



AAUW-IL Branch Pride Recognition Program

PURPOSE: To recognize--in a non-competitive way--the outstanding achievements and efforts of Illinois branches between March 1, 2007, and February 29, 2008.

PROCESS: After discussion with branch leaders, a designee should write a descriptive paragraph or two about a branch project/accomplishment of which the branch is proud.

Areas of pride are suggested by, but not limited to, the following considerations:

- Are there **innovative ways** in which you are working toward equity for women and girls or are promoting life-long education or positive societal change?
- Have you created an successful **activity, project, or community service**?
- Have you reached out to the community or formed **collaborative efforts** with other branches or organizations?
- Have you implemented viable methods for maintaining your **membership**?
- Have you been successful in including or reaching out to **diverse** individuals or groups?
- Are you reinvigorating your **leadership** and developing new leaders?
- Have you improved your network of **communication** through e-mail, newsletters, or development of a web page connected to AAUW-IL's website?
- Have you enhanced the **visibility** of your branch and AAUW through the media, relationships with community members and groups, publications, or events?
- Have you raised funds for the **Educational Foundation** or the **Legal Advocacy Fund** in creative or noteworthy ways?
- Have you promoted **AAUW-IL partnerships**? (A+ Illinois, Bina Roy *Partners in Development Programme*, Illinois Campaign for Responsible Sex Education, Department of Peace Coalition, Piasa Area Council)

Decide which endeavor(s) you would be proud to share with others.

Describe in a paragraph or two your branch's activity.

E-mail the narrative to Erika Nicketakis nicketakis@aol.com

Or **mail** the narrative to Erika Nicketakis, 4378 W. Lawn Avenue, Gurnee, IL 60031
by **February 15, 2008**.

Participating branches will be recognized at the AAUW Illinois State Convention May 2-3 in Naperville and will receive special designation in the next AAUW-IL directory.