

AAUW Nevada

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seems that the end of the year is always filled with activity. It's the time we get our calendars for the next year. If you are like me, you spend a bit of time transferring information from the old calendar to the new. There are always those dates you do not want to forget.

Do you have April 30 – May 2 marked on your calendar? That is the weekend of the Nevada AAUW convention in Carson City. Also please mark June 25-27, the time of our Rocky Mountain Regional Conference.

I have just read USA Today's View article, "Girls get extra school help while boys get Ritalin" and the response by Jacqueline E. Woods', AAUW's Executive Director. Both were sent to me in the state president's mailing from Association. I am proud to belong to an organization that recognizes that encouragement of academic achievement and self-esteem are gender independent. I am sure that AAUW members want as much for their sons as for their daughters (and vice versa). I find no problem reconciling my feelings for my son and belonging to AAUW.

I congratulate Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi, who was appointed to the International Affairs committee. There are still positions open for the Program Development (2 members), Resolutions (chair and 2 members) and Public Policy (one 1 year appointment). If you have interest in these positions, please apply. If you need further information you can contact me (775 826-9494 or evans_mj@nvcbell.net). For those who wondered how you can institute change, the answer is to get involved, especially at the Association committee level. If you want to get involved at the state level, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

My best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

Mary Jane Evans

PUBLIC POLICY RESOURCES

Get the Facts. The *Women's Network for Change* distributes free, one-page alerts on congressional issues that affect women and families. AAUW sends *Get the Facts* alerts by fax and e-mail to AAUW members. Subscribe online at <http://www.aauw.org/5000/getfacts.html>.

Position Papers. For updated position papers on AAUW's priority issues, visit the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/1000/fspp.html>.

Two Minute Activist. Visitors to the AAUW website can read a brief summary of a current issue and then click to write a letter or send a pre-written message by e-mail to their members of Congress. It takes just two minutes to make your voice heard—one minute to read, one minute to act! Just visit <http://www.aauw.org/5000/emin.html>.

AAUW Voting Record. The *AAUW Voting Record* provides significant information on members of Congress through the votes that they cast on AAUW's priority issues. Copies of the most current voting record are available on the website at <http://www.aauw.org/1000/voterec.html>.

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VIRGINIA GLIDERSLEEVE INTERNATIONAL FUND

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund is a charitable and educational fund supporting projects worldwide focusing on women's educational activities, leadership training, community development, and the advancement of understanding and cooperation among women. Priority is given to income generation and community development projects which enhance and utilize women's educational, vocational, and leadership skills. Activities range from seminars, conferences and training workshops, to community-action projects.

VGIF is named in honor of Virginia Gildersleeve, a noted leader in women's education. Gildersleeve was a co-founder and twice President of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW). She was the only woman appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt to the US Delegation which established the United Nations, and the first American woman to sign a United States treaty. In 1997, the Gildersleeve Fund achieved Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status at the United Nations.

The American dollar can go a long way in developing countries. Although VGIF grants are relatively small, the effects have enormous significance for women in those countries.

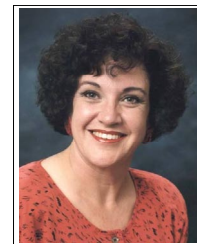
You can make a difference! Please join us! Your basic VGIF membership is only \$20 per year! Most of the contribution goes directly to projects. For further information and a brochure, please contact me at (775) 782-1296.

Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi
International Affairs Liaison



MEMBERSHIP for TOMORROW

We truly live in an electronic age, and AAUW has found that electronic communication saves money, allowing us to better inform more members at far less cost than mailing printed materials.



If you have electronic access, be sure AAUW has your latest contact information, including your e-mail address. No longer do you or a branch officer have to send letters or call the member hotline to get your information updated. You can now verify and update your member information online on the AAUW website: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/forms/recordchange.cfm.

To access the member information on the AAUW website, you'll need your member number. One place to find it is on the mailing label of any AAUW publication you've received. If you can't find a mailing label, you can look up your number on the website:

1. Access AAUW website at www.aauw.org and click on the Member Center link (in orange, on the left hand side of the screen).
2. In the text just above the box for entering your member ID, click on the words "member ID lookup."
3. Enter your first and last name, state, and zip code. Be sure to enter your name exactly as it appears in your membership record.
4. Click Submit.
5. When the match or matches are displayed, click on the circle in front of the match that is your record, and then click Next.
6. Your member number now appears in the Log-in box. Be sure to write it down (perhaps in your branch directory) so that you can find it the next time you want to access the website.

