



AAUW-Chapel Hill Branch

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February

- March 7: Good Morning Book Club
- March 16: Branch Meeting,
- March 6: Tea with Lee

From the President: Sandy Smalley

We had huge puffy snowflakes Saturday morning, but seventeen of us made it to the Branch Meeting, February 16. Our speaker John Winnings spoke on "Haiti: Island of Despair and Hope," and he talked about long term development there. He gave us a really informative program.

Please mark your calendar for Equal Pay Day on April 9, 2013. This is the symbolic day when the earnings of women "catch up" to the wages of men from the previous year. It takes three and a half extra months each year to overcome

the wage gap. The 2013 Equal Pay Day will be especially important

as it marks the 50th Anniversary of when Congress originally passed the Equal Pay Act in 1963. On April 9, national AAUW will host special events to celebrate the progress that has been made, and to emphasize the work that still needs to be done to ensure that all women receive equal pay for equal work.

I hope you have both our March events marked on your calendar. Our Literary Tea spring fundraiser, "Tea with Lee," is Wednesday, March 6,

Carol Woods Social Lounge, and at 3:45 pm., we will move to the Assembly Hall for our speaker, local NC author Lee Smith. Come and bring a friend.

Our regular Branch meeting will be Saturday, March 16, in the Carolina Room of Carol Woods. The topic will be "AAUW Triangle Graduate Fellows" with two female graduate students telling us about their research. We also will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the AAUW Chapel Hill Branch. There is further information on both of these programs in this newsletter.

Spring is about to burst upon us, and we hope you soon enjoy the greening trees and blooming flowers.



February 2013 Meeting

from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. We begin at 3:00 pm. with a tea in the

March 16 Meeting: AAUW Fellows

Our two AAUW Fellowship presenters are currently students at NC State University. Priscilla Osei is Ghanaian and pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering. She will speak on “Affordable Waste Management and Treatment Methods, the Use of Renewable Energy, and Sustainability in Developing Countries.”



Priscilla Osei

Paula Braun uses analytics—a blend of statistics, applied mathematics, and computer science—to draw insights from complex data. She is earning a degree in Computer and Information Sciences. Paula will speak on “Data-driven Decisions That Make a Difference in the

World and Promote Societal Well-being.” Both Priscilla and Paula will touch on their efforts to encourage young women to study math and science.



Paula Braun

—Bea Keller

Slate of Officers
2013-2015 AAUW
Board
 President: *Bea Keller*
 Vice President, Membership: *Genoveva Aguirre*
 Treasurer: *Karen Piplani*
 Corresponding Secretary: *Lee Hamilton*
 —*Jean Green, Chair,*
Nominating Committee

Carol Woods Gift Shop open during “Tea With Lee”

Weekday morning hours the Carol Woods Gift Shop is open. We have requested it to be open during our Literary Tea for

browsing and shopping. The hours on Wednesday, March 6, will be from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. There are many lovely items, so enjoy

some time there before you come to the Social Lounge.

—Sandy Smalley

Report from the Treasurer

As of January 31, 2013, our checking and savings accounts totaled \$3,050.84 and our Scholarship CD totaled \$6,595.70. We have a total of 54 members, 53 paid members and 1 e-affiliate, which means our dues brought in \$520. That

\$520 together with \$5 from other sources brings our total income to \$525 for this fiscal year. Our estimated expenses for the year of \$705 means we will use reserves in our accounts to cover the projected shortfall of \$180.

Since January 31, we have received \$700 in ticket sales for the tea and donations for the tea totaling \$225. The net profit from the tea and all the tea donations will go to AAUW Fellowships.

—Kay White



Public Policy by Jeanne Harrington

With the chaos that now seems to be the norm in the non-functioning Congressional world of Washington, DC, it would be nice if we could bask in the glow of our State legislature's immediate attention to several important state issues.

Such is not the case. Several items already passed and those coming down the pike bring cause for concern as well as the reason for voters to stay informed and communicate with their district legislators.

The proposal to lift the fracking moratorium, allowing drilling operators to apply for permits in March 2015 is part of Senate Bill 76 which is to be voted on in the Senate, February 21. Among other provisions it will remove two voting positions from the regulatory commission appointed in 2011 (one is the state geologist) and repeal the

state's prohibition on injecting waste, including used fracking liquid into deep wells for permanent disposal. Some question the removal of safeguards put in place just a year ago. It also encourages the governor to form a compact with Virginia and South Carolina to encourage and develop a strategy for offshore energy exploration.

Senate Bill 10 will remove all current state board members from their positions, allowing for new appointees that are more willing to carry out the philosophy of the new administration. Included, among others, are the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, Wildlife Resources, and Board of Education. Up to now, the terms have been staggered, allowing the experience of current members to provide continuity.

