

## President's Column

We had a wonderful convention in Orlando, April 15-17. Click on the button "2005 Convention" to see some of the pictures from convention. We were a smaller group than usual but I think we all were glad we came. Many people contributed to the success of the convention, but I'm particularly grateful to Martha Miller who was the Local Arrangements Chair. I relied on her experience and she came through admirably.

And now we are getting ready to go to the Association Convention in Washington, D.C., June 24-27. Convention in Washington is always more exciting because we have a chance to lobby our legislators on issues that are important to us. I'm excited that we will hear from Madeleine Albright and Jehan Sadat. I hope I will see many of you there.

There are important matters to be decided at the business sessions at convention. It is at the Association convention when the Public Policy Program is voted on and the biennial action priorities decided. There are also several proposed bylaws amendments that will be approved or not, including changing the membership eligibility requirement. If you are going to convention be sure to brief yourself on the issues that will be decided (see the latest Outlook magazine or check the AAUW website).

As our AAUW year is ending, I hope everyone will use the summer to renew their energies for an exciting beginning in the fall.

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