The Magnolia
Louisiana Division

LOUISIANA DIVISION CONVENTION
MEETS AT MONROE, APRIL 6-7, 1979

The Louisiana Division Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn, 165 ByPass, Monroe, Louisiana, on April 6-7, 1979. All meetings except the Friday Night dinner will be held at the Ramada. The dinner will be at Ted and Clara’s Restaurant, 131 De Saird Street, Monroe.

Featured speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Cathy (Mrs. Gillis) Long, member of the Alexandria Pineville Branch. Other exciting events planned for the convention are a new kind of “Style Show”, in which the models’ contributions will be narrated by Margaret Gimbride. Marie Meade will play guitar music in the background.

The Saturday Morning session will be a panel discussion with Madge McEachern, Division PI, as moderator. Other panel members are: Sylvia Roberts, Baton Rouge attorney; Francine Merritt, Division Legislative Chair; Eleanor Shirley, Bureau of Women, Division of Women and Employment, and Past Legislative Chair, League of Women Voters; J. Michael Rhymes, Monroe attorney; Fran Bussie, Labor leader and Women’s Organization Coalition Leader.

Innovations at this year’s convention include honoring 50-year members and memorial services for members who have died during the year. Please send information to Marty Beasley or Pat Barber.

ALBUQUERQUE TO HOST 30TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 30th biennial association convention will meet on June 24-28, 1979, at the Albuquerque Convention Center, second and Marquette Streets NW, Albuquerque, NM. The Albuquerque Convention Bureau will be handling room reservations for AAUW.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

BRANCH MEMBERS: Your Branch president must certify your status (i.e., delegate, alternate or nonvoting member) before registration. These forms will be sent to her in March 1979. DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS APRIL 30, 1979.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ONLY: Certification and registration will be handled by the Convention Office at the Educational Center in Washington, DC. For forms call 800-624-9717 after February 1979. DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS APRIL 30, 1979.

PROGRAM: The AAUW Program Development Committee has designed a varied program for the diverse member interests. There will be caucuses on issues coming up for vote as well as caucuses of members by their professions. New topics will be followed by counter part sessions. A half-day will be devoted to many choices of workshops, tours, field trips, and how-to sessions.

Two nights are set aside for the Educational Foundation. One is dedicated to the Centennial Fund and the other is the traditional Educational Foundation Night.
"What an exciting era in which to live" has become a hackneyed phrase. But one can think of this as being the most appropriate description of our branches right now. Your bulletins and my visits tell me about the many activities you are in carrying out AAUW goals. It is exciting and invigorating, and I am anxious for "sharing time" in your convention reports. There is new leadership in some branches, and there will be more new leadership with the new year. I anticipate the growth of your branches and achievements which will make Louisiana a unique Division. It already is in many respects. And I love all of you because of that.

Convention Time in Monroe, April 6 - 7. You’ll be reading in this issue about some of the special things planned for every member attending. Every branch has the opportunity to "show" what some of the members have accomplished through an unusual style show following the Friday evening dinner. The Saturday session reads like a Who’s Who in Louisiana with Cathy (Mrs. Gillis) Long, a stalwart AAUW member, giving the luncheon address. Marty Beasley, president-elect, has worked diligently in getting the Program planned and launched while Marcella has been under-the-weather.

Another special event at Convention is to recognize 50-year members. Shreveport Branch honored two of their 50-year members this past year. Are there others in the division?

Convention serves much more than a vehicle for conducting business and listening to speeches. It is a time for getting better acquainted and making friends with women who have mutual interests. Convention, also is a time for evaluation of our Association and our role in the Association. It is a time to openly take a stand of issues. Do come to Monroe for all of these reasons and more.

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. Pat Barber

**WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE TOPIC**

With our Legislative session opening on April 17, AAUW members once again have the opportunity to become agents of change. Please take this moment to complete one small action: sign and mail the coupon below to: Honorable Edwin Edwards

State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

American Association of University Women
Louisiana Division

Dear Governor Edwards:

Your support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment is greatly appreciated. Please take every means in your power to insure ratification in the coming Legislative session.

