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2009 Convention

AAUW NC plans 100th Anniversary celebration

You are invited!

What: Celebrate 100 years of AAUW in NC
When: Friday, March 27, 2009
Where: Blockade Runner Beachfront Hotel
 Wrightsville Beach, NC
Host: Wilmington Branch

Make your plans now to attend the 2009 AAUW NC Convention, March 27. Wilmington Branch and the AAUW NC program vice-presidents are working together to coordinate a memorable event in honor of AAUW NC's 100th anniversary. The format has been changed to one fantastic day on Friday, with the board meeting set for Saturday.

The program includes: Friday morning workshop on "Riding the Wave to Financial Independence;" networking luncheon; afternoon annual meeting and elections; free time to enjoy the beach, topped off with a Gala Birthday Celebration Banquet. Plan to arrive Thursday afternoon and join a trolley tour of historic downtown Wilmington.

The hotel is located right on the beach and the hosts have ordered beautiful weather for this special event! Activities for spouses are being planned, so

why not make it a mini-vacation and stay two nights? Breakfast is included in this great hotel rate of only \$99 plus tax.

Details and registration form will be online and in the next issue of the *Tar Heel News*.

Hotel reservation deadline: March 12

Make your hotel reservations by March 12. Call the Blockade Runner Hotel at 910.256.2251 or make your reservations online at www.blockade-runner.com, stating that you want a room in the AAUW block. Rooms held for AAUW NC will be released after that date and the room rate will increase. Check-in time is 3 p.m. and check-out is 11 a.m.

Convention chairwomen are Phyllis Guberman, gubermanj@bellsouth.net and Lill Van Order, lillvo@earthlink.net.

New Tar Heel Branch Takes Off

Implementing the "Branch without Borders" model that other states are beginning to adopt, AAUW NC is establishing a new branch to serve the entire state. At the Fall Board Meeting in Chapel Hill on Oct. 31, the state board of directors voted to approve this branch which has been named the Tar Heel Branch and 24 members have already signed on.

The branch has sent its application for a charter to the association. It anticipates receiving the charter before the end of the year.

If you have questions or want more information about the Tar Heel Branch, see <http://tarheel.aauwnc.org> or call or email the following:

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2009 AAUW Convention

June 26-29

Breaking THROUGH Barriers

Renaissance St. Louis Grand & Suites Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

www.aauw.org/convention
Best value registration is open

President's Message



*Expanding
Our Horizons*

Millie Hoffler-Foushee
AAUW NC President

Wow!! At last we have no more campaign ads. I don't know about you, but I was getting campaign fatigue. They say that we are going for change in our country. Whether it was our guy or not, we must all come together and work for a better tomorrow.

This is the same thing for AAUW. The proposed bylaws are calling for some major changes. We must read and reread them to understand what they are saying and what they will mean for the future of AAUW. Do not look at what it used to be, but instead what do you want it to be now. Times have changed and we must keep up with the times or there will be no AAUW.

Some changes may be too drastic or untimely. Or it could be that our leaders have not delivered their rationale for the changes in a manner that we can get on board. Maybe our leaders have a lot more work to do to convince us. Hopefully, we will have a member come to our convention in March. **You** need to be there! The time has been shortened but we have added so many different types of activities **and** we have something for spouses/significant others. The board meeting has been moved to Saturday morning.

See... even we have made changes.

Special note from president: This 4-page issue allows us to fulfill our periodical rate mailing permit. It is being sent to all AAUW NC members. Bundles are being sent only to presidents who requested them.

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Honoring a Century of NC Leadership

- C** – converge on Wilmington!
- E** – energize new goals
- L** – lead your branch to reach our \$\$ gift challenge
- E** – enlist the wisdom of members
- B** – become advocates to reduce barriers
- R** – reach for new heights
- A** – arrange to meet friends, old and new
- T** – teach new members to see our value
- E** – enjoy the fruits of our 100 years

Fall workshops offer information, ideas for branches

Fall finance workshop notes

On Saturday, Nov. 1, AAUW NC board members led informational sessions for the attendees at the fall leadership meeting.

Mary Fran Schickedantz, treasurer, explained how to file the IRS 990N (the e-postcard). Branches were advised to file it by Nov. 15 in order to comply with IRS requirements for small nonprofit organizations. Branches with an income of more than \$25,000 or other factors that may complicate their tax status are, of course, encouraged to discuss requirements with a tax professional. If the branch's employee identification number (EIN) has been listed on AAUW's earlier reports to the IRS, this should be a simple process:

- Check the IRS page on the 990N to see the information you need (EIN, contact address, other names, etc.)
- Go to the e-postcard site, epostcard.form990.org. (there's a link on the IRS page) and follow the simple registration process.

