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Actions From Steering Committee meeting:

- *Decision to add a GLBT representative to the Steering Committee
- *Statement was issued from the Caucus in support of the Day of the Girl.
- *Recommendation to keep the name of the Joint Conference on the Concerns of Women and Minorities.
- *Creation of a sustaining membership category
- *Approval to add a \$1 processing fee for the use of credit cards.
- *Caucus “Seal of Approval” will be granted to candidates who have previously interviewed and received it.
- *Decision to continue a booth at the RA Expo. Volunteers will be needed to staff the booth.
- *Presentation on the new Women's Leadership Training Program (WLTP)

What is the National Education Association Women's Caucus?

- A group of Association members joining together to effect change and equal representation in the National Education Association.
- The tenacious watchdog of human rights in the NEA, standing outside the governance structure to offer assistance and affirmation, to reprimand and remedy as needed to achieve our goal of multicultural sex equity.
- A channel through which members of the NEA can work to eliminate sexism and racism in all facets of society with special emphasis on educational issues.

www.neawomenscaucus.com

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“We're happy that the shut-down is over at last, but we lost a lot of ground in 16 days. The shutdown cost the economy an estimated \$24 billion, according to Standard & Poor's. That's almost what it costs to fund Head Start, children's insurance programs, and the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program for a whole year. LIKE this status if you think this money would have been better spent helping women and their families than on playing political games.”

AAUW Facebook 10/17/13

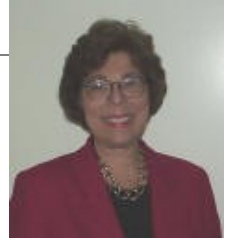
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ACTIVITIES OF THE NEA WOMEN'S CAUCUS

- Develops new business floor strategy for the NEA convention.
- Holds informational and strategy meetings at the NEA Convention.
- Screens and endorses candidates for NEA office
- Monitors women's issues at the NEA Board Meetings and participates in the NEA-PAC.
- Provides testimony at NEA Regional Conferences at Resolutions, Budget, and Legislative Hearings.
- Publishes the newsletter Womenspeak
- Advocates and promote an awareness of issues impacting women and girls in public education in our ever changing world

A word from the Chair—Cecile Bendavid



Thank you for joining the NEA Women's Caucus. This is the first newsletter for the school year 2013-14. We hope to send you important information during the year via email and newsletter. We are setting up a new website for the caucus. Please go to <http://www.neawomenscaucus.com> to watch the website as it develops and grows. If you have any pictures or articles to contribute, please email them to our webmaster Luke Flynt at lukeflynt@hotmail.com. Together we can build a wonderful site.

I would like to challenge you to sign up new members for the caucus. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had more than 100 members from each state. California has already met that goal, and we need all the other states to commit to recruiting more members. My theme is 100 members per state by 2015. Together we can meet this goal to help share women's issues and information with all the members of the NEA. Use the membership application on page 4 of this newsletter to recruit the new members. Have them mail the \$15 dues and application to the membership secretary, Elaine LeBoeuf, 1838 N. Alvarado St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Retired dues: \$10; CA and KY add \$10 for local dues; FL add \$5 for local dues.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness and Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Below are resources with more information about these important topics for the month of October.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of screening and the early detection of breast cancer. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point during her life. After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. The good news? Many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved. Use National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to make a difference by spreading the word about important steps women can take to stay healthy. Get a tool kit at <http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/OctoberToolkit.aspx> and additional information at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcp/resources/features/BreastCancerAwareness/>

Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School: A Research Report From AAUW

Based on a survey of students conducted in May and June 2011, this report presents the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment in grades 7–12 and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education. The report concludes with concrete recommendations and promising practices for preventing sexual harassment. The recommendations are directed at school administrators, educators, parents, students, and community members. For more information go to the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/research/crossing-the-line/> for a free copy of the report and programing ideas.

How to Be an Advocate for Bullied Students from NEA

An advocate is one that pleads the cause of another, or one who supports or promotes the interests of another. The question is how can we, as educators, support students who have been bullied? How can we plead the cause of all bullied students and stop bullying? We have to be their champions. We must create a culture in our schools, which will hopefully spread to society, where everyone is treated respectfully and bullying is correctly understood and addressed. The NEA Bullying Prevention tool kit is intended to help educators know how to identify bullying, intervene in a bullying incident, and advocate for bullied students. Strategies for ESP's (Education Support Professionals) are available as well. Go to <http://www.nea.org/home/neabullyfree.html> for **The NEA Bullying Prevention Kit** designed by educators for educators and reflecting the best available research on bullying prevention.

Nine Amazing Facts About Janet Yellen, Our Next Fed Chair

By Dylan Matthews, New York Times 10/9/13

We're pleased President Obama nominated the most qualified person to be the next chair of the Federal Reserve. Better still, that person just happens to be a woman. In fact, Janet Yellen might even be the most qualified Fed chair in history. The following is adapted from Dylan Matthews' blog. For the full blog go to <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/10/09/nine-amazing-facts-about-janet-yellen-our-next-fed-chair/?print=1>

1. **She is perhaps the most qualified Fed chair in history.** Yellen has served for three years as vice chair, headed up the San Francisco Fed for six years, ran the CEA for two years, and before that did a three year stint on the Fed Board of Governors. She also did a stint as an economist at the board in the late 1970s. Only Paul Volcker comes close to that.
2. **She's a powerful voice for the unemployment**

hawks on the Fed. Yellen has been clear that she thinks sub-par growth and too high unemployment are the biggest problems facing the Federal Reserve. "Maximum employment," she has emphasized, is the main goal of the Fed .

3. **But she's more than willing to crack down on inflation when the situation requires it.** Yellen is plenty hawkish when the situation requires it... if and when it's actually worth worrying about inflation, Yellen is ready to handle it.

4. **She's pretty darn good at predicting where the economy's headed.** Yellen's predictive record is the envy of the Fed. As Ezra [noted](#), she was one of the few voices at the Fed in [December 2007](#) warning that recession could be around the corner. An [analysis](#) by the *Wall Street Journal* revealed that Yellen had the [best predictions](#) of any Fed policymaker in recent years .

Go to the website listed for the complete blog..



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