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President's Message

Calling all members to attend the 2022 annual meeting of the Baton Rouge branch of AAUW. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 via Zoom. We need as many members as possible to attend so we have a quorum and can elect officers for the coming year. More details will be included in the May newsletter.

The slate of officers proposed for the year 2022-23 is published in this newsletter. As stated in our by-laws, the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to each member at least 21 days prior to the annual branch meeting. I would like to thank the nominating committee and the branch members who agreed to serve as officers for 2022-23.

Kudos to Eileen Kennedy for leading an effort to find a worthy student for our branch to sponsor for NCCWSL. NCCWSL stands for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders that is held yearly by AAUW. The Baton Rouge branch hopes to send a student to this virtual conference. If you know of any outstanding college student leaders, please contact Eileen.

Rebecca Triche and I have been working with the Southern University Law School to host a session on the AAUW Work Smart tool. There is no better way to share the message of AAUW than encouraging young women to understand their worth and learn how to negotiate a salary that is competitive. One day equal will mean equal.

On a sad note, a very long-standing member of AAUW, Susan Dawson, passed away in March. Susan joined AAUW in 1962, making her a 60-year member!

Enjoy the fabulous weather this time of year in Baton Rouge.

Until next month,
June



Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 5
6:30 p.m. by Zoom
All members are invited.
This is a change from our regular date to meet in April.

President
June Klimash

Vice-President
Julie Sukkar

Secretary
Unfilled Position

Treasurer
Pam Baldwin

Nominations
JiJi Jonas,
Eileen Kennedy, and
Rebecca Triche

Historian
Position Unfilled

Newsletter Publisher
Melanie Hanley

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Reminder:

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The message above appears on **page one of the newsletter, lower left corner.** Some time ago, AAUW Louisiana and AAUW Baton Rouge boards decided that we would no longer post email addresses or telephone numbers of members in lists or stories because anyone can view our newsletter online and obtain private contact information.

If you want to RSVP to an interest group, the newsletter will include the name only. If you need to get in touch with a member for whom you do not have email or telephone number information, first check to see if you saved the member roster that was provided to each of us when this change went into effect. If you do not have access to that list in .pdf format, write to the address above and **Pam Baldwin** will provide you with what you need.

Whisper:

Coming

Saturday, May 14

Annual Meeting

The AAUW Baton Rouge Branch announces the call to its **annual meeting**.

By Zoom

Saturday, May 14 , 2022

10:00 a.m.— Noon

It is not necessary to RSVP. Every member will receive notice of the Zoom link.

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. This is the only gathering where all members have the opportunity and expectation of visiting every other member.

One important part of the annual meeting is selection and installation of officers . The nominating committee has completed a slate of proposed officers for your consideration. **Any member may also nominate officers from the floor the day of the annual meeting with the prior consent of the person to be nominated.**

The office of **secretary** was slated to be filled last year for a 2-year term, but it has remained unfilled. It will be filled this year for the final year of the term.

The offices of **vice-president** and **treasurer** will be filled for two-year terms.

The offices of **president** and **nominating committee co-chairs** will require no action. Those terms are ongoing for an additional year.

**Proposed Slate of Officers
For Election May 14, 2022**

President

June Klimash

One year remaining of 2-year term which began July 1, 2021; no action required

Vice-President

Jan Koellen

2-year term beginning July 1, 2022; **action required**

Secretary

Margot Kiehfluss

Final year of a two year-term which began July 2021 but left unfilled; **action required**

Treasurer

Rebecca Triche

2-year term beginning July 1, 2022; **action required**

COMMITTEE

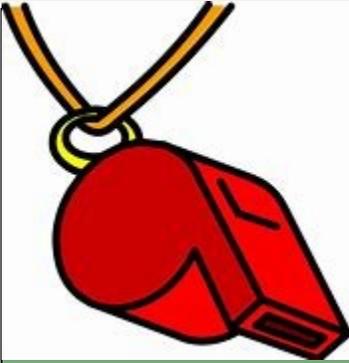
Co-Nominating Chairs

JiJi Jonas

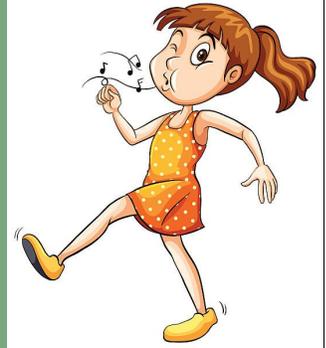
and

Eileen Kennedy

One year left of 2-year term which began July 1, 2022; no action required



NCCWSL
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Opportunity!



About NCCWSL

AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of virtual leadership training, inspiration, and networking at our annual National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Dates May 24-26, 2033 by Virtual Presentation

The AAUW Baton Rouge Branch seeks to offer financial sponsorship to a deserving leader who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity. Do you know such a young woman? Please recommend her to President June Klimash promptly. Registration for this event is already underway.