AAUW Starter Kits

In September, all branch membership vice presidents should have received a new Membership Starter Kit containing samples of all the brochures available from AAUW, information on our

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International Federation of University Women (IFUW)

Friendship Force International (Atlanta office) is sponsoring a peacemaking mission to Jordan December 2-10, 2003, and will include people from across the U.S. and from several countries. I will be privileged to be an ambassador with this group. As the conflict in Iraq continues, the difficult work of reconciliation must begin. In Amman, Jordan, we will build friendships that reach across divisions of culture and politics to begin the needed task of healing. The program combines educational presentations and touring with home housing by Iraqi families living in Jordan.

I have had the pleasure of connecting Canadian Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) workers in Amman with the Atlanta office. MCC works with Iraqi advocacy and relief and peace and reconciliation issues. MCC has been added to the resources and speakers that will assist in educating the group in Amman.

Friendship Force International was founded in the 70's in Atlanta, Georgia. The Carters, Wayne Smith, and others were involved in its founding. The purpose of the organization is to foster international friendships and peace by having Clubs sponsor exchanges, staying in the homes of members in the hosting club.

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers during this adventure! Thank you!

Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi
International Affairs Liaison

Mark Your Calendars!

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) conference is scheduled for August 4-10, 2004, in Perth, Australia! For more information, please check the web site at: www.ifuw.org

NEWS FLASH! Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi has been selected to serve on the Association International Affairs Committee which was established as a standing committee with a by-laws change at the convention in Providence, RI in June 2003. Linda will update you as the committee organizes and establishes priorities.

2003 – 2004 Elected Officers AAUW Nevada

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Rocky Mountain Region Report

While doing some AAUW reading, filing and tossing of paperwork recently, my

thoughts turned to how much our organization has changed since I first became active 30+ years ago. The most obvious innovation is the use of my computer to write this column...hardly worth mentioning, but it leads me to share with you how members are using technology to save money for their branches, how we change past practices to make good use of time and the steps we take to share the work of AAUW among many members.

For instance, I now receive many newsletters in an electronic form, which saves dollars in postage and printing in addition to saving time and energy of those in charge of mailing. I know many members still want to receive their newsletters in the regular mail, and that preference should be acknowledged, but downloading mine into my printer is something I can do to ease the budget crises of many branches and states. I am pleased to participate in that innovation and applaud members who have learned how to do the electronic publishing and those who read their news on-line.

AAUW in DC also seeks ways to save money and time. Email, chat rooms and conference calls have lowered operating costs for officers, committees and staff. I keep in touch with the regional directors via a regular chat room. We save airfare and hotel bills, we "chat" in our robes and fuzzy slippers, we get things done and learn new ideas with the click of a SEND button.

I hear of changes in board of director structure, and we will address the benefits and challenges of these at our regional conference next summer (June 25-27...watch for cheap air fares!) in Albuquerque. Branch and state officers are sharing positions in increasing numbers, dividing the tasks and halving the time commitment; and there are council-type leadership styles that have merit. We can't count on more hours in the day magically appearing so we must work smarter. Let me know what has been successful for you so we can share those ideas with others in the organization.

Please keep in touch with me and with one another!

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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programs and membership campaigns, our public policy, and membership forms. If you are the branch membership vice president and you did not receive the kit, check with your branch president to find out when your branch's officer report was submitted. If it was sent later than July 1, you should receive the Starter Kit by the end of November. If you do not, please let me know.

Anyone interested in recruiting and retaining members will want a copy of the newly- updated **AAUW Member Tool Kit**. This guide has new ideas for recruiting, information on how to create a marketing plan, and tips on understanding and retaining younger members, as well as other valuable information on membership. Don't look in the Starter Kit for the new guide. It's available exclusively online at the AAUW website: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/tools/membership_toolkit.cfm.

New Membership Brochures

The purple AAUW membership brochure has been completely redesigned, and now has a much more interesting, much more contemporary look. Every member is part of the AAUW membership team, and this new brochure is a must-have tool for telling prospects who we are and why they should join. It even includes a membership application form. You can order as many copies of the brochure as you need for just the cost of postage.

