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Honorary Life Member Certified
Helen Ludwig, Hendersonville Branch charter member and AAUW member for 50 years. She began her affiliation in Michigan. Congratulations, Helen.

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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.



Four of the outstanding speakers and workshop leaders recruited by Winston-Salem Branch, from left, are Ann Gustafson, Jane Stephenson, Joycelyn Johnson, and Ashley Osment.

2007 Convention: "Open the Gates: Our Mission in Action"

The 2007 AAUW NC Convention, hosted by Winston-Salem Branch, will be held at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center, April 20-22. Exciting activities and programs await AAUW members from all over the state.

National AAUW leaders, Ann Gustafson and Leslie Henderson, will bring fresh perspectives on building membership and leadership. Gustafson is Association membership vice-president. Henderson serves as the Southeastern Area Regional Director. Jane Stephenson, who created New Opportunity School, the nationally recognized program for women originally established at Lees McRae College in Elkin, is the luncheon speaker. The Honorable Denise Hartsfield, district court judge, will speak at the Saturday Evening Gala.

Presenting education equity issues will be Ashley Osment, Senior Attorney from UNC Center for Civil Rights. Joycelyn Johnson, Winston-Salem City Council, along with Mary Peterson, AAUW NC public policy chair, will explore "hot" issues for women now developing NC public policy. *Healthy Lifestyles*, a pilot project for middle school girls at the Winston-Salem Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club, will be presented by Capri Foy and Vanessa Duren-Winfield. AAUW NC is building strength in its ties with the college and university campuses across the state. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo will speak with campus representatives.

See pages 7-9 for convention details, registration forms, deadlines, and directions.

Branch collaborates with Girl Scouts

Gaston Regional Branch sponsored a project in collaboration with the Pioneer Council Girl Scouts. The council consists of six counties.

The winning troop will be sent to Exploris, a hands-on museum in Raleigh, March 24-25, for an expense-paid weekend, to participate in 'Art Around the World' activities. Participating troops chose either the 'Art in 3D' or 'Folk Arts' badge to work on for their submissions. Gaston Branch judged the competition on creativity and originality.

Bernadine Carpenter, 3331bcarpentr@msn.com

Branches read, discuss book

At least two branches are focusing on Timothy Tyson's book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, for their March programs.

Greensboro Branch will hold theirs on March 13. Statesville Branch will discuss the book on March 19.

The book is the AAUW NC recommended book for this program year. A National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist, Tyson's story takes place in Oxford and Wilmington, NC, during the civil rights struggles of the 1970s. It is a compelling autobiographical story for which book reviewers have given high praise.

New AAUW Mission Statement

The Association and Foundation boards approved a new mission statement in October. It is on www.aauwnc.org "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

Of course, any change like this takes some time to percolate through the organization. The old mission, "equity for all women and girls, lifelong learning, and positive societal change," continues to appear in places on www.aauw.org. It may still appear in branch materials. Now is the time to change to the new version. The change is a "done deal."

Watch for announcements about this significant step in AAUW's strategic change process as the convention in Phoenix draws nearer. In January, two important documents were distributed --

- An "explainer" on the new mission and the strategic process. You can find it at <http://wiki.bbvx.org/uploads/f/f5/For-state-newsletters-Jan07.pdf>
- A chart showing a summary of the bylaws changes that will be considered in Phoenix. Find that and other resources on this process at www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/strategic_pp2006.cfm



*President's
Message*
Nancy Shoemaker
AAUW NC

It's about time....

Time. We save it. We spend it. All of us involved in AAUW NC would agree that there's never enough of it. What limits our ability to do good is not a lack of ideas or, in general, even a lack of money – but a lack of time.

- Time to think about a project in multiple ways: increasing visibility and membership as well as “doing” the project itself.
- Time to mentor someone so she can extend the organization's capacity in the future.
- Time to learn a new way to approach a task so we can be more efficient and effective
- Time to learn each other's strengths so that we can be a better team

Time is, of course, an investment, and just as with money, we need to look at the return. Many changes AAUW is facing involve ensuring we can do more with less: Do more with less time, not just money. As an example, consider the branch

Council Form of Branch Governance—Is It for You?

Barbara White, AAUW NC Membership Vice-President

Some branches have voiced concerns that they have difficulties recruiting branch officers; in fact, there are times that branches cite not having enough people to fill the offices (especially that of president) as a factor in the decision to disband. With that in mind, it is time for AAUW to consider alternate forms of governance at the branch level. One form that is working for the Los Alamos, New Mexico, Branch is the idea of having a “Coordinating Council,” which is made up of four to nine members elected by the branch membership. This council is charged with leading and administering the branch and assumes the responsibilities of the current positions of branch officers and board of directors. Members of the council then share the responsibilities that the branch officers have traditionally performed in a way that allows them to complete everything that needs to be done to operate a branch but in a new way.

One example of this would be the position of membership vice-president. A couple of people may want to focus energies on recruiting new members, someone else may want to maintain contact with those who express interest in joining, and another would oversee the organization of a membership event. With the program vice-president position, several people would rotate the responsibilities of locating speakers, finding meeting locations, or planning community projects.

AAUW NC's executive committee recently discussed the pros and cons of branches' pursuit of this form of governance, in part because the Raleigh/Wake Branch is considering a change to their bylaws that would permit a structure based on the one Los Alamos (NM) Branch is using. The executive committee, serving as the bylaws committee, “approve(d), in principle, any branch bylaw changes that follow the New Mexico model for establishing a Coordinating Council to lead and administer branch activities.” This approved motion allows all branches in AAUW NC to move forward with changing their bylaws this way without the usual approval from the state, if they feel that such a change would be beneficial to keeping their branches alive and active.

If your branch has been struggling to find people who are willing to serve in officer roles, perhaps it is time to discuss whether this would work for you.

recognition form (due May 15), a simple two-page form you can submit in e-mail. Multiple copies or other documentation are not necessary. While it is simpler for the branches, it will also be much easier to share the information among all those who want to hear how the branches are doing. Voila! “More” with “Less.”

A measure of success

As the Association makes transitions, you can be sure that cutting the overhead required of members will be one measure of success. You have already seen one small change in the online member services database that makes life easier for branch treasurers and provides up to date information to all members. Structural changes are to follow. You can expect to see a flatter structure, more targeted communications, and greater emphasis on making sure the time you spend has a quick return.

What it means

What does this mean to you? Well, you may have to adapt to new ways of doing things. Using technology in general (and accessing information on the Internet, in particular) is becoming a key skill, and if you choose not to get proficient, you are strongly encouraged to find a “buddy” who can keep you in the loop.

More importantly, though, we all need to consider how we are going to invest our AAUW time. Are we doing anything out of habit that

no longer returns a good investment? Are there items we have dropped, though they would reach out to new constituencies or provide a strong payback? Can we readjust our lives so that we can say “yes” when a call comes out from an unexpected AAUW source?

Time is, of course, related to money. If we “spend” time we can raise money. We can “save” time by paying for services that we need but no longer have time to perform. How, specifically, would you make those tradeoffs at AAUW NC, understanding that time is a fixed resource, while creativity can substantially change the money available to us?

