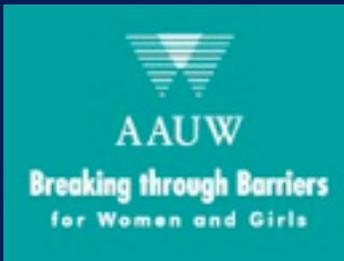


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT, ANNE LOY:

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What an important fall this is, with the National Election coming up on November 6th! I hope that some of you have been working on voter registration (especially

with young women/college students) and on getting out the votes programs. AAUW's Policy Director, Lisa Maatz, is/will be a presence at both conventions, pushing our policy agenda and talking with power brokers. The deadline for new registrations is October 8th.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for positions in our Tennessee AAUW--on the Board and in Branch listings! The new State Directory will soon be available on the website: <http://aauw-tn.aauw.net>, and hard copies will be mailed to Board members and Branch presidents and finance officers.

Especially thanks to Genoa Wolford, our newest member and working editor of this newsletter! A native Knoxvilleian, she is a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has had extensive experience working with newsletters during high school and her time at UT.

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AAUW OF TENNESSEE HAS BEEN AWARDED THREE CERTIFICATES FOR FUNDRAISING!

We are FIRST in per capita contributions to the "Eleanor Roosevelt Fund," for research; SECOND place in state per capita giving to the "Leadership Programs Funds;" and FIFTH place, state per capita contributions in *combined support*, among the top to all of AAUW's programmatic areas. We should feel very proud of ourselves!

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Campus Outreach Grants

More AAUW branches than ever are taking advantage of LAF Campus Outreach Grants, which provide up to \$750 in funding for campus events that address sex discrimination topics. LAF has already awarded four grants for the 2012–13 school year:

- A presentation about campus sexual harassment at California Lutheran University in September co-hosted by the AAUW Thousand Oaks (CA) Branch and made possible by the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Grant
- A series of panel discussions about Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, in November, co-hosted by the AAUW Wilmington (NC) Branch
- A \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop at the University of MD, Baltimore County, in the fall,

co-hosted by the AAUW Baltimore (MD) Branch

- A \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop at Bowling Green State University in January made possible by the Louise Sause Campus Outreach Grant and co-hosted by the AAUW Bowling Green (OH) Branch

Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but apply now to ensure there are funds available for your project. You can also donate to the Legal Advocacy Fund to ensure that we can support future events. You can sponsor an event in honor of someone, just as an AAUW of Michigan member did for her friend's 100th birthday and an AAUW of Missouri member did for her fellow AAUW member's 75th birthday. If you're interested, please contact Sarah Spencer, stewardship associate.

## National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Recap by Jillian Harris

Dear American Association of the University of Women, Tennessee Chapter,

I want to thank you for the amazing experience of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders this past May. While there, I was able to make great contacts, learn an incredible amount, and have a great time!

Above is a picture of some I was in Maryland. The first day of speaker who encouraged us to our beliefs, touching on topics discrimination. That evening, we our definitions of feminism and and negatively affects our lives.

I was incredibly fortunate and presenters. Lilly Ledbetter speaking about her fight against the injustice she experienced. I was also excited to listen to and meet Alison Cohen, the woman who created the bike share program in several cities in the United States. My ultimate career goal is to be involved in social entrepreneurship, and I was able to discuss with Ms. Cohen some problems that social entrepreneurs face.

Again, I would like to thank you for this wonderful experience. I had a great time and learned so much.

Sincerely,

Jillian Harris



of the ladies I spent time with while the conference, we listened to a share our personal experiences and which included feminism and discussed the differences between ways that feminism both positively

to listen to many talented speakers inspired me to fight injustice by

## MTSU to Host GRITS Forum

Expand Your Horizons (EYH) registration now open

### GRITS Collaborative Project Forum

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

September 22, 2012, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Central

Parents, teachers, guidance counselors and those who support girls in STEM education are invited to attend the Girls Raised in Tennessee Science (GRITS) Forum at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Expanding Your Horizons (EYH). GRITS Leadership Team members will introduce the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) model and participants will learn about the Program Directory, mini-grants, and other available resources. A panel discussion composed of administrators from Columbia State Community College and MTSU will answer questions on how to prepare young women for higher education. Adults will also get an opportunity to participate in hands-on STEM workshops. Adults will also hear the keynote speaker, Jennifer Hill of Nissan North America and a former professional cheerleader, who earned her Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Tennessee State University. Lunch and materials are provided as well as professional development certificates. Adults can order an EYH conference t-shirt for an additional \$15.00 by sending the name and desired size to [eyh@mtsu.edu](mailto:eyh@mtsu.edu).

**Register:**

**<http://www.ngcproject.org/event/grits-collaborative-project->**

## Branch News: Maryville

You are invited to Maryville to hear speaker Kathy Bull, successful AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund plaintiff. Bull is a former professor at Ball State University. She will talk about her suit against the university for discrimination which she won with LAF help. The meeting is Monday, Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Proffitt Dining Room at Maryville College.

Maryville Branch is very proud of Dual Branch Member Ruth Smiley, Finalist for the 2012 Knoxville YWCA Tribute to Women!

In addition to the popular first Friday Book Club, a Lunch Bunch discussion group will begin on October 15th at Puleo Grill in Alcoa. The branch will also host the 12th Annual Sister to Sister Summit for Blount County middle and high school women on November 1.

For more information contact  
Co-Presidents: Autumn Hall or Karen  
Coleman.

## Branch News: Murfreesboro

The Murfreesboro Branch is gearing up to celebrate its centennial in 2013. Among the activities planned are highlighting the branch for the MTSU National Women's History Month Celebration in March 2013 and hosting the AAUW of Tennessee Annual Meeting, April 5-6, 2013. Members will also have the opportunity to purchase celebratory t-shirts, which say "Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls in Middle Tennessee—AAUW Murfreesboro since 1913."

Meanwhile the branch continues to support the Rutherford County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program with monthly contributions, national's Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Funds by way of "Shape the Future" fundraising events, and the Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship for MTSU undergraduates for which communications major and nontraditional student Rita Jane Jones was recently awarded \$1,000 per semester for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**FALL CALENDAR  
Reminders**

**October 21, 2012**

AAUW of Tennessee Board Meeting  
Nashville Airport Marriott  
1:30 pm

**October 22, 2012**

9th Annual Economic Summit for Women  
Nashville Airport Marriott

**November 6, 2012**

National Elections

**June 9-12, 2013**

AAUW National Convention  
New Orleans

**National News & Updates  
Carolyn Garfein, AAUW President**

The proposed bylaws changes for 2013 are posted on the One Member, One Vote section of the AAUW website, and all members may post comments and/or propose their own amendments and resolutions. The proposed Public Policy Program changes will be posted October 1.

The only substantive proposed amendment requiring member approval is to limit service on the national board of directors to two consecutive terms. It was that way for many years, but when the Association and the Foundation merged in 2009, this bylaw allowed board members to be eligible for election for two additional terms—a total of three consecutive terms. As much as the board is dedicated to serving member needs, we believe that two consecutive terms is the appropriate length of service, allowing for changes in leadership.

As always, please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in your AAUW activities.

Regards,  
Carolyn

**OUR MISSION:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**OUR VISION:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**THE AAUW VALUE PROMISE:** By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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