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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.

# No More "Business as Usual"

Lill Van Order & Karla Atkinson, Vice Presidents for Program

Convention has ended, with thanks to Charlotte, workshop presenters and other leaders who helped to put the event together.

The nagging question remains, "What are we going to do with AAUW NC?" A small group of members spent Sunday breakfast following convention planning how to address this question. It was proposed and accepted that the state fall state board meeting focus only on this question.

What is clear is that doing "business as usual" for AAUW NC is a dead proposition, for these reasons:

- Of six elected leadership positions, only two positions are filled. The Executive Committee can no longer function without a majority of these positions filled.
- Several appointed positions/committee chairs are vacant. Most administrative services, all public policy efforts, financial accountability and ongoing communication through the Tar Heel News are at risk of shutting down.
- Efforts to capitalize on progress made through the STEM projects, the WAGE program and college/ university relations could suffer.

The business of AAUW NC now falls solely on the shoulders of the branches, especially branch presidents who now make the decisions affecting the future of our state organization with their votes on the Board. That's 20 branch votes which far outweigh those few votes of elected and appointed leaders.

According to the Association Bylaws, Branches cannot exist without a state organization. However, this year's Nominating Committee came up empty-handed in trying to do "business as usual" to structure AAUW NC. Four leaders from the Tryon, Hendersonville, New Bern and Greensboro branches will be contacting all branch presidents to do some preliminary research before the fall Board meeting. They will be asking such questions as: What should be the business of AAUW NC? What should AAUW NC be doing for the branches?

Is there any value in having a state organization and if so, what is that value? How should AAUW NC be structured to maximize that value to the branches?

Do you have branch members who are willing to make AAUW NC work toward these ends?

The new flexibility that our Association allows in state structures encourages such open-ended questions and leaves plenty of freedom for branches' answers. Almost everything is up for grabs at this shaky point in our state history. It is your decision. We encourage you to talk in your branches about these questions. Take some positions; define your priorities; be honest.

With any statewide meeting, finding a location, date and suitable accommodations are key to the success of getting as much participation and therefore maximum input from all our branch members to discuss the future of AAUW NC. We are trying now to pull this fall Board meeting together. Stay tuned for upcoming details, which we'll send along as soon as possible.

#### President's Message



Expanding
Our Horizons
Millie Hoffler-Foushee
AAUW NC President

Nearing the end of my term as president, I wish to thank all of the members who encouraged me and helped me over the last two years. I wish to especially thank my team who worked so hard to give us a rewarding two years. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo was the most energetic and effective membership chair that I have seen. She did so much to stay tuned in with the members and help them as much as she could. Both co-program VPs, Karla Atkinson and Lill Van Order, had informative programs, streamlined so that we were able to have effective programming, geared to the needs of our members. I wish to thank the branches that hosted these meetings.. Elaine Ostrowski kept us informed on all the public policy coming down from National as well as our State. She, like Sheila, had numerous conference calls with the branches. I wish to thank Sue Mengert for stepping in as acting secretary when Mary Stephens had to resign. And finally, I cannot forget Mary Fran Schickedantz, our treasurer, who spent countless hours keeping the books for us and getting together with me no matter where she had to meet me.

I have a very special thanks to Elizabeth Laney who stepped in to straighten out our bylaws and submit them to National and her diligent work on the bylaws change submitted to our state convention. Last but not least, thanks to our communications chair, Connie Gamble Ochse, who has worked for over five years to give us an award-winning Tar Heel News. She is fantastic and will surely be missed.

We had a wonderful convention. Nancy Shoemaker has posted the highlights on our website. What would we do without Nancy? We are so fortunate to have someone like her. The Charlotte branch showed us a fine time. My thanks to their president, Diane Schneider, and her team for volunteering to get the job done.

Now, we have to look to the future. How do we want our State to function? What is the best way for the State to help you? How often should we meet? How do we meet? How many officers do we need? These and more questions we have to answer as we move forward. All of us have a stake in the implementation of our mission. We all want to help women and girls and make AAUW a viable part of our communities.

