

## **AAUW DISTRICTS CELEBRATE 130 YEARS**

**The AAUW, American Association of University Women Districts 4, 7, & 8 which includes**

**Birmingham, Grosse Pointe, Oakland, Pontiac/Waterford,, Rochester, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington, Livonia, Monroe, Northville/Novi,**

**Plymouth/Canton, Wyandotte-Downriver, Adrian, Albion, Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lansing Branches triumphantly celebrated their 130<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of their national organization. The celebration took place at the Orlando Familia Banquet Center in Riverview, Mich. and was well attended by more than one hundred ninety members and guests.**



**The group was honored to have a video greeting from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and in addition, the districts received a special proclamation from the Honorable Joseph Peterson, Mayor of the City of Wyandotte. The proclamation was received by the State District Director, Charlotte Mahrt of the Birmingham Branch. They were also privileged to hear Wayne County Prosecutor, Kym Worthy who was astonishing. Her integrity alone was exceedingly gratifying to witness in today's world. Kym gave a very heartfelt presentation and AAUW members and guests were quite impressed by the scope and magnitude of her duties. Ms. Cattalo's**

**experiences were engaging, and she was equally impressive.** Ms Catallo worked in many cities as a reporter, and was so happy to return to Michigan.. She spoke about the challenges of being a mother and also being dedicated to her career. One of her investigative challenges was to expose a weakness in the foster care system where by some children were wrongfully removed from their parents. Heather”s talk was followed by a brief question and answer tim..

**The Michigan State AAUW President, Sally Doty, gave a power point presentation of the history of AAUW and stated that the primary focus of the State AAUW this year will be to urge potential voters to register and exercise their right as citizens to vote. AAUW was awarded the 2011-2012 Public Policy Impact Grant from National AAUW. President Doty expounded on methods to educate the public about issues at stake for women and girls in the 2012 election..**

**AAUW has been one of the nation’s leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW has a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners. Since the founding, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day- educational, social, economic, and political. Their commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions, and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.**