

## AAUW-Orange, Durham, Chatham Branch

### From the President: Bea Keller

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**Treasurer's Report  
8/2/2018**

**2018-2019 Dues**

Next year's dues have been increased by national AAUW by \$10.00. Total dues are now \$80.00, of which \$56 is tax-deductible.

**Invoices** will be e-mailed this week to all members who have not yet renewed. Instructions will be included.

**Bank Balances:**

Checking: \$2,988.81  
(Includes profits from Fund raiser to be disbursed.)  
M.M. Savings: \$1,005.14  
C.D.: \$4,891.85

Karen Piplani, Treasurer

These are strange times, quite nerve-wracking, but Molly Ivins had the right of it when she said in 1999, "Actually, I think Americans, on the whole, are amazingly nice, and often funny too. Personally, I like us a lot. Our media so constantly inform us of the latest in raping, pillage and murder, we tend to forget what a remarkable number of swell folks live here." In our own AAUW chapter, we have lots of caring, competent and kind women. We have members who work for social justice, members

who have dedicated their lives to teaching, to the medical fields, to encouraging reading, to science and encouraging women in STEM fields, to the Girl Scouts, or who devote time to the elderly and their needs, or to curb violence, or to foster an appreciation of the arts—there are indeed a lot of swell folks in our midst. And we need to focus on that, and let some of the other noise subside. My friend and our treasurer, Karen Piplani, passed Molly's article on to me. She had received it from a friend. It was a breath of fresh air.



### ERA-NC Alliance

The ERA-NC Alliance is looking for a few good women who are interested in being on the board or an officer of the organization. The Equal Rights Amendment needs to be ratified by only one

more state—and ERA-NC Alliance is determined to try. Did you know that NC did not pass the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment giving women the vote? Our neighboring state Tennessee was the deciding vote. If you or someone you know

are interested in being on the board or an officer of the ERA-Alliance, please contact me—Bea Keller.

**Save the Date!**

**Thursday, September 13  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Getting to know each other  
Getting to know AAUW  
Everyone welcome.  
Bring a friend.  
Join us for a get together  
@Michele Hoyman's home  
634 Kensington Drive,  
Chapel Hill 27514  
For information, call  
Michele at (919) 960-0934  
or [hoyman@unc.edu](mailto:hoyman@unc.edu)**

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Campus:

1. Take Franklin St. East toward University Mall. Pass through stop sign at Estes. .
2. Turn Left at Elliot (There is a B.B. & T bank on the corner.)
3. Go until it dead ends into Curtiss.
4. Turn right on Curtiss and proceed down the hill 2 blocks until first STOPSIGN. (4 way stop)
5. Turn left onto Kensington Dr. (subdivision sign says Coker Hills West
6. Go up the hill to top of hill 634 is on right. Looks like a large brown fort.

House number is 634. Has a big brown imposing mail box and a walkway like at the beach.

Lost? Call 960-0934

**FROM EAST (Durham)**

1. Take 15-501 to Chapel Hill
2. Go E. Franklin St to Elliot and then follow directions above.

## AAUW-Orange, Durham, & Chatham Counties Programs and Speakers: 2018-2019

The Program Committee, Martha Barefoot, Bea Keller and Lisa Price, met in July and are working on the following programs. We are not including all dates and times but hope to do so in our September newsletter. Changes are always a possibility because we cannot secure library rooms until 90 days before the meeting date and they are sometimes blocked off for library or city/town needs.