Signed

Address

From Karline Tierney, TOPIC chair,
Women as Agents of Change

**AREA OF CULTURAL INTERESTS**

We are so pleased with the wonderful response to our request for listings of cultural activities in your community.

That information will be forwarded to the Division of the Arts in Baton Rouge where a state-wide master list is being compiled. When it is finished it should prove a very useful tool in furthering cultural endeavors throughout our state.

That just proves, again, that a good idea can originate with different people. I did not know that the Louisiana DOA was planning such a list when I wrote to each branch.

My sincere thanks to each of the Area Representatives for supporting this project so enthusiastically. The information that you turned in may fill some gaps that might otherwise have gone unlisted. Continue keeping your branch aware of cultural opportunities!

Anna C. Burns

**EDUCATION**

In developing nations, more than half the children are not in school. The Children's Defense Fund reported in Children Out of School in America (1974) that 2 million school age children were not in school in the United States. We found that most of them were out, not by choice, but because they had been excluded or neglected by school officials. Far greater numbers of children are technically in school but benefit little or not at all. Sooner or later, they may become frustrated and drop out.

Suggested group projects could include looking at the community through the eyes of a child. With their cooperation, your group could tour an area - gather statistics: # of children, nearest playground; distances to schools, shopping centers; # of accidents in that area (improve safety in area); etc.

Your group may wish to expose children to other cultures from within or foreign to your community. Festivals, plays, puppet theaters, story time, arts and crafts can help children learn to enjoy and appreciate children from very different kinds of cultures.

The U.S. Commission of UNICEF has some teacher's packets and materials for the Year and a resource library where teachers can write for information.

From the President-Elect

Let me take this opportunity to thank publicly Patsy Barber for making the office of president-elect a meaningful one. She has taken the time to include me in all the planning and procedures which are necessary to the presidency. Whatever preparation I have for the job, I owe to Patsy.

Marty Beasley, President-Elect
The Covington Branch is excited about their 4th annual Conference on Women to be held on March 31st, 1979, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. at Covington High School. They have issued an invitation to women of other communities as well as women of Covington to attend.

Keynote speaker is Lucy Hackney. The theme of the convention is "The Many-Faceted Woman." A variety of programs will be presented, and participants are requested to select three of the following: Marriage and Family - Changing Institutions; Creativity in Mothering; Aging, Work, and Retirement; Depression in Women; Death and Dying; Child Abuse/Neglect - New Approaches to Old Problems; Consumer Beware; Personal Financial Planning with Today's Inflation and Taxation; Automotive Self-Maintenance and Your Self-Confidence; What Every Woman Should Know about Louisiana Law; Female Health Problems; Cosmetic, Facial, and Body Contour Surgery; Fashion is the Reflection of the Life You Lead; Planning a Journey - What To Do for a Day or Two; Visiting around St. Tammany; Louisiana Archaeology; Cooking Chinese; Peeking Under the Covers.

### LOUISIANA DIVISION CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**Friday, April 6, 1979**

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Registration (Main Lobby)
- 7:00 Dinner and Style Show (Ted and Clara's Board of Directors' Meeting)

**Saturday, April 7, 1979**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration (Lobby of the Plantation Room)
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Session (Panel)
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday Luncheon

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**REGISTER BY APRIL 2, 1979, AND SAVE $3.00.**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**DELEGATE YES__ NO__**

**PRE-REGISTER FOR ENTIRE CONVENTION $15.00**

(Includes Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Breaktime refreshments, and Saturday Luncheon.)

