

**FALL BRUNCH
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
PROGRAM MINUTES**

The morning began with gathering and socializing accompanied by music by Doris Nistler and Betty Hartman.

Co-President, Bette Bude, called the gathering to order, and everyone took their seats.

- All were welcomed, and the AAUW Mission was recited.
- Special thanks for the musical entertainment were given to Doris Nistler and Betty Hartman.
- The Brunch Chairs, Jayne Kasten and Phyllis Oakes, were introduced. They thanked everyone involved in making this year's Brunch a success. This was followed by directions for the Brunch Buffet.

The Announcements Portion of the Program followed the breakfast buffet which was prepared and served by Joan Bushman of As you Like it Catering.

I. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **Minutes** from the September Board meeting have been read, approved, and are available from, Secretary, Judy Stagoski. They are also posted on our website under "Meeting Reports."

B. **Treasurer's Report:** Marcia Block for Carol Thomas. The report "August Assets" was presented.

C. **MEMBERSHIP:** Yvonne Morrison and Joan Lunt. The Fall Brunch emphasis is on Membership. Our Branch has 237 members which includes three new members. Returning members were welcomed, and guests and other prospective new members were encouraged to join our Branch. Yvonne and Joan enthusiastically promoted increased participation in the many activities of the B-C Branch and committees. Three committees still need members: Hospitality, Public Policy, and STEM.

D. **Program:** Suzanne Couch and Erlaine Eltomi. An overview of the Program topics and speakers for this 2010-11 year was given. This information can also be found in the Directory, p.6.

E. **Directory:** Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley. All were encouraged to pick up the new Directory and support our advertisers.

II. AAUW PRIORITIES

A. **Educational Opportunities Fund:** Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe.

* Individual Giving will take place in November.

* Six local scholarships, including a new scholarship for a student at a St. Louis Community College, will be awarded for this school year.

* Money raised from the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will be used for research, such as Why So Few?

B. Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green and Barb Tackitt.

* Members were reminded that all money raised from Dollars for Scholars goes to scholarships, both national and local.

* The planned Dollars for Scholars events through mid November were highlighted.

* The purchase (\$5) and use of a Macy's Card for shopping on Saturday, October 16 was explained. The Branch will keep 100% of the money collected for the Cards.

C. Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barb Butchart.

* The up-coming Champagne Book Discussion at Sandy Camillo's home was presented.

+ Date: Thursday, September 30, 2010

+ Time: 3:00

+ Book: *Click*

* Information regarding the event, "A Beehive Affair" will be coming.

* See p. 20 in the Directory for more information about LAF.

D. Public Policy: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller.

* A Forum on Title IX is planned for February 1, 2011. More information to come.

* A symposium on retirement planning given by OWL (Older Women's League) will be presented in five sessions. Contact Teri Miller or Sandy Camillo for more information.

* UM Extension is presenting a Women's Financial Education Series. Contact Teri or Sandy if interested.

III BRANCH PRIORITIES-Awards

A. Branch Awards: Marcia Block. The LAF and EOF national and state awards were read and can be found on Directory pages 7-8. The most current award is for Total Branch Giving and B-C ranked 3rd in the nation.

IV. SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

A. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk: Rosann Swaringim and Helen Fick.

Date: Monday, October 18, 2010.

Place: Faust Park

Time: 10:30

Members were encouraged to walk or to sponsor a walker.

B. Holiday Auction: Pat Shores and Harriet Hirschfeld

* Date: December 9, 2010 (December 10: Snow date)

* Theme: Making a Difference

* All money taken in by this event goes to the operating fund of the Branch.

C. Special Functions: Bette Bude.

* Check our Directory, pg. 4, for special local, state, and national events.

* Watch the Newsletter for more information regarding special Branch functions.

V. SPECIAL PROGRAM: SPOTLIGHT ON INTEREST GROUPS

Linda Tinker, Interest Groups Chair, highlighted the 21 interest groups of our Branch and encouraged all members to choose and participate in the variety of activities. The attendees participated in an Interactive BINGO game using interest groups for categories.

VI. DRAWING FOR THE BASEBALL PICTURE

Jayne and Phyllis, Brunch Chairs, reported that the Branch collected \$338.00 from this drawing. The winner of the picture was Bette Bude.

VII. CLOSING:

A. The next Branch Meeting is on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

B. Members and guests were invited to participate in a Sing-Along with instrumental accompaniment provided by Betty and Doris.

C. The two centerpiece winners were Cathy Childers and Rosemary Manley.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned with sincere thanks to all who worked to make the morning a great success.