

AAUW Wilmington News

June/July 2008



Message from the President

It is hard to believe that I have been president of the AAUW Wilmington Branch for a year. Thanks to the work of an outstanding board and a dedicated membership it has been a good year. I wish to note in particular the excellent schedule of programs our VP for programs **Jean D'Addario** arranged for us. The Authors' Luncheon, headed up by **Phyllis Leimer** and **Brooks Preik** was a huge success. The Holiday Luncheon at the Sunspree with readings by **Hope Cusick** and **Maggie Parish** was a delightful event. The May Luncheon at Bonefish Grill was excellent, and I thank Sue Wood for her help with securing that location.

The new fundraising effort, A Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, led by **Tanya Tilly-Hall** and committee members **Jo Howell**, **Mindy Totton**, and **Rachel Oeschger**, was an event to remember. The garden center **Zone 8** proved to be an ideal setting for that event. I hope that we can make this an annual event.

I wish to say thank you to the excellent board that has contributed to the success of this year. **Ava Bevins** has been an excellent secretary. Her minutes have been extremely helpful in getting information out to the membership. Thanks to **Kathy Sanders** for serving as treasurer in the fall and to **Barbara Fleming** for serving as treasurer in the spring. Ann Skiba has worked diligently as Vice President for Membership, and our membership is now over one hundred. Thanks to **Jean Schaefer** for her successful fundraising efforts for **LAF** and to **Sandy Apple**, **EF** chair, for working to secure a local scholarship recipient. **Phyllis Ambler** gave us a wonderful New and Prospective Member Reception in April. Thanks to **Marva Moss** for Publicity, **Helen Soloman** for handling the 100 Club, **Evelyn Sivier** for being the Sunshine chair and to **Georgia Polhemus** for chairing Hospitality. Thanks also to **Jane Neiderberger**, International Relations, to **Audrey Herson**, historian, and to **Connie Parker**, public policy chair.

Extra special thanks to **Loretta Metzger**, **Jeri Graham**, and **Carla Turner** and the volunteers for their work in making **Eyes to the Future** work.

I wish to conclude my thank you with Amanda. Thanks to Amanda Boomershine for her work as editor of our newsletter. It is an outstanding publication. It has been enjoyed by all. Amanda, you are really appreciated.

Now it is time to start thinking about the coming year. We are already gearing up for **Eyes to the Future**. If possible, please plan to participate. It is an extremely important service project. Jeri Graham has heard from Carla Turner that they have scheduled our training for 19 August 2008 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Hanover County Health Department. This will be provided by NC Prevent Blindness. Please put this on your calendar. More information is given below.

Have a great summer; see you in August or September.

Sandra McLaurin, President

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Convention 2008

Four AAUW Wilmington members traveled to Greensboro for the AAUW-NC State Convention. The time spent there was worthwhile as we had a chance to network with fellow members all working toward a common goal.

At one of the general sessions we received two awards. Wilmington was third in the state for total contributions and ranked sixth for overall per capita giving for 2007. Congratulations to all that have helped during the year with various fundraising functions, whether by contributing or putting in hours at the function, or both.

We also took a basket for the raffle and were quite successful there as well. Our basket was one of the top five in popularity. "A Good Book and a Good Glass of Wine" which was actually a book bag instead of a basket brought in \$54, which the board decided to contribute to the AAUW-NC budget. Nine of our members bought raffle tickets by proxy and the delegates at the convention distributed them as requested. These helpful souls raised \$74 to be part of the raffle without being there. One of our members, Phyllis Ambler, won a lovely basket. The whole basket project raised \$807 for various funds in EF, LAF and AAUW-NC.



Prior to the convention, there was a LAF Challenge, similar to the National Public Radio challenges. Two state members put up \$500 as a challenge for the rest of the state to match or exceed it, and exceed we did. Individual members from various branches, or branches as a whole, raised \$3245. That added to the \$500 gave AAUW-NC a contribution of \$3745 for LAF.

At the end of the general session the four Wilmington delegates made the official invitation for the 2009 Convention at the Blockade- Runner. We were in beach attire, without the bathing suits, and invited all there to come to the 100th birthday of AAUW-NC at the beach in March of 2009. Jean D'Addario wrote a song to the tune of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. This got all present involved and in a festive mood. The convention 2009 will be a great opportunity to network again with fellow AAUW members across the state. Co- chairs Phyllis Guberman and Lill Van Order will be asking for your help for this fun event.