**PRE-REGISTER FOR**

- Friday Night Dinner Only $5.00
- Saturday Only $10.00

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AAUW MONROE BRANCH**

**SEND REGISTRATIONS TO: Mrs. Gloria F. Bingham Route 5 Box 203- Bower Road Monroe, La. 71203**

### BATON ROUGE BRANCH TRIES UNIQUE FUND-RAISER

In an effort to focus on individual giving and branch-wide participation, the Baton Rouge branch is conducting an EFP PENNY ARCADE as one means of raising funds for the Educational Foundation Drive. Hence, beginning in November and continuing for a sequence of five months, members are requested - even urged - to save their pennies to contribute at the designated monthly meetings.

The idea has caught on among the members, providing some fun and stimulating interest. Thus, many members after a given collection at the meeting will inquire about how well we have done. The PENNY ARCADE works like this: Each month members are asked to save enough pennies to meet a specified amount. These pennies are collected at the regular meeting by passing the EFP PENNY ARCADE collection basket. Some members, feeling more generous than the particular amount requires, may even double their contributions.

The specific plan followed by the branch asks that at each meeting members pay pennies to equal the measure indicated for that given month. The months and the given measures are as shown by the following outline:

**November**

Don't waste your waist. Pay pennies for it.

One penny per inch.

**January**

Be your age. Or somebody else's. One Penny per year.

**February**

Pay the fee for your degree. One Penny per year since your bachelor's degree.

**March**

For something so nice, double the price. Two pennies for each year of AAUW membership.

**April**

The whole message to members reminds them that.

A penny saved is a penny got, but a penny spent will help a lot.

Then April becomes the bonus month with this appeal:

Now that the PENNY ARCADE is done, bring some more pennies just for fun.

### DIVISION PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT ALEXANDRIA-PINEVILLE LUNCHEON

Division president Dr. Patsy Barber was the featured speaker at the Alexandria - Pineville Branch luncheon Saturday, January 20, in the Chin-Tiki restaurant. Her topic, "You Are Worth More Than You Think," which included specific guidelines for preparing resumes, received enthusiastic response.

Chairman Floria Hearn distributed tickets for Mrs. Weldon Lynch's Book Theatre presentation of Chesapeake by James A. Michener at Louisiana College in Pineville. Proceeds from this March 16 review, our fourth annual event, go to the Fellowship Fund. This community service is so attractive that the Weathersby Auditorium has always been a sellout.

Plans were revealed by chairman Ann Lee for the Women's Forum, April 9, to be held in the Bolton Chapel on the Louisiana campus. Four women civic leaders in the fields of arts, science, business, and politics will participate in a dialogue, which will be open to the community. This is a continuation of the highly successful AAUW Women's Forum, chaired last April by Izy Steinschulte.

Preparations are also being made for our 15th annual Book Fair under the leadership of chairman Sue Haynes.
GRACE EYSER, LAFAYETTE BRANCH, INITIATES PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECT

The title of a project initiated by Grace Eyster of the Lafayette Branch of AAUW.

Mrs. Eyster realized the need for AAUW to become more visible and the need for better public relations for libraries. Spot programs on books and libraries are presented by the local radio station. The programs began with five to eight minutes and have been expanded to twelve to thirteen minutes aired after the noon news (an excellent time) and repeated on Sunday.

MRS. EYSER TALKS TO NON-LIBRARIANS, PUBLIC LIBRARIANS, AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE INTERVIEWEE.

The subjects have run the gamut from the change in children's literature and the changing social scene among teenagers' books to services offered by libraries. They have done informal book reviews on all kinds of books which might have public appeal. Fourteen of the programs have been taped.

This is an easy project to undertake. It requires no funds and, from the response, has been well received. AAUW is mentioned during the program, and the announcer indicates that the program is the work of AAUW and states why the American Association of University Women is doing the series. She invites other branches to try this project, which is a community service.

TASTER'S TREAT FINANCES NAMED GRANT AT RUSTON

The Ruston Branch annually sponsors a Taster's Treat luncheon. For the last few years this branch fellowship - community project has been successful enough to finance a named grant. Each member provides a dish. Tickets are sold for $1.00 or a more liberal donation. Ruston's cookbook is sold for $1.00. From 300 to 400 people annually attend.

