

CHAPEL HILL
BRANCH, INCLUDING
CHATHAM, DURHAM
& ORANGE COUNTIES

SEPTEMBER
2009

CALENDAR

- **Book Club:**
Thursday,
September 3,
10 a.m., home
of Dona
Koeberl, 2749
McDowell
Road, Durham.
- **Board Meeting:**
September 15,
2 p.m., home
of Robin
Bowyer, 443
Crossvine
Close,
Farrington
- **Bridge Group:**
Thursday,
September 17,
1 p.m., home of
Marian Efron,
318 Edisto
Court, Chapel
Hill
- **General
AAUW
Meeting:**
Saturday,
September 19,
9:30 a.m. at the
Seymour
Center.
- **NC State Fall
Board and
Leadership
Meeting,
October 9-10,
Boone, NC.**

AAUW Newsletter

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



From the President . . . Sandy Slates

Dear AAUW Members,

The summer has flown and the AAUW Chapel Hill Board has been very busy preparing for the new year. I think you will enjoy our plans. We are including future dates and activities so be sure to mark your calendars, plan to join us, and support the AAUW mission.

The September Meeting will be at the Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill in the Dogwood room (lower level) on Saturday, September 19th. Coffee begins at 9:30 am with the program starting at 10:00 am. Information about our speaker and directions to the Seymour Center are below.

This year we are going to try a Book Exchange during the

Coffee period of our meetings. The purpose of this exchange is to give us an opportunity to trade our summer reading books as well as to raise money for EF and LAF. The "rules" for the book exchange are detailed below.

We also have some exciting news about our SPARC program for this coming year. See below for the announcement of our new schools and plans for this school year.

One unhappy bit of information is that AAUW, the Sierra Club, and at least 10 other organizations have been "astroturfed" by PR people for the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. This bunch contacted new Congress members pretending they were AAUW and said we supported

them. It looks like they have found some loop holes in our laws so it may not have been illegal! Congressman Markey, the Chair of the Energy Committee has launched an investigation. If you see Representative David Price, be sure to tell him that you support the investigation and urge Congress to close any loop holes. No matter which side of the political aisle you are on, we must fight to preserve our freedom for honest speech.

See below for all the promised additional information.

Welcome back for an exciting year. See you on September 19 at the Seymour Center.

Sandy Slates

Directions to the Seymour Center

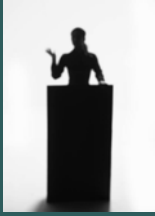
Take Estes Drive west from Fordham Blvd. near Binkley Church.

Go about two miles and turn north (right) on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (also called Airport Road on some maps).

Continue north about a mile, then turn left onto Homestead Road at the stop light.

Go perhaps a half mile or less to the Seymour Center on the left. Turn into the driveway just beyond the building. We meet in the first building. Free parking is behind the building.

If you need additional directions, Sandy's cellular phone number is 919-264-2200.



Saturday,
September
19: Author,
Joanna Scott
to speak

New Meeting
Site:
The Seymour
Center
2551
Homestead
Road, Chapel
Hill

Author, Joanna Scott, to speak at the first meeting

We are delighted to present author Joanna Catherine Scott at our first meeting for the 2009-2010 year. Ms. Scott was born in England and raised in Australia. She earned her PhD. at Duke University and presently lives in North Carolina. Ms. Scott has written several books of historical fiction. Her most recent book, *Child in the South*, is a sequel to her novel, *The Road From Chapel Hill*, a book about three individuals of the South during the Civil War.

This event will be held at the Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and conversation. Ms. Scott's presentation will begin at 10:00 a.m. For those who need a ride or further information, please call Kay White (919) 542-1138.

Erin Gillespie, our Schwenning Scholarship recipient, will also join us. Erin is obtaining her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning. We are looking forward to meeting her and to learn more about her graduate program.

AAUW Programs for 2009-2010

The AAUW Board is pleased to announce the following programs for 2009-2010:

October 17, 2009 - Jenn Frye, *Election Reform and Political Representation*

November 21, 2009 - EF Fellows: Holli Mann, *Modern Political Thought*; and Kimberly Francis, *The Professional Relationship Between Boulanger and Stravinsky*.

December 5, 2009 - HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - Carolina Inn, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with Musical Performance by the Pollysonics

January 16, 2010 - Julie Kosey, *Wellness, Health, and Relaxation*

February 20, 2010 - Christine Betts, *Lucy Laney, Leader in Education*, Curator of the Lucy Laney Museum, Augusta, Georgia

March 20, 2010 - Mebane Rash, *Fraud Against the Elderly*, North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research

April 24, 2010 - To Be Announced, Potluck Luncheon

Membership

Now is the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to our Branch meetings or other AAUW sponsored events. AAUW will continue to sponsor the **Shape The Future Membership** opportunity. We will offer half-price memberships to individuals who join at AAUW sponsored events. These discounts are restricted to new or two year lapsed members. Additionally, for every two new members recruited at a sponsored event, our Branch is entitled to a FREE membership - up to three per Branch per year! Additional information about membership opportunities will be shared at our September meeting.

