

Women In Sports Day Celebrates Title IX At 40

POTSDAM - "Title IX at 40 - In it for the Long Run" is the theme for the 26th Annual National Girls and Women In Sports Day to be celebrated Feb. 1.

It is a special day for girls and women to celebrate their participation in sports and athletics. When Title IX was enacted in 1971, one in 27 girls in high school participated in athletics. Now, one in three girls participates in athletics and all women and girls have greater opportunities in sports and athletics.

On Feb. 1, the day will be celebrated in all 50 states with community events and activities honoring the achievements and encouraging participation of girls and women in sports. The St. Lawrence County Branch of the American Association of University Women has distributed posters and other information to all the public schools in Section X, the four

area colleges, and public libraries in St. Lawrence County.

One exciting and fun way to mark the day is to Take A Girl to a Game. Check out local high school sports in your community or events at three of our four local colleges who have home women's games scheduled during the week.

At St. Lawrence University, the women's home basketball game against Rochester Institute of Technology on Feb. 4 will feature a halftime "Lose Your Shoes" three-point shooting contest, and an autograph session after the game with a photo of the team surrounded by the informational quick facts about women in sports. There will also be light refreshments provided for the students in attendance.

Since 1989 the St. Lawrence County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has organized a countywide promotion

of National Girls and Women in Sports Day to help girls and women celebrate their love of sports. AAUW invites schools and colleges to help commemorate National Girls & Women in Sports Day by encouraging all girls and young women to wear a T-shirt or jersey which identifies her participation in sports and athletics on Feb. 1. From summer T-ball to youth soccer to figure skating to ice hockey to basketball to softball to lacrosse or other sports, celebrate your participation and accomplishments of female athletes at all levels.

For more information about AAUW in St. Lawrence County, contact President Becky Gerber at 268-9957, gerber1@potSDam.edu or Public Policy Chair Kathleen Stein at 386-3812, kstein1@twcny.rr.com, or visit the branch website, <http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/index.html>