

American Association of University Women

FROM THE PRESIDENT: SANDY SMALLEY

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- September 15: Branch Meeting
- Book Club: September 6
- Bridge Club: September 20

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Hello to you all,

It has been a wet, cooler summer to date, and we hope the temperatures stay below the 90's. We trust it has been a good season for you thus far.

For those of you not at the April Branch Annual Meeting, I want to introduce our new Board members. As Co-Vice Presidents of Programs, Michele Hoyman and Morita Rapoza and their committee have been busy this summer planning the monthly sessions for us. Both are long time members of our Branch, and Michele held a national AAUW Fellowship while completing her PhD dissertation. Our elected Recording Secretary, Mary Paterson, is the person who created our successful spring Literary Teas/Luncheons during her first year as Branch President. We welcome these three ladies to the Branch Board.

Since our last newsletter in April, a lot has happened in the political arena affecting

women and equality. As you know, often there is a great difference between men's and women's wages for the same job, with equal education/training and equal experience. In North Carolina women make only \$.78 for each \$1.00 men earn. The national average is \$.77.

On April 19, 2012, national AAUW in Washington hosted an Equal Pay Day to raise awareness and talk about the Paycheck Fairness Act that would be going through both the U. S. House of Representatives and Senate this summer. It was defeated in the House, strictly along party lines, with two Democrats voting with Republicans. One of those men was from North Carolina — Heath Schuller. Recently it was voted down in the Senate, again along party lines and with the excuse that treating women fairly and equally would hurt small business.

I had a letter from our North Carolina Senator Kay

Hagan, who was a cosponsor of this bill, which would have updated the Equal Pay Act. She also was a cosponsor of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which became law on January 29, 2009, which restored wage protections for workers. Senator Hagan supports eliminating pay disparity between men and women.

The defeat of the Paycheck Fairness Act in both U. S. House and Senate plays into what some people currently call a "war on women." Besides wage equality, there are many medical issues being debated and funding removed. This all leads into the importance of getting women to the polls to vote in the national elections in November. It ties in with our September 15th AAUW Branch Meeting, with Nancy Shoemaker and Pat Orrange, on "Getting Out the Women's Vote." I hope you will be there with us for this lively discussion.

2012-2013 CHAPEL HILL BRANCH MEETINGS - SANDY SMALLEY

The Board wanted to publish the dates of Branch Meetings so everyone could put them in her personal calendar now. Our schedule is to gather the third Saturday of each month in the Carolina Room at Carol Woods, at 9:30 am for social time, with the program beginning at 10:00 am.

The specific dates in 2012 are:
 September 15
 October 20
 November 17
 December 1.
 The last date has been moved up, to make it before the holiday period.

The 2013 dates are:
 January 19
 February 16
 March 16
 April 20 for the Annual Meeting.

Please mark the days down, and we will look forward to seeing you each time.



Isabel Fowler & Lisa Price

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - BEA KELLER

Website News:

chapelhill-nc.aauw.net. Our new officers are posted and pictures of our April meeting are up as well. 2012-2013 programs will be listed soon.

Twenty-eight members plus two new members have renewed their membership as of 6/22/12.

- Andersen, Shirley
- Andrews, Hannah
- Bernlohr, Doris
- Dechard, Jeanne
- Effron, Marion
- Elstran, Sidney
- Fowler, Isabel
- Green, Jean

- Hamilton, Lelia
- Hammersly, Donna
- Harrington, Jeanne
- Healey, Vickie
- Henderson, Diane
- Holland, Jan
- Hoyman, Michele
- Irish, Kathleen
- Jacquith, Marcia
- Joseph, Jean
- Keller, Bea

- Koeberl, Dona
- Mitchell, Norma
- Passero, Sandra
- Piplani, Karen
- Rapoza, Morita
- Riley, Margaret
- Smalley, Sandy
- Whisnant, Anne
- White, Kay
- Zainfeld, Lynn
- Zellen, Carol

REVISED BRANCH BY-LAWS

Our branch by-laws were recently revised to include MANDATORY changes. Since the changes were mandatory, neither the Board nor the Branch had to approve the changes. Sandy Smalley and Kay White made and reviewed the Mandatory changes to our by-laws and

submitted them to AAUW-National by the May 15 deadline. Bea Keller will post the recently revised by-laws on the website. For those of you who wish an email copy of the by-laws, please send your request to my email, kaywhite@earthlink.net. In summary, there were no

substantive changes; in the main, these changes were wording or rearrangement of paragraphs to comply with law changes as required by Washington D.C.

