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Newsletter April 2023



Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 26th (2PM - 4PM)

Chapel Hill Public Library, Room A

Celebrate the past. Plan for the future.
Cake and healthy snacks. Special guest:
AAUW-NC Pres. Pat Ashe. Visitors are
welcome!

RSVP by April 15



Did you know: it takes at least 7 volunteers to host an in-person meeting

Snacks magically appear thanks to volunteers.
There's no coffee maker at the library. Who makes that magic happen?

Watch for task signup emails before next year's meetings.



Jump in!

Several volunteers are working on next year's speaker details and meeting space. It works well when we break it into small bites. If you are interested in getting involved, [please contact us - click here.](#)

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New Member

Welcome to **Janet Levy** of Chapel Hill. Janet joined on March 24. Janet is our 68th member. The branch has grown by 6 members since Dec. There are more than 650 AAUW members across 16 NC branches.

[Directory - Click here](#)

[Download and print/save your copy of Yearbook 2023-2024.](#) It includes updated directory with new member information and renewal links.

A CHANCE TO BE HEARD

AAUW.org national membership is important on its own. But please tell us what you expect from AAUW-ODC *branch* membership.

Prefer to comment anonymously? [Here is a form for you.](#)

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Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and
Intersectionality.

While nonpartisan, AAUW members historically have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

We work at the national, state and local level to:

- **empower** women and girls
- **provide leadership skills** to women and girls
- **fund research that matters** in the lives of women and girls

“The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap” is a favorite AAUW research publication. The *2020 Update* (only 6 pages) with pandemic economic data may be downloaded [HERE](#).

No matter how you analyze it, the gender pay gap is real, persistent and harmful to women’s financial well-being. Get the facts [HERE](#)

Learn more about how women are disproportionately impacted by student debt, and the steps we can take to address this in the AAUW publication “**Deeper in Debt.**” Download (60 pages) available [HERE](#).



April / May

[Betty Myers](#) April 5, [Bea Keller](#) April 26,
[Donna Mergliano](#) in May, [Sandy Smalley](#)
May 9, [Sandra Pickering](#) May 16

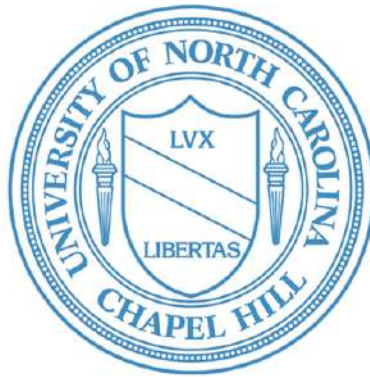
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Kudos to Katie!

Branch member [Katie Loovis](#) was named this week as **Executive Director** of the **North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation, Inc.**

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Scholarship Award

Congratulations to **Addison Hutchins**, from High Point. Addison is pursuing a Masters Degree in Digital Communication. The **Carrie Heath Schwenning Scholarship**, begun in 1928 by AAUW Chapel Hill Branch, has grown from being a loan of \$100 per year to an annual financial aid scholarship of \$1,500. The scholarship was named in 1950 in honor of Carrie Heath Schwenning, a member of our branch for over 20 years. After her sudden death, branch members voted to rename the scholarship. UNC's financial aid office administers the scholarship.

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Vision: Equity for All

AAUW is committed to promoting opportunities for women and girls in STEM. In 2021, more than 600 teen girls across the U.S. and U.K participated in AAUW's [STEMEd for Girls](#) program, a series of six workshops designed to inform and inspire girls in grades 9-12 on opportunities in STEM. **Caregivers online information session is April 12th, 7PM-8:30PM.** Learn more about the program [here](#).

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders ([NCCWSL](#)) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. At the last in-person NCCWSL conference in 2019, the conference brought together 800 attendees representing 48 states and over 300 colleges and universities. **Info. about this year's in-person conference is shown below - scroll and share!**

Share with College Women:



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Reminder to College Women: Save your spot at NCCWSL before it's too late! ★
And remember: You can ask your Student Affairs office or local AAUW branch about paying for your registration! ★

REGISTER --> <https://bit.ly/3fYzZOO>

Keynote Speaker:
Minda Harts

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About Minda

Minutes from March 18 program

Eileen Reavy, Director of **National Popular Vote** organization and co-founder of a grassroots group to pass the National Popular vote bill in Oregon in 2016, joined us via Zoom to discuss the effort underway to modernize the way we elect the US President by 2028. The National Popular Vote effort does not require a Constitutional Amendment. It's accomplished with a National Popular Vote Interstate Compact bill. All states pass an identical agreement. To date, the agreement has passed in 15 states and DC. They still need 75 electoral votes. Michigan and Minnesota will get them 25 votes closer.

Ms. Reavy encouraged attendees to contact state legislators about [NC House Bill 191](#) to remind lawmakers that they have the Constitutional authority to do this. It is not eliminating the Electoral College, but it would improve it. Candidates would have to appeal to all voters, not only the voters in the few battleground states of any given Presidential election year.

21 people attended. Members from Raleigh/Wake branch, Jacksonville and AAUW-NC President Pat Ashe from Asheville and several guests joined 11 members from ODC branch. Books related to this topic included: [The Politics Industry](#) by Gehl Porter and [Let The People Pick the President](#) by Jesse Wegman.



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