

President's E-letter

July 11, 2014

Happy New Year! July 1 was day 1 of our 2014-15 AAUW Year CONGRATULATIONS To the following branches:

Asheville, Brevard, Chapel Hill, Hendersonville, Jacksonville Regional, Salisbury, Sandhills – Southern Pines, Statesville and Tar Heel. Thank you for getting your new officers on the national website so we have their information.

Presidents from 2013-14 for the other branches who have no officers listed on the national website will be getting this newsletter. **Please pass it on to the new branch President.** Please send your officers, at least the President and Treasurer information, to <u>connect@aauw.org</u> so it can be posted and Nancy can update our e-mailing lists. I hope some of you are like my branch which has just sent the information and is waiting for it to be posted. Both the Association and the State organizations <u>need</u> this information.

Please share this meeting information and date with your Public Policy Chairs July 26 8:30am – 4:30 pm at Bennett College, Greensboro NC NC Women Matter meeting The emphasis of Bennett III: Issues and Actions (this is our 3rd conference at Bennett College, hence Bennett III) is to encourage the leaders and activists who attend to work more closely in collaboration with other organizations in their locality or region to get out the female vote. We will be stressing the importance of collaboration and sharing resources to maximize our impact. Additionally, this year we have reached out to organizations of low income women and women of color in a more focused way to encourage them to come to Bennett. We will likely have a good number of women of color at the conference. Our issues of concern are very much the same but we don't always talk about them the same way. We are hoping at Bennett we can make some important and lasting connections to build a more diverse, comprehensive progressive women's movement here in North Carolina. NOTE: Melissa Jackowski, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager, will be presenting a workshop on Getting Out the Vote. AAUW NC is one of the sponsors of this meeting. To attend please register online by going to www.ncwomenmatter.org and click on Register Now.

The Spring/Summer Tar Heel News has the contact information for the new AAUW NC Executive Committee.

Need Annual Meeting Feedback:

Easter is early this year (the first week-end in April) and Passover does not end until April 11 so Annual Meeting dates could be March 20-21 or April 17-18. Please let me know your preference and if you want to go back to Burlington or somewhere else near the center of the state.

HERE'S TO AN ACTION FILLED AAUW YEAR