

From Your President...

The state presidents list serve has been especially informative this year. Recently, the states have shared information on their sizes, dues, and some even added what they're doing in technology. I thought you might find the following summary interesting:

Louisiana:	7 branches	350 members	\$6	
Illinois:	68 branches	4000 members	\$7	2 newsletters mailed, two only on web site
Rhode Island:	4 branches	120 members	\$8	
Massachusetts:	18 branches	867 members	\$10	
Georgia:	21 branches	500 members	\$10	
N. Carolina:	28 branches	1286 members	\$8	
California:	168 branches	18,000 members	\$10	
Arkansas:	6 branches	350 members	\$6	
Delaware:	7 branches	600 members	\$5.50	
Hawaii:	7 branches	350 members	\$7	
Mississippi:	11 branches	225 members	\$10	all newsletters by e-mail
Indiana:	20 branches	1800 members	\$7	
Virginia:	34 branches	1882 members	\$8	newsletters by e-mail
Oklahoma:	17 branches	550 members	\$7	
New York:	52 branches	4000 members	\$10	
Nevada:	11 branches	600 members	\$9	
Kansas:	33 branches	1161 members	\$6	
Missouri:	33 branches	1200 members	\$6	
Alabama:	16 branches	732 members	\$10	
N. Dakota:	9 branches	300 members	\$8	
Montana:	12 branches	363 members	\$15	
Utah:	9 branches	350 members	\$8	
Idaho:	11 branches	254 members	\$15	
Nebraska:	12 branches		\$10	
Florida:	52 branches	4220 members	\$8	

It is interesting to note that many of those branches with dues below \$8 are dipping into their reserves and are planning a dues increase. I want to let you all know that Florida is meeting its budget, and that no dues increase is contemplated for the near future.

Postage, however, is becoming burdensome for all states. Although we do not contemplate ceasing the mailing of *FloriVision*, the Board has decided that as of July 1, 2002, *Branch Updates* will no longer be sent, and all information will instead be found on the FL AAUW web site. I will be sending a letter to all branch presidents regarding this change.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at convention in Tampa, and especially at the Branch Presidents' Breakfast, which will be held on Sunday morning this year, since the EF Walk/Run is taking place on Saturday morning. More detailed information about the convention will be in February's issue of *FloriVision*.

Best wishes and happy New Year!

Leslie

"Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

Mark Twain

RESOLUTIONS

Submitted by Barbara O'Connor, Resolutions Chair

According to the Florida AAUW policies, "Resolutions are statements of policy presented by the voting delegates at Florida AAUW conventions. They are main motions which because of their importance or length, are offered in a more formal manner than the usual motions. Resolutions may address any aspect of AAUW policy or program; set priorities, or; determine future directions for Florida AAUW"

The Florida AAUW policies contain five (5) pages of instructions as to how to write a resolution, appropriateness of topic, format, etc, etc. The most important guideline at this time is the Time Frame for Submission to the Resolutions Committee. Unfortunately resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chair three (3) months prior to the state convention. Since the state convention is April 5-7, that time is already past.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee sincerely regrets that this information was not sent out sufficiently early to allow branches and individuals to meet this deadline, and abjectly apologizes for this gaff.

As we cannot change the policies at this point the only road open to anyone who wishes to submit a resolution to the convention is to present the resolution to the convention body directly. Any resolution presented this way needs to meet the same requirements and still needs to be approved by the Resolutions Committee. Anyone intending to submit a resolution in this way should contact the Resolutions Committee Chair as far in advance of the convention as possible. An additional requirement for submission of a resolution to the convention floor is that a copy of the proposed resolution must be available to all convention delegates before the report of the resolutions committee at the convention (Florida Policies 116 IV, c)

Please contact Barbara O'Connor, (941/927-9371; connb@aol.com) for the information needed to submit a resolution.

Wanted: Panelists for Convention Workshops!