If there's a problem with your EIN, do try to get it resolved this year to preserve your branch's nonprofit site. Schickedantz and AAUW NC President Millie Hoffler-Foushee, as well as the AAUW helpline – connect@aaauw.org – are available to help work through the issues. Branch presidents and treasurers are especially encouraged to ensure that the branch form is filed correctly.

Schickedantz also showed the AAUW Leadership DVD module for the branch finance officers. This video and the accompanying slides are both available at the www.aauw.org Member Center: Financial accountability video and Financial accountability powerpoint.

Fall membership workshop notes

Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo, membership vice-president, presented information from two sources at the AAUW NC fall meeting on Nov. 1.

Bassoppo-Moyo shared highlights from the booklet produced by AAUW Fremont (CA), *From Near Disbandment to Success: The Fremont AAUW Story*.

Learn how Fremont, California AAUW devised and implemented a business model to reverse the trend of declining membership. Within two years of applying their model, branch membership increased from 77 to 162.

AAUW NC has purchased a copy that you can borrow from Bassoppo-Moyo or send for your own copy. \$20 includes cost of shipping and handling. Make check payable to Fremont AAUW and mail to PO Box 8254, Fremont CA 94537-8254. Include your name, branch, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Bassoppo-Moyo also covered the highlights from the AAUW Membership VP Toolkit, which was sent in late summer to all branch Membership VPs and includes the 2008 Leadership DVD and accompanying CD of resources. The documents and information are, of course, almost all available at www.aauw.org, but if you'd like to see their arrangement as presented to the membership vps, they've been uploaded to the AAUW NC member center. Start at "table of contents" page (login as you would to view the AAUW NC branch state rosters).

Efforts to prevent school violence continue

Elaine T. Ostrowski, AAUW NC Public Policy and Advocacy

The problem of bullying in our schools is addressed in the proposed School Violence Prevention Act was considered in the 2007-08 NC Legislative session. A renewed effort is underway to get the bill passed in the next session.

The School Violence Prevention Act would require local school systems to adopt strong, clear policies against bullying and harassment for all students. The bill contains critical language enumerating categories of student characteristics that are often targeted, including physical appearance, race sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression.

Equality NC sponsored two roundtable discussions on bullying and harassment in NC's schools and how to end it and information on the School Violence Prevention Act in October, in Boone and Wilmington.

For more information, contact Rebecca Mann, rebecca@equalitync.org, 919-793-8893.

The proposed legislation supports one of AAUW NC's current Public Policy Program action priorities: "Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces and communities." Postcards for members to sign expressing support of the bill will be available by contacting Ostrowski.

Member-only resources easy to access

At the North Carolina board meeting on Friday evening, Oct. 31, and at the leadership meeting, Nov. 1, the communications team handed out wallet cards on which members are encouraged to write down the following login information.

- www.aauw.org member center
Forms, officer resources, governance information, member-only publications
- www.aauw.org
Member Services Database (the MSD) - online records access where you can update your record, check your branch roster, make a donation, contact officers
- www.aauwnc.org member center
Branch/state officer directory, member-only resources
- www.aauwnc.org
Login to add content - add your messages to this site

The business card-sized handout also included the web addresses and the toll-free numbers for both AAUW and AAUW NC. Contact Connie Gamble Ochse or Nancy Shoemaker (tate/" see Contacts) if you want more cards to hand out in your branch.

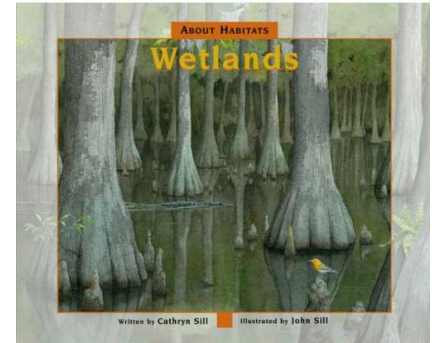
Note: If you do write the user name/password on the card (rather than using it as just a reminder of the options, the Web addresses and the options) you may want to keep the card in a secure place (i.e., not in a wallet that might be lost).

Cathryn Sill wins AAUW NC Award for Juvenile Literature

Cathryn Sill received the AAUW NC Award for Juvenile Literature at the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association's 108th Meeting held on Saturday, Nov., in Raleigh.

