

July 19, 2010

Hello Branch Presidents:

I hope your summer is going well. Even here in the mountains, its reached 90+ for over a week. People were trying to tube in the Davidson River to cool off but there was so little water, they didn't float far...

There are several important messages we wanted to call to your attention. There is a check-mark box next to each message -- perhaps to help remind you of some things which yet need to be done.

Register Branch Officers with Association

Only branch presidents can maintain the list of the branch officers on the Association MSD. None of the state AAUW NC officers can change branch officer lists.

Anyone who is a member of AAUW can access the MSD (Member Services Database). It is on the MSD where you, as branch president, report the names of your officers for this year 2010-2011.

MDS also has an on-line help center with actually shows you the screens you should be looking at and what to do in adding branch officer information.

Send Branch Dues to Mary Fran Schickedantz, Treasurer

Some branches have not sent all their dues to our treasurer. Some branches have not sent any of their dues to our treasurer. Please do so as soon as possible. Contact Mary Fran (mfs2809@triad.rr.com) if you are uncertain as to the status of the membership dues she has received from your branch.

Check the Information for Our Fall Meeting on Our Web Site

The details on the location, dates, times, room reservations and registration fees (\$15 per person) are now posted on the web site for the Sept. 24-25 fall meeting in Greensboro at the Hampton Inn. Each branch president is encouraged to bring several branch members to the meeting.

The registration date for the conference is Sept. 17. The hotel reservation deadline is Sept. 15. However, I would encourage you register as soon as possible for hotel rooms. This is a very busy weekend in Greensboro.

The AAUW NC Board (all branch presidents are members of our state board) will meet at 3pm on Friday. Adoption of the budget will be a major item on the Board agenda, as well as discussion of other "business" items that don't belong on our major discussion of the weekend: the future and structure of AAUW NC.

The proposed budget for 2011-2012, agendas and other relevant information will be sent to the board presidents prior to the meeting .

Prepare for Your Telephone Call from Researchers

Four people have agreed to call branch presidents to ask their perspective on six-seven questions. They will complete these calls by September 1.

We expect this interview will probably take about 1/2 hour -- or perhaps longer -- depending upon how much you have to say.

These four researchers are Peg Holmes/Hendersonville Branch, Barie Baker/Tryon Branch, Sue Metz/Greensboro Branch and Mary Peterson/Twin River & New Bern Branch. One of these four researchers will be calling you sometime between now and September 1.

If you are in the second year term of your branch presidency, the researchers will be calling only you. If you are new to the branch presidency this year, the researchers will be calling you **AND** the immediate past president of your branch.

We will be sending you a hard copy list of these seven questions. These questions will also be posted on our state web site (www.aauwnc.org). Please share these questions with whomever you choose in your branch, so you are comfortable presenting the perspective of your branch, as well as your personal opinions.

The findings from these telephone calls will be summarized/profiled as an introduction to our major discussion at the Sept. meeting.

We are now in the process of identifying a facilitator for the discussion. Of course, it will be someone familiar with AAUW but preferably someone from outside NC.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL, SIMPLY LETTING US KNOW YOU RECEIVED IT.

If you cannot open a PDF file, let Karla know.

If you prefer to have email messages embodied in the text of an email, let us know.

If we don't hear from you, we will try to telephone you to see what's happening with your email server.

We hope this note does not sound like "marching orders" but rather a friendly reminder for presidents, especially those who are new to this office :)

We will try to continue communicating with you throughout the summer -- at the same time realizing that we are all bombarded with too much email. Please contact us anytime if you have any questions.

Karla
bardofb@comporium.net

Lill
lillvo@earthlink.net