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## CALENDAR

- Thursday, February 2: Book Club
- Thursday, February 16: Bridge Club
- Saturday, February 18: Branch Meeting

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## From the President: Sandy Smalley

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we had an excellent and lively meeting on “The Women of Hull House.” The film shown had actresses playing Jane Addams and her co-workers speaking their exact words. The Hull House had a tremendous influence on the workers, unions, and the poor of Chicago. A great discussion followed the film. It was a good gathering for the large number of members and guests who could attend. The Public Policy Pilot Program is up and running, and our Branch Receivers have gotten their first

email message. It deals with the federal All Children are Equal Act, a revision of No Child Left Behind, and the distribution of Title I funds to the poor.

I have received no new information to pass on to you about the March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, AAUW NC annual convention in Burlington.

We hope you have marked the calendar for Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, for our Branch’s annual Literary Luncheon with UNC sociology professor Ted Mouw. He will be

speaking on “Asian/Latino Immigration in North Carolina.” This is our major fundraiser for the Branch. There is more information on this event inside the newsletter.

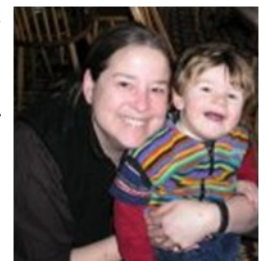
I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next Branch meeting on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at Carol Woods in the Carolina Room. It will be informative to hear three national AAUW Fellowship recipients from Triangle universities talk about their research.

Stay healthy this winter season!

## Schwenning Scholarship Reaches Goal - Kay White

Our available cash for the branch is \$3,056. Since then we have added 3 new members, bringing our total membership to 45. From the branch, we donated \$100 to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and \$611 to the Educational Opportunities Fund (AAUW Scholarship). Also, we can be very proud that we surpassed our goal of \$1,000 for our own branch scholarship, the Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship, and raised a total of \$1,335.

Photo of our current Schwenning Scholar: Allyson Stone from Black Mountain near Asheville. She is working to obtain her Masters of Social Work at UNC-CH. Allyson is pictured with her three year old son, Zeke, who is now 6 years old.



# February 18 Branch Meeting



The Good Morning Book Club will meet Thursday, February 2, 10 a.m. to discuss *I'm a Stranger Here Myself: Notes After Returning to America After Twenty Years Away*, by Bill Bryson, at the home of Syd Elstran, 328 Glendale Dr., Chapel Hill.



On February 18 we will present three graduate women who have received the AAUW Fellowship or Career Grant award for advanced study.

Jennifer Donnally, who is completing her PhD in Women's History at the University of NC in Chapel Hill, will discuss *The Politics of Abortion and the Rise of the New Right*.

Kristen Johnson, a candi-

date for the PhD at Duke University, will tell us about her study of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.

Milele Bynum is pursuing further study toward her M.D. degree in obstetrics at UNC-Chapel Hill. She will discuss her current research.

These women are three out of thirteen in the triangle who have received AAUW Career Development Grants or Fellowships

for 2011-2012.

We are very pleased to present these talented women and encourage you to join us in February to learn more about their research and career plans. Join us in the Carolina Room at Carol Woods at 9:30 for conversation and coffee and to greet our guests. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. We shall look forward to seeing you.

—Jean Green

## Update on The Hull House

At our January 21<sup>st</sup> Branch meeting, we had a great film and then a stimulating discussion on the Hull House. Some questions in the conversation were about the current activities of Hull House, which was still then very active in Chicago.

In the Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Durham Herald-Sun, there was an article about its closing after 120 years. Due to the poor economy and greater demand for services, it ran out of money. The agency had been providing child care, job training, leadership skill, teaching how to break the cycle of poverty, and other services for 60,000 people a year. The 300 employees had to be let go.

I will bring the complete article to our February Branch meeting. We thought you would want to know the news.

