

AAUW's Clothing Fair Covers Three Days

The difficult economic climate in the North Country forces job seekers to compete hard for too few openings. The cost of new clothing can make dressing for success an expensive proposition. But thanks to the on-going partnership of SUNY Canton and the St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW, help is at hand with the 14th annual Professional Clothing Fair.

The Fair is open to anyone looking to get a few items of clothing suitable for a job interview, student teaching, the office, or an employment upgrade. The 2015 Fair will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Dana Hall Intramural Gym at SUNY Canton.

Students can "shop" Tuesday from noon to 5 p.m. The general public is welcome on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Gently used" or new clothing and accessories will be available for free, thanks to the generous donations of many North Country organizations and people.

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tact AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch Program VP Tina Flanagan at 386-7868 or by e-mail at flanagant@canton.edu. In 2003 AAUW earned a Make a Difference Day Award from

USA Weekend magazine for the Clothing Fair in recognition of the spirit of community.

AAUW is concerned about the economic climate for millions of American women, their

families, and college students. Economic studies have shown that a period of un- or under-employment follows a worker for years. A low starting wage for women translates into a life-

time of lost wages for her and her family thanks to the wage gap, not to mention the loss of retirement savings and Social Security down the road.

Membership in the St. Lawrence County Branch, founded in 1927, is open to anyone who supports the mission of AAUW: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW, with its nationwide network of more than 150,000 members and supporters, more than 1,000 branches conducting programs in communities across the country, and 869 college and university partners (including all four local colleges), has been a leading advocate for equity and education for women and their families since 1881.

For more information about AAUW in St. Lawrence County, contact President Betty Connolly at Connolly@canton.edu or Public Policy Chair Kathleen Stein at 386-3812, kstein1@tw-cny.rr.com, or visit the branch website, <http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/index.html>.