Both houses approved the overhauling of the state's unemployment system, reducing benefits as well as their duration. This is to accelerate repayment of monies loaned by Washington to help North Carolina cover its employment needs during the most recent economic slowdown.

SB 39 will make judicial elections partisan again as they were until 2002 when a Democratic controlled General Assembly made them non-partisan. The rationale for the change at that time was that the qualifications of candidates, not their political affiliation, should be the basis for electing judges.

Oh yes. House Bill 34 clarifies that indecent exposure includes full exposed female breasts; nipples may not be visible. Who knew this was such a pressing problem.



February 2013 Meeting

*Good Morning Book Club will meet at 10 March 7 to discuss the book, **Time of Our Lives; The Past, Present, Promise** by Tom Brokaw, at the home of Dona Koeberl. You are invited to visit any book club meeting.*

Sally Greene Returns to Chapel Hill Town Council

Our AAUW Branch member Sally Greene has been elected by the Chapel Hill Town Council to return to that body to fill the unexpired term of Penny Rich, who resigned after being

elected in November to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Sally was previously an elected member of the Council and served for eight years from 2003 until 2011. The Town

Council was looking for experience, as there are many large issues to deal with this year. Congratulations to Sally.

—Sandy Smalley



February 2013 Meeting

Minutes, AAUW-Ch Meeting, January 19, 2013



Long Time Member

Isabel Fowler

Our long time member, Isabel McIntosh Fowler, was memorialized at the University Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 16. A bagpiper welcomed attendees at the door.

The Reverends Anna Pinckney Straight and Robert E. Dunham Celebrated Isabel's life with recollections of her generous caring for others, church and community commitments, family endearments.

Morita Rapoza, AAUW representative

Because of a winter snow-storm we had only seventeen people present. The group may have been small, but the enthusiasm was great. Donna Hammersly did an excellent job of introducing our speaker and



John Winnings

fielding the question and answer period. John Winnings, CEO of the Haiti Fund, spoke on "Haiti: Island of Despair and Hope." He gave us distressing statistics about Haiti and talked about the difference between emergency relief and development. The Haiti Fund has been trying to develop an economy in

Haiti for many years. They are involved in re-forestation and also planting fruit trees, coffee bushes, and developing fisheries to supplement people's rice and black bean diet. Sustainability is an issue here.

The brief business meeting included Vickie

Healey speaking about our March

16 Branch Meeting with two AAUW Fellows presenting their research. We also talked about the 90th

Anniversary of the founding of the Chapel Hill Branch (March 15, 1923). We will celebrate that at the March 16 gathering. Bea Keller spoke on the "Elect Her" AAUW program at NC Central University and about our Literary Tea spring fundraiser, "Tea with Lee" on March 6. We hope all our members will be present for the afternoon.



The meeting was adjourned about 11:30 am.

Respectfully,

Sandy Smalley

Substitute Recording Secretary

Website News

Our website will undergo a new look. It will be completely redesigned using our new logo. Megan Morrison, originally from Morrisville, NC is the Junior Website Designer. She is our website guru and is always very accommodating.

Remember 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.

—Bea Keller

Member of the Month: Annette Jurgelski

Annette, our member from Hillsborough, joined AAUW in 1973 after her son was a winner in the Creative Writing Contest that our Branch sponsored in the public schools at that time. At the Awards Ceremony Annette was so impressed with the high caliber of women and the organization that she joined our Branch a few weeks later. Her enrollment date of July 1, 1973, makes her the fourth longest national AAUW member in our Branch.

Annette has worked on Branch Program Committees bringing environmental speakers from the Sierra Club, where she has also been very active. She was the Board Recording Secretary when Kay White and Sandy

Slates were Presidents, and she has gone to a number of AAUW NC State Conventions. For many years she did the Branch publicity, newspaper calendar postings, and even did a live interview on WCHL.

In the 1980s, a coalition of local AAUW, League of Women Voters, and Planned Parenthood

organized our branch participation in this activity. She also was part of a group of Branch members that created a program to provide role models for girls at Durham's Hillside High School.

This past January, Annette was our Branch representative at the AAUW NC Public Policy Pilot Project webinar (a computer seminar on the web and telephone) with sixteen people. This committee was being educated on the new national PPPP legislative reports.

At the end of our conversation, Annette told me that she really enjoyed her AAUW membership with

the opportunities it brought to meet many interesting and intellectual women.

—Sandy Smalley



women, believing in a woman's right to control her own body, regularly gathered at UNC Hospital to counter balance Pro-Life pickets who were patrolling a clinic entrance. Annette or-



Notice of Passing

*Morita Rapoza's husband,
Norbert "Nobby" Rapoza
died peacefully on
December 22, 2012.*

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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