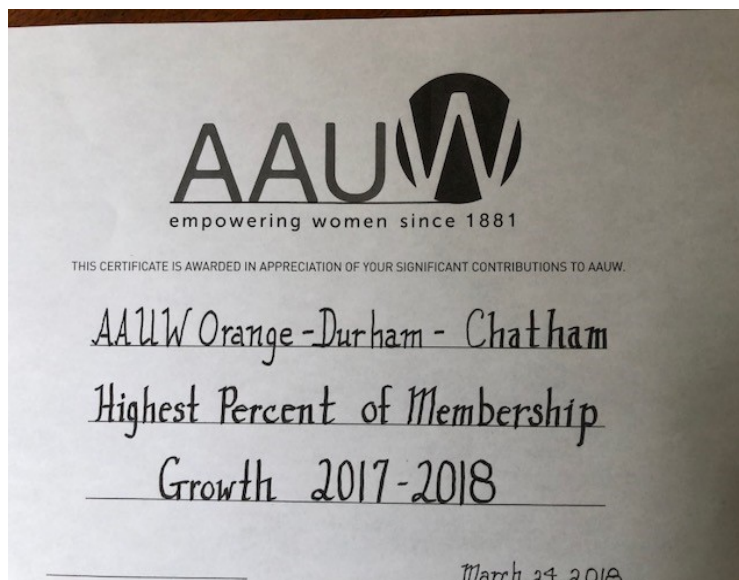
- ◆ Thursday, September 13, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., we will meet at Michele Hoyman's home with the dual goal to get to know each other and for our members/guests to

learn more about AAUW.

- ◆ Wednesday, October 10 --Women in Politics, will be held at the Sonja Hayes Stone Center and will feature 5 area women politicians discussing the challenges women face in politics.
- ◆ November—(our Schwenning Scholarship fundraiser) will be on Poverty in North Carolina.
- ◆ February--Donna Wilson, our College/ University liaison, will gather AAUW fellows in the area to report on their research--an incredibly inspiring meeting year after year.

- ◆ March—Katchy Clarke-Pearson, M.D., will present on Screen-Time Damage to Children.
- ◆ April—Outstanding Mental Health Resources in the Area: Extraordinary Ventures, Club Nova, El Futuro followed by lunch.

Don't forget our spring-time fundraiser celebrating AAUW's scholarships, fellows, and a local author—a winning combination!



## Policy

On August 7, AAUW will mark Black Women's Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when black women's average earnings "catch up" to white, non-Hispanic men's earnings from last year. AAUW research found that black women are paid just 63 percent of what white men are paid – and that means they need to work an additional seven months to bring home the same pay. This pay gap threatens black women's economic security and can hinder their ability to meet financial obligations, including student loans. AAUW's report [Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans](#) found that black women's average student debt is larger than any other group, and it often takes them longer to pay it off.

There are many policy changes happening currently that affect all Americans, but women and children are particularly vulnerable. Please write your senators and congress person and urge them to fight the attacks on public education, child nutrition, health care, safe air and water. Many of these programs are seeing a reduction in funding or even complete defunding.

The policy to separate children from their parents at the border has been particularly heart-breaking and will leave a painful scar on our history. A judge's order blocked forced drugging to boost children's docility and prohibited restricting children to their rooms preventing access to drinking water at Shiloh, near Houston, TX. The

judge also ruled that the children could have access to a telephone. Shiloh has a contract with the federal government to house immigrant children and it has received 25 million dollars in payments from the government since 2014. For child advocates, gaining access to the children in these centers has been difficult, but this ruling may permit more scrutiny in other centers.

The judicial system is under attack as well. Judges are currently being nominated for lifetime federal judgeships that, based on their previous rulings, could turn back the Civil Rights progress of the last 50 years. Women's issues, Title IX, reproductive rights, healthcare are also vulnerable.

## Summary of Our April Luncheon/Meeting

Approximately sixteen members enjoyed lunch at the Hope Valley Diner. It was the last meeting presided by president Mary Kolek who resigned effective June 30, 2018. Mary presented a Certificate given by AAUW NC to our chapter for exceptional mem-

bership growth to Michele Hoyman, membership vice-president, and her committee. Officers for 2018-2019 were inducted: president, Bea Keller, membership vice-president, Michele Hoyman, treasurer, Karen Piplani, recording secretary, Margaret Her-

ring, and program chair, Bea Keller. The board has invited Donna Wilson to stay on as a second vice-president in her new capacity as college/university relations.

(Respectfully submitted by Bea Keller)

### Save the Date

**Wednesday, October 10  
6p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Women in Politics  
Panel Discussion by  
Women Politicians  
Sonja Haynes Stone  
Center  
UNC -150 South St.  
Chapel Hill, NC  
27514**