We have honored the past, **now** we must **serve the future**.

### Salute to Millie Hoffler-Foushee

By Karla Atkinson

Millie Hoffler-Foushee retires as AAUW NC president this summer, ending seven consecutive years of service on the AAUW NC Board of Directors. Her skills as an independent financial services professional were called into play when she served as state treasurer from 2003-2007. Millie served as president-elect under AAUW NC then-president Nancy Shoemaker the following year. She entered her term as president soon after Association began to outline the proposed bylaws changes which would be voted on in St. Louis in June 2009. She noted the previous winter, in her president's message in the Tar Heel News, that "times have changed and we must keep up with the times or there will be no

As Millie predicted, times did change things for AAUW NC. Our state membership and giving followed the same trend of national decline during her presidency. Much of her effort this past year has been directed at focusing state conversations on the implications of changes approved in St. Louis for our state organization. The membership's approval at our recent convention in Charlotte of a one member-one vote system (to replace the delegate system) was a move that Millie began championing immediately after St. Louis. She also oversaw the 100th anniversary of AAUW of North Carolina at convention last year in Wilmington and promoted a streamlined convention format which members had supported in earlier surveys. Millie accepted the position as AAUW Finance Director Vice President in July 2009. Since then, her time has been even more divided between branch, state and Washington meetings and community service for non-profit organizations in Guilford County (and clients at H&R Block).

A member of the Greensboro branch since 1995, Millie received the Dr. Shirley Hall Award for exemplary branch service. The Greensboro branch also awarded EF funds in Millie's honor during her term as the branch's co-president from 2001-2003. The Board recognized Millie as a long time steward and leader of AAUW NC at the banquet in Charlotte with a token of appreciation, and the announcement that a full scholarship in her name will support one young woman to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders this June in Washington.

We are fortunate to have an inside track on AAUW affairs with Millie on the Association Board and expect that she will continue to bring these insights back to our state organization as it evolves to meet those times she predicted.

Thanks and best wishes to our retiring president...

# HONOR ROLL

Legacy Circle Members Honored in Charlotte\* ELIZABETH M. NORRIS
GLORIA H. BLANTON
LESLIE W. SYRON
BARBARA ANN HUGHES
SHIRLEY S. QUISENBERRY
MILDRED T. HOFFLER-FOUSHEE

\*Members have named AAUW as a beneficiary in a will, trust or life insurance policy

## 2010 Convention Recap

by Karla Atkinson

The April 16-17, 2010, AAUW NC Convention in Charlotte attracted sixty members and guests for a Friday night and full-day Saturday schedule of activities. Host Charlotte Branch was commended for a job well done in planning, registration, hospitality and logistics.

#### Some of the highlights included:

The "Patsy Mink" movie was a moving, well documented story of the 12- term Congresswoman from Hawaii who never wavered in her commitment to keeping the women's rights agenda before Congress. Mink was the first woman of color and the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress. Several of the old political "players" during her terms in office are remembered in the film. Running just about an hour, the movie is quite suitable for a branch program.

Beth Dehghan's workshop on CEDAW (Council on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) reminded participants of unfinished business in the US Congress. Several participants signed the petition to alert Senators Burr and Hagan of the need to ratify CEDAW when it is favorably reported out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dehghan's organization, WomanNC, and her success in involving college students to speak on international women's issues such as education, employment, health care, marital status, and trafficking of women and girls are well detailed on the web site: www.womennc.org.

Mel Miller's (Associate Financial Advisor) workshop on networking underscored two points: a) the importance of establishing, then maintaining personal, face-to-face contacts) the use of technology (email, Facebook, etc.) to market whatever one may be selling. She noted that any effort to market a product (in our case marketing AAUW to potential younger members) must look to technology and electronic media to reach and appeal to this audience.

