



AAUW-Orange, Durham, Chatham Branch

From the President: Mary Monroe Kolek, Ph.D.

Annual Update on the AAUW of Orange, Durham and Chatham

The AAUW Orange, Durham, Chatham leadership team and members have worked diligently and collaboratively to meet the goals identified as part of our Futures Planning process, initially undertaken in 2016 and updated in fall 2017. Areas of focus include: expanding outreach and partnerships; increasing membership; providing opportunities to expand networks- both professional and social; and increasing responsiveness to the needs of more diverse membership and potential members (updating the where, when and how of our traditional events, communications and structures.)

Accomplishments of note:

- A 31% increase in membership (16 people) during the past year. Total membership 59. This is due in significant part to the dedicated and energetic efforts of our membership chair, Michele Hoyman and her committee.
- An engaging array of monthly programs that include topics in support of the AAUW mission were created and organized by our Program Committee under the Leadership of Dr. Donna Wilson. These included: Student Loan Debt: Separating Fact from Fiction; ALEC's Model Legislation: Inception, Implementation and Intrigue; Advocacy and Social Change: Realization, Resources and Resilience-learning from our NC Fellows; A Lotta Love: Helps Improve Homeless Shelters for Women and Children; STEM- A Panel of Practitioners Offer Their Perspective and Advice; and Mixing Business and Pleasure-Celebrating and Networking.
- The ODC once again provided financial support for the UNC Schwenning Scholarship and was happy to have Gale Greenlee, this year's recipient be part of the February plenary session.
- We partnered with an array of organizations most

recently with UNC Women's and Stone Center and NAACP for a showing of Ava Duvernay's Documentary 13th and with Carolina Central Community College for a NC AAUW grant funded session of WorkSmart and its trainer of trainers companion seminar.

- ODC sponsored a grant for the UNC CH Women's Center and successfully submitted a grant to NC AAUW in support of an upcoming Womxn of Worth Conference.
- ODC added a position for Policy and ran a regular column in the monthly newsletter to ensure members are kept up to date on issues of significance for women. Past President Bea Keller continues to ably fill this role.
- Next year the Board will officially add a University Outreach and Partnership position. This allows us to take advantage of the interests and skills of Donna Wilson, who has both served at the state and national level in this regard. This will help us

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Special points of interest:

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- > Welcome New Members
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“Careers in Engineering and Related STEM Fields – Insights from the Front Lines”

Speakers: Panel of Female Engineers and Environmental Scientists

Monday, April 16, 2018; Time: Noon to 12:50 Place: Central Carolina Community College (CCCC), Chatham Campus, Bldg. 42, Room 109



In collaboration with CCCC, AAUW-ODC has organized a panel of young women scientists and engineers, with diverse backgrounds and jobs, who will share their experiences and discuss the challenges, lessons learned, and rewards in their fields. They range from current graduate students to established professionals. Our own members also can learn about the challenges of recruiting and retaining women in STEM careers.

Directions: CCCC – Chatham is co-located with the

Chatham Community Library (see campus map at <http://www.cccc.edu/locations/chatham/maps/ChathamCampus.pdf>.)

From the Chapel Hill area, drive south on 15-501 towards Pittsboro. Merge onto Rt. 64W towards Siler City and go 2.2 miles to EXIT 381 [NC Highway 87]. Turn left (south) onto Highway 87 and travel approximately 1.8 miles to a traffic circle [Chatham Community Library entrance is immediately to the right]. Drive through the campus to the second building past the li-

brary, which is Building 42, Health/Continuing Education. Park anywhere in front.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes early. The panel takes place during a regular class period and will be linked by teleconference to two other CCCC campuses. Following the panel, the meeting room will be available for students and panelists to interact informally.

—Pam Stephens

The Annual Scholarship Event : Feeding the Body, Mind and Soul: ODC AAUW Presents the Award Winning Author of Democracy In Chains, Dr. Nancy McLean



On May 9 the ODC branch of the AAUW will host its annual scholarship fund raiser. The local, state and national AAUW organizations provide scholarships to women pursuing research through university studies and grants for community based projects that support the achievement and growth of young women as leaders and contributors. The ODC Board's goal for

the year is to host at least 120 guests, each of whom will help continue our legacy of generous support for scholarships- all while enjoying great company and delicious appetizers and desserts.

