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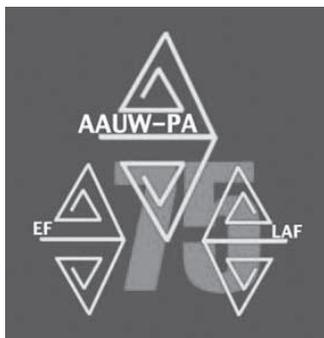
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An hourglass graphic with a thick black outline. The top bulb contains the text "Don't Let TIME" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The narrow neck of the hourglass contains the word "Run" in a white, bubbly font. The bottom bulb contains the word "OUT" in a large, white, bubbly font. To the left of the hourglass, the text "Send in your Tax Deductible donations to: ...before time runs out on December 31" is written in a black, sans-serif font. To the right, two addresses are listed: "Kathy Lepovetsky PO Box 27 St. Mary's PA 15857" and "Karen Rowe 2498 Seneca Dr York PA 17404". At the bottom of the hourglass, the text "Support EF and LAF with your gift to the Diamond Donor Campaign" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

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## What's It All About—AAUW?

Linda Haigh Tozier, President

In our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as a state, I am hoping that each member of AAUW-PA will take some time to reflect on this question. In past issues of the Keystoner I have shared my thoughts about why I joined AAUW and why I continue to belong. In this issue I would like to address why each of us should participate in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Donor Campaign.

What's it all about – AAUW? The Diamond Donor Campaign has been established by your state board to commemorate the 75th gathering of Pennsylvania branches. Your board believes that the most effective form of celebration is to support financially the two fund-giving arms of the three-prong corporation to which we belong. Each of the more than 3500 AAUW members in Pennsylvania who belong to the Association supports the excellent work done by the Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Our unique Diamond Donor Campaign will raise \$75,000 to fund the research and publish a guide to assist women faculty as they face the challenges in academia regarding tenure and promotion.

What's it all about – AAUW? Why should each of us donate to the Diamond Donor Campaign? Should we give out of obligation or should we give from the heart? My answer is “Yes” to both. I feel an obligation to support the organization which has meant so much to me in my adult life. I also am moved to do my part to help other women. AAUW has cared about women since its founding. AAUW has given its members so much. This campaign is a way for us to give something back.

What's it all about – AAUW? How can you participate in the Diamond Donor Campaign? As an individual member you can be a financial donor of any amount, you can purchase an anniversary pin and you can promote the campaign within your branch. Branches also can be donors. All donations will count 50% to EF and 50% to LAF. All checks can be written payable to Diamond Donor Campaign with AAUW-PA on the memo line. All checks should be mailed to your state EF or LAF chairs. The campaign will end at our 75<sup>th</sup> State Convention on April 16-18, 2004 in Valley Forge.

What's it all about – AAUW? Is it more about us or more about the organization as a whole?



What are your plans for the weekend of April 16-18 2004? Don't know what to do with yourself? How about joining your AAUW-PA friends and acquaintances in celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AAUW-PA in Valley Forge!! Take a field trip to Valley Forge Park with a historical interpreter. Visit the world-renowned Barnes Foundation Museum. Stretch your branch building skills. Enhance your personal growth with workshops on current topics. Enjoy music provided by a feminist choral group. Celebrate 75 years of AAUW-PA and the achievements of individuals and branches at a reception hosted by your PA board. Hear about accomplishments from individuals closely aligned with the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Join the festivities in our achieving Diamond Donor status as a State. All this and more! So mark your calendars now, and come out for our AAUW-PA Birthday Party.

Sabina I. Howell  
Conference coordinator

## Membership Network Corner

Maryrose Petrizzo  
Membership VP

It is my pleasure on behalf of the PA State Board, to announce the winners of the AAUW-PA **Membership Grants for 2004**.

There were a total of seven applications with two applicants each from Districts III and V, while one applicant each from I, II, and IV. The board reviewed the applications and has awarded one grant per district as follows:

**District I:** Indiana

**District II:** joint application from Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton

**District III:** Johnstown

**District IV:** Huntingdon

**District V:** West Chester

Thank you to all branches who applied and congratulations to the winners. It is so nice to see so many branches doing such creative and innovative things to attract and retain membership. Keep up all the good work!!!

Please note that the Board has decided to extend the deadline for the Emerging Star Awards until February 14, 2004. The reason for this extension is to coincide this award with other awards like the Outstanding Woman to all be honored at State Convention.

Once again the Board is offering a scholarship to a first time attendee to State Convention which includes registration fees and accommodations for two nights. Look for application information in the next FYI.

As we continue the 75<sup>th</sup> year of AAUW-PA, let us **celebrate** all those members that have come before us and all those members to come after us. Any branch that is looking for some help with membership please contact me at maryrose60@yahoo.com.

