



American Association of University Women

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From the President: Sandy Smalley

Summer is rapidly disappearing with the shortening of daylight, though we still have the heat. We hope you all have had a busy and productive season.

In this message, I want to look back to Saturday, June 23, 2012, to two forty year celebrations. The first is the anniversary of the Pell Grants program, named for Senator Claiborne Pell (D - Rhode Island). These scholarships (not loans) assist with the affordability of higher education. Access to post-secondary studies is essential for the next generation of American employees, to be prepared to work in the 21st century global marketplace. This summer the Budget Control Act was passed in Washington, with the preservation of the maximum Pell Grant Award to be \$5,500, though fewer

grants will be given, to help reduce the federal deficit.

The second forty year celebration, also on June 23, 2012, was for Title IX. The national AAUW celebrated this event with a reception featuring "40 at 40" --- 40 women who have broken through barriers in business, law, politics, athletics, entertainment, military, and STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and math). Some honored were former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Representative Nancy Pelosi, and swimmer Donna de Varona. Title IX is the landmark law that bans gender discrimination (both male and female) in any educational program receiving federal funding. This legislation was strongly supported by Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D - Hawaii).

Though nowhere in Title IX is athletics specifically mentioned, many people associate the bill with the great advancement in women's sports. Just look at the results of the 2012 London Olympics. Title IX covers all areas of sexual discrimination in education.

Our AAUW Branch opens Saturday, September 15th at 9:30 am. at Carol Woods. There is more information in this newsletter on our two speakers, Nancy Shoemaker and Pat Orange, presenting "Getting Out the Women's Vote." I hope to see you all there.



2012 - 2013 Chapel Hill Branch Meetings -
Michele Hoyman & Morita Rapoza

September 15, 2012	Nancy Shoemaker Pat Orrange	<i>Getting Out the Woman's Vote</i>
October 20, 2012	Dr. Erica Field	<i>Conversation about Micro Lending</i>
November 17, 2012	Ernie Dollar	<i>Preservation Society of Chapel Hill CEO & Historian</i>
December 1, 2012	Dr. Maureen Quilligan	<i>When Women Ruled the World: The Glorious 16th Century</i>
January 19, 2013	Florence Nash, poet Anne Wilson, musician & former director of Mallarme Linda Passman, artist Faye Kalman, mixed media artist, photographer	<i>Arts in the Triangle</i>
February 16, 2013	John Winings, CEO Haiti Fund	<i>Haiti: Island of Despair and Hope; Haiti Fund's Work on Hunger and Sustainability Issues</i>
March 16, 2013	AAUW Triangle Graduate Fellows	<i>Presentations on their Research</i>
April 20, 2013	Dr. Kathleen Clark-Pearson	<i>The Effect of Media on Children</i>

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 is our annual fundraiser. We are planning a tea from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Carol Woods in celebration of Women's History Month. Our speaker is renowned North Carolina author, Lee Smith.

Driving Directions to Carol Woods, 750
Weaver Dairy Road

If you approach on 15-501, turn onto Erwin Road (across from the Sheraton Hotel and Europa Drive). Go to the first traffic light and take a left turn onto Weaver Dairy Road. Drive past East Chapel High. Travel to Carol Woods Retirement Community on the right. There is a traffic light and a split rail fence with climbing roses at the entrance. Turn in and in

front of you is the parking area. You will see the covered walkway to the entrance. In the lobby will be AAUW residents to direct you to the Carolina Room.

If you approach on Martin Luther King Blvd. (formerly Airport Road), turn onto Weaver Dairy Road. Timberlyne Shopping Center is near that corner, and you will drive past it. Travel to Carol Woods Retirement Community on the left. There is a traffic light and a split rail

fence with climbing roses at the entrance. Turn in and in front of you is the parking area. You will see the covered walkway to the entrance. In the lobby will be AAUW residents to direct you to the Carolina Room.

If you need travel assistance, please call Carol Woods at 919-968-4511, or Sandy Smalley's cell phone at 919-601-6444. We will be looking for you!

September Branch Meeting

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 Orrange, 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 Orrange 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.



Member of the Month — Jean Green

AAUW

Jean Green has been a member of AAUW for thirty-five years. During that time she was active in the Whitewater, WI Branch. She served as Membership Chair, Vice-President and President of that Branch. Jean was also a participant in a variety of community events and projects involving AAUW.

Since moving to North Carolina ten years ago, Jean has served the Chapel Hill Branch in numerous roles, including President. Most recently she was Vice-President for Program of the Chapel Hill Branch

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Jean is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Wisconsin. She taught Child Development and Family Relationships at the secondary level for twenty-two years in New York, Delaware, Virginia and Wisconsin. She served as a K-12 School Counselor for the last twelve years of her professional career. Jean has been a strong advocate for the needs of children and families within

schools. She has been actively involved in building special programs that are supportive of children's unique educational needs.

COMMUNITY

Since living in Fearington, Jean has been chair and co-chair of program and fundraiser projects for the Women of Fearington, the Swim and Croquet Club and Fearington Cares. She also serves as a Board member of the West Triangle Chapter of the United Nations Association.

PERSONAL

Long advocates of the arts, Tuck and Jean have been active docents at the Ackland Art Museum.

They teach K-12 youngsters about the Ackland collection and relate the works of art at the Ackland to classroom objectives, thereby helping youngsters to connect the art experience to their daily experiences at school.

The Greens are always interested in "all things" artistically. Along with

the Ackland, they are members of the NCMA and the Nasher. They enjoy the symphony, the ballet, and the theater. One of their hobbies is collecting art, especially the work done by new and "upcoming" artists.