Carol Rognrud, Association Director, Transformational Giving, noted that members enable philanthropy with their time, talent and treasure. She described various initiatives to promote philanthropy, including legacy and giving circles, partnerships, branch giving and individual giving. Review Rognrud's presentation on our web site. See the article elsewhere in this THN issue for the Honor Roll of NC Philanthropic Donors.

Read the minutes from the Board and business meetings during convention at <a href="https://www.aauwnc.org">www.aauwnc.org</a>. Noteworthy was the AAUW NC Bylaws change to eliminate the delegate voting system at state meetings, replacing that system with one vote for each member in good standing who attends a state meeting.

AAUW was selected by the National Science Foundation to conduct a study of women's under representation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The study titled Why So Few has been released. Copies were given to convention attendees at the business meeting on Saturday. A branch may request copies at <a href="https://www.aauw.org">www.aauw.org</a> to donate to their local library or add to their own branch library.

Lill Van Order's creative toast to the branches was a welcome

change from the traditional evening banquet format of past conventions. Each branch was given a symbolic token to recognize an accomplishment unique to that branch. Can you match each accomplishment with just one of the branches listed below? Lill did when saluting our twenty NC branches at the end the 2010 convention activities on Saturday evening.

- 1. Asheville
- 2. Brevard
- 3. Tryon
- 4. Hendersonville
- 5. Wilmington
- 6. Statesville
- 7. Tar Heel
- 8. Jacksonville
- 9. Sandhills/Southern Pines:

- a. Ruth Pauley Lecture Series
- b. Clemson U. Science/Math Scholarships
- c. Telephone Tree for Equity
- d. Reading is Fundamental with Clifford
- e. First Virtual Branch in NC
- f. Eyes to the Future Vision Screening
- g. 40+ Year Book Sale
- h. Moonlight Literacy School in the 30's
- i. Waste Management Study for Local Gov.

#### AAUW NC CONVENTION - Tar Heel Branch

Sixteen members of the Tar Heel Branch spent a great weekend in educational workshops, conducting business, touring the UNC Charlotte campus and much, much more. Our thanks to THB members Diane Schneider, president of the Charlotte Branch, which hosted the convention, Elizabeth Laney, also of Charlotte who was a key member of Diane's convention team, as well as the AAUW NC Bylaws Chair, and Karla Atkinson and Lill van Order, AAUW NC Co-Program VP's, for putting it all together with style. See www.aauwnc. org for updates and the www.facebook.com/aauwnc page for pictures of many of the branch members.

# TAR HEEL BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING: WE DID IT! WE MET OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL!!!!

Last year at our annual meeting in Wilmington, I challenged our branch to double our membership by the time we left Charlotte in 2010. We did just that!! Our membership at the annual meeting in Wilmington 2009 was 28 members. Just hours before our annual meeting in Charlotte, Lois McCarthy of Sandhills-Southern Pines and Bonnie Will of the Charlotte Branch took us to the goal of 56 members. Thanks to all of you who helped us reach this membership goal. To double this number again next year is a steep climb, but we can do this!! Let's keep the momentum going.

Other THB business consisted of reports from the president, treasurer, Nancy Shoemaker, and AAUW NC membership chair, Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo. Kathleen Hilton, one of our convention delegates, also spoke to us about her work for the THB on the UNC Pembroke campus and her success in recruiting new members for the branch.

Doris Bernlohr, President, AAUW Tar Heel Branch (The Tar Heel Branch is a virtual branch serving the entire state. Anyone who meets AAUW general membership criteria may join this branch.)



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Sandy Slates, President, Chapel Hill Branch, shares this information from a program recently presented to her branch by Mebane Rash, Attorney and Editor of North Carolina Insight.

