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## **SEPTEMBER 2013 Newsletter**



### **President's Letter**

Welcome to the newest members of the Little Rock branch of AAUW and thank you to those who have renewed your membership for 2013-2014. We start our program and membership year in September and conclude with an annual branch business meeting in May.

AAUW Little Rock is getting an electronic make-over, thanks to the new Little Rock Branch social media committee. This is our first newsletter using "Mail Chimp." A new webpage design is underway.

The September 14th branch meeting will feature one of the AAUW College/University programs, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Mara D'Amico will talk about her experiences an NCCWSL last June and we will work on ways to send even more students next year. Also, bring your fond memories of Dorothy Truex and Beverly Angrand as we take a moment to honor each of them during the meeting.

Please let Lula Brooks or me know if you can join us at 11am at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock on 9/14/13.

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# NCCWSL 2013

by Mara D'Amico



I had such a wonderful time at the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders 2013** at the University of Maryland, College Park! A heartfelt thanks for providing me with the opportunity and financial support to attend the conference. Without the support, I would not have been able to attend, since the cost of coming from Nicaragua, where I am spending the summer, would have been too high.

I headed to NCCWSL with the expectation of making some connections with fellow student leaders, attending some workshops that were relevant to my women's leadership interests, and coming away with some valuable resources. From the opening session and throughout the conference, my expectations were exceeded. After taking every mode of transportation – bus, ferry, truck, airplane, train, taxi – to get from Ometepe Island in Nicaragua to the University of Maryland in College Park, I was ready to dig in.

*...to find out more about Mara's NCCWSL experience, come to the September 14th regular meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock. We start at 11am.*

**Mara is the current student body president of the Clinton School of Public Service.**

## Welcome to AAUW Little Rock, Inc.

Warmest regards to our new members Stephanie Harris, Tara Shephard, Charnise Virgil, Diane Woodruff, Terry Shaw, Nancy Eddy, Monique Bassi, Stephanie Johnson, Laquita Smith, Betty Farrar, Ann Owen and Katie Powell.

We are very happy to have you as part of the community of women (and men) committed to equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy.

The Little Rock branch meets on the second Saturday of the month for regular meetings and four times per year for board meetings. All members are invited to board meetings.

We start our program and membership year in September and conclude with an annual branch business meeting in May. Regular meetings begin at 11am and are held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. We either order lunch or use the salad bar, "Dutch treat." The monthly newsletter includes a calendar and announcements for meeting dates, places and times.

If you plan to attend a regular meeting, help us by indicating you are coming through the AAUW LR Facebook event page or by contacting Lula Brooks, Vice President for Programs ([lpbb10@att.net](mailto:lpbb10@att.net) or 664-4043), or Maria Jones, President ([mhones2@comcast.net](mailto:mhones2@comcast.net) or 663-7729).

# Elect Her!

The national AAUW Elect Her initiative, a collaboration between [AAUW](#), [Running Start](#), and [She Should Run](#), provides a continuum of programming aimed at building the pipeline of young women running for office at all levels. For more resources and information, visit AAUW's website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Women Lead Arkansas is a non-partisan non-profit (501(c)(3) status pending) with the goal of encouraging and training women in Arkansas to run for office. Find out more about the group's upcoming activities on their Facebook page.

Meet new AAUW Little Rock branch member Tara Shephard, who is running for the Little Rock School Board, Zone 6. Tara's latest campaign activities are on [Facebook](#). A social justice advocate, Tara has accomplished so much to uplift, empower and encourage young African American women and girls.

## AAUW LITTLE ROCK 2013 - 2014 CALENDAR REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL EVENT

- September 14 - NCCWSL and Memorials
- October 12 - New Voter ID Law
- November 9 - Health Insurance Exchange
- December 14 - White Elephant Silent Auction and AAUW Funds
- January 18 - Rally for Reproductive Justice
- February 8 - African American History
- March 8 - Women's History
- April 5,6 - State Convention in Bentonville, AR
- May 10 - Annual Branch Business Meeting
- June TBD - Regional AAUW Convention

## AAUW AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The first meeting for 2013 will be October 1 in the home of Shelly Wold at 12:30pm. If you would like to attend Book Club, please call Shelly at 666-2787 the week before the meeting. If you are interested in joining, contact chair Kathryn Buri at 221-0743.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Transaction.....	Balance
Balance on [07/01/2013].....	\$3023.29
Deposits.....	\$ 837.50
Payments.....	\$ 377.50
Balance on [08/31/2013].....	\$3482.29

# BRANCH SCRAPBOOK

AAUW members enjoyed refreshments as well as Lilly Ledbetter's lecture and book signing on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>





Kudos to Membership Vice President Lottie Adams for chairing the successful annual membership meet and greet reception at the Central Arkansas Library. Pictured at left is part of the set up crew, Lottie Adams, Barbara Pauly, Maria Jones and Lottie's sister, Geneva Dokes. Not pictured are Maureen Terrafranca, Mary Robertson, and Jane Costello who also assisted. Thanks to Senator Linda Chesterfield who addressed the crowd and State President Debory Wade who represented Arkansas AAUW.

## Local Events of Interest

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULASKI COUNTY UNIT

MEETING: MON, SEP 9 @ 5:30 PM

**John Gould Fletcher Library, 823 North Buchanan Street, Little Rock**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The speaker for our meeting will be Dr. Dexter Suggs. Dr. Suggs began work as Superintendent of the Little Rock School District on July 1.

### CLINTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE SEP. EVENTS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS :: STURGIS HALL

#### **“Top Dog” co-author Ashley Merryman**

September 12 at 6pm: Exploring the psychology of rankings, the neuroscience of mistakes and the DNA of fearlessness, “Top Dog,” is filled with cutting-edge science told through stories.

#### **Alicia Kozakiewicz, founder of The Alicia Project**

September 13 at 12pm: At the age of 11, Kozakiewicz was abducted and held captive for five years by a 38-year-old man she met on the Internet. Since her rescue, she has dedicated herself to educating the public and policy makers about effective ways to battle these crimes. The Alicia Project is dedicated to Internet safety education and effective legislation.

#### **RSVP**

Reserve your seats by calling 501-683-5239.



**CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**LIBRARY CARD = DISCOUNTS IN SEPTEMBER**



Your library card is good for more than just books. Throughout September, many local businesses will offer discounts to CALS card holders.

**ViPS JANE MENDEL READING DAY**  
**TUE, NOV 19 FROM 8:00 TO 11:30AM**

Last year's 16th annual Volunteers in Public Schools (ViPS) Jane Mendel Reading Day ended with volunteers sharing their love of reading with over 650 elementary classes on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

"This is our district's most popular volunteer activity, said Rita F. Qualls, president of ViPS. Volunteers begin signing up to read in September. Many of these volunteers eagerly look forward to this special day and have been reading to our students every year since the project's inception. We greatly value their sharing of time, energy and enthusiasm with our students.

"ViPS is committed to emphasizing the lifelong importance of reading to these young people. We are grateful that our community shares our commitment. And of course, the volunteers wind up enjoying this as much as the students do! We're hopeful that some readers will continue their service by becoming reading tutors. Call us at 447-ViPS for more information."

**Register now** to participate in the 17th annual Little Rock School District ViPS Jane Mendel Reading Day on Tuesday, November 19th, 2013.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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