



CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 5: Book Club
- Thursday, April 19: Bridge Club
- Saturday, April 21: Branch Meeting

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# American Association of University Women

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## From the President: Sandy Smalley

It is spring! And the flowers and trees are bursting forth in beauty.

During the month of March, the AAUW Chapel Hill Branch hosted two major activities. Our Literary Luncheon and fundraiser on March 14<sup>th</sup>, at the UNC George Watts Hill Alumni Center, had 48 members and guests present. Dr. Ted Mouw of the UNC Department of Sociology gave an informative and detailed talk on immigration issues in the United States. In this newsletter Jean Green has included a summary of his presentation for those people who could not be there.

At the Branch meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Carol Woods, Professors Gillian Cell and Jane Brown presented the topic *Gender Issues at UNC in the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s*.



Dr. Cell is former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-CH and

Provost of the College of William and Mary. Dr. Brown, is Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-CH. She was also Chair of the Faculty Council. Branch

members joined this conversation for a stimulating event.

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day, and national AAUW participated. Outside the

Washington headquarters hung a huge banner. Also on standards flew the national flags of every country from which a current AAUW Fellowship or Grant holder

traveled to the US to study. There are currently 239 Fellows and Grantees in the US. This day is to celebrate and to honor economic, political, and social achievements of empowered women worldwide.

April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Branch Annual Meeting, a program on "Women in the Middle East" by Beth Dehghan, election and installation of new officers, and a pot luck salad luncheon. It will be held at Carol Woods in the Carolina Room, beginning



with social time at 9:30 am. There is more information in an article in this newsletter issue. Hopefully you all will be able to come and bring along a friend.



## Meeting on April 21: Women in the Middle East



The Good Morning Book Club will meet Thursday, April 5, 10 a.m. to discuss *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion, at the home of Carol Zellen, 505 Clarenbridge Drive, Cary

The Chapel Hill Branch of AAUW will conclude its fall 2011 and Spring 2012 season with a meeting on Saturday, April 21. We will begin with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the program, **WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, will be presented at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Carolina Room of Carol Woods, 750 Weaver Dairy Road.

Ms. Beth Dehghan will discuss the role of Middle Eastern women from the Iranian Revolution to Arab Spring. She has been a human rights activist for more than thirty years. Her work has been primarily through the United Nations and chairing conferences and seminars on human rights in numerous universities. She regularly attends the

UN General Assembly meetings in New York City and has participated in the High Commission for Human Rights annual meetings. She was invited to speak at the 2000 Beijing plus Five Conference on the topic of constitutional violence against women.

In 2003 Ms. Dehghan founded the Association of International Women for Human Rights. The purpose of this organization is to empower women through education and skill building in the political, social and civil/economic spheres of their lives. Ms. Dehghan was also the key note speaker at the 2009 AAUW/NC annual state conference.

Beth has a B.S. in Agron-

omy from Louisiana State University and a Teaching Certificate from Tehran University, Iran.

This meeting is also our annual pot luck luncheon which will be followed by the installation of new officers for 2012-2013. Contact Bea Keller at 919-924-4432 or at [mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net](mailto:mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net) if you have not yet signed up for the luncheon table.

As you know, this is a special event that all members enjoy. Do plan to allow time to eat a delicious meal and visit with friends.

—Jean Green

## Treasurer's Report

Our branch funds are in good shape. Our current balance, a bit inflated because of the recent March 14 luncheon for AAUW Funds with Ted Mouw, stands at \$5,023. After paying for the lunch of \$1,404, **our balance will be \$3,619.**

**Our proceeds from the March 14 lunch**, including donations from members, **total a little over \$450.** That money will be reserved for the Chapel Hill branch's annual

donations to both LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) and EOF (Educational Opportunities Fund), the funds that AAUW-National sponsors. Thank you all who came to the lunch or who gave a donation. We hope to raise some additional donations before December, 2012 when our donations will be made.

