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AAUW-MA Fall Conference—Giving Women Wings

Saturday, November 5, 2005 Women at Work Museum, Attleboro

Plan to attend the Massachusetts AAUW fall conference, *Giving Women Wings*, on November 5 from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM at the Women at Work Museum in Attleboro, MA. Our theme blends AAUW's national theme, *Education: Gateway to Economic Security* and the current exhibit at the Women at Work Museum, *Women Who Fly*. We are quite excited about this conference and hope you will be as well.

Our keynote speaker for this event will be Ms. Grace Corrigan from Framingham, Massachusetts. As many of you may know, Ms. Corrigan is the mother of Christa McAuliffe the first civilian, teacher astronaut who was lost with the Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986. We will have the privilege of lunch with Ms. Corrigan before her keynote address so you can meet and visit with her "up close and personal." To read a recent CNN interview with her, use on line services and to go to <http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/08/15/cnn25.grace.corrigan/> Several copies of Ms. Corrigan's book, *Journal for Christa: Christa McAuliffe, Teacher in Space*, will be made available for purchase and signing.

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Thoughts from Patricia

Patricia Ho, AAUW-MA President

EDUCATION: GATEWAY TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY

New AAUW theme focuses priorities, strengthens purpose of work

- * *Access to high-quality education and professional development*
- * *Opportunities for careers in higher-wage fields, such as science and tech*
- * *Fair wages, family-friendly benefits, nondiscriminatory workplaces*

...have been the concerns of every woman, spanning race, income and demographic differences. This new AAUW theme unites the efforts and resources of Association, Educational Foundation including Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Leadership and Learning Institute in providing a framework for advocacy and action at national, state and local levels.

Drawing upon its recent research -- *Women at Work; Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earning; and Tenure Denied*-- AAUW is coordinating programming to focus energy toward ensuring economic equity for all women and girls -- from pre-K through retirement. For all of our past accomplishments, equity is still very much an issue.

Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security will not diminish AAUW's commitment to other priorities, and is not intended to supplant state and branch prerogatives. Rather, this theme and its research base are offered as a guideline for program development and collaborative partnerships.

In Massachusetts as elsewhere, women are working more than ever, yet remain crowded in undervalued, lower-paying occupations with fewer benefits for themselves and their families. State budget cut-backs have exacted a devastating toll on women in particular, as documented by the MA Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) in their 2004 report -- *The Effects of the Fiscal Crisis on Women and Girls in Massachusetts*.

The economic security of women and families has been continuously threatened by decreased access to higher education, employment training and services, child care assistance and quality health care. In Massachusetts, diverse organizations must work together in advocating for equitable opportunities in economic viability for women.

In addition to working with the MCSW, the MA CEDAW Project and other allies, AAUW-MA has supported the Women at Work Museum in Attleboro, the LAF Progress in Equity Award, and the Family-Friendly Community Business Awards.

AAUW-MA's program for 2005-2006 will reflect the theme of Education as a Gateway to Women's Economic Security, and we invite branch leadership in addressing these issues within their communities.

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In the afternoon, the Women at Work Museum and the Attleboro Branch have collaborated to bring us a panel of women who have literally found their wings in aeronautical careers. From engineers to pilots to astronauts, these fascinating women will share their chosen professions' challenges and fulfillments.

In addition to providing you with a chance to meet or re-connect with fabulous women from other AAUW-MA branches, the conference will also be a wonderful opportunity to truly feel the impact of AAUW at the local, statewide and national levels. With the investment of your money and time, you will come away with:

- * Inspiration from those women who have soared to unimagined heights;
- * Understanding that our flight to equity is still in mid-air;
- * Motivation to eliminate the "drag" that weighs women down

What more could you ask of a Saturday in early November?! I hope to see you there!

Marilee Kenney Hunt
AAUW-MA Program VP

A Word About the Registration Fee

The registration fee for the conference is \$25 and covers a light continental breakfast, the museum entrance fee and a self-guided tour, a catered lunch and all conference materials. For any branch member or student affiliate member unable to attend because of cost, you should contact your president and have her/him contact Hollie Bagley (781 749-6274 or hollie@gallivan.org) for information on a stipend or full scholarship. **Financial constraints should not pose a barrier to accessing this exciting conference.** Registrations are due October 26th. Note: We can only guarantee lunch for those who pre-register since a count must be given to the caterer one week in advance.