In addition to feeding the body and soul, this event also feeds the mind as it traditionally includes a presentation by a renowned North Carolinian author who provides insight

into her work and inspiration for us all to follow our passions. This year we are indeed fortunate to have as our special guest, Dr. Nancy K. MacLean, author of the timely and much lauded, *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America*.

Dr. McLean, an award winning historian, scholar and

Scholarship Event (continued)

author is currently the William H. Chafe Professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University. Her recognitions are noteworthy and span the course of 20 years. In 1995 she was awarded the Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Prize from the Southern Historical Association. In 2007, she received the Philip Taft Labor History Book Award of the Labor and Working Class Studies Association, the Allan Sharlin Book Award for the best book in social science history from the Social Science History Association and the Willard Hurst Prize for best book in socio-legal history from the Law and Society Association. That same year she received the Labor History Best Book Prize from the International Association of Labor History Institutions. In 2010, she was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Historians.

Dr. McLean's books including: *Behind the Mask of Chivalry: The Making of the Second Klux Klan and Freedom Is Not Enough: The Opening of the American Workplace*, which won seven awards, including the Taft Award for labor his-

tory and the Hurst Award for legal history. Other co-authored works include: with Donald Crichtlow, *Debating the American Conservative Movement: 1945 to the Present* and with Edward Peeples, *Scalawag: A White Southerner's Journey through Segregation to Human Rights Activism*.

In June 2017 Dr. MacLean published *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America*. This text was a finalist for the National Book Award nonfiction category and the winner of the 2017 Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Award for a "notable book of particular relevance to the current historical moment." Recently we were notified that The Nation described *Democracy in Chains* as the "Most Valuable Book of 2017".

Members of ODC who met to discuss the book agreed that the text presented information and posed questions that were thought provoking, enlightening and unsettlingly timely. Despite the fact that the book discussion participants have a history of being

voracious readers with an interest in history and socio-economic and political events a good number had only faint awareness of much of what is presented in the book. We ended the book discussion feeling more than fortunate that we would get to hear from Dr. McLean in person.

For those that own the book, we are sure you will come with ideas and questions to discuss with others in attendance. For those who have not yet read the book but who are inspired by Dr. McLean's talk (and we know it will be many), books will be available at the event.

We hope members will invite friends and that the general public will participate in support of a great cause. The event is May 9, 2-4PM at Extraordinary Ventures, Chapel Hill. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased in advance. See the ad in this newsletter or the website <https://chapelhill-nc.aauw.net> for additional details.

— Mary Kolek

Treasurer's Report March 2018

Balances:

Checking	\$1,385.38
MM Savings	\$1,004.93
CD	\$4,889.82

Tickets sold for McLean Lecture to date - 46

Karen Piplani,
Treasurer





President's Message (continued)

Welcome New Members

This month we welcome Mary Allen and Joan Morris to our AAUW branch.

Mary Allen

Mary Allen has an undergraduate degree in Electronic Engineering in 1990 in Venezuela at Universidad Simon Bolivar. She moved to the United States in 1994 working for SIEMENS in Boca Raton, Florida.

She spends much of her spare time working for her non-profit, "Tokens of Care" She also works part-time at a pharmacy.

Joan Morris

Joan Morris has a BA from Morningside College in Sioux City, Ia. In what subject in what year.

She also has an Master of Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh in Year.

She had a distinguished and long career as a librarian, before she and her husband relocated to the Chapel Hill area recently.

She has an interest in public policy.

Please welcome Mary Allen and Joan Morris to our branch!!!

focus energies on expanding connections to universities and community colleges in our area.