Jean continues with her joy of textiles. She loves to weave, sew, knit, and do needlepoint. There is always a project or two currently underway that has a connection to textiles.

Jean and Tuck are especially proud of the youngsters in their family. They are thriving beautifully. Jean is always willing to tell you how they are growing and developing!



Public Policy — Jeanne Harrington

Numerous public hearings regarding the pros and cons of the controversial process of hydraulic fracturing have been held over the past several months throughout the state. Commonly referred to as "fracking", it is the method of unleashing the natural gas deposits found at different levels far below the surface of the earth. The latest report from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources indicates that fracking can be done safely if done under the correct regulatory framework, specific to the hydrology of the region involved and with informed oversight. Herein lies the controversy. Currently fracking is accomplished by injecting millions of gallons water and additives that include some unidentified toxic chemicals at high pressure through vertical and horizontal drilling to fracture the extremely hard layer of shale. This allows the release of natural gas deposits below it. Because the distance between the layer of shale and ground water reservoirs varies possible contamination of water supplies is very real.

In spite of vocal and widespread opposition to legalizing the method, it is supported by the state branch of the American Petroleum Institute, the nation's leading oil lobby, the N.C. Chamber, the state's business lobby, the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, and the Lee County Board of commissioners. In addition to reducing our reliance on foreign oil they cite the jobs and tax revenues the industry could bring to the state.

Opponents point out the long range cataclysmic damage a contaminated water supply would cause as well as the infringement into neighboring landholdings that the horizontal drilling would create. This view is shared by many local citizens as a result of problems reported by some localities where such drilling is going on now.

Preliminary reports by State geologists in 1998 indicate deposits concentrated in a 92-square-mile area in Lee, Chat-ham and Moore counties. A more precise estimate is to be expected this year. With no history of drilling in the state the initial investment would

be extremely high with an uncertain payoff. Thus far no energy companies have indicated a willingness to move resources away from those states leading the shale gas rush. Even if a larger deposit is found it would be only a fraction of those in Texas, Pennsylvania and others already in the pipeline. It might be adequate for local industry needs but wouldn't interest major energy conglomerates.

In spite of all the unanswered questions the General Assembly passed a bill legalizing hydraulic fracturing with regulatory framework to be formulated by an appointed board considering all information available from the latest surveys and reports. Critical will be the make-up of that board.

Want to be a part of the pressure on Governor Purdue to VETO the bill? CALL 919-733-2391 and ask her to veto S bill #820. If she does not veto it then make your feelings known to members of the General Assembly and encourage further study and a well informed objective oversight Board.

Good Morning Book Club

Friday, September 7:

Hostess: Mary

Paterson, 750 Weaver

Dairy Road #156,

Chapel Hill, NC

27415, 919-918-3447,

Book: Pope Joan, by

Donna Woolfolk

Cross.

Website: <http://chapelhill-nc.aauw.net>

Our new program schedule is up as well as the Good Morning Book Club's selections and dates. Current and past Newsletters are also posted under the "Members Only" section. The password for this section is dogwood, no capital letters. Let me know if I need to make any changes to the postings. -Bea Keller

Passing of George Fowler

We are sad to tell you of the death of George Wright Fowler, husband of our Branch Life Member Isabel Fowler. After celebrating his

April 100th birthday, Mr. Fowler died July 24, 2012, at UNC Hospitals. Mr. Fowler had worked as a chemist, and they have lived at Carol

Woods for many years. Our condolences and thoughts are with Isabel and their son at this time .

Treasurer's Report by Kay White

Our branch funds are in good shape. Our current balance as of August 22, 2012 is **\$3,887.44**. That includes branch dues for 2012-2013 of \$440. Our Schwenning Scholarship CD stands at **\$6,574.24**.

Our Budget (see below) for year ended June, 2013 was approved by the Board and is set at \$705, including the annual cost of the website. Our projected expenses are higher than projected income by \$205, which will be paid out of our current balance, unless we increase our membership.



Branch Income 2012-13	Budget	Actual
Memberships	\$500 (projected 50 members)	\$440 (actual 44 members paid plus e-affiliate)
Total Income for Branch	\$500	\$440
Branch Expenses 2012-13		
President	\$100	\$0
Program	\$50	\$0
Membership	\$50	\$0
Recording Secretary	\$5	\$0
Corresponding Secretary	\$5	\$0
Treasurer	\$50	\$0
Hospitality	\$25	\$0
Meeting Room	\$200	\$0
Newsletter	\$65	\$0
Yearbook	\$35	\$0
Website	\$120	\$0
Total Branch Expenses	\$705	\$0
Net Gain or (Loss)	(\$205)	\$440

The Chapel Hill Branch goal for our own *Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship* is \$1,500, which is due in the spring, 2013. The Board raised our goal from \$1,000 to \$1,500. This scholarship was set up, beginning in 1928, for a female graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill. Our scholar for 2012-2013 is Caitlin H. Mayton and she is working for her Masters' Degree in the School of Social Work.

AAUW Funds are due by December 31, 2012. Our fund raising goals for EOF (Educational Opportunities Fund) is \$500 and we have already raised \$364.62 with profits at our Spring 2012 event, donations by members and the branch Bridge Group. Our fund raising goal for LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) is \$100 and we have already raised that amount with profits at our Spring 2012 event,

Welcome New Member

Margaret Herring was a member of the Wilmington, NC chapter before moving to Durham. She earned her BGS degree in Cross Cultural Studies at American University in 1988 as well as her MA in International Education the following year. Now retired, she taught ESL and was a nurse and community organizer. -- Bea Keller