As a review on the **Carrie Heath Schwenning Fund**, as I reported last month, we are

fully funded for 2012-2013 for the \$1,500 scholarship for a graduate woman at UNC-Chapel Hill. In checking recently with UNC-CH, I can now report that we have a little over **\$200 towards our scholarship for the academic year 2013-14.** So we are well on our way to \$1,500. Thank you all.

—Kay White

# Jeanne Harrington, Member of the Month

The first twenty-five years of Jeanne Harrington's life were spent growing up in Enterprise, Oregon. Jeanne graduated from Oregon State College in 1955 with a BS in Education. A two year teaching career ended with the birth of the first of seven children. Husband Dick's career with the Birds Eye Division of General Foods required frequent moves in the Pacific Northwest. During this time Jeanne's life focused upon the children, the church, the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters.

In 1974 the Harrington's moved to Avon, New York where they

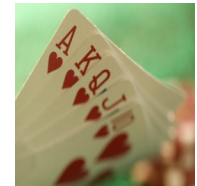
lived for twenty years. Jeanne served for nine years on the local school board. Three of those years she served as president of the board. She also was chairperson of the Livingston County Blood Drive and volunteered for one and a half years for Meals on Wheels.

In 1995 Dick and Jeanne moved to Fearington Village. They both believe that the best part of the move to North Carolina is being near their seven chil-



dren and eleven grandchildren. They also enjoy easy access to the North Carolina Symphony, local theater, museums and the excellent health care services that are readily available. Jeanne comments that the "frosting on the cake" are the wonderful programs of the American Association of University Women and the West Triangle United Nations Association as well as new and interesting groups which she has become affiliated with since their move to Galloway Ridge.

—Jean Green



**The Bridge Club will meet Thursday, April 19 at the home of Sharon Anderson, 420 Ridgecrest, Chapel Hill. We welcome new members —please call 960-6072**

## Public Policy Issues

**Higher Education:** AAUW strongly supports making higher education affordable and accessible for all Americans. Although state and local funding for higher education remained stagnant in 2011, the growing enrollment numbers meant fewer government dollars were spent per student. Numbers next year are expected to be even worse as enrollment grows and state funding decreases. Thank goodness, our branch increased its Schwenning scholarship by \$500; every dollar increase helps.

**Political Donations:** AAUW members should be aware that political donations over \$200 are given by MEN NOT

WOMEN by a 2/3's majority. If we women want the politicians to take our viewpoints on women's issues more seriously, perhaps we women should put our "money where our mouths are". It might be interesting to know how many of our branch members give political donations over \$200; I, for one, must admit I have never given a political donation of an amount over \$50.

**Student Loan Interest Increase:** Advocacy groups delivered 130,000 student-written letters to Congress on March 14, asking lawmakers to stop the interest rate on subsidized loans from doubling to 6.8 percent in July, 2012.

President Obama has urged Congress to stop the increase. The cost of keeping the interest rate for subsidized loans at its current rate would be about \$5 billion; in other words, if the interest rate increase goes into effect, the students will be paying that additional \$5 billion in interest charges over the life of their loans. It is easy to be disappointed that our government expects students in these difficult times to pay such additional interest charges.

--Kay White

## Summary: Professor Ted Mouw's Talk on The Impact of Immigration on Native Workers, March 14, 2012

The focus of Dr. Mouw's talk was the economic impact of immigration on native workers. He pointed out that there are equally important social and cultural impacts on both immigrants themselves and the host society which can only be determined through in-depth face to face interviews.

He noted there is an important distinction which must be made between immigrant workers who substitute for native workers and immigrants who complement native workers. The former displace native workers whereas the latter enter jobs unwanted by native workers or for which native workers are unqualified. One example of complementation is that many highly educated immigrants enter the country legally to take STEM jobs. A second example is at the opposite end of the economic spectrum: many poorly educated immigrants fill unskilled, low wage, positions in agriculture and construction.

He discussed several theories which have been advanced to explain the various economic

impacts of immigration. He emphasized that: (1) much immigration involves complementation rather than displacement; (2) even workers who are displaced may not experience long-term unemployment or a decline in wages.