AAUW Business Cards

Spread the word about AAUW and give prospects a way to get back to you by using an AAUW business card. If you email me, I'll send you a Word document file that conforms to AAUW's requirements for business cards (layout, logo, and fonts). Just update the file with your name and contact information and print to white business card stock available at any office supply store.

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Tahoe Nevada

We've enjoyed two great dinner meetings so far. June Forman, a survivor of breast cancer, gave an inspiring talk on that subject in September. In October Supreme Court Chief Justice Deborah Agosti spoke on women in the workplace and relevant women's issues in recent Nevada Supreme Court decisions. On November 19, Mary Jane Evans, our state president, will speak on "AAUW: Why We Are Who We Are and How We Got Here." Our Christmas party is Sunday, December 14, at Parasol from 5 – 8 pm. And on Wednesday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m., Parvin Darabi, author of [Rage Against the Veil](#), will speak about women's issues in the near East.

Our first fundraiser, an Educational Foundation brunch, was at Joan Scherer's home on October 26. Because the caterer, Tomaato's, donated their time (Nora Behrens, an owner, is a local AAUW member.), we donated about \$2000 to the Educational Foundation. This year we invited significant others, if they wished to come, which added a new flavor to the Sunday event.

Our Legal Advocacy Fund event is an Italian luncheon at Tomaato's on Saturday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50. Goodness knows what kind of fun things we may do that day!

We are planning a Valentine's party for February 15 and the annual golf tournament, which supports local scholarships and local charities, for June 27 at the Mountain Course in Incline Village.

In January we are starting a program to encourage parent-child reading in the home. We are so fortunate to have Dr. Paula Bender, clinical psychologist and branch member, as the main facilitator. She was Clinic Director of the Child Guidance Center of Orange County for ten years, has taught at UCLA, and has written two books: [How to Keep Your Kids from Driving You Crazy](#) and [How to Keep Your Teenager from Driving You Crazy](#).

Please feel free to join us at any of our events. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Parasol Building, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village. If you need more detail, contact me at 833-4320 or email me at joansche@nvgbell.net.

Joan Scherer, Branch President

Public Policy Report: National Issues: Highlights Reprinted from AAUW'S Action Alert

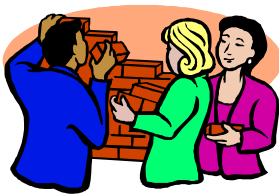
Reproductive Choice: In mid-October, the House and Senate approved legislation that would ban the so-called "partial-birth" abortion procedure. President Bush has signed this legislation into law, marking the first time an abortion procedure has been federally prohibited since the Roe v. Wade decision. Three civil rights and abortion rights groups will be filing suit against the ban. The law is expected to be overturned by the Supreme Court because it does not include an exclusion for the health of the woman. A similar Nebraska law was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2001 (Stenberg v. Carhart)

Title IX: The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to hear the Title IX-related case Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Education. Birmingham, Alabama high school girls' basketball coach Roderick Jackson was given a poor job evaluation and relieved of his paid coaching duties after alleging his school district was in violation of Title IX. Jackson complained his female basketball program was not equally funded to the male basketball program. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asserted Jackson had no right to sue under Title IX and rejected his suit. Mr. Jackson is appealing his case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Unemployment Insurance & the Family and Medical Leave Act: On October 9, the Bush administration rescinded the Birth and Adoption Unemployment Compensation regulation (the "Rule"), which permits states to voluntarily provide unemployment insurance to workers taking parental leave to care for a newborn or newly adopted child. Unlike the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which allows eligible employees to take unpaid leave for certain family and medical circumstances, the "Rule" permits individuals to take time off with paid leave. Currently, no state offers this benefit – which was enacted in 2000 – but many states expressed interest in doing so. By repealing the "Rule," the administration is attempting to limit states' rights to voluntarily participate in the program. AAUW supports flexible workplace policies to address family responsibilities of employees, and believes that families should not be required to choose between caring for their children and their financial stability.

