



President's E-letter

October 16, 2013

CONGRATULATIONS to the Greensboro branch for receiving an AAUW Tech Savy program grant.

THANKS to Asheville, Charlotte and Wilmington branches for hosting the Fall Regional Meetings. You did a great job.

Summary Report from the three Fall Regional Meetings:

The morning session was devoted to Public Policy topics.

- We started with a quick review of the progress and changes we'd made in our past two year focus on Public Policy and Advocacy. This included input from those who subscribed this past year to pp-alerts and pp-info.
- A discussion of how many used the short track on the website to follow legislation in the 2013 long session of the NC General Assembly. This was created as CQ State Track was too lengthy with many bills not of interest.
- The idea of an AAUW Legislative Report Card was introduced with a PowerPoint presentation and discussion followed. This seemed to be a natural use of the information we had gathered on bills in the NC General Assembly that were connected to AAUW issues. This project will begin in early January and we hope to have it completed by the annual meeting. Dot voting indicated issues should include the following: Pay Equity, Education funding, Voter I.D., No NC Medicaid Expansion, and Women's Health. We will be needing volunteers to help research the data and Nancy will give a training session as to how to record the date.

The afternoon session focused on branch resources including:

- *Program In A Box* available on the AAUW website.
- Sharing fund raising ideas
- Availability of AAUW NC mini-grants

Those who attended convention in New Orleans gave comments

Teleconference call with Branch Presidents

I would like to schedule this before the end of this month, **so please e-mail me your preference of dates and we'll use the one that can involve the most people. After the date is set, I'll send out the call phone number and instructions. Possible dates and times are: Wed. Oct. 23 at 4pm, Thurs. Oct. 24 at 8pm or Mon. Oct. 28 at 7pm.** The call agenda will include any discussion or comments you have about the Fall meetings and discussion of possible plans for the President's Council to work as the nominating committee. You remember this was a decision made last April at the meeting of the President's Council.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN