

AAUW Wilmington News

January 2009



Message from the President

Happy New Year. I am sure that we are all ready to start the New Year with many resolutions. I hope that one of your resolutions is to become more active in AAUW. One way is to get involved in local, state, and national politics. Writing letters to the editor of the local newspaper, to your state senator and representatives, to your U. S. senators and representatives is good way to start. Read AAUW's magazine *Outlook* and AAUWNC's *Tarheel* for issues that are of importance to our organization. The *Tarheel, Winter Issue* should be in your mailbox soon. Another resolution could be to use your computer more to keep up with AAUW issues. There are many AAUW groups that keep us updated on important issues. Ask to be put on their email lists.

June Creamer, Maggie Parish, and Sue Wood have agreed to serve on the nominating committee for the Wilmington Branch of AAUW. I thank them for agreeing to serve. I am still looking for members to serve on the **fundraising committee**. I have several volunteers already, but I would like to have at least three more. Last year, we had an extremely successful project: Wine Tasting with a Silent Auction. We could do that again, but the committee is free to come up with other projects.

The program for the January 10, 2009 meeting will focus on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. The speakers are **Dr. Leslie Hossfeld** (Public Sociology professor) and **Raven Bruno**, both of the **Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Project**. They will talk to us about local community gardens, food security, and how to buy local foods. The local chapter of the United Nations Association is co-sponsoring this event, as the topic is the UN's Millennium Development Goal #1.

Make sure you have marked March 27, 2009 on your calendar. The AAUWNC convention which will be held in Wilmington on that date. **Phyllis Guberman (910-395-8427)** and **Lill Van Order (910-313-1573)** are heading up the local arrangement for the convention. Helping out with the convention is also another way to get more involved.

See you on January 10 at the Northeast Library.

Sandra McLaurin, President

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AAUW NC 2009 Convention

Be sure to put March 27, 2009 on your calendar! That is the date for the AAUW NC annual convention and WE are the host branch. This will be a centennial celebration of AAUW in North Carolina—100 years of advocacy in education and equity for women!

We'll meet at the Blockade Runner hotel in Wrightsville Beach. As host branch, we make all local arrangements and provide hospitality to our sister branches across the state; about 80-100 are expected to attend, including our members. The hotel has given us a great rate of just \$99 per night, which is applicable to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night stays and includes the breakfast buffet.



The specific details will be in the next newsletter, but here is a general outline of what is planned. The action begins on Thursday afternoon with a trolley tour of Old Wilmington, followed by an informal dinner at a restaurant in the Wrightsville Beach area. The formal convention takes place on Friday, beginning with a timely presentation on women and finance by our own Barbara Fleming. The luncheon will give all an opportunity to meet AAUW members from across the state and swap ideas. In the afternoon, we'll conduct state business, elect new leaders, and hear from Carol Newman, AAUW regional director. The centennial theme continues with a gala banquet and highlights of the impact AAUW has made in North Carolina the past 100 years.

Please plan now to attend this special celebration! You can attend just the luncheon and banquet if your schedule does not allow for the entire day, but we hope that you'll participate. Even if you are unable to attend, as the host branch we need your support. Several have volunteered, so join the fun by contacting either Lill VanOrder (313-1573; lillvo@earthlink.net) or Phyllis Guberman (395-8427; gubermanj@bellsouth.net).

Don't miss out—remember: Equity is still an Issue!

Lill VanOrder and Phyllis Guberman, Convention Co-chairs

Plans for Our Legal Advocacy Fund

- AAUW will expand our LAF case support beyond the academic sphere to the wider workplace in line with our Value Promise to break down educational and economic barriers so that all women will have a fair chance.
- As AAUW expands our LAF vision to include protecting the rights of all women, LAF will **focus our direct case support strategically**, seeking plaintiffs to support whose cases address *significant issues* that will clearly impact our fight for pay equity and workplaces free of sex discrimination
- AAUW will also continue to expand our long-term support as *amicus curiae* in gender discrimination and other civil rights cases.



The support of all of our members is essential if we are to achieve gender equity. We'll be making our branch donation this spring.

Jean Schaefer, LAF Chair

Membership

Let us welcome our new member to our Wilmington Branch:

Karen Holbrook

KHolbrook@ec.rr.com

College of Wooster BA
University of Toledo M.Ed.
University of Toledo Ph.D.



Two members who did not make the directory:

Barbara Fuller

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University of Rhode Island BA

Gail L Voit

runwhelk@verizon.net

Manchester CC AS
Charter Oak State College BS

Please update your directories with the following corrections.

- Catherine Snyder – zip code: 28403
- Enid Bellows – Heed University, email: suthrbell@ec.rr.com



We now have 95 members. Some members may not know why there are two blank pages in our directory. The purpose is to update these blank pages with new members' info and members who did not make the directory.

June Creamer, Membership VP

AAUW and Barnes and Noble Partnership

Exciting news! Beginning immediately, AAUW has a new partnership with Barnes & Noble's online sales site, www.bn.com. Customized for AAUW members, the www.bn.com/aauw website is our own AAUW bookstore. AAUW members automatically receive a 5 percent discount on purchases (10 percent periodically)—and that's on top of other available discounts that apply to the purchase. You will also find information on:

- AAUW's ¡Adelante! book club reading list
- publications by AAUW members
- AAUW award-winning books
- International Affairs Committee reading list



Program Notes



The speakers for the coming months are:

January 10: Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Raven Bruno, and Frankie Pridgen, **Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Project** (<http://people.uncw.edu/hossfeld/>); Learn more about food security, local community gardens, and buying local foods. Event co-sponsored by the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the United Nations Association, as part of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal #1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/poverty.shtml>).

