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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW NC 2010 Convention

"Honor the Past and Serve the Future"

Friday and Saturday April 16-17, 2010

Hilton Charlotte University Place | Charlotte, NC

Friday, April 16, 2010

- 2 PM** Registration & Check-In
- 4 PM-6 PM** AAUW NC Board Meeting
- 6:15 PM** Dinner (*on your own*)
- 8 PM Movie** "Patsy Mink and Title IX"
- 8:30 PM** Registration Closes

Saturday April 17, 2010

- 7:30 AM** Registration Reopens
- 9 AM** Convention Opens
- 9:30-10:30 AM** Workshops (*choose one*)

Workshop 1

Beth Jacobs, Coordinator of Advocacy, Outreach & Training at the NC Justice Center. "Exposing the Gap: Revisited" An overview of a decade of efforts in NC to narrow the racial achievement gap, and the results of those efforts statewide.

Workshop 2

Beth Dehghan, Coordinator of NC Committee for CEDAW/CSW. "15 Years After Beijing" An up-to-date overview of the health, welfare and well being of women around the world and current efforts in NC to ratify the international bill of rights for women.

Workshop 3

Mel Miller, Certified Financial Planner in Charlotte, NC.

"Networks: The Values of Belonging" A discussion of how to develop professional as well as social networks through contacts, information-sharing, friendships and other avenues of connecting with others.

10:30 AM BREAK

10:45-11:45 AM Workshops Repeat (*choose one*)

Noon Lunch Buffet

1:15-2:00 PM

"St. Louis and Our New 'Lean' Machine" Carol Rognrud, Senior Development Officer, AAUW (Leader on Loan to North Carolina)

2:00-2:10 PM BREAK

2:10-3:30 PM Annual Business Meeting

3:30-3:40 PM BREAK

3:40-4:00 PM NC Juvenile Literature Award & Comments. Clay Carmichael, author of "Wild Things" (*Author signing begins at 4:30 PM*)

4:00-4:20 PM Memorial Service

5:30 PM Cash bar opens

6:00 PM Installation of Officers

6:15 PM Dinner

7:00 PM "Toast to the Branches" Celebration

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for Secretary, Membership VP, and five members of the Nominating Committee. Since there is no President Elect, we are also seeking a nominee for President. We are also looking for a Treasurer, as Mary Fran Schickedantz agreed to remain treasurer only until someone is found to take her place. Please step forward and notify the committee if you can fill one of these positions or to nominate others. If ever you were needed you are needed now.

Contact me: Pat Abell pca711@roadrunner.com Land phone 704 872-9451, cell phone 704 682-0087 and leave me a message.

President's Message



*Expanding
Our Horizons*
Millie Hoffer-Foushee
AAUW NC President

We are coming closer and closer to convention time. The Program Vice Presidents and the Charlotte branch are working hard to bring you a good and productive time. More information will be coming soon in a branch president's packet. We expect a large crowd since so much has changed since the last convention. We have chosen the middle of North Carolina to be more convenient for everyone. As I mentioned in my last newsletter message, we will have a dynamic leader-on-loan from national. We will also have our Juvenile Literature Award winner. Two evenings of fun are also on the agenda to let you meet women from other branches and network. The program and workshops will be informative and exciting.

As we look ahead, I again ask that you come with an open mind and heart, so that we can make decisions to benefit all of our branches, along with the women and girls of North Carolina.

The Nominating Committee is still looking for volunteers to fill the positions of President, Membership Vice President and Secretary. Please get in touch with Pat Abell of the Statesville branch.

I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

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Wilmington Branch Offers scholarship to Cape Fear Community College Students

Each year the AAUW-Wilmington Branch offers a scholarship to non-traditional students graduating from Cape Fear Community College and enrolling at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Jean Schaefer, president of the Wilmington branch, is pictured with this year's scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Fonteyne. During the annual Carolina Authors Luncheon event, held at UNCW Warwick Center, November 2009, Ms. Fonteyne shared her background and goals with the audience and thanked the branch for its support.