# Fraud Against the Elderly

By Mebane Rash, the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research

North Carolina's older population is expected to double by 2030, rising from 1.1 million to 2.2 million. Although schemes to rip off unsuspecting seniors are not new, what is new is this growing population of older and wealthier citizens, the increased sophistication of schemes using the Internet, and fraud's international scope. While our research shows that these scams target elders of all socio-economic brackets, all races, and both male and female, we also found several risk factors: those with assets that are liquid or easily converted to cash, the homebound, those with dementia or other memory impairments. Often seniors are just too polite – they are reluctant to ask for guarantees or information in writing, and they are embarrassed to discuss incidents with loved ones.

## What can you do to protect yourself and your loved ones?

- 1. Join the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research and support our work on this important issue. Call 919-832-2839 or visit our web site at www.nccppr.org.
- 2. Know the scams. Visit the web site of the N.C. Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force at <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/fraud/alert.htm">www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/fraud/alert.htm</a>, and learn about the scams in play across the state at <a href="https://ncdhhs.gov/aging/fraud/cfalert.htm">ncdhhs.gov/aging/fraud/cfalert.htm</a>. Watch the video, "Standing Up, Fighting Back," available on the N.C. Attorney General's web site <a href="https://www.ncdoj.com/Top-Issues/Seniors.aspx">www.ncdoj.com/Top-Issues/Seniors.aspx</a>, click view senior fraud video.
- 3. Tips for identifying victims: an increase in the use of overnight courier services, cheap prizes around the house, increase in phone bills, colorful mailings about things like international lotteries, unusual credit card or checking account activity, unexplained need to borrow money, unexpected inability to pay bills, or a reluctance to be away from home or have visitors. Remember the buzzwords: questions about other countries, foreign taxes,

- Lloyd's of London, wire transfers, barristers, customs duties, or registering bonds overseas.
- 4. File a complaint. Call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or write to Consumer Protection, Attorney General's Office, Mail Service Center 9001, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; on the Internet at <a href="https://www.ncdoj.com">www.ncdoj.com</a>, click on top issues, then seniors, then file a complaint.
- 5. If you are concerned about someone and are not sure what to do, call your local law enforcement or contact adult protective services through your county's department of social services. For a listing of the county department of social services, visit the www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/local/index.htm.
- 6. Go to a scam jam or shred-a-thon. Scam jams are half day or full day events where older adults are educated about scams. Shred-a-thons are where you can take your documents and have them shredded in a safe manner.
- **7. Stop telemarketers.** Put yourself on the do not call registry by phone at 1-888-382-1222, or by *www.donotcall.gov.*
- **8. Become a Fraud Fighter.** The Attorney General and the AARP have partnered to train Fraud Fighters. These volunteers are paired with victims to keep them from being scammed again. To volunteer, call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

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## Completed North Carolina Fellowships and Grants:

ROSALYND NIX GILLIATT INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP ELIZABETH A. COLTON AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP ELLEN BLACK WINSTON AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP SHIRLEY S. & KARL QUISENBERRY AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP NORTH CAROLINA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY R&P

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To Be Completed North Carolina Fellowships & Grants:

CHARLOTTE (NC) BRANCH R&P ANN CHIPLEY AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

### Members Honored for Technology Work

NTEN, the Nonprofit Technology Network, celebrated its tenth anniversary at its annual conference in Atlanta in April. Tar Heel branch members Judy Hallman and Nancy Shoemaker were among 17 individuals and organizations recognized for supporting the work of NTEN over the last ten years. Judy was instrumental in starting RTPnet, which hosted AAUW Raleigh/Wake County's web site starting in 1996. RTPnet.org/aauw was the first branch web site listed on the (then new) www.aauw.org.

