

## **Empowering Women Through Global Dialogues: Images, Words, and Impressions from Israel and Cuba**

When the Jefferson County Branch learned that not just one, but two, of our members had been accepted to accompany the AAUW delegations to Cuba and Israel, we knew that to make the most of their investment of time and resources we had to have them present to our membership and to our community on what they learned. The program was intended to raise public awareness about the lives and issues of women in other areas of the world and also brought visibility with the Branch and within our community of the AAUW mission and its efforts to increase dialogue on an international level.

Branch members Doris McLallen, who visited Israel, and Katie FitzGerald, who visited Cuba, in the fall of 2010 worked with technology department at Jefferson Community College to prepare a slide presentation of their journey. The College hosted the event, which was open to the public.

The Branch advertised the program through the Branch newsletter, Branch Blog, press releases to local media outlets and via the Jefferson Community College electronic bulletin board.

We had a very good attendance at the program from our membership and did attract about 10 members from the community. It was a thoroughly interesting and thought provoking evening.

Unfortunately, the program was first scheduled for December 2010 – right after the two women returned from their journeys – but was cancelled due to inclement weather. The program was then rescheduled and may have lost a bit of its momentum as it competed with other events in the community calendar. The response to this program was a good start, but could have been even better if we were to work with faculty at the college to perhaps get them to market or assign attendance as part of their coursework.

From the Jefferson County Branch Blog at

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## **Invitation for December 7 Program! This event is open to the public & FREE**

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Please join the Jefferson County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) as two of its members, Doris McLallen and Katie FitzGerald, share their recent experiences serving on AAUW research delegations to Israel and Cuba. The program will include their slide presentations, research results, and reflections. Along with your questions and comments, this is sure to be an informative and thought-provoking evening.

**Date: December 7, 2010**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**FREE & Open to the public to attend**

**Location: Jefferson Community College, Room 6-002**