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## AAUW-PA Program Grant Winners

Congratulations to Butler, Erie, Lansdale and North Hills-McKnight on winning this year's program grants. They will be reporting how their programs turn out for other branches interested in adapting their ideas. Look forward to that news in a later edition of Keystoner, and in displays at Convention 2004.

Dianne Taylor Gregg  
VVP, AAUW-PA

## AAUW- PA OFFERS CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP

If you are an AAUW branch member who has always wanted to attend Convention but have found the cost prohibitive, you will want to consider applying for a scholarship to Convention 2004 in Valley Forge.

The application is simple. In 200 words or less, tell us how you and your branch would benefit from the experience. Send the essay and your contact information to Karen Allen 244 S.6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lebanon, PA 17042-6215 or Karen\_Allen@ureach.com by March 1, 2004. The winner will be notified by March 4.

The scholarship includes two night's lodging (double room), convention registration, all meals, and \$50.00 for travel expenses.

## CORRECTION



Jan Chapman, membership VP from NEMCO, was incorrectly identified in the Fall issue. She is above, left, with Jane Herwig, co-president.

# LAF



## PLAINTIFF NEWS

### Daly v. Princeton University

At press time, Ruth Daly's case is set to begin with oral arguments on Friday, December 5, 2003 at the Civil Courthouse of Mercer County Superior Court in Trenton, New Jersey. Princeton University's motion for summary judgment may result in Ruth's case being dismissed entirely! Several PA branches sent members to support Ruth. Outcomes and details are available from Karen Rowe, AAUW-PA LAF Liaison at karenrowe@suscom.net or 717-767-6654.

## LAF RESOURCES

The new and improved Speaking Out for Justice brochure is available. To order the new LAF brochure contact Shop AAUW, which can be accessed through the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org> or via the toll free number at 800/ 225 – 9998. They will provide the brochures to you free of charge, you are responsible for shipping and handling fees. If you want twenty brochures or less, contact LAF directly at 202/ 785- 7750 or [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) and they will gladly send them to you.

Additionally, an updated Reader's Theater script and the Affirmative Action mock debate are available by contacting LAF at 202/ 785-7750 or [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). The Reader's Theater is a 20 to 30 minute script that features the compelling stories of LAF-supported plaintiffs. A moderator and five to ten woman read plaintiffs' roles and engage the audience over each plaintiff's legal frustrations and triumphs. The Affirmative Action mock debate is also a script that features the roles of attorneys, students, and more.

A newly revised LAF Toolkit is available on the AAUW website. The toolkit is a manual that provides information and resources available for LAF state and branch officers. The Toolkit provides the history, mission, protocol for contributions processing, branch and state programming ideas, and other important information about LAF. Please contact the LAF office at 202/ 785-7750 to provide us with an updated email address. To view the current Toolkit visit [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/tools/laftoolkit.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/tools/laftoolkit.cfm).

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## EF ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

By: Kathy Lepovetsky, AAUW-PAEF Chair

In March 2003 the Educational Foundation Board of Directors approved 195 fellowships, grants and scholar-in residence awards totaling \$3.4 million. This funding for women scholars, teachers and community activists was made possible by the generous and continued support of the AAUW members.

Confirmed recipients from Pennsylvania include two doctoral students who were awarded **American Fellowships**: Lisa S. Chensvold at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Music History, Musicology, Theology) and Ellen Walsh at the University of Pittsburgh (Social Sciences). **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Teacher Fellowships** were awarded to Carla Dellapenna and Tammy L. Nelson. **Selected Professions Fellowships** were awarded to two individuals from the University of Pennsylvania: Carmen K. Hines (Business Management – other) and Daphnee Saget (Law). Also receiving a **Selected Professions Fellowship** is Ashley M. Hibbett at Harvard University (Law). **International Fellowships** were awarded to Kavitha N. Krishnan at the University of Pittsburgh (Occupational Therapy) and Maia I. An at Drexel University (Social Sciences – other).

Congratulations to all recipients. Please check the AAUW website for more information on this year's fellowship and award recipients and for application and grant information.

In the past, many people have made contributions to the EF/LAF walk at state convention to receive an Eleanor Roosevelt pin. This year, the walk will benefit the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Donor Campaign. Contributions (\$100.00 made payable to ERF Fund) can be made at any time for an ERF pin.

## MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear Pennsylvania AAUW Members,

This summer the Educational Foundation asked me to represent the Association Board at the 2003 Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Institute. What an exhilarating experience to work with these Eleanor Roosevelt Fellows and their colleagues who came from all over the country! One participant from a small town in Minnesota spent 36 hours on a Greyhound bus traveling to Washington. If the Department of Education could bottle the ideas and enthusiasm generated by the ER Fellows, no child would be left behind. From their creative introductions to their provocative research projects, the members of the group bonded as they worked together to develop their professional development plans. These women will make a dramatic difference not only in the equitable education of girls but of all their students.

