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## *President's Notes Sonya Bertini*

Tax day is especially taxing when you get paid less than your worth because you're a woman. On average, women continue to earn only 78 cents for every dollar men earn. With unemployment rates rising, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners, making wage discrimination even more taxing. In these tough economic times, fair pay is even more critical, not simply to family economic security, but also to the nation's economic recovery.

Log on to the AAUW website to see what you can do to urge the Senate to take the next critical step in the fight for pay equity by quickly passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. A much needed update to the 45 year-old Equal Pay Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act can help make real progress on pay equity.



## **WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD DINNER**

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

All members and friends are invited to this last event of our 2008-2009 AAUW Year. It will be an exciting and memorable evening as we install new officers and honor OUR 2009 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION, Effie Jenkins-Smith.

Mays Landing Country Club's food and service are always outstanding and will prove a perfect setting to learn more about Effie Jenkins-Smith – an educator, elementary school principal (Washington Avenue School, Pleasantville), member of N.J. Air National Guard ( paralegal for 23 years) and an active church and community leader. The State of New Jersey gave Effie their highest honor in naming her 2008 Principal of the Year.

Join us at 5:30pm at Mays Landing Country Club for a Social Hour prior to our dinner and program. We look forward to seeing ALL of our branch members on May 18<sup>th</sup> as we continue the tradition of recognizing the accomplishments of local women with our Berenice Connor Kennedy WOMAN OF DISTINCTION Award.

Thank you for your loyalty and support.

Gail Zona, Chairperson

***The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 (H.R. 1913)***  
***Source: AAUW.org***

Last week, Reps. John Conyers (D-MI) and Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL) introduced the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 (H.R. 1913), and the House is expected to vote on it at the end of April. This critical piece of legislation will provide much-needed protections and tools to combat-and help eliminate-hate and bias crimes. Help protect women who are not currently protected under the justice system by urging your representative to cosponsor and support this important legislation.

Current law only allows federal involvement in the prosecution of non-federal hate crimes when the victim was targeted because of race, color, religion, or national origin. This legislation would fill a gap in the law by also allowing the Department of Justice to take on cases motivated by the victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

While progress has been made in responding to crimes such as domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault, more can be done. The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act is necessary to ensure an appropriate response when local law authorities cannot or will not give gender-based hate crime victims the protection they deserve. By strengthening protections against bias-motivated crimes and removing some restrictions on when the federal government can assist local authorities in the prosecution of such hate crimes, fewer of these disturbing cases will slip through the cracks.

The bill passed both the House and Senate during the 110th Congress, but a presidential veto threat kept it from being enacted. AAUW Action Network and our Capitol Hill Lobby Corps members have supported this bill in the past, and we ask you to join AAUW again now in sending a clear signal that hate-motivated violence carried out against any individual will not be tolerated.

Take Action!

To urge your representative to support the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, simply

Double click here: [Find your Representative](#). Then scroll down to the bottom of the page. Enter your zip code and click "Go!" Then follow the instructions to compose and send your message.

For more information, read AAUW's [letter to representatives](#) urging them to co-sponsor this legislation, and read AAUW's full position on [preventing](#) hate crimes.

***Fund Raising***  
***Helen Riso***

Thanks a million to all who supported our Fund Raiser in March. It was a great Social and Financial success \$1275.00 profit!!!

***Joint Board Meeting***  
***Betsy Reed***

The Joint Board meeting originally scheduled for June 8 has been changed to June 1st at 7pm. At the home of Betsy Reed.

**Woman of Distinction Dinner**

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Monday, May 18th at the Mays Landing Country Club, Egg Harbor Township

Arrival Time - 5:30pm for Cocktail Hour and Hors d'oeuvres - Cash Bar

Dinner - 6:30pm

Donation - \$30.00 per person (included tax and gratuity)

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST - DEADLINE IS MAY 4TH

MENU

SALAD

Tossed Garden Greens with Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions and Raspberry Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Chicken Marsala

Or

Broiled Tilapia with a Mango Chutney

Or

Baked Virginia Ham with Raisin Sauce

CHEF'S SELECTION OF POTATO AND VEGETABLES

ROLLS AND BUTTER

DESSERT

COFFEE / TEA

Please complete and cut out the form below, then mail it to Helen Riso.



AAUW WOMAN OF DISTINCTION DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Make checks payable to Atlantic County Branch AAUW  
Mail to Helen Riso, by **May 4, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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# AAUW DUES REMINDER

*Dues for the 2009-2010 year will remain the same:*

*Total AAUW Dues: \$69.00*

*\$49.00 for National, \$10.00 for State, \$10.00 for Local*

*Please mail 2009-2010 dues to:*

*Betsy Reed, Treasurer*

*Please send your check by June 15th so I can renew the group at one time. Due to the restructuring of AAUW, \$46 of your total payment will be tax deductible.*

*(this takes effect April 1).*

*If you have any questions my phone number is (601- 6449)*

*\*Note*

*\*Lifetime Members -\$20.00*

*\*Dual Membership (i.e. Cape May Branch members) \$10.00*

*\*Members-at-Large (out of state) \$20.00*

*The IRS requires us to inform you that AAUW dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, but may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense when applicable.*

Cut off, complete, insert your check and mail to **Betsy Reed, Treasurer,**



| AAUW 2009-2010 Dues      |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Name _____               | Phone: _____ |
| Address _____            |              |
|                          |              |
| Email Address _____      |              |
| Type of Membership _____ | Amount _____ |

***S.T.A.R.(Sisters Together Against Racism)***  
***Gail Zona***

S.T.A.R.(Sisters Together Against Racism) invites all AAUW members and friends to join our bus trip to **Philadelphia's Constitution Center** on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** to see the new exhibit "**AMERICA I AM**" which depicts 400 years of contributions by African-Americans in this country. Ticket price includes admission to the exhibit as well as seeing all of the Constitution Center and the "**WE THE PEOPLE**" dramatic presentation. Lunch is on your own (in their very nice cafeteria or one of the good nearby restaurants). Cost is \$45 made payable to STAR and mailed to DeAnna Corbin, 447 Zion Road, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234 as soon as possible. Questions? Call DeAnna at 653-0506 or Gail Zona at 641-1986.

Bus leaves from the back of Shore Mall at 8:30am SHARP as we have a 10AM Admission time for the exhibit for our group. The rest of the day is yours to see and do whatever interests you the most. Return to Shore Mall is at 5:30pm.

We look forward to AAUW, STAR and friends having a relaxing, educational and fun day together. Hope to see you then!

## May 2009

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|  |  |         |           |          | 1      | 2        |
| 3  | 4 Woman of Distinction<br>Dinner reservation due                                       | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8      | 9        |
| 10  | 11   | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16       |
| 17   | 18 Woman of Distinction<br>Dinner Honoring Effie Jenkins-Smith.<br>5:30pm              | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24   | 25  | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |
| 31   |  |         |           |          |        |          |

***Dues for the 2009-2010 year should be sent to  
Treasurer Betsy Reed by June 15th.***

The **American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and a positive societal change. The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and societal change. **The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. In principal and in 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 or disability.

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