Jean Schaefer, president of the Wilmington Branch and this year's scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Fonteyne

AAUW NC Welcomes New College/University Rep



We are saying good-bye to Elmira Mangum, our College/University Representative, and extending a warm welcome to Dr. M. Cookie Newsom. Dr. Newsom currently serves as Director of Diversity Education and Assessment at UNC Chapel Hill. She holds a BS in Education, an MA in History and a PhD in Educational Leadership. Dr. Newsom has made presentations at many national conferences including the American Education Research Association, American Association of University Professors Conference, American Association of Blacks in Higher Education and the American Council on Education. She is the author of numerous articles addressing diversity in education.

Award Winner Attends Convention

Award-winning author and illustrator Clay Carmichael will receive the AAUW Award for Juvenile Literature at the Charlotte convention on Saturday afternoon, April 17. *Wild Things* shares the story of 11 year old Zoe, who is adopted by her sculptor uncle after her mother commits suicide. His zany artistic creations, a lively feral cat and other creatures, make for a fresh and rewarding tale which was also selected as a Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2009. Carmichael lives and works in Carrboro, NC with her husband, sculptor Mike Roig. She teaches writing and illustrating, in addition to giving presentations about her publishing process. As a Writer-in-Residence at schools, she teaches poetry, illustration and bookmaking. Her picture books are available in many languages. Carmichael will sign her books following the presentation on Saturday. The NC Office of Archives and History of the NC Dept. of Cultural Resources administers the book award program, including AAUW's recognition of outstanding juvenile literature authors.



Award-winning Author and illustrator Clay Carmichael



25th Anniversary

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of NCCWSL

Early-bird registration opens February 15 and costs the same as last year!

**National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
June 3 - 5, 2010
University of Maryland**

Don't let students miss out on this signature leadership event. For more information, visit www.nccwsl.org.



State Convention Accommodations

The AAUW NC State Convention will be held at the Hilton Charlotte University Place Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th, 2010.

The Hilton is located at 8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262, next to the I-85 exit and just 6 miles from I-77. It's a 100% non-smoking, lakeside property, whose meeting rooms and guest rooms have been recently renovated.

There are a total of 12 floors and nearly 393 Guest rooms in this full-service hotel which has many amenities to make your stay a pleasurable one, including a fitness center, concierge service, a restaurant and car rental

on the premises.

There is complimentary self-parking available, as well as valet parking. Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 11:00a.m.

The room rate is priced at \$109.00 per night for double occupancy.

You may book your reservation now. The number to call is: 1- 800-HILTONS. Ask for "AAUW" and anyone answering can help you. You may also call the hotel reservation desk

directly at 704-547-7444.

The deadline for making a reservation at the convention rate of \$109.00 is March 17th, 2010. Please book your room early to be assured of availability.

If you have questions or need further information, please call Diane Schneider, Charlotte Branch President, weekday evenings, at: 704-598-6268.



Directions to convention hotel

FROM 1-40 EAST/ HICKORY/ ASHEVILLE

Take 1-40 east towards Statesville
Take 1-77 south direction Charlotte.
Take Exit 18-WT Harris Blvd.
Turn left at the end of the exit-proceed
for 7 miles.
Cross over 1-85. Turn left at third red-
light. This is the entrance to the hotel.

FROM 1-85 SOUTH / GREENSBORO

Exit 45 A, WT Harris Blvd. East
Cross over 1-85.
Turn left at third red-light. This is
the entrance to the hotel.

FROM 1-40 WEST/ RALEIGH, DURHAM, CHAPEL HILL, ETC.

Take 1-40 west through Greensboro.
Pick-Up 1-85 south direction Charlotte
Exit 45 A, WT Harris Blvd. East.
Cross over 1-85.
Turn left at third red-light. This is the
entrance to the hotel.

