

AAUW Wilmington News

November 2011



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Message from the President

We're off to a good start! We have completed and distributed the new directory, participated by our support and presence at the September 23 \$tart \$mart Workshop at UNCW, have helped with our "Eyes to the Future" Vision Screening Project covering almost all of New Hanover County Schools, grades 1, 3 and 6; have made final plans for our Carolina Author's Luncheon in November distributing fliers and selling tickets, and have firmed up plans for our December and May Luncheon Meetings. Our October Branch meeting with Kemp Burdette, River Keeper, as our speaker, was eye opening and inspiring.

I attended the state meeting of AAUW-NC for Branch Presidents in Statesville October 1. Discussions focused on a Public Policy Pilot Project in which the state board is asking branches to participate. A summary of this project will be explained in the Public Policy Report. We were reminded that there is money available for grants and projects and that branches are encouraged to request monies for their projects such as \$tart \$mart, STEM, and "Programs in a Box". (This year's \$tart \$mart workshop was totally funded by AAUW-NC.) This money can also be used to provide transportation funding for an AAUW Fellow in NC to come to speak at a branch meeting.

You can find our Newsletter, Luncheon Fliers, and other branch news at www.aauwnc.org. Just access the website and click on "Branches".

AAUW (national) is still running the program, "Shape the Future". For every branch member who recruits 2 people, the branch will get one free membership...up to 3 free memberships.

The October 6, 2011 Star News had a wonderful article with a picture of Sandra Apple on our "Eyes to the Future" project. We are expecting to be a Day Sponsor on WHQR on October 28 which will provide an opportunity to highlight our Author's Luncheon. We are also arranging an interview with Jemila Ericson to discuss the luncheon. I will let you know when that date has been set.

I look forward to greeting you and your friends at the Carolina Author's Luncheon, November 5th.

Jean D'Addario, President

Sunshine Lady



A thinking of you card was sent to Ann Sherman-Skiba, Maggie Parish, and Jean Schaefer. 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, 8804 Whaley Circle, Wilmington NC 28412.

LAST CALL!!!

DON'T MISS THE "BIG SHOW".

Carolina Authors Luncheon/Book Sale

Saturday, November 5, UNCW, Warwick

IT'S A BALL!!!

For the Benefit of Scholarships, Fellowships, LAF

For tickets (\$28) contact Elaine Chandler, 399-2094

Public Policy

Our branch board voted to participate in the AAUW-NC Public Policy Pilot Project. A summary of the project follows:

The goal is to make AAUW-NC a more effective voice and to have branches have some ownership and responsibility.

Branches are asked to take one issue/piece of legislation in order to make it more manageable. Players: Branch President as Advocate; Public Policy Chair as the designated Sender (monitor); one or more branch members as Receivers (responders).

The sender will rely on one primary source but may have secondary sources to review. The primary source will be "The Lobbyist". It comes out once a week and gives access to legislative bulletins. The sender will use this to send out an alert or update to the state email for "senders".

All receivers commit to receiving alerts/updates, opening alerts/updates, and responding to the alert. As a member of the receiver's list, they will have access to alert and update information, and pass along information to branch members.

We have sent a list of prioritized issues to the state and will hear back from them which one of these issues our branch will be monitoring during this year.

Kay Teagardner, Public Policy Chair



What are PROGRAMS IN A BOX?



AAUW has created an online resource to help members consider and choose program activities for their branches. Each Program in a Box outlines an activity that could be chosen for a branch, with the "what, why, and how" to implement that program.

Programs in a Box reflect a wide range of AAUW activities: education, advocacy, communications, membership, fundraising, LAF, etc. and an effort will be made to prioritize posting of programming ideas that help us keep our Value Promise:

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

New Programs in a Box will be added on an ongoing basis. Recommendations for additional Programs in a Box may be emailed to programinabox@aauw.org.

Jean D'Addario

Mark Your Calendars

November 3	AAUW Board Meeting at the home of Maggie Parish, 3:30 pm
November 5	Carolina Author's Luncheon, UNCW, Warwick Center, 11:30am
November 7	Monday Afternoon Book Club
November 9	International Relations Meeting, 1:00 pm, Northeast Library
November 28	Monday Evening Book Club
December 10	AAUW Holiday Luncheon and Board Meeting, 11:30 am, Blockade Runner



Monday Afternoon Book Club

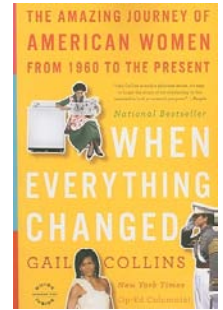
The Monday Afternoon Book Group meets the first Monday of every month at 1:30 at the homes of members (presently a baker's dozen). For more information, contact Helen Bolles helenbolles@bellsouth.net.

