



President's E-Letter

September 17, 2015

It seems that the year has started with a bang. First Jean and I congratulate **AAUW-Greensboro** on applying for and receiving a minigrant from AAUW NC of \$500 to conduct a \$tart\$mart Workshop with their newest C/U Partner, NC A&T State University.

Next, I see that **AAUW-Asheville** has a Kickoff Potluck scheduled for their September meeting with members, spouses and significant others welcome. **AAUW-Brevard** has already had their Welcome Back Potluck Supper. I found this information on their websites. I am inviting you to visit the websites of the AAUW NC branches. There is so much information available and there are wonderful photographs. I also visited the **AAUW-Charlotte** website and learned about their goal of creating a very special fellowship for North Carolina women, designed to fund research projects and graduate studies in science. with a goal of \$35,000. From the **AAUW-Hendersonville** website, I saw that proceeds from the annual fund raisers, the fashion show-tea party in the fall and the spring bus trip, go to local and national scholarships. It also funds two scholarships each year for women in Henderson County attending Blue Ridge Community College before transfer to a college or university degree institution, and so much more. Make a practice of visiting the websites of our AAUW NC Branches.

The board has agreed on several goals for the years. One is to encourage branches to apply for minigrants that support STEM and pay equity. Secondly, branches are encouraged to become advocates in support of AAUW's goals. Go to the AAUW NC website and look at the **Public Policy Priorities**. Let's become more active.

In the last e-letter, Jean gave you a list of the board members. Today I am putting the spotlight on one member of the board, the treasurer **JoAnn Taylor Hall**. JoAnn is president of the **Jacksonville Regional**. She received a Masters of Library Science from Drexel University and an undergraduate degree in Speech and Communication from the University of Delaware. Currently, she is the Medical Librarian at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, NC. She served 13 years in the United States Marine Corps and worked four years as a high school Media Center Coordinator. She has been a member of AAUW for 11 years. She is a very active member of the Jacksonville Regional Branch and has served as the branch secretary, treasurer and branch president for multiple years. This is her second year as AAUW NC treasurer.



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