If your branch has sponsored an AAUW program in the past few years let us know. We'd like to have as many different programs as possible represented at the "how to" workshops on AAUW programs. One workshop time slot is Saturday morning and the other Saturday afternoon. Branches considering having an AAUW program do want to know first hand what worked and what didn't before they get started. Email your co-directors for program if you're willing to participate or for more information these workshops! Alice O'Keefe (dratok1@aol.com) or Shirley Haglund (sh7788@aol.com).

Convention is April 5-7. All convention information and a registration form will be in the next *FloriVision* due out in February. The hotel room reservation deadline is March 5th and registrations must be postmarked by March 25th. Convention is guaranteed to be fun, interesting, and informative with Jackie Woods, our Executive Director, and Ronnie Williams, our Regional Director participating so plan now to attend!

TWO MINUTES A MEETING FOR THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Submitted by Alex Sterling, Director for Legal Advocacy Fund

Recently received from Greater Naples Branch were ways they inform the branch about the Legal Advocacy Fund. Their LAF Committee spends two minutes at every month's meeting to increase member awareness including background information data from individual plaintiff cases. They are also proposing an idea to form a "Branch Friends of LAF" which would increase LAF's visibility and become a venue for additional fundraising.

Please add this to your New Year's Resolutions: Contact the LAF at Association for videos. Present a video and/or a leader-on-loan for one of your 2002 programs. Make your request to Sandra K. Lynne, LAF Executive Assistant, 1111 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 or e-mail to: Lynnes@aauw.org

Our patriotic bears will greet you at the LAF Luncheon at State Convention in April clothed by our many branch members who have been knitting since the fall. In addition we will have a plaintiff as a guest speaker.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at Convention – your programs for LAF have been outstanding this year. Please contact me by e-mail or letter if I can assist you with a program or other information this year. Alex17@n-jcenter.com
Alex Sterling, 335 N. Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST INFORMATION

Deadline for the 2001-2002 Creative Writing Contest is **February 28, 2002**. Entries received after that date cannot be considered, according to Kay Heimgartner, contest chair. All entries should be unpublished, recent works. Do **NOT** send your only copy: **no entries will be returned!** Please note this year's categories and maximum word limits:

- Short Story for Children, to 12 years of age: 900 words
- Short Story for Youth, 13-18 years of age: 900 words
- Short Story for Adults: 2500 words
- Humor: 2000 words
- Non-Fiction Articles (for magazines or brochures): 2000 words
- Memoirs: 2000 words
- Rhymed Poetry: 30 lines max
- Free Verse Poetry: 30 lines max

FOLLOW THESE RULES TO ENTER:

1. Manuscripts must be TYPED double-spaced, one side, on 8½ x 11 white paper, top margin at least 1½ inches, sides and bottom 1 inch.
2. EACH entry must include a COVER SHEET with entrant's name, address (with zip code!), telephone number, branch, and category & **title** of entry. The WORD COUNT must be written on the top right-hand corner of the first page. Each succeeding page must be NUMBERED (by pen, typing, or computer).
3. A total of 3 SUBMISSIONS is allowed per member, regardless of category. Entry CATEGORY should be typed on the upper right-hand corner of the manuscript. Remember to **proofread!!!**
4. A CHARGE of \$5 PER ENTRY is made to cover cost of printing a booklet of winning entries to be given to winners, all Branch Presidents, and the State Board. Make check to FL State AAUW.
5. Mail to Kay Heimgartner, 15-B Florabunda Circle, Orange City FL, 32763, to be received on or before **FEBRUARY 28, 2002.**

SHAPE THE FUTURE WITH MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Renee Ramsay, Director for Membership

State membership should have grown by at least 81 people so far this year if e-mail requests have anything to do with it. That is the number of requests via the internet wanting branch contact information. The following branches have been the recipients of those requests: North Tampa, Tampa, Tallahassee, Clearwater, Citrus Co., Vero Beach, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Boca Raton, Lee Co., Fort Myers, Miami, Stuart, St. Petersburg, Venice, Naples, Jacksonville, Port St. Lucie, St. Augustine, Ft. Lauderdale, Daytona Beach, and Ft. Walton Beach. Hopefully I have not missed any branches. If your branch does not have an e-mail address listed in the State Directory, do provide me with one to ensure your branch receives the periodic membership messages.

