

# AAUW Wilmington News

October 2011

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## Message from the President

November is being declared National AAUW Month. AAUW will celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 28, 2011. Branches are being encouraged to host an event and focus on "My Vote Campaign" with special emphasis on prompting young women to register to vote. Stay tuned for how our branch might choose to implement this project.

With the change in our state structure, AAUW NC, branch presidents are invited to attend one of three statewide meetings held throughout the state during September and October. The primary agenda for this meeting is a discussion of the Proposed Public Policy Pilot Project. (TAR HEEL NEWS, Summer 2011). I will be attending the meeting in Statesville on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will look forward to sharing information with you in October.

STEM...what is this? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. In these areas, women's progress has been slow. AAUW's report, "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics sheds light on the reasons behind women's underrepresentation in STEM fields. Our branch owns two copies of this report which will be at the branch meetings if you would like to read it. You can also download a free copy of the report at [aanw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm](http://aanw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm).

I'd like to thank all the AAUW members who are helping to make our vision screening project, "Eyes to the Future" such a success and a special "thank you" to Jeri Graham and Ellen O'Malley for their time and efforts on our behalf and on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the New Hanover County Schools.

Jean D'Addario, President

## October Program: Water, Air and Titan

October 8th Meeting is at ST. ANDREWS ON THE SOUND.

If you are concerned about protecting our coastal environment and its resources, the next monthly AAUW program is for you! Our speaker will be Kemp Burdette, Cape Fear RiverKeeper, who will discuss a timely topic, "Water, Air and Titan."

We will meet on Saturday, October 8th, at 10:00 o'clock at ST. ANDREWS ON THE SOUND on the corner of Oleander and Wrightsville Avenues. (Come early at 9:30 for coffee and conversation :-). We were unable to secure a room at Northeast Library for this meeting, but St Andrews is very easy to find and conveniently located. We are grateful to them for sharing a space with us!

Please mark your calendars for October 8th and bring a friend.

Maggie Parish, VP for Programs

## Membership

Our Wilmington branch now has 75 members - with more to come, we hope!

Membership gives us access to interesting and informative programs, wonderful small groups, and the opportunity to meet and talk with great women. It also gives us the opportunity to contribute to the cause of education for women that others may have access to higher education as we have had. Attend our meetings and bring your friends to share in this great group.

Please refer prospective members to me so that I can provide a membership application and other information to entice them!

Phyllis Leimer, VP for Membership

**Note: The 2011-2012 Membership Form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please remember to submit it to Phyllis Leimer. Thank you!**

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### Mark Your Calendars

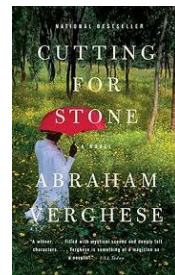
October 6	AAUW Board Meeting, Watkins Room, Northeast Library, 3:30 pm
October 8	AAUW Branch Meeting, 10:00 am St. Andrew on the Sound Fellowship Hall
October 19	International Relations Study Group, 1pm, Northeast Library
October 23	Annual UN Day Luncheon, "The United Nations - In Everyone's Interest", Dr. Paige Tan, 1pm, UNCW Madeline Suite, RSVP: <a href="mailto:boomershinea@uncw.edu">boomershinea@uncw.edu</a>
November 3	AAUW Board Meeting at the home of Maggie Parish, 3:30 pm
November 5	Carolina Author's Luncheon, UNCW, Warwick Center
December 10	AAUW Branch Meeting and Board Meeting, December Luncheon, Blockade Runner

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### Monday Afternoon Book Club

The Monday Afternoon Book Group meets the first Monday of every month at 1:30 at the homes of members (presently a baker's dozen). For more information, contact Helen Bolles [helenbolles@bellsouth.net](mailto:helenbolles@bellsouth.net).

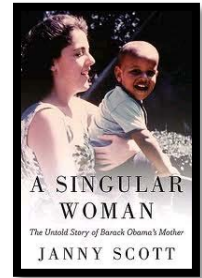
October 3     Cutting for Stone by Abraham Varghese  
Reviewer: Susan Meyer  
Hostess: Maggie Parish, 392-7372



## Monday Evening Book Club

Meets - 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Place: Home of the Hostess/Reviewer  
Contact: Audrey Hersom at 350-0068 or [bobaud@aol.com](mailto:bobaud@aol.com)

October 24 A Singular Woman by Janny Scott  
Hostess/Reviewer Sandra McLaurin 392-0395



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## International Relations Study Group



Our October 19th meeting on Sanctions and nonproliferation, will be led by Loretta Metzger, at 1pm at the Northeast Library. All members are welcome and encouraged to join.

For more information call Lucy Prell (256-3502) or Jean Schaefer (395-6190).

