

AAUW-IL

BRANCH PRIDE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To recognize—in a non-competitive way—the outstanding achievements and effort of Illinois branches between March 1, 2009, and January 31, 2010.

PROCESS: After discussion with branch leaders, a designee should write a brief 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 a 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 Harriett Lindstrom at HLindstrom@aol.com. (If you do not have email, send the narrative to Gloria Hollister, 848 S. County Line Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521.)

Deadline is **February 19, 2010.**

Participation branches will be recognized at the AAUW-IL State Convention April 30-May 1 in Lisle through special designation in the next AAUW-IL convention booklet.