There's an African proverb – if you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together. “Together,” by definition, takes time. AAUW needs your passion, your energy and your time!

Celebrated Brevard Member Dies

By Karla Atkinson, Brevard Branch

In 1987, AAUW extended membership to men who hold college degrees. The first member was John Freeman, husband of South Carolina's *poet laureate*, Grace Freeman, who was also an AAUW member. Grace made a donation to secure a lifetime membership for her husband.

Grace Freeman was South Carolina's *Poet Laureate* from 1985-1986. John was a professor at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, where he, Grace and their four children lived for many years before moving to Brevard. The Freemans were active members of the Brevard Branch.

On becoming the first male member of AAUW, John commented in an article that “the problems of a disenfranchised group, whether women, blacks, the poor or others, are also the problems that affect and should be faced by men, whites and the affluent...I like what AAUW stands for.” Freeman is included in the 1980s section of the Association's History Museum.

John died in January of this year. Grace preceded him in death in October 2002. Memorials can be made to the Brevard AAUW Tribute Program at Blue Ridge Community College.



Barbara White

Passings

- Tryon Area Branch: Betty Kauzor, July 25, 2006
- Democracy North Carolina has expressed deep sadness at the tragic death, Jan. 4, of Denita Monique Smith, the NC Central University student from Charlotte. She was DNC intern in 2002, who helped research a report called “The Color of Money in Charlotte” and was well on her way to making a difference in her community.

Changes

- Nancy Shoemaker's preferred phone number: 919.773.1340. If you receive an error message when using nancy.shoemaker@aauwnc.org, try shoemaker@acm.org.

Decades of Women of Action

Mary Peterson, AAUW NC Public Policy Chair

Ed. Note: Thanks to Mary for drawing on her years of experience to prepare this compilation as part of the AAUW 125th Anniversary Celebration.

1931 – AAUW celebrates its 50th anniversary. AAUW, along with the League of Women Voters and Business and Professional Women were the “three great associations of women in the United States.” Depression era cutbacks threatened women’s faith in the credo that educational achievement was rewarded with expanding access to professional and public life. Women were often among the first to be fired despite their credentials and achievements; similarly, women’s programs in the nation’s colleges and universities were often early victims of economic contraction. AAUW accreditation thus became an important tool for shaping educational policy for women and ensuring the maintenance of high standards. In the 1930s, the AAUW list of approved colleges included 194 schools in the United States and 100 abroad. During this period, AAUW strove to develop a mainstream feminism that combined equal rights with intellectual achievement and public service.

1942 – AAUW and other national organizations suspended national meetings during the war and many state and local gatherings ceased. More than 350,000 women served in the Armed Forces during the war. AAUW, BPW, and other women’s groups lobbied extensively for commissions for women in the armed forces and for equal benefits including medical care and retirement.

AAUW also objected to a wartime proposal that would make it mandatory for married couples to file joint income tax returns. The tax appeared to pit patriotism against the right of women to control their own earnings. During WWII, AAUW women made every effort to demonstrate their capacity for community leadership/public service.

At this time, AAUW continued to oppose the ERA and supported the Women’s Status Bill, which called for an end to discrimination on the basis of sex “except where reasonably justified by differences in physical structure or biological or social function.” Neither the ERA nor the Women’s Status bill succeeded in passing Congress. Another case of divided we fail.

1950s – Described by some as “the doldrums and by others as an era in which the search for security, after two decades of depression and war, led American women to focus on family life to the exclusion of public concerns. Many accounts say the women’s movement died during the 1950s. An exploration of AAUW activities during the 1950s suggests not a declining interest in women’s issues, but rather a transformation in the language, context, and culture of liberal



January 25–The North Carolina Coalition on Aging (NCCA) sponsored a program, “Emerging Aging Issues.” From left: Dr. Florence Soltys, Dr. Helen Martikainen, Representative Alice Bordsen, Ran Coble and Mary Peterson.

Advocacy Group members Martikainen and Peterson shared AAUWNC’s Public Policy Program brochures with Bordsen (Alamance County), Coble (Executive Director of the NC Center for Public Policy Research), and Soltys, a professor at UNC Chapel Hill.

Martikainen is AAUW NC’s representative to the Coalition on Aging. She invited Peterson, state public policy chair, and Kay White, public policy chair of the Chapel Hill Branch, to attend and participate in this special session. Coble solicited ideas and approval of the first draft of ideas for the ongoing aging issues research-study by the Center. The NC Center for Public Policy Research is a private, non-profit organization that does independent research and studies on public policy issues in North Carolina.

Peterson is providing the brochures to all North Carolina Legislature members, as well as others. The policy, approved at the AAUW NC Fall Leadership Meeting in Statesville, was published in the special administrative issue of Tar Heel News, sent to presidents and other leaders in December. Download this issue at www.aauwnc.org.

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politics. Women’s groups did not abandon hopes for equality, but they did adopt a universal language of consensus and withdrew from national political coalitions. The context for a discussion of feminism also changed during the 1950s as women faced a serious challenge to their educational and professional opportunities. Remember the “cold war” atmosphere and the age of McCarthyism? Organizations to carefully worded their public statements in ways to assure members and the public of their patriotism.

In 1955, the Association appointed a survey committee to study the organization’s membership and to recommend appropriate program and organizational changes. The findings shocked the AAUW leadership: two-thirds of the members were married, two-thirds were under the age of 46, and more than 50% were mothers. Many reported full or part-time employment, mostly in the traditionally female fields of teaching, social work and health care. AAUW’s hard-won inroads into higher education and particularly into traditionally male disciplines

appeared to be slipping away. Another trend surfaced. Women were quietly generating substantial sums of money specifically to enable women to pursue intellectual and professional interests. In 1957, the Educational Foundation became a separate entity. After the 1954 Supreme Court case said schools would be integrated, AAUW branches faced where they would stand and support or oppose actions in their communities on integration issues. The Durham NC branch took a much more pro-active stand for integrated schools than the Association.

1960s and 1970s saw an AAUW agenda similar to those of other women’s organizations. This agenda focused on political, legal, economic, and educational equality. Although historians generally have argued that the 1960s were the rebirth of feminism, a close look at the programs and goals of women’s organizations during these years suggests a remarkable likeness to those of our earlier years. If, however, the

See “Decades” on page 11



2007 AAUW Convention Phoenix, Arizona June 29-July 2

AAUW's 44th National Convention, "Expanding a Legacy of Leadership," will provide opportunities for personal growth, as well as the chance to learn from engaging speakers and network with other supporters of AAUW's mission. Join AAUW in Phoenix as we culminate our 125th anniversary celebration and learn more about the future for women and girls.

Convention Tracks

- **Action for Equity:** Concrete strategies. Top-notch leadership skills. Strong partnerships. To achieve the priorities of promoting education and equity, collaboration is critical. Explores opportunities and goals for future action.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Educated. Employed. Economically self-sufficient. To ensure that education truly becomes the gateway to women's economic security, we must convert educational success into financial success.
- **Global Perspectives:** Bridging generations. Broadening cultural diversity. Balancing gender inequities. Advancing education and equity and expanding opportunities for all women and girls depend on the continuing collaboration of AAUW members, partners, and supporters of all kinds.
- **Uniquely AAUW:** Committed. Concerned. In command. Dedicated to promoting education and equity for women and girls, AAUW members lead the fight for equity in our hometowns and in towns half a globe away.