- Membership committee chair and UNC-CH Professor Michele Hoyman has offered members opportunities to meet for socializing and networking. She has arranged luncheon meetings and pre dinner events that connect women with shared interests from across walks of life.
- In place of the traditional book club model ODC initiated an ad hoc book group; our first meeting was well attended and allowed members and guests to discuss Dr. Nancy MacLean's, Democracy In Chains. This pop up format allows for flexibility in leadership, location and time and seems to suit the changing needs of a diverse membership.
- In an effort to expand our presence across the 3 counties we have used sites in Chatham and Durham in addition to Chapel Hill. CCCC in Pittsboro will have hosted us twice and we are having our end of the year meeting at a restaurant in Durham; the theme- Mixing Business and Pleasure. We hope changing locations, varying meeting days and times and updating formats will help attract new members and diversity of membership (we have evolved our annual event from a "Literary Tea" to a "Scholarship Fund Event" and our end of the year meeting from a pot luck to a special event venue with extensive menu choices)
- In what we consider a true gift, Dr. Nancy MacLean, Duke Professor and national award winning author of Democracy In Chains; The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America, has consented to serve as our guest speaker at our annual scholarship event. This will be May 9, 2-4 PM at Extraordinary Ventures in Chapel Hill. We thank member Lisa Price for helping make the connection. We hope members from across the area will plan to attend this event in support of AAUW scholarships and grants for women.

As many in the nation turn their attention to the issues of human rights and social justice through the Me Too and Never Again initiatives, the members and friends of

AAUW can take pride in the fact that for over 130 years we have championed a positions that call for equality, dignity, respect and security as the foundation of individual and societal success. That this is the 95 anniversary of our branch says much about the women who came before us; and offers promise to the women who will follow us. Take pride in your work and your dedication to ensuring women have every opportunity to fulfill and grow beyond their vision and goals. I look forward to celebrating our accomplishments and thanking those who have contributed so generously to our work at our April 21 luncheon.

... Together we can do so much. – Helen Keller

We are gearing up for our annual fundraiser at Extraordinary Ventures on Wednesday, May 9 from 2-4 p.m. By all accounts, Nancy McLean is a dynamic speaker! A historian at Duke University, she has researched crucial movements in our recent history--the result of which is profoundly impacting the present political situation. Please come for a very

enjoyable experience and invite neighbors and friends!

AND PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING FOOD AND HELP SET UP OR CLEAN UP!

Some years ago, the membership decided to provide the food for this event to improve our bottom line. In past years, the response has been tremendous, and the food was a veritable feast for the eyes and the taste buds of all participants! At our March meeting, we

asked members to sign up for various tasks and food. If you weren't able to come to our March meeting and you plan to bring finger food (both savory and sweet) to the fundraiser, please e-mail me at mikebeakeler@bellsouth.net. We need people to: help Karen with the tickets, make the coffee (materials provided) & set up the tea station, and help set up and clean up. **WE = SUCCESS!!!!**

— Bea Keller

Policy Notes

AAUW believes the federal budget is an expression of values and a signal of where women and girls stand in the government's priorities. That's why we were pleased to see investment in vital programs like Pell grants, additional funds for the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Education, and funding left intact for health care and reproductive health programs that serve millions of women nationwide.

We were disappointed to see that, despite promises from legislators on both sides of the aisle, the omnibus bill failed to include an extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. I encourage you to keep the pressure on your members of Congress to enact a clean DREAM Act.

— Bea Keller

Spring time is the time for Renewal...

Annual DUES	
National	\$59.00
NC AAUW	\$11.00
Branch	\$10.00
Total=	\$80.00



There are 2 ways to renew your membership:

1) On line go to AAUWNC site www.aauwnc.org and select join or renew to access national, state and local branch renewal form. You will need your membership identification or will need to use site to look it up.

2) Send or give a check to Karen Piplani, our treasurer. Make check payable to: American Association of University Women (line: ODC Chapter) and send to Karen Piplani, Treasurer, 1502 Halifax Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514 -2728 phone (919) 929-6553

Questions? You can Email Karen at Karen.piplani@gmail.com.

New Members: We are thrilled to welcome you!

NEW MEMBER If you are a new member, joining is easy. Simply fill out the membership form with your address and personal information!!

Thank you!

Michele Hoyman, Jan Holland and Randy Rosser (Membership committee)



AAUW minutes plenary session: March 17, 2018

President Kolek opened the meeting and talked about the purpose of the AAUW. She welcomed everyone and introduced guests. Michele Hoyman introduced the new members.