HAMMOND BRANCH SPONSORS MARIONETTES

The Hammond Branch of the AAUW had its most interesting program this year on The Politics of Food. Members have taken turns each month in presenting their part of the program.

The Branch is looking forward to the Nicolo Marionettes which it sponsors each year. The shows will be on March 16 at the restored Columbia Theater at ten in the morning, twelve noon and seven-thirty in the evening.

NEEDLEPOINT AS FUND-RAISER

Canterbury Designs has available a number of awareness-raising needlepoint designs, 5" x 7" and 8" x 10", which fit into standard easel frames to be displayed, and 14" x 14" for pillow top. Designs include IWY, WOMAN, and a flag entitled "A New Perspective." The silk-screen by hand-kits of quality materials include instructions, yarn, and a needle. AAUW gets a 30% discount on any mix of 10 kits, postage prepaid. For your catalogues, write Canterbury Designs, Box 302, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (owned by Margaret King, member AAUW, Madison Branch).

30-YEAR MEMBERS

Are you a 50-year member? Please let us know for we want to recognize you at the Division Convention. Let Marty Beasley or Pat Barber know.

AAUW PRESIDENT NAMED ACTING CHAIR OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN

The White House has named AAUW President Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers as acting chair of the National Advisory Committee for Women whose co-chair Bella S. Abzug was dismissed on January 12.

President Carter, at his January 17 news conference, stated: "We have a fine new chairperson of the committee who will work to restore its effectiveness... and help make certain that I and the women around the country achieve the mutual goals which we share."

On the heels of Ms. Abzug's dismissal, more than half of the 40 committee members resigned, including co-chair Carmen Delgado Votaw.

Dr. Chambers, who states that she "greatly admires Bella as one of the major leaders of the woman's movement," cites compelling reasons for remaining on the committee. She says: "We are dedicated to women's issues and to the implementation of the Plan of Action adopted at the Houston conference. We want to keep the Administration's door open to us in order to achieve women's equality and to obtain full participation in policy making. If the feminists do not remain on the committee, who can help achieve our goals? After all, full participation and equality are our bottom line!"

She adds that President Carter offered to set up policy discussions between members of the committee and his Cabinet, and Stuart Eizenstat offered to meet with committee members every six weeks on domestic policy issues. Eizenstat heads the President's Domestic Council staff.

Dr. Chambers will work to reconstitute the committee and to define its responsibilities. She states: "I realize it will be a very difficult job. I hope my feminist sisters will lend me support and give me a chance to ameliorate the problems."

ALTERNATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The M.A. degree through an individually designed, independent study, "external" (non-resident) program is a rapidly growing alternative to the usual classroom structured graduate study. The Goddard College Graduate Program, a pioneer in this educational concept, is one of several fully accredited college programs offering an M.A. in virtually any field through interaction between student, local "field faculty," and Goddard based faculty. Recommended only for those adults who are self-directed and well motivated, the program can be an excellent choice for the individual who enjoys independent work and who does not want to leave the existing home/job environment. No residency is required, although students are encouraged to visit the beautiful Goddard College campus in Plainfield, Vermont.

For further information, contact Goddard area representative, Pat Stevens, AAUW member in Jackson, Mississippi. She can be reached at (601)362-9462, 3 Eastbrooke, Jackson, 39216, or Dr. Kenneth Carter, Goddard Graduate Program, Plainfield, Vermont, 05667.

Individuals wanting to learn more about this program are cordially invited to meet Dr. Carter at an informal "general information" meeting at McDonough 15 School, 722 St. Philip Street, New Orleans, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 3, 1979. (Off street parking on premises.)

The Lafayette branch is working on promoting Sex Education. Any AAUW member in Louisiana who would like to join with Mrs. Eyster on this project please contact Grace Eyster at 226 Monteigne Street, Lafayette, 70502.