Nancy has been following Judy's lead ever since and was pleased to share the NTEN honor with her and a number of other remarkable people. Judy and Nancy are working together on a June 25 statewide Nonprofit Technology conference. For more information, see <a href="https://www.nctech4good.org">www.nctech4good.org</a>

## **PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES**

2009-2010 NC Legislative Session

Status of AAUW NC supported bills as of May 1, 2010

**School Violence Prevention Act** (anti-bullying). Passed in 2009 ses-

sion. SL2009-212

**Healthy Youth Act** (comprehensive sex education). Passed in 2009 session. SL2009-213.

**Voter Pre-Registration and Education** (early pre-registration for 16/17 year olds). Passed in 2009 session. SL2009-541

**Expand Voter Owned Elections.** S20 passed the Senate and has been referred to the House for consideration in 2010

Public Municipal Campaigns. H120 passed the House and has been referred to the Senate for consideration in 2010. Paid sick day legislation. This did not pass either house in 2009. There may be no progress until 2011.

By the time you receive this, the "short session" of the legislature will have started.

Watch for action alerts on issues that may still make progress in 2010.

For more information and links to talking points and bill texts, see www.aauwnc.org/advocacy

## NCCU's WILL Program, February to April, 2010, Was a Success!

The Women's Center at NCCU (North Carolina Central University) was one of 10 schools, the only one in North Carolina, to receive a \$5,000 Campus Action Grant for 2010 from AAUW. The program, nicknamed "WILL", stands for Women Inspiring Learning Momentum to encourage girls in middle school to pursue careers in the sciences.



A group picture taken toward the end of the program

The middle school girls coming with their notebooks.

In this inaugural program, there were 19 middle school girls from Durham. Each



pair was assigned to a college woman in the sciences to mentor them during the program. The mentors organized many of the hands-on activities. Each Saturday (there were five Saturdays in all) a female professional in a science field spoke about her experiences and enthused the girls about sciences. The program provided breakfast and lunch. The first day included a program for parents (all mothers) to give them ideas on how to encourage their daughters to go into a science career. Kay White was asked to be the advisor of the program; her main contribution was to obtain two of the professional women for the program. The primary



Student mentor working with one of the middle school girls



A session with a professional talking to the girls about her career.

work load, beginning with the application for the grant, was done by two NCCU students, Makendra Umstead, and Tyra Lamar. A lot of planning went into this program and we as members of AAUW NC can be proud of what these women students have accomplished at NCCU.

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#### National Nominating Committee

Beth Norris, member of AAUW Raleigh/Wake County and a past-president of AAUW NC as well as a former South Atlantic Regional Director and a former member of the AAUW Educational Foundation board, has been appointed chair of the AAUW (national) nominating committee.

With the 2009 change in the AAUW Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee are no longer elected by the regions, but are appointed by the national AAUW board. The committee is responsible for finding candidates for the AAUW elections that will be held next spring.

## Resolution

Whereas the American Association of University Women in North Carolina met in its annual Convention on April 16-17, 2010 in Charlotte, North Caro-

Whereas the Charlotte Branch, under the leadership of President Diane Schneider, worked on local arrangements and served as hostesses;

Whereas the members of the Gaston Regional Branch, the Salisbury Branch, and the Statesville Branch assumed some responsibility for the Hospitality Room;

Whereas Karla Atkinson and Lill Van-Order planned and implemented a program which was timely and stimulating and helped the participants make a difference in the world:

Whereas leaders in issues relating to women in Charlotte, in North Carolina, and in the world led discussions of current issues:

Whereas Millie Hoffler-Foushee presided with order and dignity at the business meetings, leading the officers as they helped move AAUW NC toward serving the association and the community;

Whereas members of AAUW in North Carolina traveled to Charlotte to attend the convention and will return to the Branches and their communities to lead in improving the lot of women and girls

Be it resolved that the participants in the Convention express appreciation to the members of the state board, to the members of the local branches, and to the guest speakers for helping them to Honor the Past and Serve the Future.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted April 17, 2010

Elizabeth J. Laney, Resolutions Chair, AAUW NC Convention, Charlotte

# Wilmington Joins the Campaign By Jean Schaefer

Working with UNCW and our Association, the Wilmington Branch helped to sponsor a Campaign College workshop on February 27. The goal of the workshop was to teach college women how to run for and win student government positions at their schools. There is a clear connection between service in student government and future political service.

