

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

From the Nominating Committee

- THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING TO DISCUSS NOMINATIONS FOR THESE BRANCH BOARD POSITIONS: PRESIDENT, PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE OFFICER, SECRETARY AND TWO DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE.
- PLEASE WRITE OR CALL RUBY WILLIAMS, CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THESE POSITIONS.
- THE BALLOTS WILL BE SENT TO OUR MEMBERS BY MARCH 1, 2006, TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY MARCH 15, 2006.

Reception for New Members

All our Branch members are invited to attend the Reception for New Members on Friday, February 17 at 1420 Locust Street, in Community Room of the Academy House. We hope that all those members who joined the Branch the last two or three years will make a special effort to join us.

Reservations are required- Call 215-545-4903. You are encouraged to bring a friend who is eligible for membership.

We will have a membership applications on hand. We look forward to seeing you on February 17th.

There will be a short program outlining our activities and interests. If you know A new member please call her and offer to pick her up or assure her that you will be attending and will introduce her to the group

Light refreshments will be served.

Save the date!

International Women's Day Program

International Women's Day Program, March 8th Janet Sawaya will talk to AAUW members and others at International House, about WCI's work involving women in the civic and political life of Africa, the Balkans, and the Andes and will show a film about their work in Malawi. WCI also aims to increase women's ability to affect health, education, and opportunities to earn a living wage.

civil society programs for Mercy Corps International in Indonesia, Bosnia, Honduras, and Lebanon, and for USAID in Indonesia. From 2002 to 2004 she worked as technical advisor for civil society organizations in Malawi for the National Democratic Institute for Civil Affairs.

The program will begin at 6:00PM and a buffet supper will follow at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$20, payable to AAUW Philadelphia.

Kay McKenna
Public Policy chair

Ms Sawaya is a graduate of Georgetown Law School where she was editor of their Journal on Fighting Poverty. Prior to her present position she managed

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From the President . . .

At the last two Executive and Board meetings on December 28 and January 3, we took a serious look at Philadelphia Inc. Branch AAUW. We talked about our goals, our financial position, our communications, publicity and our future. It was disturbing but important.

Our number of members little by little has ebbed downward. This is a mirror of our National AAUW membership which has needed to cut expenses because less members mean less dues. Our membership in the International Federation of University Women is threatened because the dues AAUW is slotted to pay is no longer affordable.

Have we achieved our goals? In this country, more women than men graduate from college and increasingly serve in professions formerly forbidden to women.

Certainly much has been achieved, yet much in society still needs change. Equal rights in academia and the marketplace still need change as do financial assistance for many to pursue higher education. These are only two changes among many more.

Personally, I have gained much from joining AAUW. First, becoming friends with a group of caring and educated women; second, having my horizons broadened as I have attended AAUW

conventions in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. and international Conferences in Canada and Australia.

Our small Book Group has informed me in reading and discussing some best-sellers as well as glimpses of cultural diversity in the selections we have chosen.

Once in November as well as two more future dates, I am participating for the first time in an AAUW Teleseminar to assist in updating our Branch participation. Talk about “continuing education”, I never even heard of the word “teleseminar” till this fall.

What does all this have to do with you? If each one of us brings one friend to join our Branch this year, we could double our membership. Usually, the personal slogan “Each one bring one” still holds true as the best way to increase our size. Remember that now includes those with associate degrees and men!

In 2006, let’s go for it!

Sally Stevenson

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A Trip to a Unique Broadway Show

There is an opportunity to see the award winning playwright, actor and poet, SARAH JONES, in her multi character solo show, "Bridge and Tunnel", which was produced by Meryl Streep.

Her multicultural cast of characters is a reflection of her diverse audiences at the Kennedy Center, Off-Broadway and tours of India, Europe and South Africa. Her appearances have been on Bravo, HBO and PBS.

In November, she gave an unforgettable performance at the Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women and those who saw her there are eager to see her again in this Broadway production. Karen Rowe, PA AAUW President is

Organizing an AAUW group trip for matinees on one or more of this dates: February 11, 12, 18, 19, depending upon demand.

If you are interested contact Karen Rowe directly ASAP at karenrowe@suscom.net or phone: 717-767-6654.

She will give you information regarding transportation and cost.



Sarah Jones in "Bridge and Tunnel"

Johnstown Holiday
Inn
**SAVE THE DATE -
CONVENTION 2006**

**77th AAUW-PA
CONVENTION**
March 31 and April 1-2,
2006

Friday through
Sunday
Johnstown, PA

SAVE THE DATE!

**AAUW The Middle
Atlantic Region
Conference will be
held on
March 18-19, 2006
In Bethlehem, PA**

**CALLING ALL PAST OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF
THE BRANCH.**

CHECK YOUR FILES, CLOSETS
AND ANY OTHER STORAGE
SPACE YOU MAY USE, FOR
RECORDS, AND/OR ARCHIVAL
MATERIALS PERTINENT TO
THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH,
ITS PROGRAMS AND
ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST
YEARS. A COMMITTEE IS BEING
FORMED
TO "RESCUE" OUR ARCHIVES
FOR PRESERVATION IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

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MATERIAL FOR THIS PROJECT
OR IF YOU WANT TO SERVE
ON THE COMMITTEE

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February 13	Board Meeting. Monday at Noon in the Center City Office.
February 17	New Members Reception. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Location: Community Room in the Academy House, 1420 Locust St. <u>All</u> members are invited. Call 215-545-4903 to reserve.
February 27	Main Line Book Group. <u>The Known World</u> by Edward Jones. Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Anne Breidenstein, 139 Woodside Rd., Ardmore, PA. To RSVP and for directions call 610-642-9158.
March 4	IBC Tour. 10:30 a.m. National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia. Please see the enclosed flier. Lunch on your own.
March 8	Public Policy Committee. International Women's Day program on "Engaging Women in Politics in Malawi" with Janet Sawaya, Executive Director of Women's Campaign International. 6:00 p.m. at the International House, 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Buffet supper following the program. Cost \$20.00 payable to AAUW Philadelphia.
May 20	Annual Meeting. 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch- \$20.00. Restaurant School, 4207 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
May 25	"Be the Designer of Your Life". Community College of Philadelphia

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