November 7	<u>Homer & Langley</u> by E. L. Doctorow Reviewer and Hostess: Georgia Polhemus, 452-7666
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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



November 28 When Everything Changed by Gail Collins
Hostess/Reviewer Lill Van Order, 313-1573

International Relations Study Group



Our November 9 meeting on “Banks, Governments and Debt Crisis” will be led by Eliza Bird 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

AAUW Wilmington Branch Board 2011 - 2012

Executive Board

President	Jean D’Addario
Vice President Program	Maggie Parish
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Secretary	Sandra Apple
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Historian	Jo Chadwick
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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

Special Projects: \$tart \$mart, Elect Her, Leadership Conference.

\$tart \$mart, sponsored by UNC-Wilmington, AAUW, and The Wage Project was held on the campus of UNC Wilmington on September 23 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm. \$tart \$tart is a workshop designed for young women on benchmarking their starting salaries and negotiating to earn what they deserve.

Michelle Scatton-Tessier, Director of the Women's Studies & Resource Center at UNC Wilmington led the workshop. Jean D'addario, Rita Karr, and I attended and assisted Michelle. There were twenty young women in attendance. Michelle did a great job in leading the workshop.



Because of Michelle's continued involvement in this project, UNC Wilmington has been selected by AAUW to run the workshop **Elect Her: Campus Women Win** for a second year. The workshop will be held in late February. Thanks goes to Michelle for her support of AAUW.

Again this year AAUW-Wilmington will sponsor a young woman to attend the Leadership Conference held in June, 2012, in Washington, D. C. All of the participants in the \$tart \$tart workshop will be invited to apply for the scholarship to attend the conference. Our fundraiser for this purpose will be a wine tasting.

Mark your calendars: February 10, 2012, 5:00-7:00pm, Wine Tasting at Noni Bacca Winery, \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at the December and January meetings.

Sandra McLaurin

Pictures from the October AAUW Meeting



Maggie Parish (VP for Programs) with speaker, Kemp Burdette



Phyllis Guberman and Margaret Herring

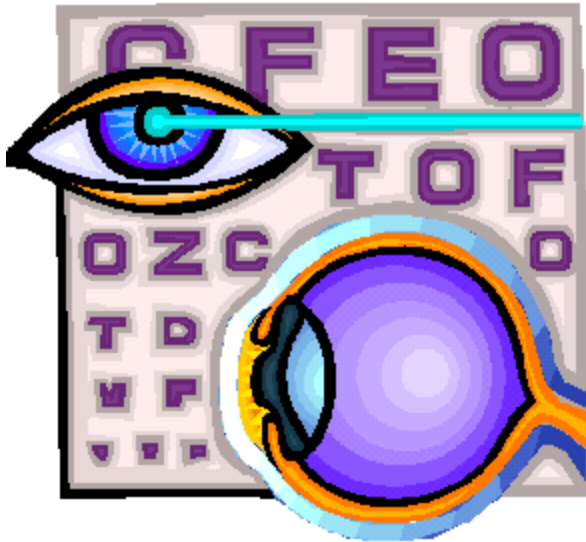


Kemp Burdette, Cape Fear River Watch Riverkeeper and Executive Director

School Vision Screening Program

October 2011

We're coming to the end of a very successful School Vision Screening year as part of the New Hanover County School Systems **Health O Rama**. I have called this the year of the few and the mighty for while our numbers of volunteers has diminished, those who have participated, have gone above and beyond to help to make sure that we were able to cover all of our lanes. So a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated.



Hopefully we will see more interest in our program as a result of the recent article in the StarNews. In general, it positively reflected on the program, and made us all feel good about what we do. I want to ensure that we also recognize the nurses from the Retired Nurses group in Wilmington who have joined our team as well as the Friends of Screeners. They've been invaluable. We also now have a very nice relationship with the School of Nursing at UNCW and hopefully and I am sure that will continue. I have been able to take care of the coordination / scheduling and provide consistency at the school sites but with all of my other organizational responsibilities; I have not been able to take care of publicity in the manner that it needs to. But if you can't volunteer to actually be a screener, perhaps you could volunteer to help with the ongoing challenges of helping to recruit and get the

word out! Here's one bottom line...if we want to say that School Vision Screening is our major service project, can more than 15 people participate in some way?

I am so pleased to announce that with the joint volunteering efforts of AAUW and LCS, a leadership plan came together for next year's coverage. Here's the plan.....

