

American Association of University Women



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President's Message

Hello AAUW Baton Rouge. This is my last President's letter to the branch since my term as President will end on June 30, 2023. It has been an interesting time to lead the branch especially through the COVID years. It is disappointing not to have the opportunity to hand the baton to another President and I sincerely hope the branch will continue to meet at least a few times annually and in the smaller interest groups.

The AAUW Baton Rouge branch **annual membership meeting** will be held on **Sunday, May 7, 2023**. We will be meeting in person this year at the Bluebonnet Library beginning at **2:30 pm**. The branch will supply light refreshments and **DOOR PRIZES!!** Within the newsletter you will see information on what the branch needs to vote on during the annual meeting in May. If you have any questions about this vote feel free to contact me or any other board member.

AAUW BR will gather on **Sunday, August 6** for an **annual planning meeting**. More details will be available at the annual meeting May 7th.

Pam Baldwin and **Rebecca Triche** are currently in the process of receiving applications for the Eleanor Earle Scholarship. Recipients of the scholarships will be announced in a future newsletter.

It is time to vote in the AAUW Election 2023. You will receive your voting credentials from AAUW by email. The voting ends on May 15th at 5:00 pm Eastern time.

During the current Louisiana legislative session there are several "Women on Wednesdays" during the month of May where AAUW and other organizations will have a presence at the legislature to raise awareness for legislation impacting the lives of women in Louisiana. **If you can attend the legislature on May 3, 10, 17 and 18**, your presence will make a difference. See the newsletter for details on dates, times and whom to contact.

As we enter the summer months please check the newsletter for interest group schedules. The next newsletter will be in August. Enjoy your summer and see you in August!

Cheers.

June



Board Meeting
No meeting in May
Next board meeting June 21, 2023
All members are welcome.

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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.

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Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 7
In-person at Bluebonnet Branch Library
2:30 p.m.

Wording of what membership needs to vote on at annual meeting:

To approve submission of affidavit to Louisiana Secretary of State’s Office to dissolve 501C3 non-profit corporation status and pay associated fees.

Note—this change, if approved, will not be to lose our non-profit status, we will revert to 501(c)4 non-profit like we were in the past.





AAUW National Updating By-Laws
(Notes from Member Pam Baldwin)

The AAUW national organization is in the process of updating by-laws and will hold a vote on the proposed changes. Therefore, you need to be involved – reading the proposed changes and making your decision as to whether to accept them or not.

Please go to [Proposed Changes](#) to read about them.

Then go to the section on [Proposed Public Policy Changes](#)

You may check your account and update your information [here](#).

Voting on these changes will continue until May 15.



The Legislative Session at the Baton Rouge Capitol has begun.

AAUW will be there as a Partner/Co-Sponsor and we need you!
Join us for an event which aligns with AAUW's Mission.

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Lunch provided

"Hands Off Our Bodies and Books Day"

Sponsored by 10,000 Women and LIFT Louisiana

If you can attend any of several legislative events, please contact Debra Freda at dfreda530@charter.net. She will be happy to give you more information and/or sign you up.

If you attend, President June Klimash asks us to help the named sponsors with set up and take down for lunch.



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Join us for an event which aligns with AAUW's Mission.

Your attendance to support this event is especially important.

MAY 10th (Wednesday) from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Economic Justice Theme

Organized by Lift Louisiana and 10,000 Women.

Register here: <https://WOW2023 EconomicJustice.eventbrite.com>



The Legislative Session at the Baton Rouge Capitol has begun.

AAUW will be there as a Partner/Co-Sponsor and we need you!
Join us for an event which aligns with AAUW's Mission.

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Religious Freedom Day

Lunch provided

Sponsored by 10,000 Women and LIFT Louisiana

If you can attend any of several legislative events, please contact Debra Freda at dfreda530@charter.net. She will be happy to give you more information and/or sign you up.



**2023 Women's Health
Day and Retreat
Celebrating
Wellness & Culture
At State Capitol
Thursday, May 18th, 2023**

The Legislative Session at the Baton Rouge Capitol has begun.

AAUW will be there as a Partner/Co-Sponsor and we need you!
Join us for a second targeted event which aligns with AAUW's Mission.

MAY 18th (Thursday) from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Women's Health Day & Retreat 2023”

theme **“The Right to Livelihood”**

Organized by Louisiana Center for Health Equity

Cost for Lunch Symposium \$15.

Purchase tickets here: <https://2023whd.eventbrite.com>

Book Club

Wednesday, May 10
7:00 p.m. by Zoom

Attn: ALL

Join us to suggest books for review 2023-2024 and help plan our next season. We welcome drop-in visitors!