The sessions, planned by Susan Harold, Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Institute Director, offered thought-provoking topics which planted seeds in the minds of the participants as they brainstormed and reworked their original proposals. For five days, the participants learned, researched, investigated, revised, and enjoyed each other's commitment to improving the education of all students. One of the presenters was Phyllis Lerner, Gender Equity Specialist, who raised gender equity issues in education and discussed strategies for gender equitable teaching. Another presenter, Janese Swanson, founder of GirlTech, brought her daughter, Jackie, who inspired Janese to provide ways for girls to explore and excel in technology through a line of tech gadgets she has developed for girls.

As an AAUW member, I constantly reminded the participants that they could seek assistance from their local AAUW branches. What a wonderful project to bring the Fellows, AAUW, and the local school districts together! Fortunately, there is a Fellow from Western Pennsylvania; her name is Tammy Nelson. Her address is 127 Arkansas Avenue, Whitaker, PA 15120, and her email is [nelsonnetwork@adelphia.net](mailto:nelsonnetwork@adelphia.net). Tammy teaches at the Ingomar Elementary School. I encourage those branches in her area to contact Tammy, ask her about her project, and invite her to speak at a local meeting about her project. I encourage all of you in Pennsylvania to seek other teachers and encourage them to apply for the Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships. The experience will change the teachers and ultimately the atmospheres in their individual schools and school districts. Information and applications may be downloaded online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) or contact the Educational Foundation at 319-337-1716, ext. 139. Encourage teachers to apply. The application deadline is January 10, 2004.

One of the events held during the Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Institute is the Forum on Educational Equity. All AAUW members may participate in the Forum. This is an opportunity for AAUW members to meet the dynamic teachers who have been chosen from throughout the country as ER Fellows. For me the sad aspect of the Institute was that many of the Fellows did not know AAUW before coming to the Institute. When they left for home, they wanted to become part of the organization that had made a powerful impact on their professional development and had opened their eyes to the possibilities.

I'm looking forward to joining Pennsylvania members at your convention in Valley Forge in April.

Jacqueline Ann D'Alessio

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## DISTRICT IV REPORT

Wilma Kennedy District IV Coordinator

### Lancaster Branch

The opening meeting for the year of the Lancaster Branch was held on Tuesday, October 14, with Molly Henderson, candidate for Lancaster County Commissioner, as the speaker. Ms. Henderson holds a B.S. from James Madison University and a Doctorate in Education from Temple University. She has previously taught at Millersville University, been head of the Public Health Department for the City of Lancaster, been involved in many community activities as well as being active in Lancaster County politics for many years. She spoke to the branch concerning her experiences as a woman in Lancaster County politics.



*Molly Henderson*

### Bedford County Branch

After a very successful summer picnic in August, the Bedford Branch continued with a dinner meeting on September 11. At this very upbeat meeting, new officers were installed, by-laws were revised, potential new members welcomed, and ideas, comments and insights exchanged for possible programs and branch growth strategies for the coming year. Having a well-attended meeting early in the year for this type of branch activity was very beneficial.

### Reading Branch

For its October meeting on Tuesday, October 21, the Reading Branch planned a meeting regarding issues in the November election. The speakers were Judy Schwank, Berks County Commissioner, and Anne Carroll, judicial candidate in the upcoming election. Ms. Schwank spoke on the topic, "Vision 2020: Where do we go from here?" She presented future plans for economic, social and cultural issues in Berks County. Ms. Carroll's portion of the program concentrated on Special Education legislation and her assessment of the current situation regarding this legislation.

### Harrisburg Branch

In March of 2003 the Harrisburg Branch dedicated a library in the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg in memory of our long-standing member, Betty Sullivan. As an outgrowth of this new partnership, the Harrisburg Branch has recently joined with the YWCA staff to promote the development of family literacy for the residents of the YWCA's transitional housing program as well as the local community. The project has three parts. First is the continued growth and promotion of the year-round library which includes books on basic literacy, employment and self-actualization.

The second part of the program is a "Family Reading Dinner Hour" conducted at the YWCA. This program focuses on parents and young children and consists of a light meal, a modeling of practical and effective reading strategies with children that participants can implement in their own homes, and a book distribution designed to establish home libraries. Finally, a summer reading program for children ages 6 to 14 is planned to start in 2004. This program will provide incentives such as gift certificates and event tickets for each book read. Suggested reading lists will be obtained from the Harrisburg School District and the Dauphin County Library System.

The first of the "Family Reading Dinner Hours" was held November 12. One will follow each month until June. AAUW members prepare and serve the meal, handle registration and staff the reading workshops for parents and children. We believe that this project is an opportunity for the Harrisburg Branch to make an impact on the literacy level of women and children living in the city of Harrisburg.



# Branch Boards

## Diamond Donor Campaign

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- ➔ *Consider:* Your end-of-the-year donation check to EF/LAF can be written payable to Diamond Donor Campaign with AAUW-PA on the memo line 😊
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