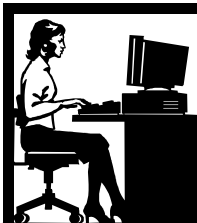
DIRECTIONS TO CONFERENCE

Directions to Women at Work Museum

35 County Street, Attleboro:

From Providence: I-95 N to exit 3. Follow Rt. 123 East into downtown Attleboro. Look for Attleboro Jewelry Makers (AJM) on the left.

From Boston: I-95 S to exit 5. Bear left off the exit. Go right onto Rt. 152 South to downtown Attleboro. Bear right onto Rt. 123. Look for AJM on the right.



WEBMASTER WANTED:

We are searching for a tech savvy person to redesign our website (www.aauw-ma.org). To volunteer or to learn more about the task, contact Hollie Bagley at hollie@gallivan.org or 781 749-6274.

We extend our gratitude to former webmaster Cindy Levin and wish her bon voyage on her new sailing adventure!

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November 5 Conference—Giving Women Wings Registration

Registration fee: \$25.00

Registration fee covers museum entrance fee, continental breakfast, catered lunch, and conference materials.

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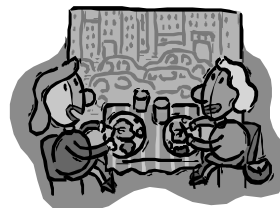
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Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 26, 2005

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(Financial aid available. See box above registration form.)



AAUW State Board Meeting/Fall Conference
November 5, 2005



Education: Gateway to Economic Security *Giving Women Wings*

- 9:00 - 10:00** Museum opens early for State Board members only. State Board meeting will begin promptly at 9 AM. Coffee/tea/hot chocolate/juice; pastries/fruit/boiled eggs
- 10:00 - 10:45** Branch partner meetings/Museum opens to general public
- 10:30-10:45** Registration for non-Board AAUW membership and the general community; Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice
- 10:45 - 11:15** Self-guided museum tours
- 11:15 - 11:25** Welcome by State AAUW President Patricia Ho: *Giving Women Wings*
- 11:25-11:30** Welcome to the Women at Work Museum by Katherine Honey, Attleboro Branch member
- 11:30-12:45** *Giving Women Wings: Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earning*, a discussion among educators and public policy makers about the most recent AAUW research and educational opportunities for women in Massachusetts. What has our Commonwealth done to help women build their wings? How high are women allowed to fly once they gain their educational wings? What might AAUW and other policy makers do to raise or eliminate the ceiling?
- 12:45 - 1:15** Catered Lunch with Grace Corrigan, Christa McAuliffe's mother
- 1:15 - 1:45** Keynote: Grace Corrigan, *Christa McAuliffe, a Woman with Wings*
- 1:45-2:00** Questions/Answers with Grace Corrigan
- 2:00- 2:10** Arline Broberg, AAUW State Public Policy Chair: Taking Off with Public Policy
- 2:10-3:15** *Women with Wings* panel of women in aviation moderated by Katherine Honey.
- 3:15** Wind down (or "down wind" to keep with our theme using a homonym ☺) additional time for book signing by Grace Corrigan.
- 3:30** Conference ends



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Please, join us on November 5, 2005!

Message from NE Regional Director

Greetings from your re-elected Regional Director! In addition to being re-elected by the New England delegation to the 2005 Convention in DC, I was also elected by the other regional directors to the Association Board of Directors. Also I will be serving on the Association Board Executive Committee for one year. In these positions I attended the retreat of the Association Board of Directors, the Foundation Board of Directors, and the staff at the end of July.

At the convention, the New England Region elected Cathy Speer from Rhode Island to represent us on the Nominating Committee, with Paula Yukna from Connecticut to act as her alternate. Thank you Cathy and Paula!

As some of you may know, Kathy Frost has withdrawn her name from the Executive Director appointment process because of medical reasons. We are very sorry to see her leave since those of us who met her at the convention were very impressed with her commitment to our mission, her enthusiasm, and her wonderful public presence. We wish her a smooth recovery and send her our positive thoughts during this time. Michele Wetherald, the former president of LAF, has stepped up to the plate and has assumed the position of Interim Executive Director. The search for a new Executive Director has already begun.

Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security is our new programmatic theme. This is a very important dimension of equity for women. At convention the Lobby Day on Monday was spent discussing the issue of Social Security Legislation with the congressmen and women. Also the Foundation is doing some research about what kind of economic results happen when young women go to college and select various majors. It will be interesting to see the findings.

Congratulations to Maine and Massachusetts for each receiving a 2005 **Public Policy Impact Grant**, which is geared toward mobilizing women to vote. These grants are awarded to states that can demonstrate that they have many good coalition partnerships already established and will strive for increased member participation in future Get Out the Vote efforts.

Cheers!

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Girls' Coalition Workshop at AAUW Convention

A workshop entitled *Supporting Girls-Specific Programming* presented by a panel of speakers from Massachusetts was one of many worthwhile workshops offered at the AAUW Convention in June. The workshop's very distinguished panel consisted of Katie Wheeler, Executive Director of Girls' Coalition (GC), Laura Watkins, Founder of GC, Sumru Erkut, Associate Director and Senior Scientist, Center for Research on Women, Wellesley Centers for Women, Jenny Amory, Executive Director of Women Express/*Teen Voices*, Saun Green, Program Director at *Teen Voices*, Natasha Labbe, 16 year old junior at Boston Latin Academy and Amity Paye, 16 year old sophomore at Boston Latin School. Natasha and Amity are peer leaders at *Teen Voices*. Beryl Domingo, Branch President of Taunton Area Branch of AAUW, facilitated the workshop.

The panel addressed the importance of supporting gender-specific programming for girls, especially in the light of current trends to move toward funding of gender-neutral programming rather than focusing on programs aimed at meeting the needs of girls in education.

The Girls' Coalition has a history of supporting girls-only programs to promote education, especially in sciences and math. Laura spoke of its history, goal and mission. Katie shared the work of GC today, the programs and services that support member organizations working toward appropriate programming for girls. Its work is lauded as a national model. Sumru Erkut has done extensive research on girls and the positive effects of single sex programs. She shared her work and significant findings on girls' participation (and lack thereof) in co-ed programs and why we need tools such as the coalition to create change and support girls. Jenny, Saun, Natasha and Amity are all working to promote positive role models for girls through *Teen Voices* programs. They spoke of their experiences as peer leaders and the impact they have on choices young girls make in education. They engage girls in after-school programs that focus on technology, science and math.

All of these women are strong supporters of gender-specific programming for girls in schools and after-school programs. Their presentations clearly demonstrated the positive impact of girls-only programs through their research, their successful programs and collaborations and their positive personal experiences as peer leaders and advocates for girls in education.

Submitted by Beryl Domingo
Taunton Area Branch President

NATIONAL AAUW CONVENTION NOTABLES

Thirteen state and branch delegates proudly represented Massachusetts at Convention in Washington D.C. from June 24 – 27. Along with 1200 others, they were awed and inspired by the exceptional speakers, the comprehensive array of activities, and the participation of outstanding women leaders from across the country. Who would not be impressed by Jehan Sadat, Nancy Pelosi, and Madeleine Albright among others?

Notable points: AAUW has 107,000 members, down slightly from last year, but membership recruitment remains a high priority in order to generate revenue... Unchanged in mission and work, Legal Advocacy Fund supported its 100th plaintiff and successfully merged into the Educational Foundation ...The Leader on Loan program has been restored as a pilot project for application by states... AAUW is continuing its dialogue with IFUW regarding payment of dues and AAUW's status.

Notable bylaws amendment: Delegates voted to extend the membership to individuals with associate degrees and equivalent, effective immediately. The proposed amendment to extend membership to all who support AAUW's mission was defeated.

New national leadership: Congratulations to Ruth Sweetser who was elected Association President and to Barbara O'Connor, Educational Foundation President. Delegates heartily welcomed Kathryn (Kathy) Frost as the new Executive Director. Unfortunately Kathy had to withdraw as Executive Director due to health reasons. Michele Warholic Wetherald, former LAF President has been appointed interim executive director while the search continues.

AAUW-MA was in the limelight several times. We were again honored with the highest level **21st Century Platinum State Award** and are among nine states receiving a **Public Policy Impact Grant**. Two of our projects were highlighted in *Taste of Success* – Katherine Honey's Women at Work Museum's Title IX Project, and the Family Friendly Business Awards partnership project initiated by Hollie Bagley.