AAUW NC 2010 Convention Registration
April 16-17, 2010
 Hilton Charlotte University Place Charlotte, NC

For online registration see www.aauwnc.org

Name _____ Branch _____
please print legibly
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

STATUS (check only one)
 Branch Member Member -at-Large C/U Rep _____ Student Affiliate
college/university

SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS (check all that apply)
 50 yr. member Life Member AAUW NC Past President AAUW Grant Recipient First-Timer

SPECIAL NEEDS (access, dietary, etc.) _____

REGISTRATION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<small>(all charges must be paid in advance)</small>		
Registration by April 1	\$35	_____
Bundled (registration, lunch & dinner)	\$81	_____
Late registration fee after April 1	\$10	_____

MEALS		
Lunch	\$16	_____
Dinner	\$30	_____

Check # _____ (payable to Charlotte Branch AAUW) **TOTAL PAID** _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES - list 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices. See workshop descriptions elsewhere in this THN.
 () Exposing the Gap: Revisited () 15 Years After Beijing () Networks: The Values of Belonging

Mail by April 10 to:	Marilyn Bissell 6744 Constitution Lane Charlotte, NC 28210	For Registration Use Only Postmarked _____ Amt. Rec'd _____
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MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 17, 2010

A block of rooms is being held for AAUW reservations until March 17. Rooms will be released after this date and the room rate will increase. Please make your reservations early to be assured of availability. The Hilton Charlotte University Place is a 100% nonsmoking facility; self and valet parking available; restaurant on premises (breakfast is **not included** in room rate).

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM

RATE: \$109 per night Toll Free 1-800-HILTONS (ask for AAUW) Direct Desk 704-547-7444

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EITHER

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Charlotte Convention Highlights

Lill Van Order and I welcome you all to convention in Charlotte on April 16-17, 2010! We have planned convention activities with a variety of topics to appeal to all branch members.

Make a point to attend the Board meeting late Friday afternoon. Full participation by all branches is important, especially before we begin another year of planning and programming for our state organization in 2010-2011.

On Friday evening (following dinner on your own with friends), we will show the film highlighting the efforts of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink (1927-2002), principal author of Title IX. Mink drafted the legislation as an outgrowth of adversities she faced in obtaining her undergraduate degrees at the University of Hawaii and University of Nebraska.

Attendees will have a choice of attending two of three workshops on Saturday morning:

- Beth Jacobs from the NC Justice Center will discuss a decade of efforts in NC to narrow the racial achievement gap in education.
- Beth Dehghan, NC Coordinator of efforts to ratify the international bill of rights for women, will provide an up-to-date report on these activities, as well

as discuss the global welfare and well-being of women over the last fifteen years.

- Mel Miller, professional financial advisor, will discuss the values of networking in the context of professional and social benefits.

Following a lunch buffet, Carol Rognrud, AAUW national Senior Development Officer, will speak and entertain questions as our Leader On Loan to this convention. We expect that discussion at the business meeting at 2:00 p.m. will focus in part on proposed bylaws changes to address the voting process for AAUW NC members attending convention or special meetings of the state.

Later on Saturday afternoon, author and illustrator Clay Carmichael will receive the AAUW Juvenile Literature Award and comment on *Wild Things*, her award-winning book. Carmichael will also be available for book signing.

Our annual Memorial Service will conclude Saturday's activities before the evening banquet begins, which will feature a cash bar, a "Toast to the Branches" and installation of new state officers.

The Gastonia and Salisbury branches are working with convention coordinator Diane Schneider and other members of the Charlotte branch to make the hospitality suite arrangements for Friday and Saturday.

The North Carolina Council for Women/ Domestic Violence Commission

AAUW member Mary A. Peterson has been named to chair the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission for 2010. The Council/Commission also has a new executive director, Jill Dinwiddie. The NC Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission involve the work of two separate statewide boards working to improve the lives of women in NC.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the N.C. Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission is to advise the governor, North Carolina legislature and the state departments on the special needs of women in North Carolina by:

- Identifying and assessing needs.
- Collecting and distributing information about the status of women.
- Acting as a resource for local Councils/Commis-

sions for women.

- Collaborating with other groups and individuals working on behalf of women.
- Identifying and assessing statewide needs, including domestic violence.
- Assuring that necessary services, policies and programs are provided to those in need and strengthening existing programs.

Mary reminds us of an important point of view: *"Service is the rent we pay for space on this earth,"* quoted from former US Representative Shirley Chisholm.

For more information, please contact:

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And After Convention?

The easiest aspect of planning for the April 2010 state convention in Charlotte is knowing that there is a beginning and an end.

Registration opens on Friday at 2pm and convention ends after the Saturday banquet. As Program Co-VPs, our task is to fit various activities into this time frame.

