



CALENDAR

- Thursday, March 1: Book Club
- Wednesday, March 14: Fund-raiser
- Thursday, March 15: Bridge Club
- Saturday, March 17: Branch Meeting

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From the President: Sandy Smalley

At our February 18th Branch meeting, we were pleased to have two national AAUW Fellowship PhD candidates. Jennifer Donnally from UNC-Chapel Hill and Kristin Johnson from Duke gave us excellent talks on their research and dissertation topics. We thank them for joining us for the morning.

Also, I want to use my space this month to tell you of some of the advances in AAUW priorities and the voting patterns of NC Congress persons. The 111th Congress (2009-2010) made great strides in women's economic security by passing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and also improved women's access to higher education by increasing funds for Pell Grants. Also two women, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan were confirmed as justices in the Supreme Court.

The 112th Congress changed direction and has emphasized reducing the federal debt and cutting programs related to health care and Medicaid, child care, higher education,

Title X family planning, emergency food assistance, and rejected the bill to put teachers and first responders back to work.

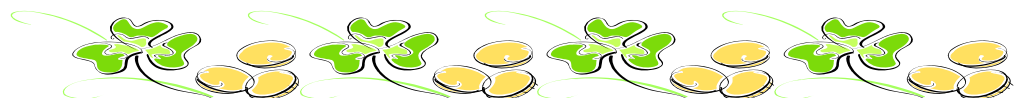
How did our NC Senators vote on issues important to women and AAUW priorities? "As a result of her or his votes and co-sponsorships [of bills], each legislator earns a percentage rating for support of AAUW priorities." On topics of campus safety, jobs in education, economic security, pay check fairness, and reproductive health, Democratic Senator Kay Hagan voted in favor 83%. Republican Senator Richard Burr voted in favor 0%.

In the US House of Representatives on issues important to women, Representative Kissell (District 8) voted 100%. Representatives Butterfield (District 1), Price (District 4), Watt (District 12), and Miller (District 13) voted 83%. Representatives Jones (District 3) and McIntyre (District 7) were at 33%, and Schuler (District 11) was at

20%. All other five NC Representatives, Ellmers (District 2), Foxx (District 5), Coble (District 6), Myrick (District 9), and McHenry (District 10), were 0% in favor of these bills.

My information for these figures came from a national AAUW paper, "AAUW Priorities Advance Despite Divisive Political Climate [112th Congress, First Session (2011)]." Information also came from an email on February 13, 2012, from one of AAUW-NC co-presidents, Karla Atkinson.

In closing, I want to remind you of our next Branch meeting on Saturday, March 17. The program will be on gender issues at UNC-CH. Also please do not forget our Wednesday, March 14, Branch fundraiser Literary Luncheon at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center at UNC. That topic will be on immigration in NC. More detailed information on both of these events is in this newsletter. We hope to see you all at both programs.



New Members

Lynn Zainfeld received her BS in Education from the University of Houston, and her M Ed from the University of Maryland in Education Administration. She taught in Montgomery County, Maryland for thirty-four years, the majority being in Special Education.

Sandra Passero is a retired teacher of English as a second language. She earned her BA at Brooklyn College, NY in Comparative Literature and her M.A.T. at Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ in Applied Linguistics.

Sally Greene served 2 terms on the Chapel Hill Town Council and was known for her commitment to issues regarding homelessness, afford-



able housing and historic preservation. She received her BA from the Univ. of North Texas in English and her MA in English University of North Texas, JD at George Washing-

ton Univ., PhD in English at UNC-CH.

Nancy J. Van Antwerp earned her BA at Miami University in Sociology, MSW at Ohio State Univ. in Social Work and a MPA at Xavier University, OH in Public Administration. She is a retired Public Administrator.



The Good Morning Book Club will meet Thursday, March 1, 10 a.m. to discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford, at the home of Jean Joseph, 750 Weaver Dairy Rd., #137, Chapel Hill

March 14 Fund Raiser Luncheon

The annual AAUW-Chapel Hill fund raiser luncheon will be held at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center on the UNC Campus. We will enjoy luncheon and a presentation by Professor Theodore Mouw from the Department of Sociology at UNC-CH. **There will be a complete three course meal featuring either** a smoked turkey wrap or vegetable and feta cheese tart and ending with New York Cheese Cake.