Lill Van Order and Phyllis Guberman, Convention 2009 Co-chairs

Eyes to the Future



This just in... our training has been scheduled for 19 August 2008 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Hanover County Health Department. This will be provided by NC Prevent Blindness.

We have a requirement for recertification every two years. If you went last year, you don't need to attend this year. However, you are always welcome to attend this course. Hopefully they have not changed any of the standards. I will give them a call and get the latest scoop. Please RSVP to me, 910-458-1216 or jeriigraham@yahoo.com. I would like to be able to give Carla a count no later than 14 August.

Jeri Graham

Program Notes

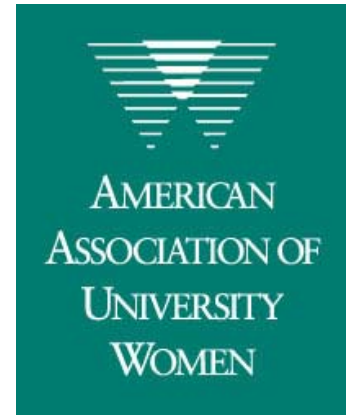
Janet Petty and Lois Fox are working on the programs for 2008/2009. We would be happy to entertain any suggestions that you wish to send us. Please be specific in your suggestions as to exactly what the program will be and include names, phone numbers or e-mail addresses where possible. Send to either Janet at jpettysus@bellsouth.net or Lois at Lois3713@aol.com.

Janet Petty and Lois Fox, Program VPs

Reflections on May Luncheon

When members and guests assemble in conversation, enjoy wonderful food, and are given an opportunity to learn about the status and conditions of women in our state, that gathering sets the tone for an interesting and informative afternoon. The Wilmington branch of AAUW, and guests - Nancy Shoemaker, (North Carolina President), and speaker, Jane Stephenson, touched our minds, and awakened our hearts with thoughts and concerns about the successes, and needs of women.

The final touch to our afternoon was in celebration of leadership, and assistance in the operation our Wilmington branch. As a means of saying thank you, recognition was given to members in stone! What a creative way to show appreciation. Each stone carried a word of inspiration and character. As the recipients shared their shiny, engraved stones at each table, the hands-on experience became the center of conversations, a pleasant way to end another successful year of service and commitment!



Marva Moss, Publicity Chair

International Relations Schedule for 2008

International Relations will have discussions based on the "Great Decisions 2008" Publication. It meets at the Northeast Library. The schedule is as follows:

Topic	Date	Leader
1. Iraq: strategies for dealing with uncertainty	Feb 13	Eliza Bird
2. European integration: looking ahead	March 12	Sandra McLaurin
3. Blacking the enemy	April 9	Jean Phillips
4. Russia and 'Putinism'	May 14	Twyla Hentz
5. U.S. defense policy	June 11	Edie Machado
6. Latin America: the next U.S. President's agenda	Nov 12	Loretta Metzger
7. U.S.-China economic relations	Sept 10	Jane Niederberger & Billie House
8. Foreign aid: new players, new goals	Oct 8	Helen Solomon



Membership

Haven't we had a very good year at Wilmington AAUW!

We reached a membership of 109 for this association year. I would like to welcome three new members, who joined at the new member event in April:

Jeanne Corbin
Earlham College AB
Ball State University MA

Elizabeth C. Singer (Betsy)
Arcadia University BS

Judy Smith Daniels
Meredith College BA

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! The form is attached to the newsletter. Please send your forms and checks to June Creamer, our new Membership VP, whose address is at the end of the form. **TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY FOR 2008-2009 YOU WILL NEED TO RENEW NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 15TH.**

I have very much enjoyed serving as membership VP for the past year and I look forward to my new task as your treasurer. Thanks to each of you for being such a good ambassador for our organization – you helped make my job very easy!

Ann Sherman-Skiba, Membership VP

Book Club Information

Monday Afternoon Book Club

Meetings held at 1:30PM. We welcome new members. For more info, contact June Creamer (791-4612) or Pat Noonan (256-0297).

