



AAUW-ODC Newsletter October 2020

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President's Message

Michele Hoyman October 17, 2020

Greetings AAUW members.

This election is probably the most important of our lifetime because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our splintering economy, and urban protests over racial injustice. Our hearts go out to the families of those who are suffering with COVID-19 or who have lost their jobs. Amid all this, we have cause to be thankful for family and friends. Hopefully, we can engage in random acts of kindness, such as an extra contribution to a local food bank or a word of encouragement to a teacher or a parent.

Please urge your friends and work associates to vote!!

Below in a chart are the important dates for this election. Early voting begins on October 15, but be sure to check the county board of election for exact times for early voting, followed by specific voting sites. Many voters are opting for mail-in (absentee) ballots. Do get your requests for those mail-in ballots in soon. N.C. does not require a reason for an absentee ballot. But the envelope in which you mail back the ballot needs to be witnessed by a family member or other person. If not, it will not be counted. You can track the ballot to make sure it arrives and is "accepted."

Information in the chart below was provided courtesy of the League of Women

Voters for Orange, Durham, and Chatham counties, whose representatives spoke at our membership meeting in September. Thank you, League members.

Other important dates are listed below:

October 21, 12 noon, Book club discussion of *How to be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Contact Mary Kolek at mmkchnc14@gmail.com.

October 24 Membership Meeting features Lori Bunton, co-president of NC-ERA, speaking on the status of the Equal Rights Amendment. You can register for the meeting up to the start of the meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/AAUWODCOct2020>.

February 20 Membership Meeting features recipients of national AAUW fellowships in the Triangle area. The fellows will discuss their research or their project.

March 20 Membership Meeting will be an original play entitled "XIX," set in N.C., about the 19th amendment.

Future events: We are initiating a new fellowship at Durham Tech, thanks to Donna Wilson and Katie Loovis.

NATIONAL AAUW NEWS

The National AAUW has an impressive non-discrimination and inclusion policy. As part of the implementation of this policy, the National Board is recommending that we abolish our educational requirement and allow any person who is in favor of our mission of educational equity to become a member. Personally, I am strongly in favor of this. There will be a chance for all individual members to vote on this change in the spring. We will need a quorum present for the vote to count. I will be asking the local board to support this, although every member should be able to vote her conscience. As one national officer put it, "You don't need a Ph.D. or M.A. or B.A. to know that you are paid less than a man."

A dues increase may be coming, but the amount and the start date will be determined by a vote of the National Board, not by the membership. The amount

of increase will be between \$3 and \$10. Jan Holland and I have more information on the justification for this because we attended a national Town Hall. More information will come later after the National Board makes a decision.

What's on your mind? We would love to hear from members:

- Do you have an idea for the Spring fundraiser, which will probably be remote?
- Do you have an idea for a future program for next year?
- Would you like to start an interest group--film group, walking group, international affairs group, language group such as, for example, Spanish or French?

Send ideas to hoyma@unc.edu or other board member.

Voting information, courtesy of the League of Women Voters for Orange, Durham, and Chatham counties

Election Schedule

DATE	EVENT
Oct. 15, 2020	Start: Early, in person /One Stop Voting
Oct. 27, 2020 5:00 pm	Ballot request must be received by BOE
Oct. 31, 2020 Tuesday 3:00 pm	End: Early, in person /One Stop Voting
Nov. 3, 2020 Tuesday	Deadline to return mailed absentee ballot
Nov. 3, 2020 Tuesday	ELECTION DAY Polls open 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

Orange Co. Early Voting Site Plan

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

LOCATIONS	ALL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN THE SAME DATES AND HOURS		
Orange Works at Hillsborough Commons 113 Mayo St, Hillsborough	Thursday-Friday	October 15-16	8am - 7:30pm
	Saturday	October 17	8am - 3pm
	Sunday	October 18	12pm-5pm
Carrboro Town Hall 301 W Main St, Carrboro	Monday-Friday	October 19-23	8am - 7:30pm
	Saturday	October 24	8am - 3pm
Chapel of the Cross 304 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill	Sunday	October 25	12pm-5pm
	Monday-Friday	October 26-30	8am - 7:30pm
Efland Ruritan Club 3009 Forrest Avenue, Efland	Saturday	October 31	8am - 3pm
	Sunday		
Seymour Senior Center 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill			
University Mall 201 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill			