Use this link to read more about the program.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl>

In case you missed this good news previously...

Hip Hip Hooray!



The AAUW Baton Rouge Branch officers/board have determined that there are sufficient funds held for the **Eleanor Earle Scholarship** to double the stipend from \$500 to \$1,000 and to grant an additional scholarship— three instead of two per year if well-qualified women Ph.D. candidates in the Greater Baton Rouge area who are at least halfway to receiving their degrees apply.

How is that for good news that makes us proud ?

Our members as well as their family members and friends have made donations, most years at the Holiday Happening social gathering in January. Many of us have made memorial donations in memory of other members who have died.

The application process has opened. Please help our branch reach out to deserving women scholars to advise them of this enhanced opportunity.

We invite recipients to share their stories with us at a meeting even if it is by Zoom. They have never disappointed. It is a treat to acknowledge their intelligence, diligence, and enthusiasm.



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“Margaret Stones taught locals to savor Louisiana’s landscape.” That was the headline for **Danny Heitman’s** *At Random* column in the Sunday Advocate March 27.

[Margaret Stones taught locals to savor Louisiana's landscape: Danny Heitman | Danny Heitman | theadvocate.com](#)

“**Stones**, a native of Australia who died in 2018 at 98, was one of the world’s most celebrated botanical artists. In 1976, as part of a project championed by then-**LSU Chancellor Paul Murrill**, Stones was commissioned to create six watercolors of Louisiana flora to commemorate the American bicentennial and the 50th anniversary of LSU’s present campus. But Louisiana and Stones couldn’t get enough of each other. She ended up completing 226 watercolors of local plants over 15 years.”

“The Louisiana botanical studies done by Stones are part of **Hill Memorial’s** special collections. Some of the art is now on public display in conjunction with Hill’s current exhibit, open throughout the spring semester celebrating the 50th anniversary of its **E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection.**”

Wouldn’t it be lovely if AAUW Baton Rouge Branch sponsored a meet up at the exhibit before the end of this semester? If you are interested, encourage your AAUW BR friends, then get in touch with President **June Klimash** to put the word out to all of us when you decide upon a date and time.

It’s beginning to feel a lot like pre-pandemic days. We might be close to seizing opportunities to do some things together again safely.

Who knows ? A trip to the **McIlhenny property in New Iberia** might even be on the horizon if this goes well.

Speaking of the Sunday Advocate, a feature about **Clementine Hunter** on the same page as Heitman’s column might provide a lead to an **Insights** meeting speaker when that interest group re-emerges in the fall.



Condolences

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Members share sadness at the death of Susan Hubbell Dawson, known well to members of the Morning Book Club when it was active for many years and to all who have been long-time members of our branch because she served as our President. We share her obituary below.

Susan Hubbell Dawson was born July 29, 1920, in Bedford, Ohio, to Charles E. Hubbell and Lois Wheeler Hubbell. Susan died on March 6, 2022 in Baton Rouge. After completing high school in Bedford, she enrolled at Hiram College, in Hiram, Ohio, where her parents and older brother Robert had graduated. Susan graduated from Hiram in 1940. During World War II she worked with the Red Cross and matriculated in the School of Social Service at the University of Chicago, earning a Master's Degree in Social Work in 1944. Her varied career as a social worker included being home visitor at St. Marks Peace Settlement House in New York City and a caseworker for the Red Cross in Charleston, South Carolina. Later moving with her family to Louisiana, she was a caseworker in the Children's Division of the Department of Public Welfare in Covington, a psychiatric social worker for the State Department of Hospitals in Bogalusa, and worked in several social work assignments for the East Baton Rouge Parish public schools. Beginning in 1962 she accepted a position as a lecturer in the School of Social Welfare at Louisiana State University, where she drew upon her extensive professional experience in social work. She taught several classes and mentored numerous graduate students who became social workers. Susan rose through the faculty ranks, gaining promotion to full professor in 1975. While at LSU she served on the Graduate Faculty as well as the Faculty Council and was president of the Women's Faculty Club (1982-1983). In addition to her own publications and presentations at professional conferences, Susan was associate editor of the Journal of the International Association of Pupil Personnel Workers and consulting editor of the Journal of International Comparative Social Welfare. She retired from the LSU faculty in 1987. Susan married Corporal Joseph G. Dawson, Jr., an aerial gunnery instructor in the U.S. Army Air Force, in 1944. After the war he earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Chicago. Subsequently, he taught at universities in North Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, where he was full professor of Psychology at LSU. Susan was his wife until his death in 1996. The couple had two children, Joseph G. Dawson, III, and Stephanie Wheeler Dawson. Over the years the family resided in Illinois, North Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida, before returning to Louisiana in 1962. Susan's social activities in Baton Rouge included memberships in the Perennials Garden Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Chapter AC/PEO, the Woman's Club, and the Baton Rouge Opera Guild. Susan is survived by Joseph G. Dawson, III, of College Station, Texas, and Stephanie Dawson Abell of Monroe, Louisiana. Susan's survivors also include granddaughter Ashley Dawson Oliphant and husband Zachary Oliphant, and their children Kane, Emery, and Haden, of Magnolia, Texas; grandson Joseph E. Dawson and wife Marissa and their sons, Everette and Easton, of Fort Worth, Texas; grandson Graham N. Abell, of Baltimore, Maryland; and granddaughter Claire Abell Fletcher and husband Nate Fletcher, and their children Georgia Nell and Jack Hughes, of Denver, Colorado. Gifts may be made in Susan's memory to Louisiana Public Broadcasting (Baton Rouge Station), and the Baton Rouge Opera Guild (address: Baton Rouge Opera Guild Treasurer, 9164 Oxford Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70809), or a [charity of one's choice](#). Across nearly two decades, Susan herself and her family has appreciated the efforts of the cordial administrators and many caring staff, doctors, and nurses (including Susie Boudinot) of St. James Place retirement community in Baton Rouge. Family memorial service is pending.