After lunch Professor Mouw will discuss his recent research on Asian and Latino Immigration in North Carolina. His topic is *A Reconsideration of the Economic Impact of Asian/Latino Immigration on American Workers*. Dr. Mouw is a distinguished teacher and researcher with much information to share about blending two cultures within North Carolina. His research interests include labor markets, immigration, and social networks. He teaches courses on economic sociology, social stratification, statistics and demography.

Tickets will cost \$37.00 each. We hope that you will join us for this event that supports all that we do in our Branch. Please bring along guests. **You many purchase tickets today from Kay White or other Branch members.** Consider filling a table of eight or ten. We will be selling tickets until March 9. Please support AAUW-Chapel Hill through your attendance and inviting other guests to join us. This is the one and only fund raiser for AAUW-Chapel Hill. If you have further questions, contact Jean Green 545-0941 or Kay White 542-1138.

Report from the Nominating Committee

At the February 18th Branch meeting, the Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2012 – 2014 term. Chairperson Syd Elstran announced the candidates.

Michele Hoyman volunteered to be the Vice President for Programs. She is a UNC professor in Political Science, and as a PhD candidate she was awarded a national AAUW Fellowship to complete her dissertation. Michele has worked

on our Branch programs many times in the past and will be a real asset to the Board.

Mary Paterson has agreed to be the Recording Secretary. She has previously been the VP for Membership and Branch President, and it will be great having her back on the Board. Mary currently serves as secretary for a Carol Woods organization.

At the Branch Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon on April 21, new officers will be elected and installed.

Thank you Syd, Sally Rohrdanz, and Carol Zellen for serving on the Nominations Committee and for preparing the list so quickly.

—Sandy Smalley



Donna Hammersly, Member of the Month

“The Song of the Open Road” could well be the theme song for Donna Hammersly, one of the newer members of our Chapel Hill branch of AAUW. In March of 2007, she left her home of nearly 30 years in Tigard, Oregon (near Portland) and drove her motor home single-handedly across the United States. She arrived in Cary, NC, the last week of March knowing not a soul other than her daughter, Dana and her family in Cary. Donna had chosen a site and plan in Carolina Preserve during her previous visit and was delighted to see her new home ready for occupancy.

Getting to this point started with her North Dakota childhood and two years of study at North Dakota State College in Minot. With pre-requisites behind her, she left the cold of North Dakota winters and finished her work for a BS degree in Physical Therapy at Loma Linda in sunny California. She also earned her Masters of Public Health focusing on Health Education at Loma Linda.

She enjoyed the sun, the beaches, weather and vegetation but in classmate, Dale Hammersly, she found the love of her life. They married in 1965 and started their careers and their family in California; Donna working with handicapped children and adult rehabilitation. As their children, Dale and Dana, grew so did the drug and pollution problems of southern California, prompting their relo-

cation to Oregon with her husband’s new position as Oregon’s State Surveyor of Health Care Facilities.

Donna returned to outpatient physical therapy with Kaiser Permanente, an occupation she thoroughly enjoyed over 30



years. She pointed out that Physical Therapists are also teachers, educating both patients and care givers and she designed and implemented many training classes during these years. Four years before her retirement in 1998 she transferred to Home Health and Hospice care. While the work was physically and emotionally more difficult, she loved working with her elderly patients and felt “especially blessed to have a job that gave her the intrinsic reward of helping people.” She appreciated the team effort that is a hallmark of Hospice and has felt first-hand the power of love in patient care.

Her retirement, in response to her husband’s ill health, made possible 2 ½ glorious quality years traveling in their motor home throughout the states

enjoying their gardening and welcoming their first grandchild in 1998.

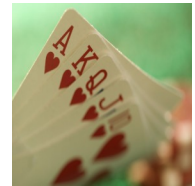
Filling the years since his death in 2001, Donna has made several mission trips with her church to the Philippines, Haiti, and Honduras, and in 2006

came with an aid group to Alabama to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Visiting her daughter and her husband, and now two grandchildren in Cary following her stint in Alabama, she decided the time has come to move and that is where she should be. A visit to the Del Webb community

under development in Cary sealed the deal.

Donna’s adventurous spirit is ready for new experiences (she has traveled twice in Costa Rica); her interest in people makes for ready and easy conversation and her enthusiasm for life is contagious. Though she left her son, Dale, and many friends of gold in Oregon, and her daughter and family have moved to New Jersey, she will remain a Tar Heel. Going to see them just gets her ‘on the road again.’

