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the Southern MISSISSIPPI AAUW Voice

Coming Soon: 2011 State Conference
15 - 16 April
Blue Mountain College
& New Albany, MS



To 'grow it,' you have to know it and this year's theme for the AAUW State Conference focuses on bringing its membership up to date information on AAUW on a national, state and local level.

You will not want to miss this conference with highlights from Kathy Anthon, a Director at Large from Texas and one of our National Representatives. Other presentations could include information and developments that directly affect women in our state and you will not want to miss out on

those updates. Locally, our members have been quite active as well. Dr. Bonnie Oppenheimer, professor of Mathematics at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, will present a session on a Campus Action Project (CAP) Grant she received entitled STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.

Our host branch members from Blue Mountain are excited to share with the membership a history of the establishment of Blue Mountain College and show us around their campus and town.

Please find more information regarding conference registration on page 4 of this newsletter.

Mississippi State AAUW Woman of Achievement Award

Statement of Award

The Mississippi State AAUW will award annually a Woman of Achievement Award. Any woman residing in Mississippi will be eligible to receive the award. Membership in AAUW is not required.

The state committee is composed of the Woman of Achievement Chair, Program Vice President, Diversity Chair, Equity Chair, and Public Relations Chair. In the event of a vacancy in these areas, the president will appoint a replacement.

An appropriately engraved plaque for the state award will be presented at spring convention. Branches are encouraged to make local awards during National Women's History Week.

Selection Process

(1) The state committee shall serve as the selection committee.

(2) Only AAUW branch members shall submit nominations on a form published in the state bulletin, secured from branch presidents or the WOA Chair. The completed forms should be mailed to the state chair and must be postmarked on or before February 15 each year.

(3) Any woman residing in Mississippi is

eligible. Nominations need not be limited to AAUW members.

(4) Criteria should include:

(a) Her commitment to women's equity

(b) Her commitment to education

(c) Her contributions to society

(d) Her contributions to AAUW priorities

(e) The appearance, quality, and specificity of the nomination

(5) Upon receiving nominations, selection committee members will tabulate the criteria and send the tabulation sheet to the WOA chair. The woman receiving the most votes shall be declared "Woman of Achievement".

(6) The name of the recipient will not be announced until the presentation at the state convention.

(7) The award shall be a plaque, appropriately engraved.

Due Date for nominations is 15 February!

Mississippi Woman of Achievement Chair, 2011

Marleen B. Hansen, 408 Seventh Street South, Columbus, MS 39701 662.244.7232



Your AAUW State Board Members at Work

At a state board meeting held Saturday, 28 January 2011 in Jackson, your board members met to discuss items of interest going on across the state and nation.

On the agenda were such topics as the National Convention, growing our membership, revue of the state budget report and reports of activities from each branch. If your branch is doing exciting things, let your board know about it! You might just be surprised to see one of these active women show up at your next event. To contact members of the board, please see page 1 for a list of e-mail addresses.



Mississippi State AAUW Woman of Achievement Award
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Current address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Educational history (schools attended, degrees, academic honors)

Employment history (including position or title and place of employment)

In a narrative, not to exceed two pages in length, tell why you feel this woman should be selected Woman of Achievement. Include her civic, professional, and religious activities; awards, honors, and publicity she has received; contributions to women's equity, education, society, and AAUW priorities. Appearance, quality, and specificity are important.

Submitted by _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____

Return by February 15th to Woman of Achievement Chair:
(Postmarked Feb. 15, absolute deadline)

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AAUW Spring Convention 15 - 16 April 2011
Blue Mountain and New Albany, MS
 Registration Form

Registration Fee:

Early-Bird: \$35.00 postmarked
 before **1 April 2010**

On-Site: \$45.00

Registrations sent after **1 April** must
 be e-mailed and registrant will pay the
 on-site fee of \$45.00.

E-mail: jmcneece@dixie.lib.ms.us

If you plan to bring a guest with you,
 please indicate that here. Each
 additional meal for guests will include
 a \$15.00 charge.

Dinner: # ___ of guests

Lunch: # ___ of guests

Total Registration fee included here:

Early Bird \$ ___

On-Site \$ ___

Additional Guests
 (meals) \$ ___

Total: \$ ___

~ Make checks payable to AAUW ~

**Please Mail completed Registration Forms
 and check by 1 April 2011 to:**

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