Liz Fragola represented AAUW-MA in receiving LAF awards for Top Ten States in per capita contributions, and for Danvers-Topsfield as one of the Top Ten Branches. Congratulations! Our sparkling new AAUW silver and crystal necklaces were also well received, and we will consider ways to market them as a fundraiser for MA's EF and LAF.

AAUW-MA, represented by Beryl Domingo, co-presented a workshop on gender equitable programming for girls with Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston. On Lobby Day, a number of our convention delegates visited the offices of Senators Kennedy and Kerry, as well as several of our Representatives. This was advocacy in action, as we lobbied in support of reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and in opposition to Social security privatization.

If you would like further details about Convention, please ask delegates Hollie Bagley, Liz Blumenthal, Pat Bologna, Arline Broberg, Pam Collins, Sheila Doherty, Beryl Domingo, Liz Fragola, Sue Giurleo, Nancy Hill, Patricia Ho, Katherine Honey, and Enid Wilson. What a superlative experience for each of us! On to Phoenix, Arizona in 2007!

Delegates Vote to Expand Membership

AAUW voted at Sunday's business session to expand membership to include graduates who hold an "associate or equivalent" degree. The emotional debate began with an unsuccessful bylaws amendment to open membership to all who support AAUW's mission.

In support of the successful motion, Kenosha (WI) Branch delegate Frieda Schurch, who was born before women had the right to vote and has been a member of AAUW for more than 50 years, implored, "Today we ... must decide if our priority is to move ahead because we believe in our mission or if our priority is making sure that everyone knows that we have a college or university degree. ... To do justice we can and we must say yes to this motion."

The bylaws change to membership eligibility requirements is effective immediately, and following the business session, AAUW signed up our first newly eligible member.

Educational Foundation

Liz Fragola, EF VP

EF: Building a Legacy for the Future

As incoming state vice-president for the Educational Foundation, I anticipate a rather daunting task of being fundraiser, investment advisor, and estate planner all in one. My training as a social worker prepared me for none of this.

Isn't that the opportunity AAUW gives us: to attempt something new and challenging? I'd like to share a few thoughts I have about EF and how we, as a community of women, can work together to build a legacy for the future.

What do we know about the Foundation? It was established in 1958 to promote educational equity for women and girls, through research, grants, and fellowships. That was quite an undertaking then and it remains so today. Coming under the aegis of the Educational Foundation are the **American Fellowships Fund**, the **International Fellowships Fund**, the **Research & Projects Fund**, and the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund**. Each of these funds has a unique focus all relating to the foundation mission. The **American Fellowships** are given to women completing doctoral or post-doctoral research and the **Selected Professions Fellowships**, established in 1970, fund education for women in fields where women are underrepresented. The **International Fellowships**, established in 1917, are awarded to women of other nations studying full time in the US on the graduate or post-graduate level. The **Research & Projects Fund** awards **Career Development Grants** and **Community Action Grants**. The **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund** provides both **Teacher Fellowships** and **Research Initiatives**. Last fiscal year over six million dollars were given in fellowships and grants.

On the national level, the Educational Foundation encompasses a wide range of activities. On the state level we can contribute to any or all of the above funds. My hope is that we can begin to designate our contributions more specifically. In October 2000, the state board voted to establish an International Fellowship in honor of Sema Faigen. Sema, an AAUW member since 1949, has been state president and regional director, served on Association boards and has been active in IFUW and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. To date we are a little over halfway to completing the \$100,000 needed before funds can be distributed.

In the coming months I will develop target goals and fundraising strategies to fully fund this fellowship. I will use the *BayStater* as a vehicle for allowing all members to become better acquainted with Sema and to get to know EF fellows studying in Massachusetts. Both Sema and our EF fellows can serve to inspire action on behalf of women internationally. You may not agree with Thomas Friedman that "the world is flat", but it seems to be getting smaller by the minute. How better to reach out to our sisters worldwide than to help them learn, and create the equity we all deserve?