The State Convention is rapidly approaching. Check your branch members to identify those persons that will become 50-year members this year. This is cumulative membership, not just the number of years in your branch. These people are recognized at the Saturday luncheon during convention. If a branch needs the 50-year member application it is available via the Association web page or you can contact me. Names need to be submitted to me no later than March 1 to ensure invitations are sent in a timely manner before convention.

The convention program will include several opportunities for Membership Vice Presidents to obtain up to date information. Current, continuing, and incoming Membership Vice Presidents and other interested members are encouraged to attend the workshops and counterpart sessions. These are developed to meet the needs of branches, provide share time, as well as interactive participation.

This year we will again provide a First Timers Meeting on Friday evening. Feel free to bring branch members to this informal session if they do not want to attend alone. The elected State Officers will participate and try to meet all of our new participants for 2002.

“A Smile is contagious; be a carrier.”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WALK/RUN AT CONVENTION

Wanted: Branch convention delegates to participate in the convention walk/run. It's an easy way to raise money for the Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships, start your day with a bit of exercise and have fun! It's not too early to find sponsors—the more non-AAUW members the better because it spreads awareness about the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and AAUW. Each branch will receive credit for the money they raise!

Full details and walk/run registration forms will be sent to EF Chairs by February 1st. Prize categories were announced in the December Branch Update and will be repeated in the next issue of *FloriVision*. Advance registrations must be postmarked by March 25th.

SHAPE THE FUTURE WITH FLORIDA AAUW TODAY & TOMORROW Florida AAUW Convention 2002 Overview*

Friday, April 5, 2002

2:30-7:45	Registration and Credentials
3:00-4:00	Executive Committee
4:00-5:30	State Board Meeting
5:30-7:30	Free Hotel Reception
5:30-9:30	Dinner on your own (hotel will have buffet \$11)
8:00-9:30	Convention Opening: Introduction of Candidates Election of Unopposed Candidates
9:30-?	“Red, White, Blue” Treat
9:30	First Timers Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2002

7:00-9:00	EF Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run
7:00-10:30	Free Breakfast, courtesy of the hotel
7:30-10:00	Registration and Credentials
7:30-11:30	Voting, if necessary
9:00-10:00	Group photos by appointment
10:00-11:30	Workshops – 4 concurrently
11:45-1:15	Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon
1:15-1:45	Group photos by appointment
1:30-3:00	Workshops – 4 concurrently
3:00-3:30	Break
3:30-5:30	Second General Session
6:30-7:30	Free Hotel Reception
7:30-9:30	“Colors of the Rainbow” Banquet

Sunday, April 7, 2002

7:00-10:30	Free Hotel Breakfast
8:00-9:45	President's Breakfast
8:45-9:45	Counterpart Sessions
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-12:00	Third General Session Installation of Officers
12:30-2:30	State Board Meeting for Incoming and Outgoing Board

**Overview, subject to modifications*

CONVENTION ALERT

To all Branch Presidents:

Please note that we have simplified our convention credentials procedures to bring them in line with what is done at Association conventions. On the registration form is a line that **must** be signed by the branch president for all branch delegates. This replaces the “yellow card” that delegates had to send into the credentials chair in prior years. Please be sure to sign all your branch delegates' registration forms before they are sent in!

I have learned from experience that
the greater part of our happiness or misery
depends on our dispositions
and not on our circumstances.

Martha Washington

REGISTRATION FORM
FLORIDA AAUW CONVENTION 2002, APRIL 5-7, 2001
Embassy Suites, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL
1/800-362-2779

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Early Registration \$40.00 _____
(postmarked by 3/25)

Badge Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ On-Site Registration \$45.00 _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Meals: _____
(include non-member guests)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Saturday Luncheon \$17.00 _____
Saturday Banquet \$27.00 _____

Branch: _____ Total Meals: _____

Branch Position: _____ Branch Delegate? yes _____ no _____ **Total Payment Enclosed** _____

Branch President's Signature _____ (Required for all branch delegates.)

