

President's Message

Florida has 48 branches located from Key West to Ft. Walton Beach, with a total membership of 3,567 as of February 1. Branches range in size from 13 to 260. And it is in those branches that the work of AAUW gets done. Everything we do should promote equity for all women and girls, and equity is still an issue.

We recognize that Branches are the lifeblood of AAUW and we want to recognize the good work that goes on there. Please tell us what your branch is doing that makes you proud. Florida's Finest is the new recognition program within the state of Florida. You can find the form elsewhere on this site and we think it is much simpler to complete than the previous recognition program. Winners will be honored at our State convention in April.

It is the time of year when nominating committees are looking for good candidates for branch officers to be elected at branch annual meetings. Your AAUW experience will be enhanced if you serve on your branch board. And I maintain that being Branch President is the easiest and most rewarding task of all. AAUW members are so dependable and if they commit to doing something, it will get done. The Branch President simply needs to find a few committed individuals and the work of the branch will go on. And everyone will have a good time doing it.

This month, in addition to participating in Lobby Days in Tallahassee with the Florida Women's Consortium, I am going to visit the Ft. Walton Beach and Niceville/Valparaiso combined meeting. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know members there. I hope some of our Pensacola Branch members will join us. That branch disbanded a couple of years ago and we would like to see them start up again.

Don't forget to show up at Convention at the Renaissance Orlando Airport, April 15/17. Better yet, register and then show up.

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