



July 2012

President's E-News

Welcome to a new AAUW year...June 30 to June 30 on the AAUW calendar. You may be new in your job, as I'm in mine, so let's learn together. If you are a continuing branch president we need your experience, so please be vocal. I'm hoping we can share a monthly news e-mail update on AAUW. I'd love to share your branch news by adding a short line on our facebook page and more details on our AAUWNC website.

**BREAKING NEWS ON AAUW ISSUES**

Yesterday the US Supreme Court gave a decision that should expand access to health care for many Americans.

**FORTY YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

- Saturday, June 23, marked the 40th anniversary of the Pell Grant program, which was originally known as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant and later renamed for Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI).

**HOWEVER:** In an effort to cut the federal deficit, several changes to the Pell Grant program will begin to take effect in July. These changes will reduce the number of students who are eligible for the tuition assistance program as well as the amount of money they can receive.

**NEED:** Increase our AAUW scholarship money

- Saturday, June 23, marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TitleIX, the landmark law that bans sex discrimination in any federal funded education program. As we celebrate the Title IX successes, let's continue to work on the challenges. See *Program In a Box* on the AAUW website for Title IX program ideas.



**CALLING ALL BRANCHES, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET OUT THE VOTE FOR THE 2012 ELECTION.**

Those of you who attended the annual meeting in March heard about a project that AAUW, as a member of the coalition NC Women Matter,

has been asked to do. Since we are a state wide organization we've been asked to participate in a note writing campaign to women in our community (some are AAUW members) who have not voted in the last few elections.

For details please go to [www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org) and read [Get Out Your Stationery](#).

Attached is more information directly from the coalition, NC Women Matter. My branch plans to have a Beach Party writing event in July and I hope you will too.

However, if your members want to work this project as individuals, they don't need to meet as a group. **Women make up 54% of the voting population in NC, so if we mobilize we can move our issues forward.**

Remember we are non-partisan and these notes will only talk about the issues. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me