Plus so much more!

Learn all about AAUW Convention 2007 and register today:

www.aauw.org/convention/conv2007/index.cfm

Write a letter, promote the new theme

Lisa M. Maatz

AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

Interim Director, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

A great way to promote AAUW's theme, Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security, is to send a letter to the editor to one or two major newspapers in your state announcing AAUW's policy priorities for the new 110th Congress. AAUW's Public Policy Program focuses on educational equity and economic security, and many of these issues are on the minds of both the public and our politicians as the new Congress gets down to work. This is a great time to send such a letter, and I encourage state public policy chairs and state presidents to coordinate which papers to send it to, and who will sign the letter to the editor. This coordination is critical, because if you both send a similar letter to the same paper, it is likely neither will be published. Also, only send the letter to one or two papers, since papers do not want duplicate materials. If you can personalize the letter in some way to briefly showcase your state's work, that is also useful – but keep the letter short! No more than 300 words; 250 is better. Lastly, be sure to use your AAUW title, giving your state organization valuable visibility.

AAUW's Action Network has developed an easy template, complete with suggested language, for you to use to put together this letter to the editor. Our web site even sends the letter to the newspapers for you – how easy is that? Use the link below. It will take you to AAUW's Web site, and you'll be on your way. <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=9287436&type=ME>

Good luck, and if you get published, be sure to send them our way!



Embrace change; make way for the future

Leslie Henderson, South Atlantic Region (SAR) Regional Director

You've heard the line, "The only one who welcomes change is a baby with a wet diaper"? Contrary to that aphorism, in our 125 years AAUW has consistently embraced change. As Nancy Shoemaker, president of NC AAUW said in a recent state newsletter article, "...we were born to champion change, and we've never been ones to defend the *status quo*...."

Even so, it begs the question: So why now? What makes this a serious effort, different and perhaps more critical than in the last couple decades?

The context of *who* we are today – our collective mission and vision over the years – has not changed. *What* we are today – in structure, operations, and governance – is the issue.

We are not re-inventing ourselves, we are simply restructuring the organization, to work more efficiently, more cooperatively, and more in tandem with world dynamics. In the last 15 years or so, AAUW has been like Sisyphus, straining to raise the huge organizational stone, and push it up the hill, time after time. Unlike Sisyphus, today we know that we can't do it alone. Hence, over the last 18 months, AAUW has asked for advice from all sectors – AAUW leaders, branch members, members-at-large, coalition members, prospective members, other non-profits, consultants, and business leaders. From that comprehensive feedback, the Association and the Educational Foundation will be suggesting a first phase of organizational changes at the Association convention in Phoenix.



The things we need to do

So, as members, how can we help? How can we participate? These are some things we need to do:

- Keep in mind that we are reorganizing an organization, not only for today, but to serve in the future.
- Focus our energies on what's best for AAUW, even if it challenges what we're comfortable with today.
- Read the extraordinary and riveting "Roadmap" that explains how we arrived at these changes and what needs to be done: www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/documents/roadmapDraft9-30-06.pdf.
- Make every effort to make our voices heard and our support felt at the Phoenix convention.
- Regularly log into the www.aauw.org home page, click "strategic process," and read on the proposed bylaws amendments and FAQ's.
- Conduct dialogues in our branches and states.
- Member leaders need to make sure that all their members are aware of these proposed changes.
- Members need to attend their state conventions, where they will have the opportunity to hear more about the re-organization and to interact and discuss these changes with Association leaders.

The things we need to do must be done with a team effort, with team spirit, for an enduring mission and for the future of AAUW. Thank you for all that you do for AAUW, and stay in touch.

Experience, dedication AAUW NC define nominees

AAUW NC President-elect: Millie Hoffler-Foushee (2007-2008)

Millie Hoffler-Foushee has served as AAUW NC treasurer since 2002. Her financial expertise has benefitted the Greensboro branch and AAUW NC. Her strong commitment and dedication to AAUW at all levels is evident in everything she does. Millie is a frequent and active participant at local and state meetings, and has attended many national conventions to represent the women of North Carolina. Greensboro branch is proud to support her as nominee for AAUW NC president-elect.

Millie served as co-chair, Greensboro Human Relations Commission Committee of 100 Steering Committee and chair of the Greensboro Annual Multi-Cultural Festival. She is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greensboro, is active on several auxiliaries, and has received many honors as a businesswoman and activist.

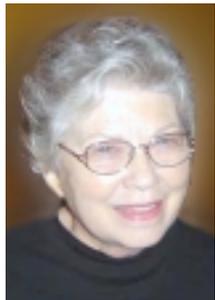
Millie's professional career spans nearly 45 years, including employment with Girl Scouts of America and District of Columbia and Maryland public schools. She has owned two businesses, a janitorial service and an education consultant firm. Now in "semi-retirement," she is a master tax advisor for HR Block and an enrolled agent to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.



Millie Hoffler-Foushee

AAUW NC Program Co-Vice-Presidents: Lou Dean Howard and Etta Alston (2007-2009)

Lou Dean Howard was born in Arkansas in 1935 to parents who operated a dairy farm. Her mother, Regina, taught before marriage, but state law prohibited married women from teaching. After two years of college, but the depression forced Regina to quit and work while her husband completed his education. She sold what was raised on the farm and was determined to see her two daughters complete their degrees.



Lou Dean Howard

Lou Dean graduated from Stamps High School where her father taught vocational agriculture, industrial arts, and served the district as veterinarian. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas (then Arkansas State Teachers College) in 1957 with a B.S.E. in elementary education, a minor in English and minor in music. She earned her M.A. in supervision and minor in related fields from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University (then George Peabody College for Teachers) in 1960. After moving to High Point, she completed additional courses at UNC-G.

Lou Dean's work as an educator began in 1957 and spanned five states: Arkansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Florida, and North Carolina, where she retired from Guilford County Schools in 1998. She was also a mentor teacher and conference presenter.

Lou Dean's AAUW service includes High Point Branch program vice-president 1977-1979, president 1988-1990, co-president 1998-2002; AAUW NC program vice-president 1979-1981, president 1982-1984, parliamentarian 2002-2004, Association nominating committee 1985-1987.

Her former affiliations with professional education organizations was extensive. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, Beta Xi Chapter and is currently chapter newsletter editor. She has been involved with community organizations including NC Council of Women's Organizations M-A-L; North Carolina ERA; and High Point Racial Justice Task Force, and Scots family societies.

A musician, Lou Dean sang in church choirs until 2006. She is a member of United Methodist Women, was commissioned a Stephen Minister in 1994 and has been an active Stephen Leader since 2002. She volunteers as a receptionist at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

Special Honors: AAUW EF Gift Honoree; People to People International delegate to U.S./China Joint Conference on Women's Issues, Beijing, 1995; Clan Graham Society President's Distinguished Service Award. Eta State Exemplary Award for BETA XI HI-LIGHTS 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. WHO'S WHO: in AMERICA, of AMERICAN WOMEN, and in AMERICAN EDUCATION.

