The American Association of University Women
Charlotte Branch

Dear NC AAUW Officers and Branches,

Welcome! The Charlotte Branch and I wish to extend a warm greeting and invitation to attend the AAUW state convention in April 16 and 17, 2010 at the UNCC Hilton hotel.

This is the first time we have hosted a convention in the UNC Charlotte area, northeast of the center city, and the theme of this year's conference, *Honor the Past and Serve the Future*, is especially appropriate. The University also has extended an extra welcome by hiring two vans and giving us a tour of its ever expanding and changing campus. You may or may not know that UNC Charlotte has nearly 25,000 students—by 2020 it is predicted to have between 35,000-38,000 students—and it was founded by the late Bonnie Cone, who single handedly drove "Charlotte College", a two year school for WWII vets to one of the largest universities in the UNC system. In 1961, "Miss Bonnie" moved the school 10 miles from the center of the city to its present spacious 1,000 acres. Bonnie was always partial to the AAUW and its goal to educate. Few would question that she is a historical giant among North Carolina's educators.

Enclosed are numerous forms and information to make your convention a pleasant one. We have highlighted important deadlines. We look forward to seeing you soon!!

1. **The Registration form**. Please note the following deadlines:
   a. **March 17** The last day to make reservations for rooms at the Hilton's special $109 price. **You DON'T want to miss this deadline and pay the regular price.**
   b. **April 1** Deadline to register. After that, an extra $10.
2. **Branch Delegation Form and an attached proposal** for voting changes to be considered at the convention business meeting. Form deadline **April 1.**
3. **UNC Charlotte Campus Tour**. No charge. However, it is limited to 30 people (two vans of 15 people). RSVP to UNCC. Deadline is **April 1.**
4. **The Convention Program.** Please note several changes from THN. Check In time is now 3pm and the board meeting time moved to 4:30 to allow for the campus tour.
5. **The form to list names for the Memorial Service** on Saturday. Like the Branch Delegation form, please return to Lill Van Order by **April 1.**
6. **Directions to the Hilton**.

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