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Local Women Attend State AAUW Convention

[City, State] – The American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Members of the local (name of your branch) Branch of AAUW recently attended the annual state convention for an update on these efforts.

The convention was held in Winston-Salem Branch on April 20-22, 2007 at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center. The convention theme, “Open the Gates: Our Mission in Action,” builds on the Association’s position that education is a gateway to economic security for women and girls.

At the convention national, state, and local AAUW leaders addressed several issues which affect the lives of women and girls Association leaders from Wisconsin and Florida held workshops on how to build membership and leadership within the organization. [While at convention, talk to Ann Gustafson, chair of the Association membership committee, or Leslie Henderson, Director of the South Atlantic Region, and include a quote from them, preferably congratulations on the good things you're doing. If you bring information on one of your projects, that will be a good “hook” for the discussion. You can prepare the quote in advance – they'd be glad to say what you need said!]

Other workshops provided updated information on educational equity issues, public policy initiatives and a Winston-Salem project for middle school girls that was funded by the AAUW Educational Foundation. How to strengthen ties with college and and universities at the local level was also a focus at the convention.

At the business meeting on Saturday, several AAUW branches were recognized for fundraising success and membership growth. (If your branch received an award, give the information here such as “The _____ Branch was recognized for _____.”)

Representing the (name of your branch) Branch at convention were (names of those who attended.) [Include a quote from one about a highlight – talking with one of the EF fellows, being inspired by one of the speakers, learning from someone in a neighboring branch, etc.]

The (name of your branch) Branch meets (give regular meeting day, time and time and place information here). Call (name and telephone number of either president or membership vice president) for more information.

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