Etta Alston is a native of Franklin County. She graduated from Franklinton High School in 1982. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she received a degree in Radio, TV, and Motion Pictures graduating in 1986. She began teaching in Warren County in 1989 and received her Elementary Education Certification from North Carolina Central University. She taught in Franklin County for 15 years. She has been an Acute Services Teacher at John Umstead Hospital in Butner, NC since July 2005. She is currently working on her Special Education Certification.

A member of the Raleigh/Wake County branch, Etta is a past president of the Franklin County branch, and a member of the AAUW NC advocacy team.

Etta is a member of the New Liberty Baptist Church in Louisburg, NC where she serves on the Daughters of Jethro (hostesses), Pastor's Aide secretary, Usher Board Secretary, New Members Class teacher and Sunday School Secretary. She is active in two sororities: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Pi Chi; Franklin County Missionary Baptist Association, Interdenominational Ushers of North Carolina, Order of Eastern Star, and Order of Cyrene Crusaders.

AAUW NC Program Treasurer: Mary Fran Schickedantz

A long-standing member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Mary Fran Schickedantz has served as local branch president and various offices. She was AAUW NC president from 1994-1996.

She has lived in Greensboro since 1967, coming here via Ohio, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She grew up in Ohio and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mary Fran is presently serving her third year on the Leadership Greensboro Advisory Board of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. My focus is "Sponsored Programs," which include Leadership Greensboro Seniors (LGS), Leadership Greensboro Seniors Alumni and Leadership Greensboro Youth. She attended the 2001 LGS six-week program and has served in some capacity with the program since that time.

Mary Fran works out of her home for Green Valley (pool and tennis club) as administrative secretary. She has four children and five grandchildren. Her husband died in 2005.

Community Activities:

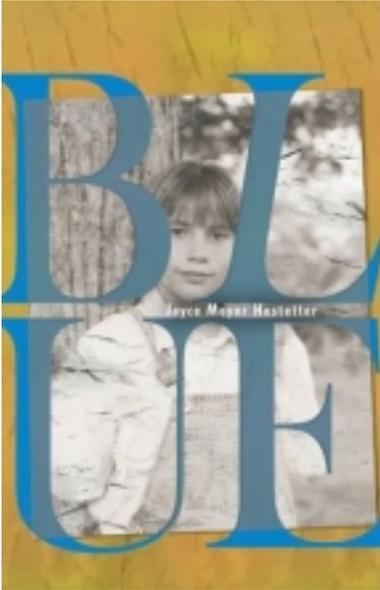
- Long-standing member of St. Francis Episcopal Church. Served on the vestry 1992-1995.
- Long-standing member of the Greensboro Symphony Guild. Served as secretary, treasurer and on several boards.
- Served a three-year term on the Guilford County Board of Elections. Before that, was a poll worker, judge, and chief judge.



Mary Fran Schickedantz

Thanks to the nominating committee for their work: Patsy Abell, Statesville; Etta Alston, Franklin County; Elizabeth Laney, High Country; Gelene Lineberger, Gaston Regional; Connie Gamble Ochse, Jacksonville Region

Hostetter receives AAUW NC Juvenile Literature Award



AAUW NC established the Juvenile Literature Award in 1953 to recognize "The creative activity involved in the writing of juvenile literature and to stimulate throughout North Carolina an interest in worthwhile literature written on the juvenile level." The award recipient receives an engraved cup with his/her name, the book title and presentation date. The award information is also placed on a permanent plaque housed in the Museum of History and an autographed copy of the book is placed in the Special Collections Room of the Library at UNC Charlotte.

Each year, the award is given to a North Carolina resident who, during the twelve months ending June 30, published and submitted to the secretary of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association an original work of juvenile literature of outstanding excellence. Books are judged by a Board of Award using a point scale based on creative and imaginative quality, excellence of appeal, and relevance to North Carolina and to her people. All works are judged without regard to length, but each must have been published in book form and may be fiction or nonfiction. The award recipient must have been a three-year resident of North Carolina immediately prior to submitting the published work.

Last fall, Nancy Shoemaker, AAUW NC president, presented the 2006 AAUW Juvenile Literature Award to Joyce Moyer Hostetter for *Blue*, a novel set in Hickory, NC during World War II. With her father away at war to fight Hitler, Ann Fay Honeycutt gains strength by joining her community in battling polio, in a story based on the 1944 epidemic in that town.

The presentation was part of the program of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society. The

North Carolina Museum of History was a particularly appropriate setting for the event, since a display on the "Miracle of Hickory" (the establishment of a temporary hospital for polio victims in just a few days) is on the third floor of the museum. AAUW NC membership vice president Barbara White, Shoemaker, and Hostetter's husband, Chuck, joined Hostetter for a tour of the exhibit before the award ceremony. Elizabeth Laney, past-president of AAUW NC, handled the arrangements for the award for AAUW, but was unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

Thanks to the NC Literary and Historical Association for administering this award.



NC Conference for Women 2006 a success; 2007 plans under way

Barbara White, AAUW NC Membership Vice-President

AAUW NC was an exhibitor and a partnering organization at the first NC Conference for Women at the Charlotte Convention Center in October 2006. The conference mission is to "provide a platform for women of all ages and backgrounds across North Carolina to network with peers and become informed on timely issues that are of value to today's women" (Tribble Creative Group, 2006). The AAUW NC board agreed this would be a prime location to meet women who may wish to either join AAUW or partner with us on issues of common interest.

This event, attended by 1,500 women from all over the state, was sold-out weeks in advance. Activities of the day were energizing, informative, and applicable to a wide cross-section of North Carolina women. Madame President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia was the keynote speaker, and Grammy-winning artist Kathy Mattea provided lunchtime entertainment. Speakers hosted a variety of dynamic workshops.

The NC Women's Forum was an interactive voting exercise for participants to voice opinions on issues of interest to NC women. Results: <http://www.ncwomensconference.com/documents/tribbleallslides.pdf>

AAUW members made many contacts during the networking sessions with potential members, college/university representatives, other organizations, and the media. We gained a new member and also located some transplants from other states who are MALs or members of branches who have not moved their memberships. We made a very important contact with the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, a key provider of statistics as they relate to women's issues. All the AAUW NC members who participated in this event felt that we were successful in reaching a new audience with the message of our organization and believe that future participation in this event would be advantageous to fulfilling our mission. The 2007 conference is scheduled for Oct. 30, at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Those who made this event a success include Charlotte Branch members Bess Burns, Marilyn Bissell, and Diane Johnston; Raleigh Branch member

Janet Weber; Greensboro Branch member Mary Fran Schickedantz; and AAUW-NC Board Members Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo, Marty Folsom, Nancy Shoemaker, Queen Thompson, and Barbara White.

Learn more at <http://ncwomensconference.com/CarolinaOnDemand.cfm>

AAUW NC 100 Club

2006-2007

Member

- AAUW Brevard**
- Judy Atkinson, Winston-Salem
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- Barbara Ann Hughes, Raleigh/Wake Co.**
- Lola Jackson, Greensboro**
- Mary Lasher, Asheville
- Catherine McCormick
- Mary Paterson, Chapel Hill
- Nancy Shoemaker, Raleigh**
- Queen Thompson, Charlotte
- *Member 2005; **Member 2004-2005

Honoree

- Nancy Gibson, Kay Galvin
- Gloria Blanton, Leslie Syron
- Helen Martikainen
- Bobbie Edmisten

Join the club and be recognized at convention! Send documentation of 100 hours to AAUW during 2006 to Nancy Shoemaker. Send contributions of \$100 or more to Millie Hoffler-Foushee. See www.aauwnc.org to learn more.