Dawn Ferrer (LCS) has offered to do the scheduling and coordination with the School Nurse Supervisors. **Sandy Apple** (LCS and AAUW) will be her #2. **Elaine Chandler** (AAUW) will prepare newsletter articles and reports to the Board. Since the reports are similar for both main groups, this will be very helpful.

Jeri Graham, School Vision Screening Team Leader

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

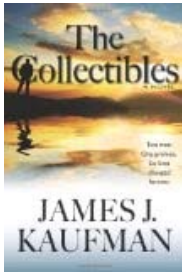
Tickets are \$28. Tables of 8 are available for your book club or group of friends. Please send check payable to “AAUW- Wilmington Branch”, and a stamped self - addressed envelope to:
Elaine Chandler, 1013 Steeplechase Rd., Wilmington, N.C. 28412 .

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

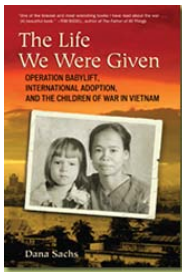
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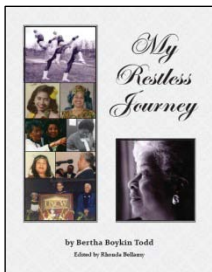
Ellyn Bache - author of **The Art of Saying Goodbye** and seven other novels including **Safe Passage** which became a Susan Sarandon film. Her latest novel is an inspiring reminder to live life to its fullest. It's the story of four friends who grapple with their dear friend's fatal illness. A deeply 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.

You are cordially invited to attend
The American Association of University Women's
ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
December 10 at 11 am
Blockade Runner of Wrightsville Beach

**Luncheon Speakers: Sandra and Melton McLaurin,
"Observations on China"**



Plated Luncheon is \$28.00 per person, including tax and gratuity.

Kindly indicate your luncheon selection when sending in your
reservations/checks. Due by December 1st, 2011 to
Linda Wyatt 97 Genoes Court SW Supply, NC 28462

FLAT IRON STEAK AU POIVRE **CHICKEN MARSALA**

Selections are accompanied by Blockade Runner Salad, Two Vegetables, Rolls, Beverage and Chef's
Special Desert.

AMERICAN WOMEN WHO SHAPED WORLD HISTORY by Enid Bellows
Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910)

The first woman medical doctor in the United States was Elizabeth Blackwell. She was born in Bristol, England in 1821, and was one of 12 children in a family of advocates of social reform. Two of her sisters-in-law were Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first ordained woman minister in America, and Lucy Stone, a women's rights activist. A fire destroyed her father's refinery in 1832, so the family emigrated to New York. All the Blackwells became involved in the antislavery movement and offered their home as a haven for fugitive slaves. Elizabeth remained a leading public health activist during her lifetime.



When Elizabeth was 17, her family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Shortly afterwards, her father died. With her mother and sister, she opened a boarding school. It lasted four years until Elizabeth decided to pursue a career in medicine.

The road to becoming a doctor was not easy for Elizabeth. Rebuffed by numerous schools-- including Harvard and Yale -- she finally was accepted at the Geneva Medical College after she had studied independently with a doctor. Her admission created uproar. She faced criticism from fellow students and the general public. However, she held firm despite these challenges and earned the respect of many of her peers. Blackwell graduated first in her class in 1849.

Her first practical experience occurred in 1848 when she helped combat a typhoid epidemic. Later she wrote her thesis on this subject. After receiving her degree, she studied in London and returned to New York in 1851. Ostracized in her attempts to set up a medical practice, she and her sister, Emily Blackwell, also a physician, bought a house in a slum area with help from Quaker friends. They established the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children in 1857. While she had been lecturing there, she became the first woman listed on the British Medical Register. Later this became the New York Infirmary. As it had an entirely female staff, it became the first such institute ever founded. In 1868 a medical college was added.

Blackwell left the operation of the Infirmary to her sister, Emily, and retired to England in 1869, where she became a founder of the National Health Society of London. In 1874 she founded the London School of Medicine for Women, where she was a professor of gynecology from 1875 to 1907. The curriculum included learning about hygiene. She believed that maintaining sanitary conditions was an important aspect of health. One of the school's first students was Sophia Jex-Blake, who later would open a medical school for women in London.

Soon after establishing the college, Elizabeth Blackwell returned to England. She set up a private practice in London and served as a lecturer at the London School of Medicine for Women. She retired in 1877 and moved to Hastings. Elizabeth Blackwell died at her home there on May 31, 1910.

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 _____

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Please check to indicate your choices:

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

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