

AAUW-Chapel Hill Branch

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February

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From the President: Sandy Smalley

If you were absent from our January Branch meeting, you missed an excellent program on “Arts in the Triangle.” We had three interesting and creative speakers. Artist Carole Mathison brought in some framed paintings and collages and talked about making them.

Florence Nash, poet, spoke of the nurturing environment in NC for poets and writers, and she recited some of her poems.

Anna Wilson, flutist and founder of Mallarme Chamber

Players, explained about that group, new works, and music education the group does with young people. It was a wonderful presentation.



Morita Rapoza, Carole Matheson, Florence Nash, Anna Wilson

In NC there are groups of educators and concerned citizens talking about college and post-secondary education for all students. This is not just about an academic degree, but education and career training for all. The discussion includes arts, humanities, sciences, computer science, nursing, vocational

trades, and more. A better educated and trained population

is economically and humanely important for NC. We should be preparing all students, not just some students, for their chosen life voca-

tions. There should be more realistic assessments of students’ aptitudes and their interests and greater investments in both educational and career training for the diverse labor market challenges of the future.

Please be sure to come to Carol Woods to our Saturday, February 16, AAUW Branch meeting with John Winings, CEO of the Haiti Fund. His topic “Haiti: Island of Despair and Hope” will be challenging. There is an article with more information in this newsletter. I hope to see you at 9:30 am. for Social Time and this program.

Also, please do not forget to mark Wednesday, March 6, on your calendar for our spring fundraiser, “Tea with Lee.”



Good Morning Book Club
will meet at 10 the
morning of Thursday,
February 7 in the
home of Sally Rohrdanz,
750 Weaver Dairy Road,
210; phone, 919-918-
3573. We
will discuss the short novel,
Tinkers, by Paul
Harding. It is praised for
it's language.

Book club will meet March
7 to discuss the book,
**Time of Our Lives; The
Past, Present ,
Promise** by Tom Brokaw.
You are invited to visit any
book club meeting.

February 16 Meeting: Haiti

John Winings, executive director of Haiti Fund, Inc. for seven years, will speak and present slides about "**Haiti: Land of Despair and Hope; Haiti Fund Inc. Work on Hunger and Sustainability Issues.**" He will present an overview of Haitian history, geography, politics and culture; plus the impact of HFI's work in Haiti. Haiti Fund Inc. supports the Comprehensive Development Project (CODEP)

which is an environmental reclamation and sustainable agricultural project which covers 35,000 acres in the mountains south of Leogane, Haiti.

Haiti Fund, Inc. was founded in 1990 by Jack Hanna in New Bern, NC. He started community development to promote fish farming, planting gardens, replanting trees, and using new farming techniques. This directly increases self-sufficiency

leading to an improved standard of living. About 10-12 million trees have been planted in the CODEP area and about 20% are fruit trees and coffee bushes. HFI also supports some of the local schools with a lunch program to promote school attendance.

The program begins at 10 a.m. but please come for coffee, snacks, and conversation at 9:30.

—Donna Hammersley

Carol Woods Gift Shop open during "Tea With Lee"

Because the Carol Woods Gift Shop is available only week day morning hours, we have requested it to be open before and during our spring fundraiser "Tea With

Lee." It will be opened for us, for browsing and purchasing, for an hour, from 2:30 – 3:30pm., Wednesday, March 6, 2013. There are many lovely things, so

please stop in before you come to the Social Lounge that afternoon.

—Sandy Smalley

Passing of Isabel McIntosh Fowler

Our AAUW 50 year Life Member Isabel Fowler (93 years) died at Carol Woods on December 29, 2012. This is a sad loss for our Branch.

Isabel, originally from Summit, NJ, was awarded that Branch's college scholarship, and she came to Greensboro to attend The Women's College of the University of North Carolina,

now UNC-G, where she studied sociology and social work. Upon graduation, she went to Charleston, WVA for employment at the YWCA, and she participated in the Charleston AAUW. Isabel held many leadership positions, including Branch President, and also volunteered in other local organizations. When she and her husband moved in retire-

ment to Chapel Hill, she became an active member of our Branch. One of her specialties was leading the spring installation ceremony for new Branch officers.

Isabel was actually a devoted member of AAUW for over 65 years, and she will be greatly missed by all of us.

—Sandy Smalley

Public Policy: Fracking

Fracking is a new word describing a not-so-new but newly widespread process of extracting natural gas from shale. Water, sand and chemicals are injected into wells to fracture the surrounding rock and to extract shale gas.

On the one hand fracking is being advertised as a source of new wealth, countless jobs and energy independence. You have undoubtedly seen this on TV. On the other it is said to bring high risk to the environment. Waste chemicals, methane and benzene may be released into soil, water and air.

Is it worth the risk?
The Legislature has appointed a committee to study the advantages of fracking in North Carolina. That committee is also responsible for making recommendations for local regulations such as set-back requirements and noise restrictions. There is no mention of findings that might discourage exploration and development. The chair of the committee is Roy Cartwright, a large landowner in Chatham County where most of the fracking is being considered.

To learn more go to

WWW.FRACK-FRENC.ORG or simply enter "fracking" on your computer search engine. There is a wealth of information on both sides of the issue.

— Mary Paterson



January 2013 Meeting



Tea with Lee: March Fundraiser

Last fall, our board voted to change our fundraiser from a lunch to a tea. We wanted to encourage participation of our membership in supporting AAUW's Education Fund; our members were attending our lunches in declining numbers. This year, we are very fortunate to have Lee Smith as our keynote speaker. She is a dynamic and entertaining speaker

who is adept at combining depth with humor. People who have heard her speak describe the experience with animation and enthusiasm. We urge you to come and bring a friend or two. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find more information on what Lee Smith plans to do March sixth. The order form for tickets to this event can be found on the same page. In

order to minimize our costs, we are asking members to sign up to bring finger foods to the tea. Carol Woods will provide the tea. Please consider adding your name to the list at our February meeting or via an email to: mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net. Do come—education is the centerpiece of our mission!