Our Mission in Action

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Ellen Morris and Becky Pfaff, Convention Co-Chairs
Judy Atkinson, AAUW NC Program Vice-President

Education, diversity, public policy, and changes for AAUW are just a few of the topics to be addressed to speak the AAUW mission of *Gateway to Women's Education and Economic Security*.

It's New at Convention

More time to talk to each other

- Welcome reception late Friday afternoon – make a connection for dinner!
- Sunday morning walk-run – find an exercise partner and enjoy Old Salem
- Table topics on Saturday – key guests will sit with you, not at a head table

Learn from other volunteers

- Bring a display or handout about your best project – the “NC Taste of Success”
- Saturday morning orientation for first-timers
- Two key Association leaders attending with many opportunities to talk to them

Streamlined business session

- Reports in writing and on the web – easier to share with your branch
- Awards will be at the meeting, not a separate event
- Time to be spent in discussions where your contributions are needed!

And more!

Bring your energy and your passion! Prepare to learn and to teach –and to return to your communities with a better understanding of AAUW and its future.

Fund-Raiser with a Twist

- Proceeds allocated to fund of your choice: Ann Chipley Fund–American Fellowships; Charlotte Branch Fund–Community Action/ Career Development; Eleanor Roosevelt Fund–Foundation Research; Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy or AAUW NC.
- Bring a fantastic theme basket for the Silent Auction: Describe your town or part of the state; celebrate the convention theme; pick your own theme—we have had some very creative ones over the years.
- Come prepared to bid on a basket.
- Winners will receive baskets during the Saturday Evening Gala.
- Questions? Contact Betty Weik, laciew@aol.com or 336.760.5955.



Winston-Salem Branch welcomes AAUW NC

The Winston-Salem Branch and the Triad Region are opening the gates to learning, friendship, and inspiration at this year's dynamic AAUW NC Convention. We hope to surround you with hospitality and convenience. Headquartered at the Hawthorne Inn and Convention Center, within walking distance of Old Salem and other downtown points of interest, you will have free parking, complimentary continental breakfast all at the great rate of \$79 per night. This convention is special to Winston-Salem Branch, because they are celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Welcoming events begin on Friday afternoon with a walking tour of Old Salem, led by our president, Pam Kahl, followed by the Welcome Reception in the Hospitality Room. If you care to go out for Friday evening dinner AAUW Winston-Salem hosts will escort you to favorite restaurants for your early evening meal. You can join the Music in the Streets that make downtown Winston-Salem hop on Friday night, or just enjoy some leisure time back at the hotel, taking advantage of the hospitality room. See page 8 for outline of times, activities, meetings and events.

For you, by you, with you—women of action!

- The Honorable Allen Joines, Winston-Salem mayor, opens our plenary session
- Be inspired and informed by national AAUW leaders, Leslie Henderson and Ann Gustafson.
- Learn about programs which open gates for both adolescent girls and mature women; you will learn more about gates that need to be pushed open, and gates that are gently swinging for the benefit of women and girls.
- Winston-Salem schools, arts centers and businesses are welcoming you. Plan to spend quality time with our vendors at their exhibits (see page 8)
- Take a chance to be a real winner through contributing to the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund and, perhaps, taking home the convention signature painting by Ann Volz, or a basket of treasures from a fellow AAUW branch, or a boat-load of money from the half and half drawing.
- Six outstanding workshops – pick two (see page 8)
- Hear reports, vote for leaders, and fulfill all the obligations of being an AAUW member.
- Gala Evening on Saturday. We will leave the hotel for a four-block drive to the Enrichment Center. The Winston-Salem Branch wants to share this beautifully renovated building which, by day, houses a wonderful day center for handicapped adults and, by night, turns into a wonderful party venue. You and your guests will enjoy a festive reception and a delicious dinner provided by one of Winston-Salem's most creative caterers. You be the judge of how our court is faring under the leadership of Judge Denise Hartsfield, our speaker for the evening.
- Early risers – walk/run along the strollway into down town on Sunday morning. After your complimentary breakfast, we will have a rousing town meeting followed by a quiet time to honor those members who have died during this past year.

Get those spring clothes out of the closet and c'mon to Winston-Salem! Give yourself an extra treat. Come a day early and stay a day late to attend screenings of the River Run International Film Festival. See pages 8 and 9 for registration forms and more details.



AAUW NC 2007 Convention

Friday April 20

- 12:00-8:00 Convention Registration
Hawthorne Inn
- 4:00-11:00 Hospitality Room
- 2:00 Tour of Old Salem
- 4:00 Welcome Reception
Hospitality Room
- 5:30- 6:45 AAUW NC optional dinner
- 7:00- 9:00 AAUW NC Board Meeting

Saturday April 21

- 7:30-8:45 Complimentary
Continental Breakfast
- 8:00- 8:30 First-Time Members
Hospitality Room
- 8:00- 4:00 Convention Registration
- 9:00-10:15 Opening Session-Hawthorne Inn
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:30-11:40 Workshops
- 11:45- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:15- 3:15 Annual Business Meeting
- 3:15- 3:25 Break
- 3:30- 4:30 Workshops
- 5:00- 6:00 Hospitality Room/State Leadership
- 6:00- 7:00 Reception for Members/Guests
- 7:00- 9:30 Gala Evening-Enrichment Center
- 9:30-11:00 Hospitality Room-Hawthorne Inn

Sunday April 22

- 7:00 Walk/Run Downtown Strollway
- 8:00- 9:00 Breakfast-Complimentary
Continental or on your own
- 9:00- 9:15 Memorial Service
- 9:15-10:40 Town Hall with Ann Gustafson
and Leslie Henderson
- 10:40-11:30 Installation of Officers
Wrap-up (unfinished business)
Adjournment
- 11:30

Opening our gates – making it easier to join AAUW NC

Convention delegates will be asked to approve two changes to the AAUW NC bylaws:

- Allow the AAUW NC board to set state dues for individual (at-large) members, continuing 2005 changes to add flexibility and allowing NC to explore new ways to connect this important segment of our membership.
- Allow the AAUW NC board to support a new state-wide branch. The primary support expected would be enlisting state leaders to fill some of the administrative roles required by the branch (e.g. treasurer, communications chair). This would provide a structure to “connect” individual members to AAUW NC more closely. In addition, it would allow small groups of members in communities unserved by branches to form satellites and use the AAUW name when talking about their activities. **NOTE:** At least 15 members must choose to join this new branch for this change to have effect. The executive committee recommends the delegates vote on this issue to ensure we agree this is a proper use of AAUW NC resources. Learn more: http://wiki.bvux.org/index.php?title=Governance_Resources and see “Branch without Borders.”

The specific language of these bylaws changes will be distributed through the e-mail list, the blog, and to branch presidents by mid-March.