- Jeanne Harrington



The Bridge Club will meet Thursday, March 15 at the home of Syd Elstran, 328 Glendale Dr., Chapel Hill
We welcome new members —please call 929-1545



April 21
AAUW
Meeting will
feature
Women in
the Middle
East,
presented
by Beth
Deghan.
Born in
Iran, Ms
Deghan will
discuss how
the role of
women in
Middle
Eastern
countries
has changed.
She will
begin with
the
traditional
expectations
held for
women and
move to the
less
traditional
roles that
have
evolved due
to the
education of
women. In
her talk Ms.
Deghan will
emphasize
how these
changes
have altered
some of the
social
values of
Eastern
cultures.

March 17 Branch Meeting

Professors Gillian Cell and Jane Brown will join us for a conversation on the topic *GENDER WARS AT UNC-CH IN THE 1960'S, 1970'S AND 1980'S*. They will take us through the years of admitting women students to the university, hiring female faculty and placing women in administrative positions within academia.

Professor Cell taught History at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where she also served as an Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Affirmative Action Officer, Chair of the Department of History and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1993 she was appointed Provost of the College of William and Mary where she remained until retirement in 2003.

Since retirement Professor Cell has served on the Boards of the UNC Program in the Humanities, the UNC Press Governing Board and the Executive Board of the Omohundro Institute of Early American

History and Culture. She has also served on accreditation committees and the Reaccreditation Committee for the American Bar Association.

Professor Brown is a member of the Journalism/Mass Communication faculty at UNC-CH. She is the author of numerous books and articles on the topics of social policy for children, communication research, sexuality and adolescent health. Dr. Brown serves on the Board of Advocates for Youth, the Health Advisory Committee of the Institute of Medicine's Board on Children, Youth and Families and on the research advisory board of The Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

At UNC-CH, Professor Brown has been chairperson of the Faculty Council and director of the Institute for Arts and Humanities' Leadership Program. She continues to serve on many academic committees and boards and as

mentor to doctoral students in the schools of journalism/mass communications, public health, education and social psychology. She was awarded the University's C. Knox Masi Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

Professors Cell and Brown will discuss "support groups" as a way of helping one another in what was a primarily male dominant professional environment. Their story is that of many successful professional women. You will not want to miss this presentation/discussion and join in the conversation regarding those days in your own professional life.

We will meet in the Carolina Room of Carol Woods, 750 Weaver Dairy Road. Coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Do bring along guests. We shall look forward to seeing you on March 17.

—Jean Green

AAUW NC Annual Meeting

The state AAUW convention will be held in Burlington, NC, on Friday afternoon, March 30, until around 2:00 pm. Saturday, March 31, 2012. It will meet at the Country Inns and Suites located right off I-40, at Exit 141. Patricia Ho, a Vice President on the AAUW Na-

tional Board, will be speaking at 9:00 am. Saturday morning. Please go to www.aauwnc.org for complete information. There is a Registration Form, detail of directions to the hotel, and an Agenda. If you want to go, please register on

line and let Sandy Smalley know you are joining the group. We are working on a carpool. We hope you are interested and can come with us.

—Sandy Smalley

Minutes of Branch Meeting, February 18, 2012

Following a pleasant half hour of refreshments and chatting, Sandy Smalley, President, called the February 18 gathering of 32 AAUW members and guests together and asked Jean Green, Program Chair, to introduce the day's speakers.

Two recipients of AAUW fellowships shared their thesis research.

Jennifer Donnally, UNC Chapel Hill, provided a most informative look at the "Politics of Abortion and the Rise of the New Right" from before the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Kirstin Johnson from Duke University has studied the problems related to caring for the large HIV infected population in Tanzania. Adhering to a consistent medication is problematic: patients may feel worse from side effects and not understanding the need for consistency therefore abandoning the medication, feeling better without it.

The business meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. The approval of the last minutes at the board meeting was noted.

Kay White presented the treasurer's report showing that we are financially sound and that the Schwenning scholarship fund has enough in it to

increase the amount made available to the 2012-2013 recipient. Donna Hammersly moved, Karen Piplani seconded the motion to increase the



Kristin Johnson & Jennifer Donnally

scholarship to \$1500.00 going forward with funds from the Branch's CD if fund raising each year is not adequate.

Bea Keller, membership, reported that our total of 46 members includes 4 new members.

Jean Green reminded the group of the fund-raising literary luncheon on March 14 at UNC's Carolina Club. Ticket money, names and menu



choices must be turned into Kay White by March 9. Sales end at the time. There will be no "at the door" tickets available.