—Kay White



Marzia Nawrozi & Beth Dehghan
 April Annual Meeting Speakers

AAUW NC ANNUAL MEETING IN BURLINGTON
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - 31,
2012

The Branch Presidents' Council was the first event of the 2012 AAUW NC Annual Meeting and was held Friday afternoon. The majority of this gathering was a discussion of the pros and cons of the Pilot State Structure. With no one willing to take on the state offices in 2011, a very lean committee of Co-Presidents, Treasurer, and Branch Advocate have been running AAUW NC this year. After much discussion, it was decided to add to the group a Vice President who would deal

with communications and also serve as secretary. All other areas that need attention would be appointed positions. This proposed structure was passed by the Branch Presidents' Council with no dissent, and would go to the general membership for vote on Saturday. New Bylaws will be written and approved at a Branch meeting during the fall.

We also had a discussion on Mini Grants and about the thirteen Branches represented at the Presi-

dents' Council; there are twenty state Branches total. We did self assessment of the health of our Branches.

This was my first Annual Meeting and a good one. It gave me the opportunity to meet other Branch presidents from across NC and to hear of their activities and issues.

—Sandy Smalley

GOOD MORNING BOOK CLUB 2012
2013 BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE



September 6: **Hostess:** Mary Paterson, 750 Weaver Dairy Road #156, Chapel Hill, NC 27414, 919-918-3447, mlbpateron@aol.com. **Book:** Pope Joan, by Donna Woolfolk Cross.

October 4: **Hostess:** Jean Joseph, 750 Weaver Dairy Road # 137, Chapel Hill, NC 227514, 919-918-3591, jeankenj@earthlink.net. **Book:** *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson

November 1: **Hostess:** Donna Hamersley, 220 Callum Place, Cary, NC 27519, H: 919-267-439, Cell: 919-924-3687, dhammersley@nc.rr.com. **Book:** *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

December 6: **Hostess:** Dona Koeberl, 2749 McDowell Road, Durham, NC 27705. 919-403-6643, dkoeberl@frontier.com. **Book:** *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

January 3: **Hostess:** Carol Candler, 104 Essex Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-929-5011, candler@nc.rr.com **Book:** *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

February 7: **Hostess:** Sally Rhordanz, 750 Weaver Dairy Road #210, 919-918-3573. **Book:** *Tinkers* by Paul Harding

March 7 **Hostess:** Sydney Elstran, 328 Glendale Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. H: 919-929-1545, sydelstran@aol.com. **Book:** *Time of Our Lives: The Past, Present, Promise* by Tom

Brokaw

April 4: **Hostess:** Annette Jurgelski, 3211 Oak Knob Court, Hillsborough, NC 27514, 919-644-0280, jurge00111@gmail.com. **Book:** *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes

May 2: **Hostess:** Kay Irish, 673 Fearington Post, 575 Spindlewood, Pittsboro, NC 27312, 919-542-7566, kayirishcp@aol.com. 2013 - 2014 Planning Meeting

Hospitality Committee
We need more people to add to the Hospitality committee with Donna Hamersley and Sandra Passero. Each would be responsible for only two meetings. Please contact Sandy Smalley if you want to join this committee.



Hannah Andrews & Sally Rhordanz

AAUWNC & TAR HEEL BRANCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, MARCH 31, 2012

A total of 33 representatives from 20 branches were in attendance with 6 branches missing. Doris Bernlohr, former president of the Chapel Hill Branch, was key to setting up the Burlington meeting and did her usual impeccable job.

The Tar Heel Branch Annual meeting was first on the agenda. President Nancy Shoemaker spoke of the "Get Local" initiative that co-sponsored a reception for the Fellows in October at Michele Hoyman's home, helped staff booths at the NC Governor's Conference for Women and an NC Council for Women event. New directors of the branch include our own Carol Zellen.

Patricia Ho, National Board VP, was one of two keynote speakers. Having visited branches from Porto Rico to Guam, she emphasized the importance of elevating the status of women domestically and internationally. She said that AAUW National is flourishing, sustainable, and thriving. AAUW National wanted

to know in which areas we wanted training. Members chose public speaking, managing a meeting, marketing and recruiting, negotiation and compromise, and media training.