OPEN THE GATES: OUR MISSION IN ACTION

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Name: First: _____ Last: _____

AAUW Branch: _____ E-mail: _____

Select: Life Member _____ Past President _____ First Time Attendee _____

Home Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AAUW AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:
Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau – Services Department
200 Brookstown Avenue - Winston-Salem NC 27101

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 6, 2007

Registrations will not be accepted after deadline. All late registrations must be done onsite.
If you have questions about registration, please contact

Jennifer Norwood at jnorwood@wscvb.com OR Hailey Thomas at hthomas@wscvb.com

If you are paying by credit card, please complete the following information:

Credit Card Type: (Circle) MC VI Expiration Date: ____/____

Card Number: _____

Print name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature: _____

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|--|---|------|
| Pre-Registration (by April 6, 2007) | Members | \$40 |
| On-Site Registration | Members | \$48 |
| Pre-Paid Events (Tickets Required) | | |
| Saturday, April 21 – Meal availability is not guaranteed with on-site registration | | |
| Luncheon | | \$13 |
| Gala Evening: Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> | | \$30 |
| Fund-Raising: Half & Half Drawing | Buy in advance! \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 # of tickets _____ | |
| TOTAL | | |

| Pre-Conference Registration for Workshop Sessions - Saturday, April 21 | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Morning Session | Time | Check to Attend |
| A Winston-Salem AAUW Grant – Healthy Lifestyles Capri Foy and Vanessa Duren-Winfield, WFU Medical School, AAUW WS | 10:30-11:40 a.m. | |
| B Education Equity and Leandro Issue Ashley Osment, UNC Center for Civil Right; Queen Thompson | 10:30-11:40 a.m. | |
| C AAUW NC Public Policy: “What’s Hot” Jocelyn Johnson, W-S City Council, Mary Peterson | 10:30-11:40 a.m. | |
| D College/University Representatives Sheila Bassappo-Moyo, AAUW Raleigh/Wake County | 10:30-11:40 a.m. | |
| Afternoon Session | Time | Check to Attend |
| A Membership Ann Gustafson, AAUW Membership Committee Chair and L2L | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | |
| B Leadership Leslie Henderson, AAUW SAR Representative | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | |

Special Needs: Dietary _____ Mobility _____ Sight/Hearing _____

Specify: _____

Note: You will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your registration request.

- Receipts for payment will be placed in conference folders distributed on-site.
- **NO REFUNDS** for conference or pre-conference.

Please be sure to also fill out the SEPARATE HOUSING RESERVATION form to guarantee your housing request.

HOTEL/HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

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Deadline for Receipt by Bureau: March 11, 2007

**Return completed form by mail, fax or complete reservations online.
The Winston-Salem CVB will process ALL hotel reservations through March 11.**

Mail: Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau – Services Department
200 Brookstown Avenue - Winston-Salem NC 27101

Fax: 1.800.976.2282 or 336.721.2205

Online: www.visitwinstonsalem.com

Changes and/or questions? E-mail hthomas@wscvb.com or call 336.728.4237

1. Form must be completed in its entirety to be processed by the Housing Bureau.
2. Only one form may be submitted per room and all occupants must be listed on the form.
3. Phone requests cannot be accepted.
4. Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing to hthomas@wscvb.com by March 11th, 2007.
5. After the deadline all reservations, changes and cancellations must go directly through the hotel.
6. The hotel will accept reservations until 48 hours prior to arrival. The conference rate is only guaranteed through the March 11 deadline.
7. All rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card. Please provide accurate credit card information (Name on card, Type of card, Credit card number, and Expiration date). The credit card will not be charged prior to your check-in at the property. If paying by check, it must be submitted with this form to be processed.
8. Room rates below do not include the NC State sales and local occupancy taxes, which are currently 6.5% and 6% respectively.

Hotel Request: *Room type subject to availability*

| | <u>Single</u> | <u>Double/Double</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| ___ Hawthorne Inn | ___ \$79 | ___ \$79 |

FREE PARKING AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Special Requests: Smoking Non-Smoking Wheelchair Access Other _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ **DEPARTURE DATE:** _____

Please print NAMES OF ALL OCCUPANTS in room:

SEND CONFIRMATION TO: (Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Type of Room Requested and Guarantee Deposit Information

Single Double Double/Double Triple Quad

1 prsn. 1 bed 2 ppl. 1 bed 2 ppl. 2 beds 3 ppl. 2 beds 4 ppl. 2 beds

Credit Card Type (circle): AMEX DC MC VI Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____

Print name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature: _____

Check attached:
(Payable to: WSCVB Housing Bureau) Check # _____ Check Amt. \$ _____

Visit our sponsors at their exhibits throughout the weekend

- Forsyth Tech Community College
- "Elect a Woman for President" - nonpartisan campaign led by Mary Klenz
- Moravian Bookstore
- Salem Academy
- Salem College
- Continuing Educ. Programs of Salem College
- Wake Forest University
- Wake Forest University Health Sciences
- Winston-Salem State University

Directions to Hawthorne Inn

420 High St., Winston-Salem. 336.777.3000, 800.972.3774. Reservations after March 11, 877.777.3099. See vicinity map on page 7.

From Asheville/Statesville

- Head East on I-40, then continue East on Business 40 into downtown Winston-Salem.
- Take the Cherry St. Exit (5-C) onto High St. The front entrance of the hotel is immediately on your right.

From Raleigh/Greensboro

- Take I-40 West, then take Business 40 split (Exit 206) into downtown Winston-Salem.
- Take the Cherry St. Exit (5-C) onto Cherry St.
- Turn left at the first traffic light onto 1st St.
- Turn left at the next traffic light onto Marshall St.
- Cross over Business 40 and through the next traffic light.
- As you head downhill, the hotel's rear parking entrance will be on your right. Turn into the parking lot and drive around the building to the hotel's front entrance.

From Wytheville

- Head South on Highway 52 to downtown Winston-Salem and take the exit for 3rd, 4th and 5th Street (110A).
- Turn right at the top of the ramp onto 5th St. Stay on 5th St. through downtown and turn left onto Marshall St. Your landmark for this turn is the Benton Convention Center on your right.
- Take Marshall St. until it crosses over business 40 and go through the next traffic light.
- As you head downhill, the hotel's rear parking entrance will be on your right. Turn into the parking lot and drive around the building to the hotel's front entrance.

From Charlotte

- From I-85 north take the Highway 52 North exit.
- Then take the exit for Business 40 West (109B).
- Take the Cherry St. Exit (5-C) onto Cherry St.
- Turn left at the first traffic light onto 1st St.
- Turn left at the next traffic light onto • Cross over Business 40 and through the next traffic light.
- As you head downhill, the hotel's rear parking entrance will be on your right. Turn into the parking lot and drive around the building to the hotel's front entrance.



Flying high, from left, JoAnn Hall, Katharyn Thayer, Connie Gamble Ochse, Anita Potts, and Evelyn Lynge.

Women check out helicopter simulator

In keeping with AAUW's focus on "Women in Technology," the Jacksonville Regional Branch decided to take to the skies. Members toured the Flight Simulator Building at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, and followed up with by flying the Cobra helicopter simulator. Ron Ochse, site manager, instructed members in flight procedure and precautions, and guided them through simulated flight over the Air Station and Camp Lejeune. Branch members had the opportunity to fire a target with rockets and 20mm cannons. Co-president Evelyn Lynge said, "We would never have had the opportunity to do this anywhere else!"