July 7 ...*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
 ...Reviewer: Mary Codd
 ...Hostess: June Creamer, 791-4612



Hampstead Afternoon Book Club

Meetings held at the Hampstead Library on U.S. 17 on the 3rd Friday of the month at 2:30 P.M. For more information, contact Cookie Patruznick at gpat5@juno.com or at 270-3918.

June 20 ...*A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton* by Carl Bernstein
 ...Reviewer: Sandy Asselta

FINANCIAL ISSUES FOR WOMEN - WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

By Barbara R. Fleming, CFP®
June 2008 AAUW Newsletter



I promised to discuss how you can “stretch” the tax deferral of your IRA to the next generation, but I decided to put it on hold for another month.

Suze Orman, the author of “Women and Money-Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny”, explains to women how to create a healthy relationship with your money. During one of her TV shows she shared with the audience the “Eight Qualities of a Wealthy Woman”. I felt they were very interesting and thought you would appreciate hearing them as well.

1. Harmony- A wealthy woman is one whose thoughts, feelings, words and actions are in harmony. If you only think, feel and speak words but not take action nothing will be accomplished and you do not have harmony.
2. Balance- If your thoughts, words, feelings and action are not in the right proportions, then they are not in balance and thus lacking harmony.
3. Courage- Being able to have the courage to conquer your fears, which may be preventing you from taking action, your life will continue not to be in harmony and your success is limited. Quiet those fears then action can be taken adding quality to your life.
4. Generosity- Generosity doesn't mean putting yourself on SALE. Value your time and efforts. If you give a gift by doing something for others, be sure the gift also benefits you. How do you feel after giving the gift? Do you feel rewarded as well? Are you empowered by giving the gift? If not, think again. Men usually are not asked to volunteer their time. Are you on SALE?
5. Happiness- Happiness is the sum-total of the first four. If you are in harmony with yourself and your life is in balance then you will feel more confident. People like being around happy people. If you are peaceful within yourself then others will enjoy being around you.
6. Cleanliness- When one is in a state of order and cleanliness then there is a feeling of calmness. Wealth can not dwell in filth. Live a clean life in mind, spirit and atmosphere thus inviting wealth to dwell with you.
7. Beauty- Feel beautiful within and the Goddess of Wealth will want to live there as well. Inner beauty will add to your confidence and enable you to continue being in harmony and balance.
8. Wisdom- Wisdom gives you the ability to make the right choices for yourself and others. By keeping your thoughts, words, and feelings in balance, habits will lead to actions. Your actions determine your destiny.

Are you destined to be a WEALTHY WOMAN???

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Chad Phillips at [Mailbox Express](#), at 1616-11 Shipyard Blvd, for help with all of AAUW Wilmington's printing needs.

Prospective Members Reception



Jo Chadwick, Founding Member

The annual reception for new and Prospective members was held on Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2008, at the Parsley Woods Clubhouse. There were 26 members and prospective members who attended. Board members who discussed different aspects of AAUW included Sandra McLaurin, President, Jean Schaefer, Legal Advocacy Chair, and Ann Sherman-Skiba, Vice-president of Membership. Jo Chadwick, who is a founding member of the Wilmington Branch, presented the history of our local group. A special thank you to the committee members: Helen Bolles, June Creamer, Billie House, Phyllis Leimer, and Janet Petty.

-Phyllis Ambler, Reception Committee Chair

Mark Your Calendars

There are so many interesting and important events occurring in Wilmington. Please help to get the word out about these events by emailing me with information on any events that you think might be of interest to AAUW members. See a list of such events below:

- June 30: Community Forum on Titan Cement Plant, UNCW Warwick Center, 7pm
- June (Thursdays and Saturdays): Summer Nights Under the Stars at UNCW (<http://www.uncw.edu/dpscs/summernights.htm>)
- May - October: Art and Social Conscience: Holocaust at the Cameron Art Museum (<http://www.cameronartmuseum.com/>)
- August 2: Carolina Ballet Summer Intensive & Residency – World Premiere Gala Celebration (<http://www.uncw.edu/arts/carolinaballet2008.html>)
- October 16 - November 1: One-Stop Voting in NC
- October 25: College Day at UNCW (<http://www.uncw.edu/dpscs/AdultEdCollegeDay.htm>)
- November 4: Election Day

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