UNCW was one of 10 colleges in the country to be chosen by AAUW to host the training. Dr. Michelle Scatton-Tessier, Director of the Women's Resource Center, UNCW, and a

Wilmington Branch member, applied for the AAUW grant for this event. Kate Farrar, Director of AAUW Leadership Programs, led the training. Branch members Jean D'Addario, Sandra McLaurin, and Kay Teagardner helped with the project. All were pleased with the success of the workshop and hopeful that these sessions will have a positive effect on our political scene in the future.

The Wilmington Branch is now looking forward to taking part in a WAGE Workshop in the fall.

# Raleigh/Wake Branch Celebrates 100 Years!

The Raleigh/Wake Branch of AAUW celebrated its 100th year on February 28, 2010 with a reception for past, present and future AAUW members in the Dining Hall at Meredith College.

Lois Frazier, a Life Member of AAUW, provided a history of the Branch for the education of the members and guests: 100 years of speaking out for women and girls in education and life! The gathering also heard from two AAUW Graduate Student Fellows: May May Leung working on her PhD in Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill and Neeta Kirpalani studying for an MBA at Wake Forest University. May May is studying nutrition with a special interest in preventing childhood obesity. Neeta is interested in pairing her MBA with a previously earned Master's Degree in Public

Health to work in managing public healthcare organizations. Both women spoke about their research and the importance of the AAUW Fellowship to them.

Rather than birthday presents, the Branch sought birthday contributions. More than \$1,000 was raised and sent to various AAUW Funds such as LAF, Eleanor Roosevelt and the Ann Chiplev fund. Members from several other North Carolina branches including Tar Heel, Chapel Hill, and Greensboro joined the celebration.

Raleigh/Wake volunteers included Lois Frazier, Barbara Ann Hughes, Grace Knechtel, Denny McGuire, Beth Norris, Nancy Shoemaker and Sonya Stafford.

Submitted by Denny McGuire, President, AAUW Raleigh/Wake



#### The Jacksonville Regional Branch recently enjoyed a program on STEM

presented by their own member, Evelyn Lynge. Evelyn has been attending conferences on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math throughout the state and shared her findings with fellow members. (L-R Standing: Stacey Miller, Connie Gamble Ochse, Chris Almeida, Evelyn Lynge. L-R Seated: Margaret Slate, Nelda Howell, Katharyn Thayer, JoAnn Hall, Joanne Whitney Hill.)

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# **AAUW North Carolina** Theme:

#### **Expanding Our Horizons**

Look beyond your own branch in pursuit of our mission.

## Millie Hoffler-Foushee President

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#### When & Where!

**Friday, September 24, 3 p.m.** to Saturday, Septeptember 25, 4 p.m.

AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting and In-Depth Branch Discussion, Hampton Inn, Greensboro

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#### SAVE THE DATE... PLEASE!

AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting & In-Depth Branch Discussion "What's Happened to AAUW NC? What Needs to Happen?"

Friday, September 24, 3 p.m. Saturday, September 25, 4 p.m.

HAMPTON INN, GREENSBORO, NC

For more details visit web site; branch presidents will also be contacted with details and asked for an interview prior to the meeting

# Plan a Women's Agenda Assembly for your County for this Fall

It's that time again! In the fall of even years, women across our state gather in local communities to discuss the Draft Women's Agenda prepared by NC Women United. Through these discussions, they help each other learn to discuss public policy issues and to advocate for issues of deep local concern. AAUW branches have much to contribute to this process, and much to

gain through connections to the community. You don't have to do it alone!

AAUW NC also has an opportunity to contribute to the Draft Agenda, the "textbook" for these meetings, by preparing a paper on one of the many issues related to education.

For more about the process, watch the short video available at www.ncwu.org.

# 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 www.tarheel.aauwnc.org or contact

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