Jambo!

Hello! (in Swahili)

The Gourmet interest group gathered at the home of JiJi and Larry Jonas in March. Participants prepared and shared recipes from the Jambo cookbook produced by the restaurant of the same name in Santa Fe. The food is of African origin.

Not every attendee was captured in the photo below. Those who are **not** pictured are **Donal Day, Larry Jonas, Margot Kiefhuss, Judith Nielson, Ann Sperry,** and **Charles and Carolyn Stutts.**

Appearing below from left to right are **Lorraine Day, Margaret and Tom Moore,** and **Chuck Nielson,** seated; and **JiJi Jonas,** standing.



AAUW Statement About the nomination Of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson



AAUW thanks Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for sharing her significant experience and sound judicial judgement with the Senate Judiciary Committee.

On the first day of the confirmation hearings, we were thrilled to join the joyful crowd gathered in front of the Supreme Court to celebrate her nomination. The moment was jubilant and filled us with hope for the future. Judge Jackson is uniquely qualified for the historic honor of serving as the first Black woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, ensuring that the highest court in the land represents the rich diversity of our nation.

During the hearings, Judge Jackson was well prepared and showed grace under pressure. Her professionalism, temperament and integrity were on full display as she responded to probing questions about her beliefs, judicial philosophy and past decisions and rulings—even those that attempted to mischaracterize her record. It was made crystal clear that her commitment to public service, and to the U.S. Constitution, is beyond reproach.

The confirmation hearings proved what we already knew: Judge Jackson is a stellar legal mind with impeccable character. She will make an exceptional Supreme Court Justice.

AAUW calls on the committee, and subsequently the U.S. Senate, to move forward in a timely manner to confirm Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court.

Did you miss this event sponsored by AAUW Louisiana ?

A Conversation with Ellie Smeal —
50 years and Counting

If you did not register for the event, you did not receive the link to the video recording. If you would like the link, please email aauwlouisiana@gmail.com to receive it.



This event followed the event from March 22 commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Eleanor Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority and the Feminist Majority Foundation

As Co-Founder and President of the Feminist Majority Foundation and former President of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Eleanor Smeal has led efforts for the economic, political, and social equality and empowerment of women worldwide for over four decades. She has been an activist leader in the passage of landmark legislation, such as the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, Equal Credit Act, Civil Rights Restoration Act, Violence Against Women Act, and Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. Smeal also led the fight for the U.S. ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (from 1977-1982). Never giving up the dream of constitutional equality for women, Smeal is currently helping to spearhead the renewal of efforts to pass the ERA.

Known as a political analyst, strategist, and grassroots organizer, Smeal has played a pivotal role in defining the debate, developing the strategies, and charting the direction of the modern day women's movement. She was the first to identify the "gender gap" – the difference in the way women and men vote – and popularized its usage in election and polling analyses to enhance women's voting clout. In October 2015, Smeal and her achievements were honored as she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Book Club



The Arctic Fury

by Greer Macallister

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Reviewer: **Susan Smolinsky**

RSVP **Ann Sperry**

or **Catherine Roundtree**

Gourmet



Zorba's Greek Bistro

5713 Essen Lane

Saturday, April 9

6:00 p.m.

RSVP—The event is full, hope you are one of those who is coming.

Great Decisions



No End in Sight:

A Century of Drug Wars

In Latin America

Tuesday, April 19

6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Discussion Leader:

Vivian Guillory

Reading begins on page 73

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Insights



Insights will go on hiatus during the remainder of the spring and through the summer. It will meet again in the fall. Organizers **Mary Francis** and **Pam Baldwin** hope we will be able to resume in-person meetings at a restaurant with a guest speaker by then.

Tuesday, April 5 Board Meeting

Saturday, April 9 Gourmet

Wednesday, April 13 Book Club

Tuesday, April 19 Great Decisions

April 2022

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<p>Happy Birthday to you!</p> 					<p>1</p> <p>April Fool's Day</p>	<p>2</p>
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