

FYI November 2015

AAUW Funds

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the deadline for the 2015 recognition year for your contributions to AAUW funds. The deadline for contributions is **December 31, 2015**. AAUW branches are very generous in their support of AAUW Funds. Many of our branches select big name restricted funds to support such as American Fellowships, Eleanor Roosevelt, etc. and these funds are well endowed.

But what about some of our newer, exciting programming such as Elect Her, Member Leader Programs, Two-Minute Activist, Start Smart/Work Smart, Tech Trek/Tech Savvy, and more? These programs do not have designated funds and rely on contributions to the General Fund #9110 for support. If your branch feels these programs are important and deserve your support, then please consider sending your year-end contribution to General Fund #9110.

For every \$500 donated to AAUW Funds, your branch is entitled to name one Named Gift Honoree, which should be submitted to me by February 1, 2016. Please keep AAUW Funds in mind as you conduct your fundraisers. Gifts may be made online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

Gifts may also be made to unrestricted funds as an individual via the General Fund #9110 or the Charting the Course (CtC) campaign, which I wrote about in the September *Keystoner*. Please consider giving to unrestricted funds to support current exciting AAUW programming and for future new ideas.

SAVE the DATE for AAUW-PA Convention April 15-17, 2016

The theme of the convention is *Women's Leadership in Action* and is being held at the Chateau Resort & Conference Center in the Poconos. Meeting highlights include Cordy Galligan, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at AAUW, Student Panel, Public Policy Breakfast, and more. Complete details will be in the February *Keystoner* and on the state website <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meetings/conventions/> by late January.

Call for AAUW-PA Public Policy Priorities (2016-2018)

Every two years the AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Priorities are updated and passed by members at the Business Meeting of the April State Convention. To learn about 2014-2016 priorities, visit <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/policy/>. Member recommendations for changes and/or additions for the 2016-2018 period are requested at this time. Please send your branch recommendations to Public Policy Co-Chairs Toni Hoffman (aauwpapp1@gmail.com) and Susan McNamara (aauwpapp2@gmail.com) by no later than **December 31, 2015**. Please share this with all branch members.

Call for AAUW-PA Bylaw Change Proposals

As we make the mandatory revisions to our state bylaws to conform to those of AAUW, the AAUW-PA Board of Directors is also reviewing the state bylaws for any needed changes. The Board is asking the membership to review the current state bylaws on the AAUW-PA web site <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2012/02/AAUW-PA-Bylaws-6-3-14.pdf> and submit any suggestions for change to Barbara Price, Bylaws Chair by **December 15, 2015**. All proposed changes will be reviewed by the AAUW Governance Committee for approval before being voted on by the membership at the PA State Convention in April.

Call for Resolutions at State Convention

Any branch or member who wishes to propose a resolution for the state membership to consider at the April 16, 2016 Business Meeting of the State (during the State Convention April 15-17, 2016) should send the written resolution to [Dot McLane](#), President AAUW-PA, by **December 15, 2015** for consideration by the Governance Committee. A call for resolutions during the business meeting will also be considered.

Branch Award Recipient Submissions due February 15, 2016

Individuals and groups will be recognized at the AAUW-PA Convention (April 15 -17, 2016), and included in the AAUW-PA annual yearbook. For individual awards, please provide a well-focused head and shoulders digital photo of the awardee. For group recipients (Gateway to Equity awardees), please send a photo of their activity and/or an organization logo.

NOMINATIONS go to the individual(s) reviewing the submissions in the categories below;

PHOTOS go to Pat Byerly, aauwpaad@gmail.com

GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD

Honors individuals or organizations that have shown by action and philosophy that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy or research. More information is available at <http://aauw-pa.net/awards/state/gateway-to-equity/>. Send nomination to Toni Hoffman, aauwpapp1@gmail.com or Susan McNamara, aauwpapp2@gmail.com.

OUTSTANDING WOMAN AWARD

Awarded to a member of the branch for meritorious service to the branch and to the community. A one sentence summary describing their contribution is requested. Send submission to Linda Tozier, aauwpaow@gmail.com.

MEMBER MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD (former Branch Spotlight Award)

Awarded to a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. This person needn't be an officer or committee chair. Nominations may be sent to Cathy Wieland, aauwpamembership@gmail.com.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Branches are asked to submit a paragraph of their top one or two (no more) highlights of the past year to Cathy Wieland, aauwpamembership@gmail.com.

For additional info: <http://aauw-pa.net/awards/state/>

KEYSTONER Paper Copy Confirmation

In an ongoing effort to keep costs down on the Keystoner please be sure to notify Pat Byerly (aauwpad@gmail.com) if one of your members receives a paper copy and moves.