



President's E-Letter February 17, 2016

We are getting all set and excited about the **AAUW NC Annual Meeting at the Chapel Hill Sheraton Hotel on April 1-2, 2016**. The president's packets have been sent out. The online registration is up and running at: www.aauwnc.org/events/2016-registration and you can secure your hotel reservations for a discounted room at the Sheraton at:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1602091354&key=1F1E3635>

(copy and paste these web addresses into your browser) or go to www.aauwnc.org and under the Annual Meeting headline, click on "read more..." then click on Sheraton Chapel Hill for your room reservation and Register online here to register for the meeting. Thank you, Nancy, for making it so simple! **March 8 is the deadline for discounted rooms.**

In the president's packet is information on the agenda for Friday and Saturday, afternoon visits for Friday, and details about agenda items. Friday dinner is in the Carolina 1663 room at the hotel. Please share this information with your branch members and encourage your branch members to attend. This is a unique opportunity to meet and greet each other face to face and to be inspired by each other's AAUW stories!

Our focus on Saturday is on Recruiting and Retaining Members through Inclusion, Diversity, and Social Media. Deepti Gudipati is the vice president of Member Leadership Programs at AAUW. Deepti holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania; and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

Congratulations to Brevard AAUW for a Mini-Grant that will strengthen their collaboration with the Brevard College *Institute for Women in Leadership* (IWIL) program! This mini-grant will fund two new activities resulting from collaborative planning to build a stronger, more interactive C/U partnership.

We have been asked by the Association to remind branches to be sure to remove all former logos and to **use the new logos**. You can get them from the Member Services Data Base at www.aauw.org.

Sandra and I had a great visit this past week with some of the members of the Sandhills-Southern Pines Branch. We discussed the topic that we are going to focus on at the AAUW NC Annual Meeting, how to recruit members...to make sure that our programs and local work are still viable. We met in a beautiful spot, the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens at Sandhills Community College. If you haven't been there, be sure to put this on your list of places to visit! The branch has had some wonderful programs and charity events. They have great projects including a Laundromat Project addressing early literacy needs. They work collaboratively with three other groups promoting the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series at the college now in its 30th year! It was an inspiring visit for us. We really are looking forward to hearing more from all of our branches at the annual meeting.

Sandra and I hope we will meet you in Chapel Hill in April!

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