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**American Association of University  
Women  
Winston-Salem Branch  
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**Program**

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 23  
POLO PARK RECREATION BUILDING  
7:00 REFRESHMENTS  
7:30 PROGRAM**

Our guest for the April meeting will be Candide Jones. Her topic will be A New Leash on Life: Dogs Bring Hope to Prisoners

Candide is the assistant director of Wake Forest University Press. In 2007 she received the Winston-Salem Foundation Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Winston-Salem Foundation and as the recipient of this award she received a \$ 10,000 grant to designate for a local nonprofit organization. The Forsyth Humane Society received the grant and its exciting use is Candide's newest "baby."

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**President's Message**

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Judy Atkinson and I represented the Winston-Salem branch at the 2009 AAUW NC Convention in Wilmington on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The format of the convention was changed this year to a one day event, with the state board meeting following the convention for 2 hours on Saturday morning.

There are many changes ahead for the national and state AAUW, and over the next few newsletters, I will give a brief summary of some of these. Certainly, there is a review of state convention scheduling taking place. It is unclear whether the state will continue to hold annual conventions or change to an every other year pattern. It is difficult to find locations for the conventions, and many members are unable to attend those conventions that are farther than 2-3 hours from their homes. The one day convention forced a limit on the number of workshops which were available – members did not select workshops, but attending all sessions together. The use of the website, both on the state and national level, is rapidly becoming a way to share information about the organization and activities to support our goals and mission.

North Carolina has been selected as one of 15 states eligible to apply for an impact grant relating to public policy. Of these, 9 will be selected to receive a \$900 grant from AAUW to deliver a project. I understand that work is being done to apply for funds to sponsor a pay negotiation training for college women. Keep your fingers crossed that we are successful in applying!

The next state board meeting is set for July 17-18 in Hendersonville. These sessions are a great way to connect with the work of the state AAUW and learn more about the organization. Registration fees are small, and the learning is big. I encourage all Winston-Salem members to take advantage of these state meetings – they are open to all and are worth your time.

We're back at Polo Park Recreation Center for our April meeting next week. I hope to see many of you, as we greet Candide Jones for our program.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions and questions at [kathypearre@triad.rr.com](mailto:kathypearre@triad.rr.com) or phone me at my office 369-7429 or home 761-1736.  
Kathy Pearre

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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2010 National dues will remain at \$49. Beginning April 1, 2009, of the \$49 AAUW national individual dues, \$46 is tax deductible, our 501(c) (3) charitable organization; \$3 goes to support your AAUW Lobby Corps and election-related activities are not tax deductible. However you should pay the dues in one full amount (\$49, national, \$11 state, \$13 local branch for a check total of \$73. Please submit your renewal to Betty Alexander at our April or May meeting. These are sent to National as of June 1, 2009.

We would love to have you invite a guest to join us to hear **Candide Jones**, Assistant Director of Wake University Press. Reminder-7:00 social/refreshments and 7:30 meeting. April 23, 2009 at Polo Recreation Center. See you there.

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## Educational Foundation Update

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This is just a reminder that AAUW plans to honor Dr. Rachel Wilkerson with a "named gift" this year at our close out luncheon on May 30.

## News from the F.O.R.E. Project

by Norma Bernhardt

Plans for completing our F.O.R.E. (Focus on Reading Excellence) project are working out on schedule. In January, F.O.R.E. Committee member Leta Duffin and I bought thirty-four kindergarten books at Barnes and Noble, at the special 25% discount the store offered during Educator Appreciation Week. The average cost was \$3.17 for each book. Also, Julia Archer bought fifty-seven first grade books and thirteen kindergarten books through Scholastic.

I displayed all these books at our March meeting and then stored them in the office of Dan Ariail, coordinator of the project, at Polo Park Recreation Center.

Leta and I will buy eighteen additional kindergarten books and ten first grade books at Barnes and Noble and bring them to our April meeting. These last purchases will complete our goal of providing sixty-five books for three kindergarten classes and sixty-seven books for four first grade classes.

At the April meeting, members will have an opportunity to choose Friday, May 15 or Friday, May 22 to present the books to students at Speas Elementary School. Dr. Reichert, principal, has approved these dates. We will also decide on a time to place in each book the bookplates which Dan Ariail has printed for us, and to sort the books into bags by teacher and class.

Many thanks to all of you for your generous contribution to our worthwhile project. Principal and teachers appreciate the books, and the students are overjoyed to be given a book to keep and take home to read at any time.

### BOOK GROUP

April 20 Land of 1000 Hills by Rosamund Halsey Carr Hostess: Anne Volz, 3471 Milhaven Circle, 765-0087

May 11 Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo Hostess: TBA



### Happy Birthday!

The following members have birthdays in May:

Betty Alexander May 3

Anne Volz May 24

Bonnie Covey May 30