—Sandy Smalley

## New Members

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# Margaret Riley, Member of the Month

Margaret Riley credits being in the right place at the right time as the foundation for her life's "long and winding road" as she describes it. Currently director of the Global Education Office for Undergraduates, she is also associate dean in Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, academic dean for Visiting International Students and most recently became assistant vice provost for Undergraduate Global Education at Duke University. Margaret's international experience started at sixteen. It took an inheritance, a mother wanting to invest it in her children, and an available international program. At sixteen, Margaret's mother urged her to sign up for a course in comparative government that included stints in Italy, Austria, England and the Netherlands. Today, this young woman from Des Moines, Iowa, who majored in Home Economics (Junior High) and minored in Spanish has planted her feet in more than 50 countries.



After Margaret finished her student teaching, she happened to walk by a Peace Corps recruiter's table. Her education provided her with "scarce skills" needed by the Peace Corps and her application was processed quickly. She trained in Bogotá for three months, then was sent to La Unión, Nariño, in Colombia to work with the wives of coffee workers as an extension home economist. The coffee growers were to provide food baskets to attract the campesinas to her presentations but did not hold up their part of the bargain. The local people arrived expecting the food, but left when it was evident that there were no baskets. Frustrated, Margaret was contemplating going back home when she saw an opportunity to teach at the university level. She

convinced her supervisor that she was capable of doing the work, and began to train Colombian women to be extension home economists in Pasto, Nariño. Margaret feels that she could not have done this job without her previous year's experience with the campesinos. Furthermore, teaching the Colombians to do extension work ensured the program's viability. Asked what would help the Colombian people, Margaret said, "Education. They don't know how to expect more.

This has been an enduring truth in my life."

In 1975, Margaret's tour with the Peace Corps ended. Part-time work during her student years as an engraver

helped land a management job at a Trophy Store. She left Des Moines for Omaha to work as a compliance specialist for the US Labor Department. Her Spanish skills were particularly useful when working with migrant and seasonal agricultural worker issues. Five and half years later, a new supervisor arrived who suffered no questions about or deviations from his orders. After five years, feeling stifled and stymied, Margaret took a leave of absence.

It is at this point in her life that Margaret Riley's life took off like a rocket, in terms of her career. While training to become an ESL teacher, she became fascinated by intercultural studies and communications. Out of school for 13 years, she entered graduate school. While in school, she became a Peace Corps recruiter, was a teaching assistant in public speaking, ran the computer lab, and the Local International Volunteer Experience—introducing the concept of philanthropy to international students. She became Ohio

State's Peace Corps coordinator. Now Dr. Riley, PhD, Margaret went on to Creighton University where she was Cultural Coordinator (88-90), after which at St. Norbert, she was Director of Undergraduate International Education (91-96), then she moved to the University of Michigan, and became Education Abroad Director (96-2000) before landing at Duke University. Clearly, Margaret found her métier.

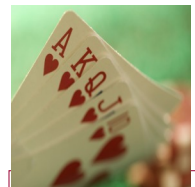
Asked if there were countries listed on her "must see" list, Margaret said that she had been to Kenya, but that Tanzania still remained and India would be crossed off this coming spring. Was there one area in the world that she had visited that pulled at her heart more than others? While acknowledging that she had a deeper connection to Colombia, she replied, "Every place is unique and has its own characteristics. I've been blessed—all are trips of a lifetime." She is pleased that students are studying and traveling in more developing countries and are not so fixated on Western Europe. In the future, she hopes to develop an online course for Duke students abroad.

Margaret plans to stay in Durham after her retirement. She feels that the area has a great deal to offer. Shortly after returning from Colombia, she was involved in organizing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, an organization still dear to her heart (she has served as its president). She is currently treasurer of the NC Peace Corps Association. She foresees getting more involved with these groups. In spite of having little spare time, Margaret belongs to a book club (with an international bent); she is a film and Full Frame documentary enthusiast, and an epicure.

—Bea Keller



Margaret in Leticia



**The Bridge Club will meet Thursday, February 16 at the home of Marion Effron, 750 Weaver Dairy Rd., #3201, Chapel Hill.**



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Professor  
Gillian  
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WARS AT  
UNC-CH:  
1960-1980.  
Do join us  
for this  
lively  
discussion.



