

AAUW MO STATE CONVENTION 2011 **90 Years of Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls**

The AAUWMO State Convention "Breaking Through Barriers for 90 Years" was held April 29-May 1. Over 60 members and special guests attended, representing 11 Branches, National Members and several Student Affiliate Groups. The beautiful Tan-Tar-A resort in Lake Ozark was a comfortable and scenic venue for an inspiring and informative meeting.

Special guests and speakers were Carolyn Garfein (AAUW President), Sam Lehman (AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator), who came in from Washington, DC; Stacey Newman (MO State Representative), and AAUW Fellow Tanya Roth. Sessions covered such topics as Conflict Resolution, Building Branch Membership, Directions in Public Policy, Understanding AAUW Funds and Using State and National AAUW Resources. Student Affiliates from MU Columbia conducted a session on the Future of AAUW.

The weekend began with a welcoming wine & cheese reception hosted by the AAUWMO Board. There were raffles and door prizes, and a memorable skit (by Alyse Stoll) "Relevant Rabbit", which emphasized tolerance of differences while providing laughs galore. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk was cancelled due to rain, but still raised significant money for that worthy fund. On Sunday, members departed with renewed energy, a deepened sense of fellowship and exciting plans for continuing their work toward the AAUW mission.

Many thanks to Linda Berube (VP Program) for planning a fine and productive convention and to Pat Shores (AAUWMO Administrative Assistant) for handling the reservations and meeting venues.

- Joyce Katz, *Communications Officer*



Julie Triplett, AAUW-MO president; Alexa Henning, Brittany Jones and Leticia Brown, Mizzou Student Affiliates; Tanya Roth, AAUW Fellow



The visor was given to each person who signed up for the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk.



Former state president, Patt Braley, on the balcony of her room at Tan Tar A.

Show-MeTheMoney!

At the State Convention in Tan Tar A, members contributed \$245 toward a raffle. The afghan donated by Julie Triplett was won by Kay Meyer, Kirkwood-Webster Branch, the picture donated by Shirley Breeze was won by Jane Biers, Columbia Branch and the carved Nativity set donated by Linda Berube was won by Betty Dusing, Parkville Branch. A money tree set up by the Kirkwood-Webster Branch brought in \$57 and the Eleanor Roosevelt Garden Walk netted \$862. The highest contributor to the Garden Walk was Ruth Hottle of the Independence Branch with \$377. Each walker received an AAUW visor. In addition, approximately \$400 was earned for AAUW Funds through a silent auction and other sales by individuals or branches.

- Toni Thornton and Doris Nistler