Lucy Prell and Jean Schaefer, Co-chairs

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The Authors Luncheon raffle is fun for all of us, but in order to have a good one we need members to solicit prizes such as discounts or gift cards from any local business, donations of a weekend at a beach cottages, gourmet cooked meals, etc. Please use your imagination and report your donation to our Raffle Chairperson, Harvin Quidas (798-9017, [hquidas@yahoo.com](mailto:hquidas@yahoo.com)), as soon as possible.

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## **CAROLINA AUTHORS LUNCHEON/BOOK SALE**

**November 5, 2011**  
**Tickets \$ 28**

Please send your check (made out to AAUW Wilmington Branch)  
with self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Elaine Chandler, 1013 Steeplechase Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412  
or  
Purchase your tickets at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## AAUW Wilmington Branch Board 2011 - 2012

### Executive Board

President	Jean D'Addario
Vice President Program	Maggie Parish
Vice President Membership	Phyllis Leimer
Secretary	Sandra Apple
Treasurer	Ann Sherman-Skiba

### Committee Chairs

Bylaws	Audrey Hersom
Directory	Rita Karr
Educational Found./Scholarships	Enid Bellows
Historian	Jo Chadwick
Hospitality	Linda Wyatt and Rita Karr
Legal Advocacy Fund	Karen Holbrook
Newsletter	Amanda Boomershine
Publicity	Marva Moss
Public Policy	Kay Teagardner
Special Projects (Elect Her, \$tart \$mart)	Sandra McLaurin
Sunshine	June Creamer
December Luncheon	Harvin Quidas
May Luncheon	Mimi Cunningham
Carolina Author's Luncheon	Jean Schaefer (Coordinator), Lynn Gattone, & Ellen O'Malley (Books and Authors)
Eyes to the Future Vision Screening	Jeri Graham and Ellen O'Malley

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### Sunshine Lady



If you know of any members who could use a get well wish, some sympathy or congratulations please notify June Creamer (910) 791-4612 or e-mail [june\\_creamer@yahoo.com](mailto:june_creamer@yahoo.com), 8804 Whaley Circle, Wilmington NC 28412.

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## Lunch with Carolina Authors Saturday, November 5 – Warwick Center Ballroom, UNCW

Tickets are \$28. Tables of 8 are available for your book club or group of friends. Please send check payable to "AAUW- Wilmington Branch", and a stamped self - addressed envelope to:  
**Elaine Chandler, 1013 Steeplechase Rd., Wilmington, N.C. 28412 .**

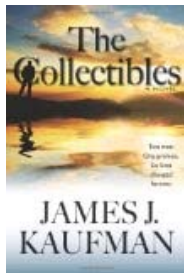
For information call Elaine at 399-2094 or Jean Schaefer at 395-6190.

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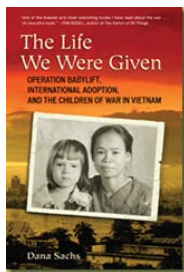
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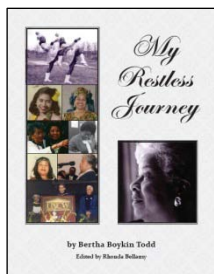
**Ellyn Bache** - author of **The Art of Saying Goodbye** and seven other novels including **Safe Passage** which became a Susan Sarandon film. Her latest novel is an inspiring reminder to live life to its fullest. It's the story of four friends who grapple with their dear friend's fatal illness. A deeply felt and beautiful story. A native of Washington D.C., Ellyn lived in Wilmington for over 20 years and now divides her time between the Carolinas and Pennsylvania.



**James Kaufman** – author of **The Collectibles** is an attorney, businessman and former judge. He drew heavily on his experience in law, the business world, and interactions with people of a widely different background to create his first novel. This is a gripping story of two men from two separate worlds. One man is touched by tragedy, the other by greed. They are brought together with unexpected results. Kaufman is currently writing a screen play for this book and working on a second novel.



**Dana Sachs** - author of **The Life We Were Given** examines the long lasting effects of the rescue called Operation Baby Lift in Viet Nam. Sachs presents and examines many perspectives on international adoptions. She follows one child, Anh, through her adoption and then decades later her return to meet her birth mother. Dana lived in Hanoi in the early 90's. This is her second book to delve into the Viet Nam era and experience.