For more information, go to orangecountync.gov/Elect or call 919-2

**2020 GENERAL ELECTION
EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**



DURHAM COUNTY
Board of Elections

EARLY VOTING LOCATION INFORMATION

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| <p> North Regional Library
221 Milton Road, Durham, NC 27712</p> | <p> South Regional Library
4505 S Alston Avenue, Durham, NC</p> |
| <p> East Regional Library
211 Lick Creek Lane, Durham, NC 27703</p> | <p> Criminal Justice Resource Center
326 E Main Street, Durham, NC 27701</p> |
| <p> Duke University Karsh Alumni Center
2080 Duke University Road, Durham, NC 27708</p> | <p> Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
4907 Garrett Road, Durham, NC 27705</p> |
| <p> NCCU Turner Law Building
640 Nelson Street, Durham, NC 27707</p> | <p> Durham Tech Main Campus - Newton
1616 Cooper Street, Durham, NC 27705</p> |
| <p> Durham County Main Library
300 N Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27701</p> | <p> The River Church
4900 Prospectus Drive, Durham, NC 27705</p> |
| <p> Southern High School
800 Clayton Road, Durham, NC 27703</p> | <p> Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace
2722 E Main Street, Durham, NC 27705</p> |
| <p> Hope Valley Baptist Church
6900 Garrett Road, Durham, NC 27707</p> | <p> Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church
5731 N Roxboro Rd, Durham, NC 27705</p> |

EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS (OCT. 15 - 31)

Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday
(Weekdays)	(17th and 24th)	(18th and 25th)	(31st)
8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	2 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Avoid Long Lines and Vote Early! To find full details on early voting, visit our website at www.dconcvotes.com.
Questions? - Contact us at 919-560-0700 or via email at elections@dconcvotes.com.

CHATHAM COUNTY EARLY VOTING SITES - DAYS, DATES & TIMES

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTIONS

GOLDSTON TOWN HALL
40 Coral Avenue
Goldston, NC 27252

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
581 New Hope Church Rd.
Apex, NC 27523

PAUL BRAXTON
115 S. 3rd Av
Siler City, NC 27

GOVERNORS VILLAGE
40150 Moring
Chapel Hill, NC 27517



CCCC HEALTH SCIENCE
75 Ballentrae Court -
Pittsboro, NC 27

CHATHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE CENTER
1192 US-64 Business
Pittsboro, NC 27312



DAY/DATE	OPEN A.M.	CLOSE P.M.
Thursday, October 15, 2020	8:00	7:30
Friday, October 16, 2020	8:00	7:30
Saturday, October 17, 2020	8:00	3:00
Sunday, October 18, 2020	12 Noon	3:00
Monday, October 19, 2020	8:00	7:30
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	8:00	7:30
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	8:00	7:30
Thursday, October 22, 2020	8:00	7:30
Friday, October 23, 2020	8:00	7:30
Saturday, October 24, 2020	8:00	3:00
Sunday, October 25, 2020	12 Noon	3:00
Monday, October 26, 2020	8:00	7:30
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	8:00	7:30
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	8:00	7:30
Thursday, October 29, 2020	8:00	7:30
Friday, October 30, 2020	8:00	7:30
Saturday, October 31, 2020	8:00	3:00



Any registered voter in the county may go to any early voting site to vote. If you missed the voter registration deadline of 10/09/2020 and you have lived in Chatham County for 30 days or more, you may register and vote the same day.



Upcoming AAUW 2020-2021 Branch Meeting Programs

Saturday, October 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.–noon

The Status of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

In 2019 and 2020, the U.S. celebrates the centennial of the 19th Amendment. Passed by Congress on June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. But whatever happened to the Equal Rights Amendment, which was passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification in March 1972?



Lori Bunton, Co-President of the ERA-NC Alliance will present a brief overview of the ERA's history and an update on the status of the ERA. With so much attention now on gender equity for women, people of color and those who are gender non-conforming or non-binary, Lori will address how the current ERA movement is responding to these 21st century nuances and what steps we can all take to pursue equality.

Register here to join the meeting via

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/AAUWODCOct2020>

February 20, 2021 -- Meet our local Fellows

Zoom in to hear speeches by the AAUW national fellows from the Triangle area. This is always a favorite meeting. It is so encouraging to hear the reports on dissertations, international pursuits or community action projects that have been funded by the national AAUW. What a lot of talent we have in this area!

Saturday, March 20, 2021--Reading and discussion of an excerpt of *XIX*,

a play written by Jacqueline E. Lawton, faculty member in the Department of Dramatic Art, UNC-Chapel Hill

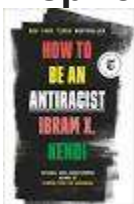
Synopsis of the Play

In 1920, while many in North Carolina favored granting women the right to vote, there was fear the 19th Amendment would open the doors to greater rights for the state's Black citizens.