There is a much greater challenge confronting not only AAUW officers but all branch members once convention is over. We all must answer the question, "What should we do with our state organization?"

This question will take a great deal of time to discuss, debate and resolve.

The prime reasons for beginning to rethink AAUW NC's leadership structure are the branches' changing needs. How many of our branches resemble those that were active in their communities five years ago? 10 or 15 years ago?

Over 20 years ago (in 1987) at AAUW's Biennial Convention, delegates passed a resolution to encourage states (and branches) to explore organizational structures to make the most effective use of members' time, talents, energies and resources. Shortly after that convention, an article in *Leader in Action* offered the following guidelines for beginning an exercise to develop an effective branch or state structure:

- Focus on function rather than structure. FORM WILL FOLLOW FUNCTION when the goals of the organization, rather than the officer and committee positions,

are charted.

- Ask "What can we do for our branches?" rather than "What can our branches do for AAUW?"
- Focus on job content rather than job titles or job descriptions.
- Consider shared or rotating leadership models, as well as consensus decision-making.
- Be open to organizing by geographic location or by interests or by skills.
- Don't worry about the bylaws.

While we will just touch briefly on some of these issues in Charlotte (perhaps at Board or business meetings), the question, "What should we do with our state organization?" begs for unhurried answers.

As Program CoVPs for one more year, we would be willing to plan some kind of "constitutional convention" in 2011. We envision a session over sandwiches, a glass of wine and perhaps even roasted marshmallows, where branches begin this discussion. "Don't do too much too fast" would be the first premise of this. Trust, a willingness to take risks and a respect for the similarities and differences in opinion that each branch would bring to the discussion are the only other prerequisites for participating.

We welcome your comments about this idea. Lill can be reached at lillvo@earthlink.net and Karla can be reached at bardofb@citcom.net. Please forward your thoughts to us.

NC Governor's Conference

Mark your calendar!

The NC Governor's Conference for Women will be held in Raleigh this year on November 9. It's a one-day conference with activities from 7am to 5pm.

Online registration will begin in the Spring of 2010. Below is a description of the conference found on their web site:

The North Carolina Governor's Conference for Women is a powerful annual convening of more than 1,500 women from across the state to energize dialogue on a variety of issues pertinent to women. Launched in 2006 (then as the North Carolina Conference for Women), this day-long experience

includes a mix of dynamic speakers who share their passions, entertainment and an interactive expo for networking, information sharing, and education.

Our mission is to provide a platform for women of all ages and backgrounds across North Carolina to network with peers and become informed on timely issues that are of value to today's women.

For more information go to the web site www.ncwomensconference.com

AAUW NC had a booth at this conference when it was in Charlotte. Perhaps this would be a good way to promote the \$tart \$mart Wage Project to NC Women and NC Colleges.

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AAUW North Carolina

Theme:

Expanding Our Horizons

Look beyond your own branch in
pursuit of our mission.

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When & Where!

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Communications Team Leader Needed

After three years as Communications Team Leader, Connie Gamble Ochse is stepping down on June 30. "The person coming into this position will be backed by a team that works together seamlessly," says Gamble Ochse.

The Communications Team Leader's responsibilities, as well as those of the team, are clearly spelled out in a production schedule that is published before each quarterly edition of the Tar Heel News. Among those responsibilities are gathering articles

for the newsletter and forwarding those to the copy editor, who then sends them on to the graphics team. The team leader then proofs, along with others, and forwards the final copy to the printer and arranges for it to be delivered to AAUW NC's mailing service. A copy is also sent to our webmaster to be posted to our web site.

Anyone interested in the Communications Team Leader position may call Connie at 910-346-8223, e-mail her at cgo@ec.rr.com or contact Millie at millieh@triad.rr.com

Tar Heel Branch Issues Invitation to Members-at-Large

The new Tar Heel Branch Without Borders
invites members-at-large to join them.

For \$16/year, get all the issues of this AAUW NC newsletter, support AAUW's efforts across the state and connect to other members as you see fit.

A membership in the Tar Heel Branch also makes a great gift.
Check out <http://tarheel.aauwnc.org/> or contact Doris Bernlohr at:
dbernlhr@bellsouth.net or call 336-586-7001.