



# American Association of University Women

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## From the President: Sandy Smalley

We started our current AAUW year with seven new Branch members, that we are glad to have join us. We happily welcome them and hope they get involved in our activities.

At the first Branch meeting we began our season with a topic on "Getting Out the Women's Vote," with Nancy Shoemaker and Pat Orrange. Many suffragettes were jailed, whipped, force-fed, and other horrible things, to get the right of voting for women, and our generations owe it to them to go to the polls and vote. Also many Branch members took names of registered, but non-voting women, to write encouraging notes to them. We thank our two dynamic presenters for speaking on this very pertinent topic.

In the September newsletter, I wrote about two June 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Pell Grants and Title IX. I now want to include the August 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary marking the 77th year of Social Security. At its 1935 beginning, Social Security was the only paid retirement to workers, where now it includes spouses and widows. The program has evolved into this country's most successful anti-poverty



program. It is a national commitment to care for our citizens across generations.

The topic of our October Branch

Meeting is a "Conversation about Micro Lending," with Dr. Erica Field. We have all heard the story of 2006 Noble Peace Prize winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus from Bangladesh, loaning \$27.00 each to 42 village women, who were the centers of their families. Beginning small businesses making bamboo furniture and other things, these women brought their families out of poverty, and the

loans were all paid back. The Grameen Bank lends to those with nothing. And the story goes on. Come October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. to the Carolina Room of Carol Woods, to hear much more on micro lending. We look forward to seeing you there.

## O c t o b e r 2 0 S p e a k e r t o D i s c u s s M i c r o - L e n d i n g t o F e m a l e E n t r e p r e n e u r s i n I n d i a

Erica Field, a native Chapel Hillian, and Associate Professor of Economics and Global Health at Duke University specializing in the fields of Development Economics, Health Economics and Economic Demography, will speak to us on micro-lending, the sometimes controversial innovation in economic development that is used across the developing world to lift women out of poverty. The Grameen Bank spearheaded this widely used concept to promote the use of very small loans (as small as \$25.00) to help women get their products, often produced at home, to market. These loans are repaid with interest and the collateral is often a lending circle of other borrowers rather than physical capital.

Professor Field is a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a research affiliate of the Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis of Development, and a member of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab at MIT. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2003 and her B.A. from Vassar College. Prior to joining the economics faculty at Duke, Professor Field was an Associate Professor of Economics at Harvard University.

Professor Field's work examines the microeconomics of household poverty and health in developing countries, with an emphasis on the study of gender and development. She has written papers on several topics in development in many different parts of the world, including microfinance contract design and social networks in India. Her work has been published in several leading peer reviewed journals. As a member of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab at MIT, she has spent much of her career pioneering the use of field experiments to evaluate development policy and understand individual behavior. She is currently engaged in several large-scale randomized program evaluations including an expansion of rural microfinance in India.



## N e w M e m b e r s S e p t e m b e r 2 0 1 2

**Janet E. Campbell** completed her undergraduate work at Simmons College, Ma. She continued her studies at the University of Chicago and UNC-CH. She is a retired nurse and was active in our branch in the 1980's -90's. Welcome back!

**Charlotte Ruth** earned her undergraduate degree at Southern Methodist University in Education. In 1990, she completed her MSW at UNC-CH. She is a retired clinical social worker.



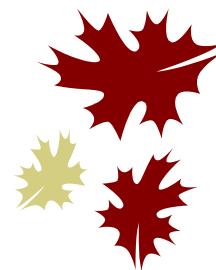
Good Morning Book Club

Please join us when Good Morning Book Club meets at 10 the morning of Thursday, October the 4th in the home of Jean Joseph, 750 Weaver Dairy Road,

919-918-3591. We will discuss the non fiction book *In the Garden of the Beasts: Love Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik

Larson. That long title tells you what to expect from this well worth reading book.

—Dona Koeberl



Member of the Month

Doris Bernlohr

Born on the shores of Lake Huron, Doris grew up on a Michigan dairy farm as one of eight children. She began college at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, but graduated with a BS from Wayne State eighteen years later. It only took her two years to complete the graduate MEd degree in reading. She married a Lutheran minister, and Jack died about nine years ago.

In 1990, Doris joined an AAUW Branch in Warren, Ohio, the year she retired from public school teaching. She was very active in that Branch, holding various offices. Additionally she was involved in the YWCA and domestic violence issues.

In 1998, the Bernlohers moved to Fearington, and she came to the Chapel Hill Branch two months later. The following year she became President of our Branch, 1999-2001. She brought great momentum to

AAUW, and during her term the membership was significantly increased, with emphasis on bringing in younger members. At that time our Branch sponsored several Transition Conferences to assist women returning to college to complete their degrees. In 2000, Doris wrote an article for the Chapel Hill Herald titled "Why isn't a woman running for president in the U.S.?" Her last meeting as President was a luncheon in the UNC President's House, when Molly Broad was in office. At that meeting the ladies gathered in the parlor where the Chapel Hill Branch had been formed. The women presented Dr. Broad with a large bouquet of roses.

