. To RSVP, please contact Chris Bruun at cbruun@rockford.edu.

Theatre Party

Friday September 30, AAUW members and guests are invited to the opening night performance of the comedy *How the Other Half Loves* by Alan Ackbourne., at Elgin Art Showcase, 164 Division Street, Elgin. Afterwards, we are invited to a wine and cheese reception in the Green Room, and will have a chance to meet the director, Larry Boller and cast. Discounted tickets are \$11.—**Gareth Sitz**

Campus Leadership Programs

Deadlines for AAUW Leadership Programs are approaching! I encourage you to share these opportunities with other members of your branch, college students, and administrators and with the staff of women's and career centers at colleges and universities in your community. AAUW College/University partner members receive preference for all of these programs!

[Elect Her—Campus Women Win](#)

Elect Her—Campus Women Win, a collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, encourages and trains young women to run for student government on their campuses. Urge local schools to apply to be one of our new campuses to host a session in spring 2012. Applications are available now and must be submitted by **September 30, 2011**. Selections will be announced October 7, 2011.

[Campus Action Projects \(CAP\)](#)

This year's CAP grant program focuses on the issues raised by AAUW's upcoming November 2011 research report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools*. The report includes nationally representative data about the sexual harassment that occurs in grades 7-12. To put our research into practice, teams of student leaders and campus faculty nationwide may apply for up to \$5,000 in CAP grants to design and implement programs using recommendations from the report, found in the Request for Proposals. Proposal goals

may include raising awareness about sexual harassment and/or improving schools' prevention methods and responsiveness to sexual harassment. Applications are available now and must be submitted by **October 21, 2011**. Applicants will be contacted by December 2, 2011. (AAUW College/University partner members receive preference.)

Find information about these programs and more on the [leadership programs section](#) of the AAUW website. We look forward to engaging you and your students in these exciting leadership opportunities. Please send any questions about these programs to leadership@aauw.org.--**Carol Cowles**

International Affairs

Gender Across Borders

For a wealth of information about women throughout the world, I strongly recommend a visit to the website genderacrossborders.com

Although subtitled "A Global Feminist Blog," its newsletter provides synopses of news articles about women in the world with links to the full articles. Within the past month, for example, I've read about a deaf sisterhood of Muslim converts in Britain, the business of foreign matchmaking, the sexualization of young female models by a French clothing company, African women scientists, young women participating in the revolutionary movement in Chile, female skateboarders in Kabul, and views on single-

sex classrooms. To subscribe to it, go to genderacrossborders.com/about/newsletter

Women for Women

Since 1993, this organization has empowered more than 270,000 women survivors of war move toward economic self-sufficiency through its training programs. To learn more about it, go to womenforwomen.org/

New Members

To learn of AAUW's affiliations with global organizations and international programs/partnerships, go to aauw.org/about/international_corner/index.cfm. --
Barbara Evans

Message from Newsletter Editors

The deadline for the October newsletter will be October 20. **Be sure to always submit items as a Word Document to all three editors:**

Medina Gross – medinag@gmail.com

Jeanne Hebeisen – jeanne@mc.net

Beverly Lovett -- lovett1988@comcast.net

Website

Updates for the 2011-2012 year should go to Marcia Cameron mec515@sbcglobal.net by the first of each month. aauwelginarea.org.

Yearbook Correction

Sandy Kaptain's correct email is sakaptain@gmail.com


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