Nancy Shoemaker presented, "Nancy's Magic Show Updated: Making the Computer your AAUW Information Friend." She urged branches to consider having their own social media site (Facebook and twitter). In the current campaign, hot button public policy issues on social media have not caught the attention of mainstream media until 48 hours later. AAUW National is also working to make renewals and record keeping easier.

The AAUWNC meeting began with the treasurer's report; two key expenses of particular interest were \$2,444 in mini-grants (they can be \$50-\$250—must be mission driven) and a \$1000 partnership with NOW for lobbying. AAUWNC will have to update its bylaws to be in compli-

ance with National since the laws for non-profits have changed. NC bylaws will reflect National wording. We elected the four officers selected by the nominating committee for 2012-2013. The officers sworn in were: President: Mary Peterson, VP of Communication: Karla Atkinson, Financial Officer: Denny McGuire, Branch Advocate: Sandra McLaurin. Karla Atkinson gave a detailed explanation of Amendment One. The members voted for a resolution against Amendment One. Concerns included: some language used in the amendment has not been defined legally, passage of the amendment will result in long, costly court battles, and health coverage for children of unwed parents may be affected. AAUWNC joined a coalition with NC Women Matter, a statewide coalition of organizations formed to ensure that women's voices are heard. It is strictly a get out and vote effort.

—Bea Keller



Mary Peterson, Sally Rohrdanz, Alice Parsons & Morita Rapoza

*Bridge Club:
Thursday,
September 20*

NANCY JANE ROSE HONORED

A donation was made to the AAUW Educational Fund in honor of one of our members, Nancy Jane Rose. The donation was made by another member, Hannah P.W.

Andrews. Please keep that in mind. Thank you, Hannah. Any member may give donations to AAUW funds as a memorial or as a gift in

someone's honor. Please speak to Kay White, Treasurer, if you would like to do either a memorial or a gift

—Kay White

NEW MEMBERS – BEA KELLER



Dafne Sanchez Aguirre is a sophomore at UNC-G enrolled in the Lloyd International Honors program. She is majoring in

German, and considering a second major. An undergraduate research assistant, she is studying the history of Germany's presence in Latin America and the cultural and political effects thereof.

Shirley R. Andersen completed her undergraduate degree at Wellesley College majoring in English. She earned her Medical Degree from Weill Medical College of Cornell University in 1959. She has practiced Internal Medicine in Oyster Bay, NY for over 50 years.

Kathleen R. Irish (Kay) graduated from Cornell University in 1956, earning a B.A. in Political Science.

Anne Mitchell Whisnant is an adjunct associate professor of history at UNC-CH. She earned her B.A. at Birming-



ham-Southern College in 1989. She went on to complete her M.A. in 1991 and her Ph.D. at UNC-CH in

1997. Her studies focus on public history, digital and geospatial history, and the history of the U.S. National Parks. She is author of Super-Scenic Motorway: A Blue Ridge Parkway History.

MINUTES: APRIL 12, 2012 BRANCH MEETING

The usual coffee half-hour ended with a "welcome" from President Sandy Smalley and the introduction of the day's speakers by Jean Green, Program Chair. A most enlightening look at the lives of women in the Middle East, Iran, and Afghanistan in particular, was provided by Beth Dehghan of North Carolina Now and graduate student, Marzia Nawrozi, from Afghanistan. NC Now is sponsoring her studies at Meredith College.

They pointed out that the contrast in gains in women's personal freedoms is extreme between the many scattered, rural, poorer tribal areas and the fewer more populated, educated and wealthier urban centers. Daughters of the urban population are more often encouraged and allowed to study abroad, pursue areas of interest to them, and allowed to follow their hearts in

marriage rather than the usual custom of early arranged marriage. The obvious need for courage and perseverance in speaking out for women's rights was noted and applauded by the AAUW audience.

Sandy Smalley convened the business meeting at 11:50 am. She reported that the minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report had been approved at the board meeting, and were included in the newsletter. Hard copies were available upon request.

She introduced Syd Elstran who presented the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers: Vice President and program co-chairs, Michele Hoyman and Morita Rapoza; Recording Secretary, Mary Paterson. Sally Rohrdanz moved, Nan Nixon seconded a motion that the slate be

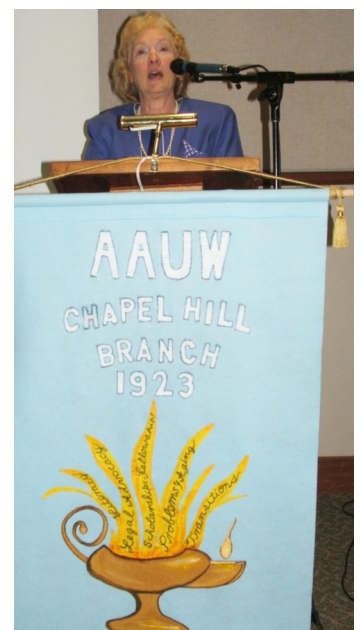
accepted and a unanimous ballot be cast for those named. Motion approved. Jean Green, outgoing vice president, conducted the installation of the new officers.