—Bea Keller



Minutes, AAUW-Ch Meeting, January 19, 2013



Website News

If you have questions about our next meeting or need to check on the book club's selection, please check our web page: <http://chapelhill-nc.aauw.net>. If you want to check our archive of past newsletters in our "members only" section, remember the password is the word "dogwood" in lower case letters

Business: President Smalley called the meeting to order at 10:00. She welcomed members and visitors. She paid tribute to Isabel Fowler, member and former branch president, recently deceased.

Announcements: Kay White announced that the Branch had reached its goal of \$1500 for the Schwenning Scholarship.

Donna Hammerley announced that John Winings, CEO of The Haiti Fund, will speak at the February Meeting.

Bea Keller announced that

we have two new members:



Florence Nash, poet & Anna Wilson,

Nadine Verna and Nancy Deutsch, and welcomed our guests. She urged people to



Carol Mathison, artist

Lee Smith will be the speaker.

She also announced the webinar (on-line conference) to be held on January 26 by the NCAAUW.

There was no further business.

Program: Three speakers, Carole Mathison, graphic artist, Florence Nash, poet, and Anna Wilson, musician, discussed arts in the Triangle. Ms. Mathison showed some of her work! Ms Nash read her poems and Ms Wilson described her work with Mallarme, a chamber music group. The three women agreed that the Triangle is nurturing for all artists.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Mary Paterson, Secretary.

Our Branch Welcomes Two New Members

Nadine Verna earned her B.A. degree at Mount Holyoke College in English and Organizational Computing. She was awarded an MA at New York



University in Higher Education Administration. She is currently Assistant Director, Counseling and Programs at Duke University. She specializes in art, entertainment and interna-

tional careers.

Nancy Deutsch received her BA in Chemistry at Wellesley College. She is currently retired.

Member of the Month: Janet Campbell

Janet Campbell's calm, observant demeanor and keen intellect hint at a life dedicated to educating and serving others. Born in Milton, Massachusetts to teacher parents, higher education for Janet and her sisters was an expected endeavor. But it was the Great Depression and Janet's sister, a graduate of Wellesley, struggled to find meaningful work. Thus, Janet pursued a nursing degree at Simmons College, reasoning that it was a practical career. After Pearl Harbor, the Cadet Nurses Corps was established by the government which provided for the education of nurses, Janet's among them.

Janet quickly realized that hospitals were not her preferred work environment; she liked community health work with its emphasis on prevention and education. She worked for a time for the Boston Visiting Nurse Association. Her supervisor had worked for the Michigan based W.K. Kellogg Child Welfare Foundation and urged Janet to consider working there. Janet's mother agreed; in her opinion, it would give Janet a broader view of the world. The Kellogg Foundation was sponsoring innovative health services in seven Michigan counties. These services emphasized preventive—not remedial—education and health. Janet was assigned to one of the seven counties; she worked with schools,

taught mothers-to-be prenatal education, and prenatal care. Janet emphasized that every baby whose mother had received prenatal care was visited at home by a nurse.

Janet went on to earn her M.A. at the University of Chicago with a grant from the Children's Bureau. Her specialty was Nursing Education/ Maternity Nursing. At UNC School of Public Health in the field of epidemiology, she continued exploring issues in family dynamics and family health; her PhD dissertation studied the influence of parents on their child's health and education. Her post doctorate work continued with Virginia Satir, a family therapist. Janet took on consultant work with the NC Department of Mental Health. She was invited to join a private practice which combined pastoral counselors and psychologists; Janet was the nurse psychotherapist. She worked mainly with women and couples. It is, she says, the emotional side of what is going on in the home that is so important in family therapy. Later, she was secretary to the NC Council of Women's Organizations.

In 1959, Janet and a friend took a six month tour—the first leg was on a freighter which landed in the Philippines. Her aunt, then deceased, had spent twenty years in the Philippines as a missionary and Janet was warmly received by her aunt's

former colleagues. She arrived just in time to accompany a mobile clinic with a doctor, nurse, dentist and missionaries to remote villages. The villagers had no confidence in these strange people so they sent one child with a bandage. When he was returned unharmed, they sent a few more children. Finally, the adults felt more comfortable and slowly, one by one, came for consultations. Janet went on to Australia to visit her sister, and then traveled to Tahiti, Samoa and Hawaii. She was in Honolulu when Hawaii's statehood was announced! She has also traveled to Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, India and Nepal where she spent one month visiting her nephew.

Janet has lived in Carol Woods for over twenty years. She has served on many committees as well as being president of the Resident Association and a member of the Carol Woods Board of Directors. She is an avid reader and birder. Janet was active in AAUW in the late 80's and 90's and we are very pleased that she has joined us anew.

—Bea Keller



Janet Campbell

Bridge Club
Bridge Club will be meeting
Thursday, February 14, 1
p.m. at the home of Syd
Elstran, 328 Glendale,
Chapel Hill, 919-929-1545

TEA WITH LEE

Please plan to join us for AAUW Chapel Hill's
Annual Literary Tea featuring

Lee Smith



**March 6, 2013 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at
Carol Woods in the Social Room &
Assembly Hall**

A wise, warm and witty speaker, Lee will read from her latest collection of stories (*Mrs. Darcy and the Blue Eyed Stranger*) and give us a preview of her next book (*Guests on Earth*). There will be opportunity for questions and answers.

Name: _____

No. of tickets @ \$20 _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Send tickets to above address _____ Will pick tickets up at event _____

Names of my guests: _____

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