Coalition For Choice

Newsletter deadlines don't work well with political or legislative calendars, so some news may be "old hat" by the time you get this. Still it is important to know that AAUW members at all levels have been watching Supreme Court nominations. AAUW's ACTION ALERT asks members to "urge your senators to scrutinize ALL judicial nominees for a commitment to civil rights and to oppose the confirmation of extremist nominees." Reading between the lines of judicial actions and statements has become an art form!

Attention at the state level remains on the Emergency Contraception bill which has enjoyed bipartisan support and which should reduce the need for and incidence of abortion. Governor Romney's early support and later opposition has raised hackles among Republicans and Democrats alike. State House observers have been watching for a veto and an over-ride effort.

Again this year, AAUW has added its support to bills providing gender neutral insurance to women. We have had the votes in the legislature for this bill for two or more years, but have had problems getting it to a vote. Watch for action on this one, too.

Lastly, AAUW in Massachusetts has just signed on to be a co-sponsor of the "Act to provide Health Education in Schools" (H.B. 1641 and S.B. 1021). Nationally, AAUW approves efforts to allow federal funds to support comprehensive sex education that includes but is not limited to abstinence-only education. Adding health education to the core curriculum affords students the opportunity to learn about a wide range of important topics such as nutrition, physical activity, mental health, safety and injury prevention, reproduction and sexuality, substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, consumer health, growth and development, family life, interpersonal relationships, disease prevention, ecological health and community health.

The 2003 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey lists a variety of statistics that include binge drinking, suicide, physical fighting, sexual activity, smoking, and obesity. Adding health education to the present core curriculum obviously can address these concerns.

Lois Pulliam, AAUW representative
Massachusetts Coalition for Choice



Have you been to the AAUW-MA website lately? Visit www.aauw-ma.org to see the changes we have made. Contact Hollie at hollie@gallivan.org to publicize your branch events on the website.

Public Policy Arline Broberg, Chair

Public Policy Impact Grant

At Convention in June, President Nancy Rustad announced that AAUW – MA was the recipient of a **Public Policy Impact Grant**. Its goals will be to increase member activism by increasing the number of *Action Alert* participants across the state, build and/or increase participation in diverse coalitions focused on AAUW public policy priority issues, organize at least two public policy events that incorporate leadership development and diversity, get out the women's vote in 2006, and increase the use of technology in advancing public policy priorities.

"Giving Women Wings: Education as the Gateway to Economic Security," our Fall Conference at the Women at Work Museum in Attleboro, will be tied to public policy issues in which AAUW takes a lead. At the conference Arline Broberg, Association Public Policy Committee member and Massachusetts State Public Policy Chair, will bring us up to date on such issues as HEA reauthorization (non-traditional students, financial aid, and Mink Fellowships), gender equity in education training (vocational education and PACT Act), and education threats and opportunities (private school choice/vouchers/tax credits).

At our Spring Convention on April 8-9, 2006, the first day will be devoted to public policy in action, affecting the lives of women. The program will begin with a notable keynote speaker who will address an aspect of economic security. Various topics (such as Social Security, child care, and affordable housing) will be discussed by a panel modeled on the Woman-to-Woman Summit. The program will then open to full-scale audience participation and discussion. All participants will be asked to write letters to their representatives to support legislation that will provide women with economic self-sufficiency. A number of organizations serving women will be invited to collaborate in presentation of this forum. Among the suggested venues are the new conference center at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the Boston Public Library.

Through the **Public Policy Impact Grant** as many as possible branches, branch members, and members at large will be involved. Branches will be asked to invite AAUW members and/or friends to be on Action Network, set up a system for e-mailing and distributing *Action Alerts* to women in their communities, choose an AAUW priority issue facing its community and plan issue forum with organizations that address those issues, appoint one member to read the newspaper to gather information about local Congressional candidates and their positions on issues, and work with the local Boards of Election to get information on voting places and dates. Members at large will be invited to branch issue-oriented media events or public forums. College/university representatives will be added to the *Action Alert* list.

Lowell Women's Week 2005 - Continued

In the last BayStater, Nancy Moore reported on AAUW's role in the Girl's Inc. Conference held at the end of Lowell Women's Week. AAUW's participation was visible on other fronts as well. Nancy and Florence Baturin participated in the monthly planning meetings. Five Bedford-Lexington Area branch members, joined by state president Patricia Ho, attended the opening breakfast and later in the day AAUW presented an LAF program to students in the *Diversity in the Classroom* course in UMass Lowell's graduate school of education. Florence Baturin, Liz Fragola, Marion Kilson, Liz Markson, Leona Martin and Nancy Moore portrayed litigants in the readers' theater presentation.