Members of the 2012-2013 program committee are Donna Hamersley, Vickie Healey, Nan Nixon, Bea Keller, and Jean Green (ex-officio). Alice Parsons will continue to edit the newsletter. Jeanne Harrington will report on public policy. The summer newsletter will come out early July; submissions are due mid-June. Date for the June board meeting will be announced later.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The annual end-of-year potluck followed and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Harrington, Recording Secretary

*Branch Meeting:
September 15,
2012*



MEMBER OF THE MONTH: LEE HAMILTON - MARY PATERSON

She was born in Brooks County, Georgia, to a Methodist circuit riding minister and a school teacher. She married at 18 and moved to Arizona with her new husband, an Officer in the US Army. He was soon sent overseas and she returned to Georgia to enroll in Fort Valley State College from which she graduated in 1946 with a degree in Home Economics. She then joined her husband in Germany. Following a divorce she returned to Fort Valley in 1950 to be certified as an elementary teacher. That helped her get a job in a one-teacher school with nine kids.

Apparently that was not what she had in mind for herself. She saw that the Air Force was looking for women to

be officers. That sounded better than the one-room schoolhouse so she applied. She was enrolled in Officer Candidate School and came out in six months to become only the second black woman to be commissioned through the USAF Officers Candidate School. Now she really started to move around. First to Florida to Air Craft Controllers School, thence to McCord AF Base, Tacoma, Washington, Germany as an Air Craft

Controller/Director in a tactical outfit and finally Tripoli. Libya. She says



that Air Force life was challenging for her, for women in general. Housing was difficult. She lived everywhere from male BOQ's to housing for nurses. She is not complaining, however. It was interesting. In 1954 she was sent to Africa, met her future husband and returned to the US where she settled down in New York and had five children. Divorced in the 60's, she returned to work in Greenpoint, New York, as their first black teacher. She retired in 1991 and finally came to Chapel Hill where one of her daughters lives. And now Carol Woods is home. We are glad you decided to stay, Lee.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 BRANCH MEETING - BEA KELLER

Mark your calendars for September 15, our first 2012-2013 meeting, *Getting Out the Women's Vote!* Nancy Shoemaker, past president of AAUW of NC and currently president of the AAUW Tar Heel Branch, and Pat Orange, outgoing president of the Women's Forum of NC, are our featured speakers. Nancy will talk about The HERVotes initiative, the AAUW

Action Fund, "It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard," and various coalitions formed to encourage women to vote. Last summer, Pat Orange convened a group of colleagues to form NC Women Matter to address the serious decline in the number of women voters between 2008 and 2010. Pat believes that when women are informed and educated about the issues and

vote in their interest, good things happen for women, children and families.



Morita Rapoza, Michele Hoyman, Mary Paterson, & Syd Elstran

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our branch funds are in good shape. Our current balance as of June 6, 2012 is \$2,909.61. Our Schwenning Scholarship CD stands at \$6,567.15.

Our budget for Year ending June, 2012 will come in over-budget by about

\$147. Our budget had expenses of \$585, but the branch expensed \$731. The primary reason for the difference was our AAUW-Chapel Hill website that cost the branch \$119 and was not included in the original budget.

Our budget for year ended June, 2013 was approved by the Board and is set at \$704, including the annual cost of the website.

—Kay White

CHAPEL HILL BRANCH, AAUW

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

Dues Breakdown

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

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.

(1) Personal information:

Name _____ Check Enclosed _____

Address _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Email Address: _____

(2) Newsletter: (Check One) Send by EMAIL _____ Send by REGULAR Mail _____

(3) Education, Occupation and AAUW Experience:

Degree (s): College Name, Year Degree Conferred, Major Field of Study

Undergraduate: _____

Graduate: _____

Occupation: _____

(4) Membership Category (check one): Branch _____ Dual Branch _____

Student Affiliate _____ E-Student Affiliate _____ Honorary Life Paid Life _____

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: _____

