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The Kentucky Agate



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Your AAUW Kentucky State Newsletter

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State President's Message

As promised, I am reporting on progress toward our state board goals.

1. A committee of Board members have developed Standard Operating Procedures for the following: Elected and Appointed Board Membership, Terms of Office, Election of Officers, Board Member Job Descriptions, and State Convention Expectations.



2. Our Communications Chair, Christine Salmon, is updating the AAUW KY web site.

3. I have scheduled a visit with one branch and will be seeking opportunities to visit all branches in Kentucky to listen, learn more about the branch, and discover how the board can best help and provide support.

4. Our public policy chair, Teena Halbig, is sharing important public policy information on page 2 and is planning the Women's Press Conference in the state capitol on March 18, 2020.

I'm pleased to report that Board members are making progress on our goals and in future newsletters, I will continue to report on our goal accomplishments.

**Sharon Marcum, President
AAUW KY State Board**

KY State Board Officers

- ◆ Sharon Marcum, President
- ◆ Robinil Jameson, Treasurer
- ◆ Donna Peden, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
- ◆ Faye Dykstra, Membership
- ◆ Teena Halbig, Public Policy
- ◆ Patricia Desrosiers, C/U Partnerships
- ◆ Christine Salmon, Communication
- ◆ Gae Broadwater, Historian
- ◆ Ellen Nolan, Diversity and Inclusion

State Convention

June 5-6, 2020

One of the presentations will be "The 19th Amendment and the Trail to Ratification." Sylvia Coffey, founder/coordinator of Women Suffrage Centennial Celebration, along with her chorus, will present stories and songs that tell the story of women's 72-year battle for the vote. They will bring the history to life with the weaving of music and words.

Convention registration, schedule, hotel information, and deadlines will be sent to AAUW members in mid-March.

AAUW-Ky BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The position of Vice President is currently unfilled. This position assists the president with scheduling meetings, creating agendas, and facilitating meetings if the president is unable to attend. The term of office is two years, the same as the president, and the preferred succession is for the vice president to become president.

If you have an interest in this Board leadership position, please let Sharon or any other Board member know.

Public Policy Report

In Cogress: H.R.1882 Menstrual Equity For All Act: The bill is only introduced in the House so call or email U.S. House members.

RATIFY ERA . Senate Joint Resolution 6 would remove the 1982 deadline for 3/4t of U.S. states to ratify the ERA.

Need your action NOW!

SB 72 Female Genouital Mutilation (FGM), sponsor Senator Julie Adams. Passed senate 38-0 and in House Judiciary

HB 285 Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), sponsor House Rep. Nancy Tate

HB 26 Exempt Feminine hygiene products from sales and use taxation. Sponsor Rep. Attica Scott.

HB 57 Free Feminine hygiene products for women in public post secondary schools, sponsor Rep. Attica Scott.

HB 109 wages for employment includes banning salary history (i.e., when applying for state government jobs, the employer cannot ask previous salary). Sponsor iRep. Susan Westrom

HB183 Human Trafficking (HT) to be felony offense for commercial sexual activity; post airport and truck stop restrooms with National HT number. Sponsored S. Miles

HB 296 Calls for Comprehensive Sex Education. Sponsor iRep. Lisa Willner.

SB 42 For student ID badges to have the following HOTLINES on them: domestic assault, sexual assault, suicide prevention. Sponsor Sen. Denise Harper Angel

SB 130 relates to civil rights and prohibits discrimination due to sexual orientation / gender identity. Sponsor Sen. Morgan McGreevy

SB 56 , Tobacco products to be sold to 21 years old for healthier children/teens; Senate Amendments and posted now in House Judiciary Committee. Sponsor Sen. Ralph Alvarado

HB 32 puts a tax on e-cigarettes nearly equal to current tax on cigarettes to help prevent use among youths; House floor amendment added and on iway to the House Floor. Sponsor Rep. Jerry Miller

See page 4 for congressional contact information.

Teena Halbig, AAUW KY Public Policy Chair

Suffragist or Suffragette?

Excerpted from Article by Alice Janigro,
Tufts University Student

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So, what exactly distinguishes these terms? What is the difference between a suffragist and a suffragette?

A **suffragist**, by definition, is anyone who advocates for enfranchisement, or the right to vote. It wasn't until after African American men were enfranchised in 1870 that the term referred to women's suffrage advocates, which it most commonly refers to today.

In 1906, British journalist Charles E. Hands coined the label "**suffragette**" to mock and diminish suffragists of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). Founded by Emmeline Pankhurst, the WSPU used "militant" efforts to fight for suffrage . . . thus gaining them the . . . "**suffragette**" title. Adding the diminutive suffix, "-ette," was meant to minimize these women and distinguish them from "constitutional" suffrage advocates . . . who relied on "non-militant" efforts including petitioning, lobbying and marches.

"**Suffragette**" was first used to distinguish advocates only in the United Kingdom. Later, some U.S. publications also used the term in reference to American campaigners for votes for women. But historically, "suffragette" was considered an offensive term in the United States, and, unlike their British counterparts, not embraced by the women's suffrage leaders of the US.

Instead, our leaders called themselves suffragists, which is the term we continue to use today to refer to those in the U.S. who fought for the vote for women. Whether it was the suffragettes of Britain or the suffragists of the U.S., the path for women to achieve the vote was long and hard on both sides of the Atlantic.



In the early 1900s, American and British publications, including *The New York Times* and *Daily Mail*, depicted "suffragettes" as unladylike and reckless. At the same time, they described "suffragists" as gentle and innocent, but vulnerable to joining their counterparts. A 1912 issue of *The Boston Daily Globe* depicted the two [above].



Maysville Branch News

The Maysville AAUW Branch members are planning their spring fundraiser, “Historic Homes of Maysville Tour,” scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 2-6pm. The event chair, Marti Insko, presented her plan to members and they enthusiastically volunteered to staff the event. Tours of six historic homes are planned and event tickets will be \$25 per ticket or \$80 for groups of 4. Following the tour refreshments will be served at the historic Presbyterian Church. President Sharyn White-Coe reports the proceeds from this event will help fund the branch scholarship program. Specific plans will sent to all branches very soon.



NEW POSITION ON THE STATE BOARD

Ellen Nolan, Bluegrass Central Branch, has accepted the position of **Diversity and Inclusion Chair** on the state board. The diversity and inclusion chair works with the state board and branch contacts to understand how issues of equity — from fair pay to sexual assault to access to health care — affect all women and especially women in marginalized groups who often disproportionately experience the effects of these issues. Ellen will contribute tips and tools to the state newsletter, web site, and social media for branches to use in their programming and membership recruitment. She will work with membership and C/U chairs to assess potential for engaging with diverse groups and organizations, as well as network with other organizations and groups that can inform AAUW KY on how we can collaborate to increase equity and opportunities for all women.

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