Pam Stephens introduced the speaker, Carlotta Sjoelin, who has started a project that is an inspiration to us all. She was born in Sweden and has lived all over the world. When her family settled in Chapel Hill, she wanted to do something to help the most vulnerable women here.

She began with a tour of the HomeStart, a shelter for women in Chapel Hill. She felt that although the mission was laudable and program positive, the place was dreary and unwelcoming, so she decided to redecorate one bedroom. Then, she got her friends involved and worked with local businesses to donate paint and supplies. Soon, they had decorated the whole place with bright colors, tasteful bed linens, and curtains. It was transformed. This project soon spread, and involved other homeless shelters in the region.

Lotta Love is the organization she founded. The purpose of the group is to provide emotional solace through a respectful and dignified environment to people at the shelter. This fits in with the treatment programs at the shelter. Anyone interested in learning more or

becoming involved can access the website:

www.alottalove.org. We watched videos available on the site that provide a clear picture of why this work is so impactful.

In our business section, there was a discussion of our upcoming programs.

The annual Spring Scholarship Event will be on May 9, from 2-4, at Extraordinary Adventures, 200 Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Tickets are on sale now for \$20. Our speaker is Nancy MacLean, author of the award winning Democracy in Chains, The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America. Information on how to purchase tickets is on our website. Karen Iplani can be reached at her e mail, karen.iplani@gmail.com.

To make this event a success, we need members to contribute finger foods, help with decorations, and spread the word.

Our next meeting will be April 16 at Central Carolina Community College, building 42, in Pittsboro, NC. Pam Stevens has put together a program for STEM women engineers and students who are becoming engineers. This event will be simul-cast to other CCCC campuses and is a great way for us to connect with women across our region.

Then, on April 21, we will have our end of year luncheon at Hope Valley Diner. The theme is Mixing Business and Pleasure. We want to take time to celebrate the year and our accomplishments and to look ahead. Last year, the membership indicated they would like a social event like this so we hope all will attend. The cost is approximately \$20. More information will follow with specific information on time, place and cost.

AAUW is supporting the Womxn of Worth Conference at UNC. It is April 14 at the UNC student union. If you are interested in attending or volunteering please let Mary Kolek know. Last year Mary, Bea and Michele worked at the registration table and attended several sessions that they felt were informative and engaging.

Next weekend is the state meeting of the AAUW. We have two people going and they will present a report on our activities.

Respectfully, submitted,

Margaret Herring, Secretary



April 2018

AAUW ODC 2018
spring fling
celebration

Where: **Hope Valley Diner**

3710 Shannon Rd. Durham, NC 27701

Easy, free parking. Private banquet hall!

When: Saturday April 21, 2018

Time: 12:00-1:30

COST: Approximately \$20.

Given current head count, each member will order off menu and pay for her own meal. Sample menu link