AAUW-MA also supports the weeklong celebration of women. Being a part of Lowell Women's Week has been so satisfactory that branch members across the state might want to consider joining in the activities next year. As a part of the planning group, AAUW is able to create its own way of participating in the events. Call Nancy at 781-275-1018 or Florence at 781-862-5811 for more information.

Submitted by Florence Baturin

Diversity Planning

"Becoming reflective of our communities and genuinely welcoming persons who may be visibly, or invisibly, diverse bears directly on AAUW's credibility as an organization, its programming and research." These are the words of Nancy Rustad, President of AAUW, as she writes in June to all state presidents following a workshop for state presidents and other leaders on making assessments of AAUW branches in terms of diversity.

The national organization, both the Association and the Educational Foundation, reaffirms its commitment to inclusiveness at all levels and in all areas of its work. With the initiation of a Strategy and Inclusion process for all its planning, the organization demonstrates this commitment. Therefore it becomes a part of all branch planning if we are to meet this commitment.

It is very likely that you have already completed your programming and project planning for the next eight or nine months. However, one purpose of the regular appearance of a diversity piece in each issue of the *BayStater* is to help branches keep in mind the importance of this Association commitment as opportunities open up during the year for getting a diversity angle on programs that might still be have some flexibility.

In the spring you will still read here about the Association commitment to diversity as you begin to plan programs for 2006-2007. I will be glad to continue to serve as a resource for diversity ideas you might want to explore for your branch, or if you want to learn more about branch assessment materials and methods.

Nancy Moore
Diversity Resources
781-275-1018

Membership Matters

Rosemarie Buote, AAUW-MA Membership VP

Now that the AAUW 2005 Convention approved a by-law change to "admit to membership a graduate holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified institution," a new pool of potential members is open to all branches. Graduates of Community Colleges and Junior Colleges are eligible for membership. Registered nurses also qualify.

This gives all of us an opportunity to reach out and recruit new members into our branches. "Let's roll!"

Kudos to Carole

North Shore branch co-president, **Carole Rein**, graduated from Harvard University Extension School with a Master's Degree in Psychology on June 9th. In addition, she was presented with Harvard's "Derek Bok Public Service Prize", awarded in honor of the former Harvard president, to someone who has given "generously of [her] time and skill to improve the quality of life for others in the larger community." During the presentation, AAUW and Girls' Inc were also honored by being identified as worthy recipients of her attention.

A New Position

John Sims is taking on a new board assignment. He will be representing AAUW-MA in working with A.S.P.I.R.E. [Asian Sisters Participating In Reaching Excellence], provide updates on their progress as a relatively new organization, provide feedback as to how AAUW-MA might further assist with A.S.P.I.R.E.'s programs.

John's first assignment since joining A.S.P.I.R.E.'s board of directors will be to assist the college students in finding sponsors for their annual organizational conference. He will also assist A.S.P.I.R.E. in raising \$100,000.00 for programmatic activities.

John will continue to represent AAUW-MA in contacting other potential college / university partners, as needed.

Rest in Peace

All AAUW members are invited to attend a Memorial Service for Dr. **Margery Bessom**, President, North Shore Branch, 1977-1981, 1991-1995 on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., Brooksby Village Chapel, 300 Brooksby Village Drive, Peabody, MA 01960. A collation will follow the service. Contact Marjorie Hensley (978 536-7004) if you need further information.

"Words of Thunder" Exhibitions

Marion Kilson is the Co-curator of the "Words of Thunder" exhibitions which celebrate the life, achievements, and challenges of William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879) during the bicentennial of his birth at the Museum of Afro-American History and the Boston Public Library. She will speak about Garrison's life and legacy at the Bedford/Lexington AAUW meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lexington Library and will conduct a special tour of the exhibitions for AAUW members on Saturday, October 22 at the Boston Public Library beginning at 2:00 p.m. All AAUW members and their friends are welcome at both events. More information about the exhibitions can be found on the Words of Thunder website: www.wordsofthunder.org.



AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls. lifelong education, and positive societal change. AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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