

President's E-letter

January 1, 2015 Happy New Year

CONGRATULATIONS to the following branches:

The **Greensboro branch** is planning their second AAUW Tech Savvy program to be March 28, 2015. Due to the success of their 2014 program they received grants from AAUW as well as AAUWNC for the 2015 event.

The **Winston-Salem branch** received a mini-grant to present a \$mart \$tart workshop this spring at Winston-Salem State University.

It was wonderful to read in the recent Tar Heel News about other branch activities in NC. Keep up the work of empowering NC women.

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

JAN. 15 8 PM Adobe Connect video communication with all NC branch presidents to obtain their input on what they'd like Deepti Gudipati, VP of Member Leadership Programs at AAUW to address as she meets with the President's Council on Friday afternoon, March 20th. Before this phone call, you will receive an e-mail listing the five issues the AAUW Public Policy committee proposes to monitor this session. They would like branch feedback ASAP as they need to submit our issues to NC Women United before January 26 for consideration of the Advocay Day agenda.

FEB. 17 9AM-3PM NC Women Matter coalition meeting in Raleigh. Site to be announced

FEB. 24 Women's Advocacy Day in Raleigh, Legislative Building on Jones St.

MARCH 20-21 AAUW's annual meeting at the downtown Marriott in Greensboro. Location is 304 N. Greene Street. You will receive registration information (paper and online) by the end of January. We have 10 motel rooms reserved until **4pm on Friday, Feb. 20 (cutoff date)**. Motel rooms in Greensboro are a premium that week-end <u>so please make your reservations</u> before the cutoff date. You will note the room rate is a bit higher, but we felt it was time to move our site so you can have new experiences. Since Greensboro is the geographic center of the state we hope to have an excellent attendance. There are two double beds in the rooms and many members commute. Check page 1 on the Fall/Winter 2015 Tar Heel News for meeting content. We think the content will be meaningful and helpful in growing our branch membership.

A reminder that the President's Council serves as the AAUWNC Nominating Committee I'm sure Sandra McLaurin has already or will shortly be contacting you for names for candidates to fill the offices of President and Branch Advocate. Terms are two years in length and give you an excellent opportunity to grow your leadership skills and have fun. I can speak from experience!