February 14: Doug Springer, **Cape Fear River Watch** (<http://cfrw.us/>)

March: Paula Recko and Etta Breit, **Liberty Hospice** (<http://www.libertyhomecare.com/>)

April: Juanita Roushby, **Cape Fear Audubon Society** (<http://www.capefearaudubon.org/>)

May: Lou Buttino, **UNCW Film Studies Department** (<http://www.uncw.edu/filmstudies/>)

Janet Petty and Lois Fox, Program VPs

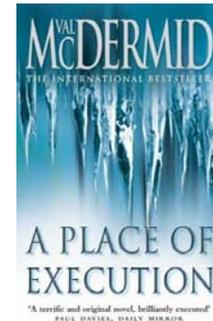
Book Club Information

Monday Afternoon Book Club

Meetings held at 1:30pm. We welcome new members. For more information, contact June Creamer (791-4612) or Pat Noonan (256-0297, pqunoonan@yahoo.com).

Jan 5 ...*A Place of Execution* by Val McDermid
...Reviewer: Janet Petty
...Hostess: Aileen Ferguson, 796-9651

Feb 2 ...*The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audry Niffenegger
...Reviewer: Helen Bolles
...Hostess: Mary Codd, 791-5882



Monday Evening Book Club

Meetings held at 6:30pm at the home of the hostess/reviewer. For more information, contact Audrey Hersom at 350-0068 or bobaud@aol.com.

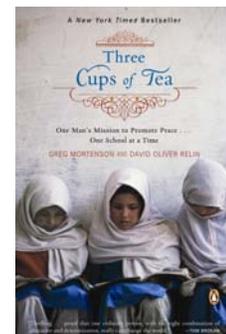
1/26 - Linda Lorah - Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

2/23 - Marge Ciardella - Remarkable Mother by Jimmy Carter

3/23 - Sandra McLaurin- Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri

4/27 - Lill Van Order - Case Histories by Kate Atkinson

5/25 - Phyllis Guberman - The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar



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Mark Your Calendars

There are so many interesting and important events occurring in Wilmington. Please help to get the word out about these events by emailing me (boomershinea@uncw.edu) with information on any events that you think might be of interest to AAUW members. See a list of such events below:

- January 24: Younghee Overly, president of [UNIFEM-USA N.C. Chapter](#), will speak on **Empowering Women Around the World** as part of the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the United Nations Association's Annual Membership Meeting and Breakfast to be held on Saturday, January 24 at 9am in UNCW's Madeline Suite. Dr. Denise DiPuccio, Assistant Provost and Director of UNCW's Office of International Programs will comment on global women's issues after YoungHee's talk. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students. To reserve a seat, call Stephanna at 910-793-4101 or email Amanda at boomershinea@gmail.com by January 21.



- January 28: Stephen Lewis to give lecture entitled "**Time to Deliver: Winning the Battle Against Poverty and Disease in the Developing World**"; 7:00 pm; UNCW Kenan Auditorium; tickets \$9/public (962-3500); presented by the [UNCW Leadership Lecture Series](#) and co-sponsored by [Honors Scholars Program](#), Coastal Carolina Chapter of the United Nations Association, and [UNCW Student Media](#).
- February 9: Marcelo Suarez-Orozco to give lecture entitled "**Immigration and the Future of Education**"; 7:00 pm; UNCW Kenan Auditorium; tickets \$9/public (962-3500); presented by the [UNCW Leadership Lecture Series](#) and co-sponsored by the [Office of International Programs](#) and [UNCW Student Media](#).
- February 10: Documentary film [Letters from the Other Side](#) to show at 7pm at UNCW's Lumina Theater as part of Intercultural Week. The film interweaves video letters carried across the U.S.-Mexico border by the film's director with the personal stories of women left behind in post-NAFTA Mexico. Sponsored by [Centro Hispano](#), [Office of International Programs](#), and [UNCW Presents](#). Free and open to the public. Discussion to follow film.



Special Fitness Offer for AAUW Members!

Port City Health Club and Spa gave us two one-month passes for our Author Lunch raffle. Now the newly renovated and equipped gym at the corner of Shipyard (2250-7 Shipyard Blvd.) is offering AAUW members an annual membership at the corporate rate of \$189.



The health club has a great array of Life Fitness and Hammer Strength cardio and strength training equipment along with an indoor track (great for walking or jogging in inclement weather), a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, and steam room. You can enjoy a wide variety of fitness and wellness classes such as water aerobics, A.M. stretch class, Fit 4 Life Low, yoga, Pilates and the getting- stronger exercise program, or you can sign up with a talented personal fitness trainer.

Stop in for more information and a tour of the facility – ask for Tom Jones – the best times are late morning to early afternoon – or ask an AAUW friend who is already a member, such as Ava Bevins, Lill van Order, Stephanna Tewey, or me!

Ann Sherman-Skiba

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