Connie Osche, cgo@ec.rr.com

Brevard recognizes local scholarship recipient

Brevard Branch recently highlighted the success of local scholarship winner Tanya McCall. The scholarships for McCall and dozens of other Brevard scholarship winners are provided through the profits from the branch's annual book sale, held in July. According to Norma Aguilar, a branch education committee member, McCall's accomplishments are the result of financial support for college tuition from AAUW and others.

"Tanya has been a Brevard AAUW scholarship winner as a freshman and sophomore at Blue Ridge Community College and as a junior and senior at Brevard College. She has achieved what our branch envisions for our "ideal" scholarship recipient - a woman who may have multiple responsibilities to her family, her job and her college studies and accomplishes all of her goals through hard work and organization."

Throughout her studies, McCall has been a single parent of a child who is now in first grade. She currently carries a 14-hour course load and is employed full-time as the Brevard High School transportation coordinator.

Given her 4.0 grade point average, she will soon be inducted in the Alpha Chi Society, an academic honor society which requires a minimum 3.9 grade average. McCall will graduate from Brevard College in May with a major in business/organizational leadership. She plans to attend graduate school while continuing to work full-time in Brevard. The branch is exploring a "Give a Grad a Gift" to honor her accomplishments.

Karla Atkinson, bardofb@citcom.net

Carolina authors share experiences, inspirations

Wilmington Branch hosted four authors during their annual "Lunch with Carolina Authors." They were Catherine McCall, *Lifeguarding: A Memoir of Secrets*; Rebecca Lee, *The City Is a Rising Tide*; David Payne, *Confessions of a Toaist on Wall Street*, and other stories; and Nancy Pate of Caroline Cousins, *Fiddle Dee Death*. One by one, each talented writer wove a background of experiences, inspirations, and motivations for their works.

Wilmington members also greeted two AAUW NC leaders, Nancy Shoemaker, president, and Barbara White, membership vice-resident.

Other highlights of the event included time for participants to catch up with each other's AAUW activities and personal events. Members and guests, including those from neighboring AAUW branches, enjoyed shopping for books and gifts displayed by *Pomegranate Books*. An author's corner was set aside for book signings and an opportunity to chat with our guest writers! Special thanks to all of the Wilmington AAUW members who worked to make this a very successful event!

Marva S. Moss, owlcottage@atmc.net

Branch celebrates...and celebrates...125 years of AAUW

One celebration wasn't enough for the members of Asheville AAUW. The branch was a day sponsor on NPR station WCQS 88.1 FM, with Asheville Mayor Terry Bellamy proclaiming Nov. 28 as American Association of University Women Day. Bellamy is the second woman to be mayor of Asheville in a decade! Next day, Nov. 29, the Branch continued its celebration with a party at the N.C. Governor's western residence—a plush mountain facility with stone terraces looking westward toward Cold Mountain. Members and guests enjoyed a lavish buffet of savories and sweets coordinated by Sandy Bernard, with wine and punch donated.

The following week, Asheville Branch had official unveiling of its Web site at a LunchBunch event. Co-presidents Mary Lasher and LaDean Peterson stressed the importance of educated women being technically savvy, with webmasters Debbie Braun and Pat Nadig following up with a show-and-tell on our website. Visit asheville.aauwnc.org. Thanks to Nancy Shoemaker for patient and enduring assistance.

Mary Lasher, tomary2@charter.net



Tryon Area Branch AAUW scholarship winners. From back left, Michele Glynn, Chelsea McGwinn, Meghan Pitts, Jessica Blackburn; Front: Mariah Leonard, Kathryn Dill, Tiffany Blackburn.

Tryon Area Branch AAUW Furnishes Scholarships

Seven rising freshmen from Polk County and Landrum High Schools attended the 2006 Clemson Summer Science and Math Program through scholarships awarded by the Tryon Area Branch AAUW. For over 15 years, Tryon AAUW has provided full scholarship awards to this summer program in a creative setting help to enlarge the vistas of gifted young women. This year, a private donation enabled the branch to make seven awards.

Jessica Blackburn found it was exciting "to use new technology and to talk to a college professor." She and Chelsea McGuinn believe the experience will help in high school by providing advance knowledge for courses they will take. Tiffany Blackburn said, "I have always wanted to pursue a career in the sciences. Clemson helped me narrow down my options to an engineering career." Kathryn Dill enjoyed the bioengineering programs. She said, "I think I want to make this my career." Meghan Pitts felt that the Clemson experience showed options in careers and will assist her in deciding what she may chose to do later in life.

Mariah Leonard, who chose computers and chemistry as her focus subjects says, "The experience I had at Clemson University made me more outgoing. It gave me a chance to experience college life...It was wonderful." Michelle Glynn commented, "You can make friends with people you never thought you could."

Janet Gray, jgray5@charter.net

Charlotte Branch plans authors' luncheon

The fifth annual Book-Author Luncheon sponsored by Charlotte Branch is set for April 28. Cathy Pickins, Emyl Jenkins, and Mark DeCastrique are the featured authors. To learn more, contact Roberta Andre, ta2rda@aol.com or 704.552.7409.

Note to branches

A number of current AAUW NC documents are available online at www.aauwnc.org, as well as links to some of the branch Web sites.

Decades of Women of Action

From page 3

fundamental agendas of women's organizations changed little in the 1960s, their constituencies greatly expanded, forcing new pressures on American institutions to treat women as equal to men. During the 1960s, women's organizations reoriented toward action-based political strategies that emphasized legislative challenges, aggressive lobbying, and grassroots street demonstrations to achieve their goals. We renewed our interest in coalition work. AAUW was an important voice in the coalition that successfully promoted Title IX in the Educational Amendments in 1972 and the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) in 1974.

While AAUW opposed militant feminism, it did not retreat from social action. It was data from the Association's study of pay discrimination in executive positions that helped convince federal legislators to pass the Equal Pay Act in 1963. In 1962, AAUW NC was working for the passage of a state equal pay bill and, in 1963, it finally passed the state legislature by ONE vote.

Even in 1971, many AAUW members still emphasized the importance of conservative dress (pant suits were considered a bit daring) and many members were offended if they received mail with the title Ms. instead of Miss or Mrs. Indeed, it was at the 1971 Association convention that the members voted overwhelmingly to endorse the ERA and declared it was AAUW's top priority. At this same event, a resolution was passed "to work for the repeal of restrictive laws on abortion, making abortion legal for those who wish it after medical consultation." In 1978, Association participation in the massive ERA march in DC marked not so much a rediscovery of feminism, as a discovery of political action.

While the 1970s were an optimistic era of advancement for women, the 1980 political election and inauguration of a new conservatism signaled the fragility of many gains for women.

1980s – We celebrated our 100th birthday at the 1981 convention in Boston. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund was established as a two-year pilot project to provide funding and support for women in higher education who seek judicial redress for sex discrimination. In 1983, it achieved permanent status. In 1984, AAUW released its first voting record summary on members of Congress, who are assessed on the

basis of issues important to women. At the 1987 convention in Houston, Texas, AAUW members voted to admit men who hold college degrees to the organization. This action was taken so that we could not be accused of practicing discrimination. It passed with the understanding that while men were welcome, we would not change our name from the American Association of University Women.