## 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 re-

cent research on Asian and Latino Immigration in North Carolina. 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 may purchase tickets 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, please contact Jean Green (919) 545-0941. —Jean Green

## New Members

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## Update from AAUW Convention, June 2011

As you may recall, after the convention, the *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* case on June 20, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a vote of 5-4, stated that the case cannot proceed as a class action in its current

form. This was a set-back to women and to AAUW who were supporting this suit. Recently, we learned in an AAUW Washington Update that an amended complaint has been filed in

the U.S. District Court in Texas, *Odle, et al v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* So, STAY TUNED, the women are not ready to give up yet.

—Kay White

# Minutes of Branch Meeting, January 21, 2012

More than 40 members and guests gathered at 9:30 a.m. January 21 at Carol Woods Retirement community for an enjoyable pre-meeting social time. President Sandy Smalley convened the group at 10 a.m. welcoming all and turning meeting over to Jean Green, Program Chair, who introduced Ann Markowitz and Ann Seng. Their program was a documentary, "The Women of Hull House", made in 1997 for the 100th anniversary of the work of Chicago's Hull House since its founding by Jane Addams in the late 1890's. Telling some of their experiences while working there before retirement added much to the very informative movie. In appreciation they each were presented with AAUW pins and a small potted plant.



President, Sandy Smalley called the business meeting of the Chapel Hill branch of AAUW to order at 11:30 a.m. following the program. She had several announcements:

Bea Keller, Membership Chair, read a thank-you from Walt Pryzwansky for the group's contribution to the National AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund in memory of his wife and former branch president, Katherine Pryzwansky. She also read a note from Robyn Bowyer, former member and interim president, reminding us of the 100th birthday of the Girl Scouts. She mentioned that many AAUW members had Girl Scouting backgrounds. A show of hands proved this to be true.

Membership Chair, Bea Keller reported one new member, Lynn Zainfeld of Cary. She also reported

that with help from the National office our web site is currently "under construction" and will be fully available soon.

Treasurer, Kay White gave a financial report and reported that the Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship awarded annually by our branch to a female graduate student at UNC is fully funded for this year and also the next academic year.

Program Chair, Jean Green announced that there are 13 female

graduate students in area schools receiving National AAUW grants or fellowships. Three of those, Jennifer Donnelly and Milele Bynum of UNC and Kristin Johnson from Duke will join us for the February meeting and tell us of their work.

March is Women's History month and our annual fund raising luncheon on the 17th. Dr. Theodore Mouw of UNC will report on his current research on Asian/Latino immigration in North Carolina and the impact it may have on women and jobs. It will again be held at the Carolina Club in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center on the UNC campus. Tables of 8 or 10 will be available and members are encouraged to bring guests and/or sell additional tickets as our profits go to the National AAUW Educational

Opportunities Fund and Legal Advocacy fund. Tickets at \$37.00 each were available after the meeting. The money or checks should be returned to Kay White, along with names and luncheon selection. Directions to the Hill Center are on the back of the tickets and parking is available under the building.

March 17th is our regular meeting with *The Gender Wars of the 1960's, '70's and '80's* at UNC discussed by Dr. Gillian Cell, former Professor and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC, and more recently Provost of the College of William and Mary, now retired.

Sandy Smalley, Pres. announced that Lisa Price has volunteered to be our Sender with the PPP program that is being set up by the state organization. We await further information from them.

The nominating committee, headed by Syd Elstran, includes Carol Zellen and Sally Rohrdanz. Their slate of nominees for two year terms for Vice-President for Programs and Recording Secretary will be presented at the March meeting, elections and installation held in April

North Carolina's annual State AAUW Convention will be held March 30 and 31 in Burlington. Stand by for further information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Harrington,  
Secretary



Update on Website  
As I mentioned at our meeting on Saturday, January 21, our website is up. It is still under construction but will improve with time. Please check it out at <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-- explore it to your heart's content!