Chapel Hill Branch's Fund Raising Projects by Kay White

Our branch has its own scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), named after a former member of our branch, entitled the "**Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship Fund**". We currently provide **\$1,000 a year** to a female graduate student at UNC-CH. It is not a large sum and we would like to see that amount grow. Our branch **started its scholarship in 1928**. At that time, the amount was **only \$100** and **it was a loan** that the women had to pay back to our branch. However, during the depression, it was

converted to a scholarship that did not have to be repaid. The \$100 scholarship was later raised to \$300, then to \$500, and finally to \$1,000. Our **Holiday luncheon, on Saturday December 5**, is our fund raiser for the scholarship; if you cannot attend the luncheon, please consider a donation.

Our national AAUW also has 2 funds for which our branch has fund raisers: (1) the **Educational Foundation (EF)** that provides scholarships and fellowships to both American and International women in graduate programs in the United States and (2) the **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** that works to combat sex

discrimination in higher education and the workplace. This year we are considering various fund raising ideas to raise money for both of these funds. If you cannot participate in these fund raising ideas, please consider a donation.

Forms and information for providing donations to all of these funds, the **Carrie Heath Schwenning Fund**, the **Educational Foundation** and the **Legal Advocacy Fund** will be provided at each meeting. If you want something emailed to you, please contact me, Kay White, at kaywhite@earthlink.net. During these difficult times, our donations are even more important for the women who are the recipients of support from these funds.

Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship Fund Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund

SPARC

The Students Participating And Researching Careers program will continue for the 2009/2010 school year in Chatham County. Following two very successful semesters at Oak Grove Elementary in Durham it was decided to offer this opportunity to Chatham County students. Kay White and Robin Bowyer have worked this summer to contact the YMCA program that organizes the afterschool programs for the public school system. The YMCA staff enthusiastically accepted this opportunity and have targeted an elementary school in the north Chatham area. The program is slated to begin in October and will follow the model of 10/12 sessions with hands-on experiences with women presenters in the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics fields. The program would welcome additional presenters in addition to the returning presenters.

Good Morning Book Club

Hello All:

On September 3, Good Morning Book Club meets in my home to discuss *Divided Minds: Twin Sisters and their Journey Through Schizophrenia*. It is available on amazon.com for less than \$1.00 plus postage and probably is in book stores too.

I'm reading it again and am enjoying it! I opened the book to the next to last chapter and couldn't put it down until I reread the rest of the book.

Dona Koeberl, 2749 McDowell Road, Durham NC 27705, 919-403-6643

Schedule for the rest of the Year:

Oct. 8 *Correcting the Landscape* by Marjorie Kowalski at Annette Jurgelski's

Nov. 5 *Unaccompanied Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri at Jean Joseph's

Dec. 3 *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout at Sydney Elstran's

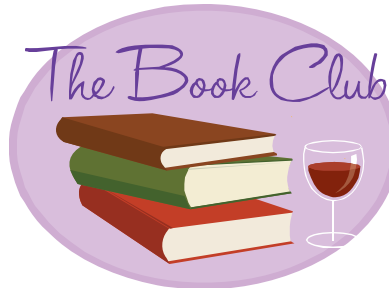
Jan. 7 *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson at Sally Rohrdanz'

Feb. 4 *Death Comes to the Archbishop* by Willa Cather at Mary

Paterson's

Mar. 4 *Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu at Carol Candler's.

All AAUW members are invited to drop in.



September 3:
Book Club at
Donna
Koeberl's
home

Is
September
the time to
learn how to
Play Bridge?

Learn to play
at The Bridge
Center, 6104
Fayetteville
Rd., Ste. 102,
Durham
(north of
Southpoint)
on Tuesdays
beginning
9/8/09, 7-10
p.m.

EASYBRIDGE
First 4 lessons
are FREE!
\$5.00 each
week
thereafter.

The Bridge Group

Bridge Players Needed!

The Bridge Group will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m. at the home of Marion Efron, 318 Edisto Court, Chapel Hill. Anyone who would like to play, call Marion at 967-7606.

AAUW Book Exchange Rules

We will hold a book exchange during the coffee period at each General Meeting to benefit EF and LAF. You can bring up to three books or paperbacks for exchange. (No text books, cook books or travel books are allowed.) From 9:30 am to 9:50 am you can buy a book for each

book you have brought for one dollar or for fifty cents for a paperback book. From 9:50 am to 10:00 am anyone can buy a remaining book for three dollars (two dollars for a paperback). Any remaining books will be saved and donated in November to the Library.