Sill received the award for her latest book, *About Habitats: Wetlands*. This is a basic text aimed at grades PreK-3. Each page details a characteristic of a type of wetland in simple and succinct language. Sentences are short and simple for young readers to understand. As children look at the colorful illustrations, they will gain additional knowledge of the habitats by learning words that depict different environments.

Encouraging an appreciation by young children of our environment through Sill's book is very important as we seek to protect our world from the ravages of pollution and other environmental hazards. Besides the succinct text and the beautifully detailed illustrations, an afterword contains a description of the various habitats.



Sill is a former elementary school teacher and the author of the *About...* series. With her husband, John, and brother-in-law, Ben Sill, she co-authored the popular bird-guide parodies, *A Field Guide to Little-Known and Seldom-Seen Birds of North America* and *Beyond Birdwatching*. Husband John is a noted wildlife illustrator for all the *About* books. Other Sill books for young children include *About Marsupials*, *About Birds*, *About Mammals*, and *About Insects*.

The American Association of University Women Award for Juvenile Literature is presented by AAUW of North Carolina and administered by the North Carolina Literary and Historical

Get pay equity, other resources

You can find the AAUW Pay Equity Resource Kit and other useful resources at:
www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm

Get-Out-The-Vote Projects build momentum in historic election

From Margaret Madgwick, Brevard Branch Public Policy Chair

The afternoon of Sept. 23, AAUW Brevard was asked by the Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL), a Brevard College campus organization, to assist in a voter registration project. Robin Funsten, the student coordinator, said the project was to begin the next day. We sent a quick e-mail to our membership asking for volunteers to work with the college women. We needed at least one member for a total of 40 time slots over a period 20 days, Sept. 25-Oct. 10.

We missed that first day, but were able to cover the schedule after that very easily.

AAUW members were struck by the willingness of students to agree to register or to tell us that they were already registered at home and were awaiting absentee ballots. Funsten reported that nearly 50 new registrations were gathered and submitted to the Department of Elections during the first two days.

Because "getting-out-the-vote" was the goal, AAUW Brevard Branch wanted to take things a step farther. We asked Funsten if providing rides to the polls might help. As soon as she got official college permission, we put together a "Shuttle To Vote" schedule. AAUW members were stationed at the Dining Hall for one hour each day of North Carolina's "One Stop" voting days (Oct. 16-Nov. 1). The polls were nearby, but we wanted to make it difficult for students to come up with excuses not to vote. Requests for rides were never more than one or two each day, but we were there making the students aware each day of the opportunity to vote.

Seeing the enthusiasm of these new voters made the entire experience momentous. Having had time to hang out with these "Women of Leadership" was an extra bonus!

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Look beyond your own branch in
pursuit of our mission.

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When & Where!

March 27, 2009

AAUW NC Convention

Wilmington (Board Meeting, March 28)

June 26-28 2009

AAUW Convention

St. Louis

Summer 2009

AAUW NC Summer Meeting

Hendersonville

Fall 2009

AAUW NC Fall Meeting

High Country (Boone)

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AAUW Gains Special Consultative Status with United Nations Council

WASHINGTON – AAUW has gained special consultative status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which initiates reports, makes recommendations, and promotes respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

For many years, AAUW has had a U.N. representative attending select meetings and monitoring issues affecting women and girls. The new designation allows AAUW to participate in international conferences, sign on to NGO statements, and share AAUW's expertise.

"We closely follow a variety of international issues ranging from girls' education to women's economic security to human rights to women in peacekeeping," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "This new status will strengthen AAUW's presence globally and provide us with greater opportunities to engage in U.N.-related activities and initiatives that break through barriers for women and girls."

AAUW has a proud history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 2,200 international fellowships to women from more than 130 countries and partnering with leading international humanitarian organizations on initiatives to empower women.

Next year, AAUW will actively advocate for women at the 53rd session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS.

"AAUW can now advocate more effectively and support policies aimed at strengthening gender equality, especially in the areas of the economic, social, political, and reproductive health rights of women and girls," said Carolyn Donovan, AAUW's U.N. representative.

Currently, AAUW is encouraging its branches to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10 and to continue supporting ratification of the women's rights treaty the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

"AAUW members have long supported our efforts, from hosting international visitors to initiating forums and symposia on global issues pertinent to women and girls," said Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW's director of fellowships, grants, and international programs. "We are thrilled that our role is expanding."

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