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet

Flemish Food



Saturday, May 13 6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Lorraine and Donal Day

Get in touch with **Lorraine Day** to receive a recipe for preparation and **RSVP** that you will attend.

Great Decisions



Tuesday, May 16

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

Economic Warfare

Leader: **Carolyn Stutts**

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Insights

Insights will not meet in May. We appreciate the support of those who participated in March and April as we enjoyed hearing two of our scholarship recipients explain their graduate studies. It is rewarding to know that we have made some contribution to enable these young women to pursue their work as doctoral students.

When *Insights* begins anew later this year, you will be notified through the newsletter and by email to each member. If you have a speaker to suggest or questions about this special interest group, please reach out to **Mary Francis** or **Pam Baldwin**. Also, let them know what you would like to listen and learn about over lunch with your AAUW Baton Rouge branch friends.



Seated: **Speaker Patty Rodrigues**; Front row, l. to r., **June Klimash, Aileen Hendricks, and Pam Baldwin**. Second row, **Margot Kiehfuss, Carolyn Stutts, Mary Francais, Sylvia Martinez, Suzanne Besse, Rebecca Triche, Pat James, and Melanie Hanley**.

**In 2024 and the rest of 2023
Won't you review a book with me?**

Book Group 2023-2024

You are invited to join the Book Group.

You may visit with us when we meet by Zoom Wednesday, May 10 to propose books for review and begin to schedule reviewers.

You may join us for any individual meeting when we resume book reviews in early Fall throughout this time next year.

You may join us indefinitely for every meeting when you may be available.

You may propose a book. You may volunteer to review a book.

Or you may attend without doing either.

You may attend whether you have completed reading the book or not. We know you are busy adult women who take responsibility for how you spend your own lives.

We have been meeting by Zoom. We will address how we will proceed when we gather for planning Wednesday, May 10.

We look forward to visiting with friends we know and meeting others with whom we may never shared a special interest group experience.

We welcome you!

RSVP Melanie Hanley

Great Decisions

Global Current Events Discussion

Informed by the Foreign Policy Association

Great Decisions is a group to discuss global current events. Our first meeting addressing a 2023 topic was Tuesday, February 21, when Anne Campbell led a discussion about Politics in Latin America via Zoom.

The first in-person gathering since covid began was dinner at Bistro Byronz Mid City venue including a discussion of an essay, The Value of Informed Discourse.

Since then we have heard about Global Famine led by June Klimash. This month we will hear about Economic Warfare led by Carolyn Stutts.

There are five more topics for which the briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association will provide information and inspiration after a summer hiatus.

Energy Geopolitics

War Crimes

China and the U.S.

Iran at a Crossroads

Climate Migration



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Do you know a woman who is doing advanced graduate studies? AAUW, the American Association of University Women, made 320 financial awards worth \$6 million in 2022-2023. Applications for 2023-2024 opened August 1. The application period will close at staggered times in November.

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research. Awards range from **\$8,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education; health and medical sciences; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); or social sciences. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2015. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation and dependent care. Awards range from **\$2,000 to \$20,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

Community Action Grants provide funding to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofits for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Since 1972, AAUW has provided support to hundreds of communities across the United States. Awards range from **\$3,000 to \$10,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

International Fellowships provide support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career. A limited number of awards are available for study outside of the U.S. (excluding the applicant's home country) to women who are members of Graduate Women International. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited U.S. institutions are supported. Applicants must have earned the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree by the application deadline and must have applied to their proposed institutions of study by the time of the application. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. Awards range from **\$20,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

International Project Grants: To create lasting support around the globe, AAUW awards grants to International Fellowship alumnae who have returned home after successfully completing the course of study for which they received funding. These grants allow alumnae to build on their academic work and implement community-based projects that will improve the lives of women and girls. Awards range from **\$5,000 to \$7,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science are open to women scholars conducting basic research in engineering, medicine or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee must publish their research in a scholarly publication and be listed as a primary author. Awards range from **\$10,000 to \$35,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs: **Architecture, Computer/Information Services, Engineering, and Mathematics/Statistics**. Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields: **Master's in Business Administration, Law, and Doctorate in Medicine**. Award amount is **\$20,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

Details at: aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/

Women on Wednesday at Capitol, May 3

Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 7

Women on Wednesday at Capitol, May 10

Book Group Wednesday, May 10

Gourmet, Saturday May 13

Great Decisions, Tuesday, May 16

Women on Wednesday at Capitol, May 17

Women’s Health Event at Capitol, Thursday May 18

There will be no board meeting nor Insights meeting in May.

May 2023

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