1990s – This was the decade of AAUW research reports. They were funded by the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. The first was the AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls. This was followed by Hostile Hallways: The AAUW Survey on Sexual Harassment in America's Schools, the first national survey of its kind, showing that 81% of students surveyed—85% of girls and 76% of boys—experience sexual harassment in school.

Landmark legislation included the passage of the Family Leave Medical Act in 1993 and, in 1994, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with numerous gender equity provisions intact—provisions proposed by AAUW in coalition with other groups and members of Congress. Our lobby corps worked hard for the passage of these two pieces of legislation. In 1995, the Voter Education Campaign (which is still going strong) was launched. Educating women voters on the issues important to women and families and mobilizing them to vote is this program in a nutshell.

In the late 1990s, we began to include girls in our programming. Sister-to-Sister is a successful program that brings girls together to talk and learn.

2000 – With the advent of the 21st century, AAUW began focusing on leadership training for women college students, and national Student Leadership Conferences have been held. In March 2004, AAUW NC teamed with UNC Charlotte for our first Student Leadership Conference.

2006 – AAUW celebrated 125 years of leadership for women on November 28.

You know, that's what I really like about this organization. It changes its programs and focuses to match the times we live in and to address the issues that make a difference to women and girls in advancing our mission of promoting equity for all women and girls.

AAUW NC Financial Statement

Millie Hoffer-Foushee, Treasurer • 06 Fiscal Year

ASSETS – 6/30/2005 Balance Sheet

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Checking Account | \$ 12,180.32 |
| C/D Long Term | 11,871.08 |
| C/D Short Term | 1,072.59 |
| Total Assets | \$25,123.99 |

INCOME—Fiscal Year 2006

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dues— Fiscal Year 2006 | \$ 8,705.88 |
| Dues – For Fiscal Year 2007 | 748.00 |
| Fund Raisers | 1,339.89 |
| Conventions: Asheville/New Bern | 2,210.45 |
| Miscellaneous | 717.82 |
| Total Income | \$ 13,722.04 |

EXPENSES—Fiscal Year 2006

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Administrative Expenses:</i> | |
| President | \$ 317.98 |
| Program | 1,055.09 |
| Mini-grants | 1,424.08 |
| Administrative | 541.63 |
| <i>State Meetings/Lodging:</i> | |
| Regular | 876.18 |
| Electronic | 24.20 |
| Conventions | 1,053.30 |
| <i>Travel:</i> | |
| Regular | 460.50 |
| Conventions | 894.80 |
| <i>Publications</i> | |
| Tar Heel News | 5,558.59 |
| <i>Coalitions:</i> | |
| NC Voters/Clean Elections | 75.00 |
| NC Women United | 75.00 |
| Covenant w/NCs Children | 100.00 |
| Juvenile Literature | 56.06 |

SAR Conference: 285.00

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | |
| Miscellaneous | 600.00 |
| Bank Charges | 6.00 |
| Total Expense | \$13,403.41 |

SUMMARY—Fiscal Year 2006

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Income-Expenses | \$ 318.63 |
| Other Income (CD Long Term) | 427.04 |
| Other Income (CD Short Term) | 15.15 |

ASSETS—6/30/2006 Balance Sheet

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account | \$ 12,498.95 |
| C/D Long Term | 12,298.12 |
| C/D Short Term | 1,087.74 |
| Total Assets | 25,884.81 |

Approved by the executive committee, with thanks to Betty Runion, AAUW Brevard.

Changes to the list of branches

Welcome to the High Country branch! It is based in Boone and includes members from several communities and Appalachian State University. These branches have been officially disbanded: Alamance, Franklin County, Kinston, Mooresville, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, UNC Pembroke, Wilson. Members in any part of the state not served by one of our 21 branches are encouraged to contact membership vice-president Barbara White if they want more information on:

- Joining AAUW NC as an at-large/individual member.
- Contacting other at-large members to discuss forming a new branch.
- Forming a local "satellite" (a structure less formal than a branch but which allows the use of the AAUW name for certain projects).

You can reach White through info@aauwnc.org, 866.525.2155. At least two new members have connected with branches in just this way in recent months.

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When & Where!

AAUW NC Convention

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Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem

AAUW Student Leader Conference

Early June 2007, Washington, DC

Association Convention

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Phoenix, Arizona
Change is coming! Be part of it!

AAUW NC Summer Meeting

July 13-14, Gastonia

AAUW NC Fall Meeting

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NC Women's Conference

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Note to Branch Presidents:

Have a conflict for a state meeting date?
Our revised bylaws allow you to designate another person, even someone from another branch, to represent you and your branch. AAUW NC has been restructured to help our members participate.

Want to know more? Contact Karla Atkinson, AAUW NC secretary,
bardofb@citcom.net or 828-884-7648.

STEM Program Starts

Michelle Staben, AAUW Member-at-Large

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm one of two regional liaisons for the South Atlantic region for a new NSF-funded grant, in which AAUW is partnering with the National Girls' Collaborative Project (NGCP), an NSF-funded program focused on "Advancing the Agenda in Gender Equity for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics". The National Girls' Collaborative Project is designed to help girl-serving organizations share resources and promising research practices to encourage girls and young women to pursue career interests in STEM fields. Learn more about NGCP at www.pugetsoundcenter.org/ngcp/.

My role is to support the Lead Collaborative in my region (the Science House), connect them to resources they may need (e.g. sponsorship, programs with relevant interests, and people to help with events), and promote the NGCP mission. The second goal is where AAUW members come in: the Lead Collaborative needs help to host events and find organizations to participate the NGCP. To join the NGCP, all programs need to do is enter their information in the program directory at the Web site above.

As a chemical engineer, I have a personal interest in seeing this program succeed. I received my B.S. from North Carolina State University and my Ph.D. from the University of Colorado I am work at GlaxoSmithKline-Pharmaceutical Development division. At both universities, I was informally mentored by outstanding women faculty and instructors. I want to pay these kindnesses forward to encourage others to pursue rewarding careers in STEM fields.

Want to help with or participate in STEM mentoring work? Contact Michelle at michelle.staben@pobox.com. For updates, see <http://news.aauwnc.org/category/stem>.

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For convention, don't forget...

Send names for the memorial service to Hailey Thomas at hthomas@wscvb.com at the Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau/AAUW NC Convention.

Eddie Moser, a member of the Winston-Salem Branch, and director of Christian Education at Ardmore United Methodist Church, will conduct the service. She is a recent graduate of the Wake Forest University Theology School and a great speaker, too.

Let's do lunch!

If you're near Burlington on the fourth Wednesday of the month, check out Working Women Wednesdays, a lunch series sponsored by the nonprofit Women's Resource Center of Alamance County. Member-at-large Becky Mock, program director, organizes the series, now in its fourth year. Past speakers include Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Dr. Johnnetta Cole, and many outstanding female leaders from across our state. For more information or to pre-register for a lunch, see www.wrcac.org or call 336.227.6900.

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