After stepping down in our Branch, Doris went on to chair the AAUW NC state LAF program, and brought that program to the forefront with the NC convention LAF Breakfasts. Each year a plaintiff was speaking.

Several years ago Doris and Nancy Shoemaker founded the virtual Tar Heel Branch. Doris was the charter president and Nancy the charter treasurer. With heavy recruitment, there is now an active following of young women in the state capital Raleigh. The virtual Tar Heel Branch is the fastest growing Branch in the U.S. Though she has now stepped down from that position, Doris continues her AAUW commitment as a dual member with both the Chapel Hill and Tar Heel Branches.

—Sandy Smalley



**Bridge Club**  
 Thursday,  
 October 18, 1  
 p.m..  
**Hostess:**  
 Marian Effron,  
 750 Weaver  
 Dairy Road #  
 3201, Chapel  
 Hill, 919-918-  
 3507.



## AAUW - CH Branch Meeting — September 20

President Sandy Smalley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She welcomed the speakers, members and guests, and announced that there would be no Treasurer's report. Kay White has had an accident and could not be present.

### Program

Program Vice-President Michele Hoyman introduced Pat Orrange, president of North Carolina Women Matter, and Nancy Shoemaker, President of the AAUW Tarheel Branch and Past President of The North Carolina State AAUW.

Both speakers addressed the importance of the women's vote in this



election. 54% of the population of North Carolina are women. Thirty women's organizations including the AAUW participate in North Carolina Women Matter.

Members have been writing personal, non-partisan, issue-oriented letters to registered women voters who did not vote in the 2010 election. More are needed.

### Business Meeting

There was no Treasurer's report.

Bea Keller, Membership Vice President, introduced one new member, Janet Campbell,

and two guests, Margaret Mayo and Nancy Dolts.

Dr. Erika Field, a Duke economist, will speak about micro-lending at the October meeting.

President Smalley read a thank-you from the sister of Clara Allen who wrote to thank the Branch for a copy of Clara's book and a tribute for her years of service to the AAUW.

President Smalley asked the members if they wished to continue the Pilot Public Policy Project with Lisa Price as Sender. The members agreed to continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Mary Paterson, Secretary



### Website News

Reminder: Our website address is: <http://chapelhill-nc.aauw.net>. If you have any suggestions or corrections, please contact me at [mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net](mailto:mikebeakeller@bellsouth.net). There is a lot of information to peruse--explore it to your heart's content.  
— Bea Keller

## M e m b e r s h i p N e w s

Our membership is growing--adding vitality and diversity to our ranks. We added sixteen members in 2011-2012,

and seven more joined in 2012-2013. Our branch now numbers fifty members! Congratulations to all our members for

spreading the word and being so proactive—every member brings a new dynamic to our branch.

# ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING

## Thursday October 18 - Saturday November 3

You may vote at any of the 5 sites, but please note dates & hours of each site.

Citizens who have not yet registered to vote, but are eligible, may do so during this Early Voting period. Bring proof of residence, something showing your name and current address (examples: NC driver's license, recent utility bill, fishing license).

This option is NOT available on Election Day, November 6.

**RAM'S HEAD DINING HALL, 2nd floor  
320 RIDGE ROAD, UNC CAMPUS,  
above Ram's Head Parking Deck**

Thursday & Friday, October 18-19  
Noon - 7 pm  
Monday-Friday, October 22-November 2  
Noon - 7 pm  
Saturdays, October 20 and November 3  
9 am - 3 pm

**NOTE: No Early Voting October 27  
due to UNC v. NC State Football Game**

**CARRBORO TOWN HALL  
301 W. MAIN STREET  
CARRBORO, NC**

Thursday & Friday, October 18-19  
9 am - 5 pm  
Monday-Friday, October 22-November 2  
9 am - 5 pm  
Saturdays, Oct. 20 & 27 and Nov. 3  
9 am - 3 pm

**SEYMOUR SENIOR CENTER  
2551 HOMESTEAD ROAD,  
CHAPEL HILL, NC**

Thursday & Friday, October 18-19  
Noon - 7 pm  
Monday-Friday, October 22-November 2  
Noon - 7 pm  
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**BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE  
208 S. CAMERON STREET  
HILLSBOROUGH, NC**

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9 am - 5 pm  
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**MT. ZION AME CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING  
5124 NC Hwy 86 N  
HILLSBOROUGH, NC (Cedar Grove)**

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