Set in Raleigh, North Carolina, *XIX* follows Adelaide, a black suffragette and newlywed into the wealthy, white Germaine family. With access to the political and social elite of Raleigh, Adelaide plans to use her position for the betterment of the black community. She recruits her best friend, Florence, to enlist black women in the fight for suffrage as states across the country ratify the 19th amendment. On the night of North Carolina's historic (and unsuccessful) vote, Adelaide learns that her sister - and mother-in-law have been working quietly to undermine her efforts. In the aftermath of this betrayal, Adelaide must choose between her marriage and her activism. Jacqueline E. Lawton's socio-political drama focuses our attention on the women of an early twentieth-century multi-racial family as they navigate the

fight for equality, the compromises of coalition building, and the limits of "family" love across racial and class divides.

There is Nothing Like A Good Book to Expand Thinking and Inspire Conversation.



Join us on Zoom, **Wednesday, October 21, at noon** as we discuss Ibram X. Kendi's memoir, *How To Be An Antiracist*. This book--which explores the "transformational concept of antiracism"--is a starkly personal work that is unapologetically provocative in what it asks of the reader. NYT reviewer, Jeffrey Stewart reflects, "What emerges from [the author's] insights is the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind, a confessional of self-examination that may, in fact, be our best chance to free ourselves from our national nightmare."

Please email Mary Kolek, mmkchnc14@gmail.com, include in the subject box, AAUW Book Talk, if you would like to be included in the Zoom Invitation.

Student Scholarship at Durham Technical Community College

Following the successful collaboration last year with officials at North Carolina Central University to establish an annual scholarship, the AAUW-ODC Executive Board has approved a new scholarship donation to Durham Technical Community College beginning this year. Thanks to the generous donations and continuous support from members and our fundraising events, we are pleased to be in a position to assist a woman student at Durham Tech beginning academic year 2021.

Dr. Donna Wilson, Vice President for College & University Partnerships for our branch, has initiated discussions and planning efforts with Durham Tech administrative officials to begin the donation and scholarship award process. Tentative plans are underway for a year-end donation to the college with an award planned for Spring 2021. Additional details will be available as the year draws to a close.

Dr. Donna M. Wilson
Vice President, College & University Partnerships

Minutes from the Sept 26 Program, “Voting in the COVID-19 Era.”

On Saturday, September 26, 2020, our AAUW Branch hosted representatives from the [League of Women Voters](#) for a virtual discussion called, “Voting in the COVID-19 Era.” Twenty-five AAUW members and friends participated in the AAUW program, that included a presentation by Val Gist about how to get informed and vote during this global pandemic.

Gist’s presentation was complimented with comments from her colleague, Marley Peterson, a student at American University who is interning with the League of Women Voters. Peterson shared information on the League’s dynamic, nonpartisan online platform, called [Vote411.org](#), which is a one-stop shop to help all voters have the information they need to successfully participate in all local, state, and federal elections. A special feature of Vote411.org is the candidate responses and videos on a broad array of topics so that voters can cast an informed vote.

Gist concluded the discussion with an explanation of the three ways to vote in North Carolina:

1. **Vote by mail through Absentee ballot.** The deadline to request your ballot is October 27, 2020.
2. **Vote early in-person** with one-stop voting where citizens can register and vote the same day at the polling location of their choice from October 15-31, 2020.
3. **Vote in-person on Election Day.** Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 6:30 a.m.--7:30 p.m. and voters must go to their assigned polling location.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances

Checking \$4,174.61
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Upcoming Scholarship Contributions

The board has approved the distribution of this year's fundraiser proceeds, adding an additional \$500 from branch funds:

- \$500 to AAUW's Education and Training Fund
- \$1000 to our NCCU scholarship
- \$1000 to the new Durham Technical College scholarship

Donations of more than \$1000 have already been sent to UNC-CH for the Schwenning scholarship.

Welcome New Member Donna Falvo

Donna Falvo retired as full professor from the UNC School of Medicine (Rehabilitation and Psychology) in 2010. She is currently the President of the Retired Faculty Association at UNC-CH. She grew up on a farm in Central Illinois and received her Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in 1978, where she remained as a faculty member until 2002. She is the author of two textbooks. She and her husband, Richard, moved to North Carolina and UNC in 2002. Donna and Richard (also a retired professor of SIU and UNC), enjoy spending time with family and friends, as well as opera, theater, and travel (all of which are more difficult in this time of pandemic)!

NOT RENEWED YOUR 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP YET?

Send the following information and a check for \$80.00 made out to AAUW-ODC to Mary Sipple, 2512 Millwood Ct., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 by November 30th.

Name _____

Phone #

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Zip code _____

Email _____

Renewal _____

You can also renew online at www.aauw.org. Click on [Membership](#) and follow instructions.

After November 30, National AAUW will drop your name from our AAUW-ODC Branch roster. Please don't let that happen!

Volunteers Needed

Interested in helping? Our branch could utilize your help as one of the following:

1. A communications/publicity person or persons.
2. A convener/moderator for our newly formed social justice interest group.

If interested, email hoyma@unc.edu.

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