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MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM

April 22, 2010
5:30 P.M.
Vidalia's

GUEST SPEAKERS

Patsy Morton/Janet Talbot
Students from Bell School

The April 22 meeting will be at Vidalia's at 5:30 p.m.

Patsy Morton, Chair of the AAUW Mentoring Program and Janet Talbot, teacher at Bell School will speak about their accomplishments with this year's mentoring program. Janet Talbot teaches English and art and is the seventh and eighth grade sponsor. Patsy Morton has been helping the students with music. Several girls from Bell School will attend and make short presentations.

Foster Care

The topic for the May 20th program will be Foster Care. The installation of Tahlequah AAUW officers for 2010-2012 will also be held at the May meeting.

AAUW Oklahoma State Convention

The AAUW Oklahoma State Convention was a success! Everyone who helped and who attended is appreciated. Thank you so much for your support!

I enjoyed the \$tart \$mart Workshop on Friday afternoon before the convention as I trained to be a facilitator. Hopefully, we will be able to offer a workshop at NSU to help students determine the current salary for job positions, provide them with salary negotiation skills, and help close the wage gap between salaries for men and women.

The Friday evening reception at the Holiday Inn Express was enjoyable. We heard a presentation from Kendra Smith, AAUW Student Advisory Council and previewed the silent auction baskets.

On Saturday, we listened to several great speakers. Thea Nietfeld spoke about "Peace in

the Middle East." Harold Mangum presented some great information on how to improve our memory. After lunch, we heard from Wendi Wilkerson, AAUW 2009-2010 Fellow. Wendi told us about the research she has done with help from the funds she received from AAUW.

AAUW Association Secretary, Jackie Littleton, brought news about the changes at the national AAUW Association. Shirley Breeze also spoke about the AAUW 5-State Conference in Little Rock, AR which will be held in June. Shirley "breezed" in to join us after driving from Kansas where she had attended the Kansas State Convention.

During the business meeting on Saturday afternoon several bylaw changes were passed and AAUW state officers for 2010-2012 were elected.

Saturday evening was filled with fun as we enjoyed good food, Native American costumes modeled by the Sequoyah High School girls and the acting talents of AAUW members and guests led by representatives from the Cherokee Nation Heritage Center.

By Jeanna Wing

NCCWSL

NSU student Melissa Weems has been selected to attend the 2010 National Conference for College Student Women Leaders (June 2-5). Melissa is a sophomore at NSU majoring in Political Science. She is active on campus with her job as a Resident Assistant. She has a 3.93 GPA and is considering a double major by adding Theater (currently her minor). She is planning on pursuing her real estate license this summer as well as interning in a law firm in Pryor. Melissa feels that she can represent AAUW and NSU well and will receive valuable leadership skills that could enhance her position and knowledge as a Resident Assistant.

We will be looking forward to hearing from Melissa about her experience at NCCWSL after her return.

A Major Victory for Title IX

Thanks to the dedication and leadership of AAUW and the Action Network members, a major victory was won for Title IX – and girls and women in sports – this week. On Tuesday, the Obama administration and the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued new guidance for rescinding the deeply flawed March 2005 policy that allowed schools to use email surveys to gauge athletic interests of female students.

Under the 2005 guidance, schools could count non-responses to the spam-like survey as a lack of interest in athletics. This not only created a major loophole through which

schools could evade the Title IX obligations, it jeopardized the number of athletic opportunities available to women. As Chair of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, AAUW has been fighting for the rescission of the 2005 policy since it was last issued.

The new guidance returns to the previous standard under which schools will consider a number of factors, including athletic participation rates at the secondary school levels and interviews with coaches to ensure they are following Title IX requirements. Schools will have a much better roadmap for compliance, and women and girls will have a much better shot at fair play.

Women's participation at the college level has increased more than 500 percent since Title IX's enactment. Better still, these gains have not come at the expense of men, whose athletic opportunities have also increased since Title IX's passage in 1972. We know that girls thrive when they participate in sports, and that the benefit of playing sports stays with them for years to come.



Calendar

April 22nd, 5:30 p.m.
Program: Mentor Program
Place: Vidalia's

April 23-24th, Red Fern Festival

MAY

May 3rd, 12:00 noon
Executive Board Meeting
Place: Vidalia's

May 20th, 5:30 p.m.
Program: Foster Care
Place: Vidalia's

JUNE

June 1st – Branch and State Officer Lists Due

June 2-5th, NCCWSL

June 7th, 12:00 noon
Executive Board Meeting
Place: Vidalia's

June 11-12th – Five State Conference, Little Rock, AR

June 17th, 5:30 p.m.
Program: Pot Luck Picnic
Place: Sara Dunlap's Cabin

July 1st – Branch Dues Report Due

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

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

AAUW's voice has long influenced legislative debate on critical social issues such as education, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform.

AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women in the United States and around the globe and for community action projects. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls, and education.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and workplaces.

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