In order to assess the extent to which displacement leads to unemployment and/or lower wages for native workers, Ted relied upon a special data set known as LEHD, short for Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics. This data set includes personal information and the quarterly wages of millions of individual workers in 30 states during the years between 1990 and 2008. He focused on the experiences of native workers in those industries which have experienced sharp increases in the percentage of immigrant workers. He is still analyzing the data, but he reached two tentative conclusions. First, displaced native workers experience no prolonged unemployment during the first year

of their displacement nor afterwards. Second, wages of displaced native workers decline modestly during the first year after displacement but rebound by the second and subsequent years.

When asked about the chances of passage of a new immigration policy, Ted pointed out that there is no real policy now. Moreover, given the emotions raised historically and contemporaneously by immigration, there is unlikely to be one in the near future. He observed that there is a *de facto* policy. That policy involves (1) anti-immigration groups and politicians ranting and raving about the evils of immigration; (2) not doing much to stem the flow of immigrants because the benefits of immigration for natives (especially employers) are so huge and the consequences of trying to get rid of 14 million illegal immigrants are politically unacceptable.

—Jean Green

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pictures of our  
meetings.



# Minutes of Branch Meeting, March 17, 2012

Following the traditional before-meeting coffee and socializing half-hour, Sandy Smalley, President, welcomed everyone and introduced Jean Green, Program Chair, who presented the speakers for the discussion of *The Gender Wars at UNC in the 60s, 70s, and 80s*— Dr. Gillian Cell and Dr. Jane Brown.

Both were active in affirmative action causes on the campus during their tenure at UNC from the late 60s until the present time.

Managing course loads, department leadership, and family responsibilities may not have been much different from the responsibilities of men in the same situations but often took place in a more discouraging, if not hostile, environment. Both gave credit and thanks to individuals in

their departments and the administrative level who were fully supportive. As could be expected, many listeners had similar experiences to share.

While all agreed the playing field has been made less bumpy, there is still work to be done in getting more women in faculty

positions on all co-ed campuses, especially in graduate level programs.

### Minutes of the AAUW Business meeting:

President Sandy Smalley called the meeting of the Chapel Hill branch of AAUW to order at 10:00a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Carol Woods. She reported that the

approved minutes of the February meeting were in the March newsletter as well as a summary of the Treasurer's report. Hard copies are available if desired.

Jean Green, Program Chair, announced that at the April 21 meeting Beth Dehghan will highlight Women in the Middle

East and the effects of the Egyptian revolution and Arab Spring up to now. Morita Raposa suggested the movie

“Separation” (showing at the Chelsea) might be of interest. It relates to the program topic.

The annual potluck luncheon will follow. Those planning to attend were asked to sign up and indicate their lunch contribution.

Sandy Smalley, Bea Keller, Carol Zellen, and Kay White will attend portions of the state convention the end of March in Burlington, NC.

New business announcements: Carol Zellen, who has a dual membership in the Chapel Hill and Tar Hill branches, is a nominee for a position with the Tar Hill branch. The annual meeting of that branch is held at the state convention. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Harrington, Secretary



Dr. Gillian Cell



Dr. Jane Brown & Dr. Anne Mitchell Whisnant



Dr. Jane Brown & Jean Green

**CHAPEL HILL BRANCH, AAUW**

Membership Renewal/Application July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

<b>Dues Breakdown</b>	
<i>National</i>	\$49
<i>State</i>	\$11
<i>Branch</i>	\$10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70</b>

Please complete the form below and send with your check (payable to the "AAUW, Chapel Hill Branch") to: Bea Keller, 427 NC Hwy 54 West Chapel Hill, NC 27516-7908, phone: 919-929-4432; email mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net.

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Previous Experience in AAUW \_\_\_\_\_

**Groups at Chapel Hill Branch and/or Other areas of interest for Chapel Hill Branch** (Please check your areas of interest and tell us your ideas)

Groups: SPARC \_\_\_\_\_ Good Morning Book Group \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Public Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Program Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Volunteer or Interest Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