The March 17 meeting at Carol Woods will feature Gillian Cell

who was the first female Dean at UNC. She will tell of the Gender Wars at UNC in the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Guests are most welcome.

Sandy announced that the nominating committee, Sally Rohrdanz, Syd Elstran, and Carol Zellen, has a slate to offer for the positions of recording secretary – Mary Paterson, and Vice President and Program Chair – Michele Hoyman. Volunteers for the program committee are Bea Keller, Syd Elstran, Donna Hamersley, Vickie Healey, Nan Nixon, and Jean Green. They will meet in May to plan the program for next year.

Non-board positions to be filled are those of Corresponding Secretary, Public Policy Chair, and Hospitality Chair, each two year terms. Let Sandy know if one of these might suit your interests and available time.

Reminder: State convention is in Burlington, NC, on March 30 and 31. Send material for the newsletter to Alice Parsons by February 25.

Former member Jean Cleary and her husband have moved to a retirement home in St.

Paul, MN, where she has happily resumed her painting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Harrington, Secretary

Chapel Hill Branch on the Net
If you haven't yet, check out our new website: [http:// chapelhill-nc.aauw.net](http://chapelhill-nc.aauw.net). We welcome your comments and suggestions ... you might enjoy the pictures of our meetings.

Update on Former Member

Many Branch members will remember Jean Clary, who lived in Fearington and moved to Carolina Meadows. Jean and husband Gray are now living in St. Paul, near son, Brad. Gray is not doing well, and they have separate rooms and care in their new retirement center, but she sees him every day. Jean has started painting again, has joined several groups, and was inquiring about our AAUW branch. If anyone would like to write her, the address is: Jean Clary, c/o Brad Clary, 1179 Ivy Hill Dr., St. Paul, MN 55118. She would be glad to hear from you.
Sandy Smalley

Public Policy Issue: Victory in the Title IX Suite

In January, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit overturned a lower court's dismissal of the LAF-supported case, *Parker v. Franklin County Community School Corporation*, an Indiana high school athletics lawsuit. The suit alleges that the scheduling of girls' basketball games violated Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. The plaintiffs argue that the majority of boys'

games were played in prime time – on Friday and Saturday nights – while the girls' games were relegated to weeknights. They say these schedules unfairly put academic burdens on the girls by forcing them to compete on school nights, discouraging crowd support, and making the girls feel like second-class athletes.

Originally, the case was dismissed by the U.S. District Court for Southern

Indiana, which held that school districts are “arms of the state” that are immune from suit in federal court for constitutional violations.

Hurrah for the girls. This case only shows that women must continue to find the battle under Title IX.

—Kay White

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2012

Our available cash for the branch is \$3,299. Since my last report we have added 1 new member, bringing our total membership to 46. Our branch has made its annual contributions (due December 31, 2011) for both the EOF (Educational Opportunities Fund that provides graduate fellowships and career devel-

opment grants for women only) and LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund). In March, we are holding our spring luncheon to raise funds for our 2012 branch contribution to both EOF and LAF. Please come to the luncheon and help support these causes; if you cannot attend the luncheon, please consider a donation to EOF or LAF. Checks can be

made payable to AAUW with a note in the memo field of “EOF” or “LAF”. Please mail to me, Kay White, 875 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and I will forward to AAUW and you will get a tax letter from AAUW for your donation.

—Kay White

Schwenning Scholarship Increased

Our branch voted at the February 18th general meeting to increase our annual total for the Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship Fund from \$1,000 to \$1,500. With the increased cost of tuition, our branch members felt it was time to

increase our annual scholarship to \$1,500. This year, we had raised from branch members close to \$1,400 and there was about \$200 leftover at UNC for the scholarship. From now on, if we need to make up for any shortfall from our an-

nual giving, we can use money from the Schwenning CD, now at a total of \$6,533. We can be proud of this scholarship and what it is doing to help female graduate students at UNC-Chapel Hill.

—Kay White

MENU MARCH 14, 2012

LUNCHEON

First Course

Baby Lettuce Salad

Entrée

Smoked Turkey Wrap with Fresh Fruit

Or

Vegetable Ratatouille and Feta Cheese Tart

Dessert

New York Cheese Cake

Coffee

Tea

Reservation (s)

NAME(S) _____

Entrée Choice

_____Turkey Wrap or _____Cheese Tart

Paid by _____Check _____Cash

Date _____

Cost = \$37.00 including gratuity and tax. **Please send your reservation and check to Kay White 875 Millcroft, Ferrington Village, Pittsboro, NC 27312 by March 9.**