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New Information

Opportunities to Meet and Support Lead Plaintiffs of the Wal-Mart Class-Action Lawsuit

- **March 28:** Washington, D.C.-area AAUW members will have the opportunity to meet the six lead plaintiffs in the historic, LAF-supported case [Dukes v. Wal-Mart](#) at a reception AAUW is co-hosting with [Alliance for Justice](#). The reception will take place at Alliance for Justice March 28 at 5 p.m. Local AAUW members will receive an official invitation with more details.
- **March 29:** If you live in the Washington, D.C., area, you can attend the [U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments](#) for the Wal-Mart case. The court will review the lower-court decisions that allowed female Wal-Mart employees to pursue employment discrimination claims as a class. The arguments begin at 10 a.m., but due to the high-profile nature of the case, plan to arrive several hours earlier to stand in line for a pass.
- **June 18:** Edith Arana, one of the lead Wal-Mart plaintiffs, will [speak](#) at the [AAUW national convention](#).

AAUW Signs onto Two Health Care Reform Cases

In February, AAUW signed two amicus briefs in the health care reform cases [Commonwealth of Virginia v Sebelius](#) and [Liberty University v. Neal](#). The two briefs do not address the overall merits of the 2010 health care reform law but focus on how the legislation will improve the lives of women by ending gender rating and requiring coverage of reproductive and preventive services and care. AAUW supported these provisions in the legislation and is committed to keeping them in place.

Read about Two of California's LAF Campus Outreach Program Events

This academic year, a record nine AAUW branches are holding [LAF Campus Outreach Program](#) events in their communities. Read recent [blog posts](#) about two of the events that took place at [University of California, Irvine](#), and [Santa Clara University](#), both in California. The posts include fun photos from the events.

International Anti-Street Harassment Day

LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl is organizing the [First Annual International Anti-Street Harassment Day](#). On March 20, people all over the world will do something to challenge street harassment. In Washington, D.C., AAUW is co-sponsoring a [community safety audit](#) in the city's eight wards. You can do something, too. Your participation can be as simple as agreeing to talk about street harassment to a child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend to break the silence. Find [ideas for activism](#) at the [Stop Street Harassment website](#). If you're on Facebook, join the [Facebook event page](#).

Reminders

Softball Season Is Approaching. Do You Know the Score?

Have you made your plans to use LAF's [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#) to investigate your local high school athletics programs? With softball and baseball seasons under way, now is a perfect time! When school athletics are not compliant with Title IX, it's often evident with these two teams. Know the Score is a program you can do as a branch, as a group, or solo. Jean Read, the sports equity chair for the AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch, talks about how easy it was to use this Program in a Box in an AAUW [YouTube video clip](#).

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