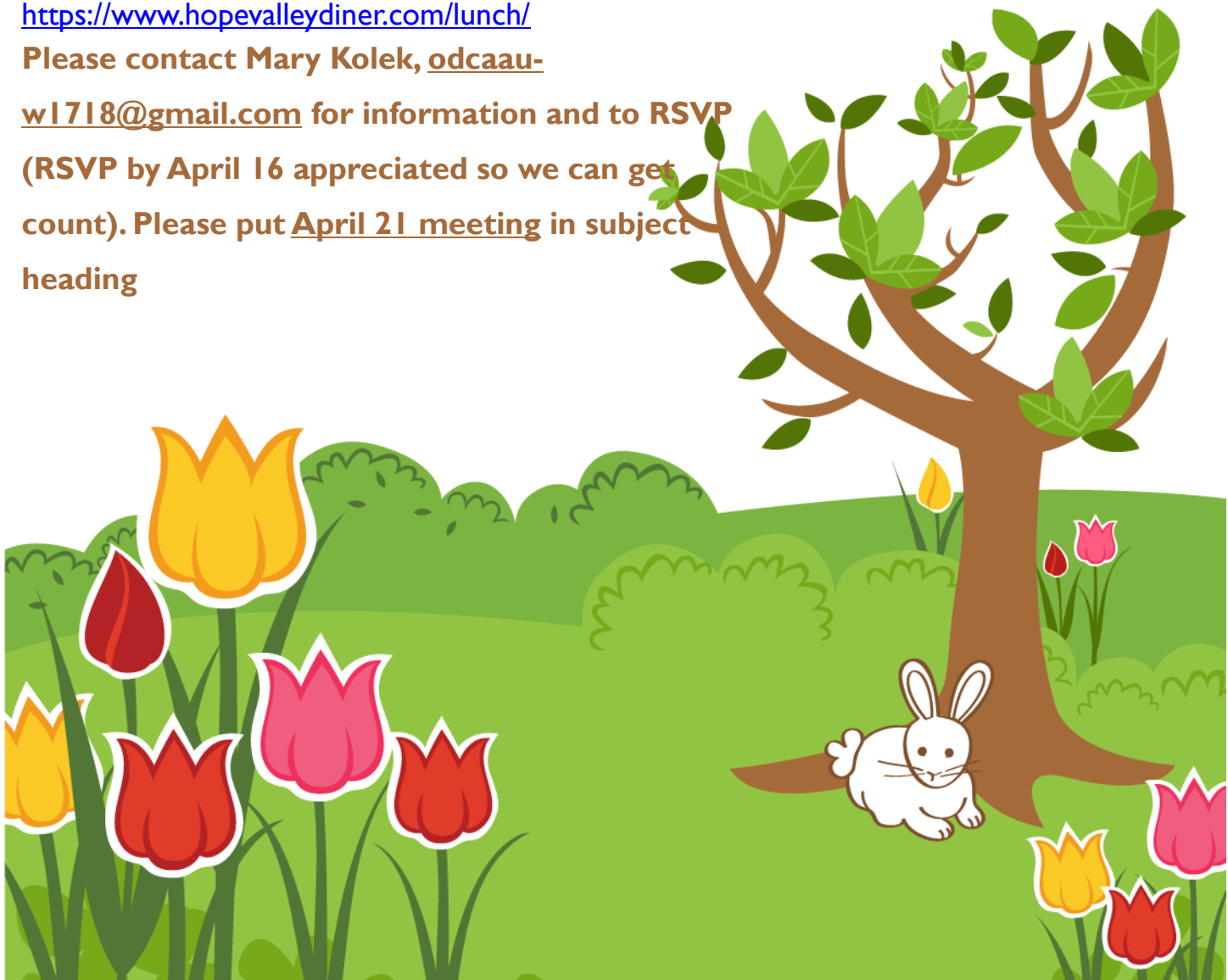
<https://www.hopevalleydiner.com/lunch/>

Please contact Mary Kolek, [odcaau-](mailto:odcaau-w1718@gmail.com)

[w1718@gmail.com](mailto:odcaau-w1718@gmail.com) for information and to RSVP

(RSVP by April 16 appreciated so we can get count). Please put April 21 meeting in subject

heading





THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
ORANGE, DURHAM AND CHATHAM
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

AN AFTERNOON WITH DR. NANCY MACLEAN, AUTHOR OF THE
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MAY 9, 2018 2PM-4PM

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PRESIDENT MARY M KOLEK, ODCAAUW1718@GMAIL.COM



AAUW of Orange, Durham, Chatham Counties
Membership Application
July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

NEW MEMBERS ONLY!!!

DUES BREAKDOWN	
National	\$59
State	\$11
Branch	\$10
TOTAL	\$80

Please complete the form below and make your check to:

AAUW-ODC Branch

Send to: **Karen Piplani, 1502 Halifax Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2728.**

Renewals: you need only to send in a check for \$80. And make any change if needed..

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Check enclosed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: H _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Education, Occupation, AAUW Experience

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

Undergraduate: _____

Graduate: _____

Occupation: _____

Membership Category:

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 Interests for Our Branch

(Please check your areas of interest and tell us of your ideas)

SPARC/STEM _____ (Students Participating and Researching Careers / Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Good Morning Book Club _____ Bridge _____

Areas of Interest Hospitality _____ Public Policy _____ Publicity _____

Program Ideas: _____

Other Volunteer or Interest Ideas: _____