

Feb. 2019: Branch News

We are one month into 2019. Despite its unsettling political start, I hope all of you and your families are faring well.

AAUW-ODC is pleased to announce a new Public Policy Chair, Elizabeth Leone. Elizabeth will take over this very important work in this issue of the newsletter. Elizabeth continues her work as a consultant to educational institutions and has a long and distinguished career in education which encompasses every level—elementary to graduate studies. She has experience in training, mentoring, and coaching in Collaborative and Team Learning, Consensus Decision Making, and Adult Learning Models in her most recent professional work. We encourage you to read her article.

We have three interesting programs coming up in 2019. Please note the dates and times in the side column *Save the Date* and Donna Wilson's announcement concerning our next meeting which will feature one of our AAUW fellowship recipients. The newsletter also includes an update on our April 23 fundraiser. Invite friends and neighbors to our programs as our aim is to educate and spread the word about these community programs and issues.

AAUW-ODC member Gloria Thomas, Director of the Carolina Women's Center, graced the January 8, 2019 cover of the Daily Tar Heel owing to her work to secure a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant "to encourage women and women of color to succeed in STEM fields." (DTH) Gloria wrote in the *CWC Winter 2018 Newsletter* that the grant "will focus on implementing and evaluating effective mentoring models in STEM. As a partner on this 3-year grant project located in the Center for Faculty Excellence, CWC will assist in program development for the faculty mentors and mentees." AAUW-ODC teamed up with Gloria and her team on the first *Gender & ...* programs (a Carolina Seminar Series) in October for *Gender & Politics*, a very successful program attended by 100 students. One of our members, Sally Greene, was a panelist. And while you are on the computer, check out the CWC website, in particular <https://womenscenter.unc.edu/news/> --interesting facts of herstory.

And finally, the US Supreme Court will hear the case *Common Cause v Rucho* which concerns redistricting NC's Congressional Districts. Also, a three judge panel made up of NC judges will hear *Common Cause v Lewis* in the next few months. This case deals with redistricting NC's legislative districts. So, stay tuned!

I hope all of you will come meet our AAUW fellow at our next meeting February 16 at 10:30 at the Chapel Hill Public Library.