



Mobile Branch Newsletter

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Mobile Branch Mission since 1936 has been to promote equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change.

Negotiating your salary...planned for the future. Angelia Bendolph and Deidra Graham participated in the “Webinar Negotiating Your Salary” and are working toward Mobile Branch sponsoring a workshop for women to negotiate their salaries.

Membership is rising in Mobile. We are up **200 percent** from last year. Mobile Branch membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Men and women are joining our Mobile Branch AAUW.

Student Affiliation is open to anyone who does not already hold an undergraduate degree and are enrolled in a two-or four-year regionally accredited educational institution. Students enrolled at College/University Partner Member institutions receive a free e-Student affiliation. We have picked up two members at Bishop State Community College, one at Faulkner University, one at Virginia College, and working on other local colleges and universities.

College/University Partner Membership is open to regionally accredited educational institution, including two-year or community colleges. Due to tireless efforts the **University of South Alabama is** now a AAUW partner. Students enrolled in these institutions receive a free e-Student affiliation and one faculty member receives a free membership. We have been successful in securing active faculty and staff members to help our Branch grow. We have picked up several new members from USA Campus during an event we called: Chat-n-Chew which was held in October of 2015. We are now working on a Tech Savvy One Camp. We are happy to announce that USA is organizing a campus chapter of AAUW. Congratulations to the “Drum Major” Dr. Krista Harrell, USA partner.

Political Activism Several Branch members made presentations at the Mobile County Public Schools System Board Meeting in January expressing concerns about the system’s educational plans for elementary school age students. Many community based schools are being closed and young children are being bused to other neighborhoods. We were able to submit data illustrating that this practice does not work effectively for young children.

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