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GREAT DECISIONS

A number of branches participate in the Great Decisions program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Each year a briefing book is published with eight global topics selected for their current relevance. Groups order the briefing books, decide on meeting venue and dates and then discuss the topics. Ballots are included in each book for participants to vote about the U.S.'s action concerning each subject discussed. New booklets are published each January. Tentative topics for this coming year are:

The Media and Foreign Policy
The Philippines

Weapons of Mass Destruction
The U.S. and Europe
Diversity in Islam
Latin America Overview
Reform in the Middle East
Public Diplomacy.

Discussions can be most stimulating and educational.

Why not begin a group in your branch? For more information, check the Foreign Policy web site at www.fpa.org or you may call 800/ 477-5836.

Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi
NV AAUW International Affairs Liaison

PICKERING PROCEEDINGS

On Thursday, October 30, the U.S. Senate rejected a procedural motion to end debate on the nomination of Mississippi Judge Charles Pickering to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana). AAUW opposes the nomination of Judge Pickering due to his demonstrated hostility towards women's and civil rights.

Below is a list by state of how your senators voted on this matter. Call and thank them if they voted "nay" and express your disappointment if they voted "yea." The capital switchboard can be reached at 202/224.3121

Nay Message: Thank you for opposing the motion to end debate and opposing the confirmation of Judge Charles Pickering to the floor.

Yea Message: I am disappointed that the Senator voted in support of the motion to end debate on the confirmation of Judge Charles Pickering. As a constituent, I urge the Senator to reconsider his/her position and oppose the nomination of Judge Pickering to the federal bench.

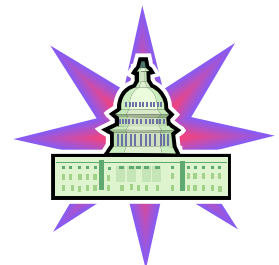
Senate Roll Call Vote 419, October 30, 2003 on motion to end debate on Judge Charles Pickering:

AL: Sessions (R), Yea	Shelby (R), Yea	NE: Hagel (R), Yea	Nelson (D), Not Voting
AK: Murkowski (R), Yea	Stevens (R), Yea	NV: Ensign (R), Yea	Reid (D), Nay
AZ: Kyl (R), Yea	McCain (R), Yea	NH: Gregg (R), Yea	Sununu (R), Yea
AR: Lincoln (D), Nay	Pryor (D), Nay	NJ: Corzine (D), Nay	Lautenberg (D), Nay
CA: Boxer (D), Nay	Feinstein (D), Nay	NM: Bingaman (D), Nay	Domenici (R), Yea
CO: Allard (R), Yea	Campbell (R), Yea	NY: Clinton (D), Nay	Schumer (D), Nay
CT: Dodd (D), Nay	Lieberman (D), Nay	NC: Dole (R), Yea	Edwards (D), Not Voting
DE: Biden (D), Nay	Carper (D), Nay	ND: Conrad (D), Nay	Dorgan (D), Nay
FL: Graham (D), Nay	Nelson (D), Nay	OH: DeWine (R), Yea	Voinovich (R), Yea
GA: Chambliss (R), Yea	Miller (D), Yea	OK: Inhofe (R), Yea	Nickles (R), Yea
HI: Akaka (D), Nay	Inouye (D), Nay	OR: Smith (R), Yea	Wyden (D), Nay
ID: Craig (R), Yea	Crapo (R), Yea	PA: Santorum (R), Yea	Specter (R), Yea
IL: Durbin (D), Nay	Fitzgerald (R), Yea	RI: Chafee (R), Yea	Reed (D), Nay
IN: Bayh (D), Nay	Lugar (R), Yea	SC: Graham (R), Yea	Hollings (D), Nay
IA: Grassley (R), Yea	Harkin (D), Nay	SD: Daschle (D), Nay	Johnson (D), Nay
KS: Brownback (R), Yea	Roberts (R), Yea	TN: Alexander (R), Yea	Frist (R), Yea
KY: Bunning (R), Yea	McConnell (R), Yea	TX: Cornyn (R), Yea	Hutchison (R), Yea
LA: Breaux (D), Yea	Landrieu (D), Nay	UT: Bennett (R), Yea	Hatch (R), Yea
ME: Collins (R), Yea	Snowe (R), Yea	VT: Jeffords (I), Yea	Leahy (D), Nay
MD: Mikulski (D), Nay	Sarbanes (D), Nay	VA: Allen (R), Yea	Warner (R), Yea
MA: Kennedy (D), Nay	Kerry (D), Not Voting	WA: Cantwell (D), Nay	Murray (D), Nay
MI: Levin (D), Nay	Stabenow (D), Nay	WV: Byrd (D), Nay	Rockefeller (D), Nay
MN: Coleman (R), Yea	Dayton (D), Nay	WI: Feingold (D), Nay	Kohl (D), Nay
MS: Cochran (R), Yea	Lott (R), Yea	WY: Enzi (R), Yea	Thomas (R), Yea
MO: Bond (R), Yea	Talent (R), Yea		
MT: Baucus (D), Nay	Burns (R), Yea		