State Board Position _____ State Board Delegate? yes _____ no _____

Past State President? yes _____ no _____ Member at Large? Yes _____

College/University Representative? yes _____ no _____ Name of College/University: _____

Special Needs (other than dietary) (please be specific) _____

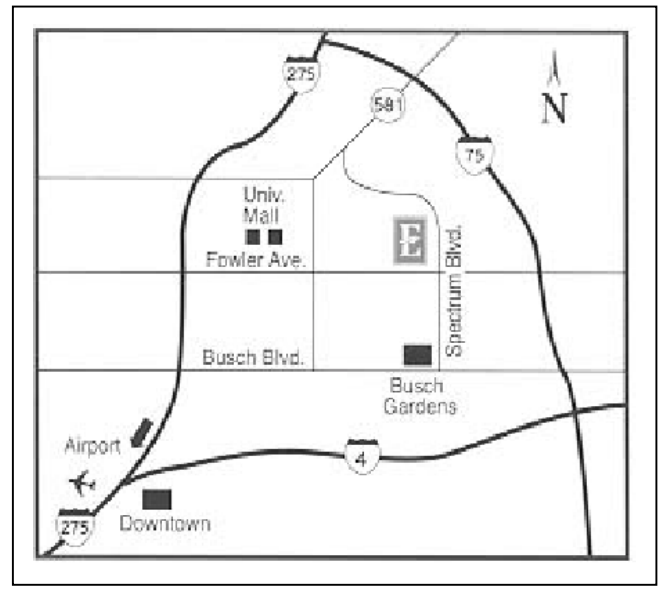
Vegetarian Meal? yes _____ no _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions (please be specific) _____

Make your check payable to: Florida AAUW Convention 2002 and mail both check and registration form by March 25 for early registration prices to:

Janet Spurlock
23 Cherrytree Court
Palm Coast, FL 32137
phone: 386/446-0690
fax: 386/446-6080

[There will be no refunds after March 28, 2002.]



Be a Program Booster for FL AAUW Convention 2002

Show your support for our 72nd Annual Convention by becoming a **Program Booster** and placing an ad in the Convention program.. Branches and members can use an ad to thank friends, offer congratulations, etc. To promote a personal business, attach a business card with the payment and it will become part of the Convention program distributed to all attendees.

Prices for Program Ads:

1/8 page (business card size)	\$35.00
1/4 page	70.00
1/2 page	90.00
Full page	150.00
Cover-inside front, inside back or outside back	250.00

It's fun and easy to become a Convention Program Booster. Any member can submit her name, branch name, or business to be included in the Booster section. A Memorial section will also be available. Booster and Memorials are listed in a special section and cost \$15.00 per line.

It's easy – just send copy (camera ready art for ads) and a check payable to Florida AAUW 2002 Convention to Janet Spurlock, 23 Cherrytree Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137 no later than March 5, 2002. Any questions? Call Sally Lewis at 813/960-8513 or e-mail her at sallya@tampabay.rr.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

1	Community Action Grant Proposals due – Association
20	Deadline for March <i>Branch Update</i> – Florida
23-26	Lobby Days in Tallahassee - Florida

March

1-31	WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
1	Recognition (ex-5 Star Program) Applications due – Association
20	Deadline for April <i>Branch Update</i> – Florida

APRIL

1	Finance and Membership VPs check Branch Dues Report Package for accuracy – Florida
5-7	72nd Florida AAUW Convention, Tampa – Florida
19	Deadline for May <i>Branch Update</i> - Florida

MAY

7-8	Branch election of officers
15	Deadline for June <i>Branch Update</i> – Florida

JUNE

1	Officer forms due – Florida and Association
7-8	South Atlantic Regional Conference, Tampa – Florida and SAR
14	Deadline for July <i>Branch Update</i> – Florida
15	Fiscal year ends – Association

Directory Change

Carol-Lynn Bevc, Director for Communications, has had a change in her e-mail address: clbevc@bellsouth.net

Please note this change in your directory.