

AAUW Annual Report 2014-15

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- The list of Initiative Chairs was edited at the beginning of the year as necessary; there was communication with all leaders regarding updating their Membership Booklet and Website data
- At least monthly communication emails and/or conversations have been sent/conducted with reminders concerning due items such as budget request forms and annual reports, as well as encouragement regarding attendance at AAUW events
- This year we included communication on a Help Wanted Column for seeking Initiative volunteers/support and monthly briefings via short 5 minute informational briefings at monthly membership meetings. The following such reports have occurred:
 - September 11: Ann Pinna on Court Watch
 - October 9: Cecilia Dinio Durkin on Girl's Conference and Kris Puzza on STEM (one at the beginning of the program, the other at the end).
 - November 13: Betty Harrell on Leading To Reading
 - December 11: Peggy Kelland on Extending Girls Horizons
 - January 8: Sheila Zweifler on Annual meeting
 - February 5: Joint meeting with World Affairs/presentation by Barbara VanItallie
 - March 12: Tea/Auction – no program
 - April 28: none since a special meeting was arranged with no Initiative speaker
 - May 14: Christie Van Horne on International Initiatives; the actual program will also be given by Kay Bishop and Lula Allen on the Healthcare Awareness Initiative
- Developed a report summarizing all funding requests for 2015-16. Served as Community Initiative spokesperson on the Committee to examine these funding requests.
- Some Initiative Chairs have reported themselves or through me at Board meetings and, regardless, they are reminded monthly of the opportunity or the commitment as appropriate.
- Spoke with leaders on sustaining their Initiatives. The following changes have been made for next year:
 - * Careers, Compensation and You will be eliminated for now
 - * Girls Conference will not occur next year and is being rethought
 - * Let's Do Math: Barbara Van Itallie and I met with Anthula to learn more about her concerns regarding the present format. It was determined she would reconfigure this Initiative, hopefully for 2016, but is passionate about continuing a math program in some way.
 - * STEM: Kris Puzza and I spoke about her programs and we will eventually have a meeting with Barbara and see if this program can be broadened.
 - * Diversity, Extending Girl's Horizons, International Initiatives, Leading To Reading, Partnership for Healthcare Awareness, Stand Up to Domestic Violence (Court Watch) will continue as always.