Further Information: AAUW's Issue brief and 2 Minute Activist letter can be found at:
http://capwiz.com/aauw/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=3566336

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AAUW NV--GIRL SCOUTS--NASA PROJECT (A-G-N-Project)

As AAUW NV State Fundraising Chair, I am glad to report the status of this exciting project. Last May, the AAUW NV State Convention gave birth to this terrific idea. The Girl Scouts of America and NASA are developing a patch program for Math and Science/Technology (patches go on the back of the Girl Scout sash, merit badges go on the front) and have requested collaboration. AAUW would be the third partner, involved mostly in funding through grants and distribution.

November 13-17, 2003, a meeting is scheduled in New York where the discussion will include: program requirements and parameters, targeted age group, and who will participate. Attendees will include many that were involved in 2002 including Anne Grisham, one of our keynote speakers from Girl Scouts of America in Southern Nevada. Anne (also acting as our AAUW liaison) will be involved in the training session and will concentrate on the two key elements:

- Developing Service Kits for Leaders
- Leaders Training/Instruction Book Development.

Those attending convention in Las Vegas heard details of the AAUW Las Vegas Branch Community Action Grant. After being asked to participate, AAUW NV decided that the funding and distribution needs of this patch program met our AAUW NV Mission Statement. It would be an opportunity to be involved with two major organizations, Girl Scouts of America and NASA, at a collaborative level where we could make an impact in our communities.

We are in the beginning stages of a two-year project to bring this to fruition. Volunteers include:

- Sue Welsch (AAUW Tahoe NV Branch-grant writing, former Girl Scout Leader, and science/math resource)
- Dr. Andrea Anderson (AAUW Boulder City Branch-Author of Women in Aviation Program submitted to Association for a convention program)
- Monica Fuller and Mary Korpi--AAUW NV Co-VPS Program)
- Anne Grisham (South) and Sherry Griffin (North) Girls Scouts of America
- Sherry Schroeder, AAUW Tahoe NV, Branch-Coordination/Communications Director of this State Project

Others contacted:

- Pat Miller (LV)
- Mitsi Johnson (LV)
- Valerie McNay (BlDr)
- Linda Offerdahl (TNV)
- Bobbie Gang (TNV)
- Beth Price (RNO)
- Carleen Ernest (RNO)
- Stephanie Albers Weber (Elko)

At this time, I invite anyone interested in securing grant funding/grant writing to contact Sue Welsch at suwelsch@yahoo.com. We welcome any and all possible contacts to help this project. After the November meeting, which will eliminate duplication and provide the basis for our involvement, we will need your participation. More details will follow.

The NASA scientists are very interested, and all involved are hoping to develop a generic program that can be used across the entire country.

Upon completion of the program, AAUW plans a gala affair to celebrate our success! We will make it a fundraiser in both Southern and Northern Nevada and involve community leaders and network organizations. We plan to pursue a woman astronaut or women of high-level positions in science and technology for the keynote speakers. Funds raised will be used for the AAUW NV Leadership Fund.

As you can see, this is a major undertaking and involves time commitments from many. Public relations and media attention will be crucial to our success. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can contribute!

Sherry Schroeder

Mission Statement: The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

AAUW Educational Foundation: The 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: The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Diversity Statement: In principle 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, disability, or class.

Correct mailing of AAUW Nevada's newsletters depends on an accurate member database - United States Post Office and e-mail. If you relocate please notify AAUW Nevada Treasurer Shirley Hoffman. This will ensure that you receive your copy of The Sagehen and also AAUW's national publications and mailings.



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