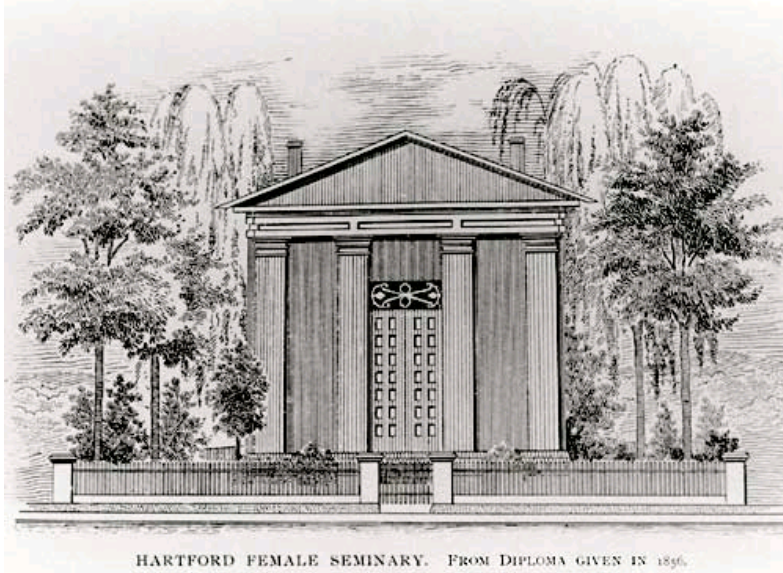
**Bertha Todd** - author of **My Restless Journey**, a memoir of her life as a strong voice for the African Community in Wilmington. Todd was a former school teacher, librarian, and principal as well as an active member in political circles and a community historian. She served on the 1898 Centennial Commission, and the New Hanover County Human Relation Commission. She takes us from her early childhood through the ups and downs of an active and invigorating life.

AMERICAN WOMEN WHO SHAPED WORLD HISTORY by Enid Bellows



## Catherine Beecher (1800-1878)

Catherine Beecher was a pioneer in mathematics education and education for women. Ideas that are considered “modern” today actually originated with her. She was born in New York in 1800, one of 13 children of an outspoken religious leader and a mother who loved to solve mathematical problems. Her famous siblings include Harriet Beecher Stowe and abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher.



Although she was born to a wealthy and prominent family, she was educated at home until she was 10 years old. At that time she went to a private school where she was taught the young women's limited curriculum. She was almost entirely self-taught and included subjects not available to her, including mathematics, Latin, and philosophy. Since there was no university education for women, Beecher at 20 undertook a two-year independent study course to prepare for teaching. In 1821 Catherine became a teacher at a school in New Haven, Connecticut. Later she opened the Hartford Seminary for Girls in Hartford, Connecticut, where her sister Harriet was first a pupil and then a

teacher.

In 1823 her fiancée was lost at sea.

In 1832 Beecher opened the Western Female Institute in Cincinnati to train teachers for the vast territory of the West. Through this school and other organizations, she set up training for 30,000 teachers. She also expanded the school curriculum to include physical education classes. She was one of the first to teach home economics as a school subject. She wrote several books on domestic science, explaining how to systematize homemaking skills. In 1832 she became one of the first American women to write a mathematics textbook, *Arithmetic Simplified*. Her work also led her to establish the “American Women's Educational Association.”

Some of Catherine Beecher's innovative ideas included: 1) dividing students below college level into smaller classes that were approximately equal in ability; 2) using the most gifted students to assist her in class; 3) limiting mathematics class size to 6 to 10 students, the maximum a teacher could teach effectively; 4) having teachers teach only 2 or 3 subjects instead of all subjects; 5) encouraging teachers to use visual aids in mathematics instruction; 6) using blackboards to work problems instead of having students memorize everything, which was the custom then; and 7) expecting students to fully understand what they were doing and to be able to communicate their reasoning in mathematical language rather than merely calculating the answers by rote.



Catherine Beecher died in 1878 from apoplexy.

# AAUW WILMINGTON NC BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FORM 2011 - 2012

**Yearly dues are \$75 for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:**

Association - \$49; State - \$11; Local - \$15

Dual members who have paid Association dues pay \$26 for state and branch dues. In-state dual members who have paid Association and state dues, pay \$15 for local branch dues.

**Please make checks payable to AAUW Wilmington, NC.** Directories will be available at monthly meetings, but if you would like to have your directory mailed to you, please add \$1 to your payment.

**My membership is** Renewal\_\_\_\_ New\_\_\_\_ Dual\_\_\_\_ Life\_\_\_\_ **I need a new name tag**\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the full form below; the information will be used to prepare the annual Directory and the membership data base. Please therefore print legibly!**

**NAME**\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY**\_\_\_\_\_ **STATE**\_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP**\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE: Home**\_\_\_\_\_ **Office**\_\_\_\_\_ **Cell**\_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**\_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE NAME**\_\_\_\_\_

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Please check to indicate your choices:

## Committees

- \_\_\_\_\_ Directory
- \_\_\_\_\_ Educational Foundation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raising
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historian
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Advocacy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Policy

## Skills/Interests

- \_\_\_\_\_ Accounting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer and Technology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Data Base
- \_\_\_\_\_ Editing/Proofreading
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing Transportation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please list)

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## Activity Groups

- \_\_\_\_\_ Book Clubs
- \_\_\_\_\_ International Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please list suggestions)
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## Special Projects

- \_\_\_\_\_ Author Lunch Fund Raiser
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Reception
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vision Screening

**PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**Phyllis H. Leimer, 1005 Summerlin Falls Court, WILMINGTON, NC 28412-5146**