

President's E-Letter November 19, 2015 Sandra McLaurin

AAUW NC held its first webinars on November 3 and 12. Approximately fifteen members participated. Jean D'Addario, Nancy Shoemaker and I hosted. The webinar covered resources on <a href="www.aauw.org">www.aauw.org</a> and <a href="www.aauwnc.org">www.aauwnc.org</a>. Jean covered 2015 convention resources with emphasis on Title IX and resources for branch officers. I introduced **Program in a Box** by looking at the program teentech™. Denny McGuire showed us how to sign up for 2-minute activist. While Nancy lead us through the resources on the state website. A master PowerPoint of the webinar will be posted on the website.

Please mark your calendars for the AAUW North Carolina Annual Meeting. It will be Friday and Saturday, April 1 & 2, 2016 at the Sheraton Chapel Hill One Europa Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. The Branch Presidents' Round Table will take place at 3 pm on Friday, April 1 followed by dinner and an evening sharing session. The Annual Meeting will take place from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, April 2. The board is currently developing a theme and getting speakers. Registration details will be available soon. Thanks to Donna Wilson and Jean D'Addario for getting the site.



Mary Peterson, Jean D'Addario, and Lill Van Order attended the joint meeting of the NC Literary and Historical Association and the Federation of NC Historical Societies on November 13 to recognize the winner of the AAUW NC Book Award for Juvenile Literature. Frances O'Roark Dowell, of Durham, is the Juvenile Award Winner for 2015 for her book, <u>Anybody Shining</u> in which 12-year-old Arie May discovers the power of written letters. The book is set in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. Frances will be honored at the AAUW NC Annual Meeting April 2, 2016.

## **Congratulation to Branches**

"The Greensboro Branch Fall Luncheon was a grand success." Congresswoman Alma Adams delivered a stirring speech for the Greensboro Branch Fall Luncheon.

The Wilmington Branch held its Author's luncheon on November 7, featuring award winning writers Karen E. Bender, Sheila Webster Boneham, and Clyde Egerton.



## Meet Board Member Denny McGuire

Denny McGuire grew up in New Jersey and came to North Carolina to attend Elon College and like many others, stayed. worked for the state of NC for more than 40 years in inter-governmental relations and technology, retiring in 2015. She has been involved with AAUW for approximately 15 years on both the local and state levels. Her primary branch is Raleigh-Wake County and she is also a member of the Tar Heel Branch. She served as a branch board member and President and as State

Treasurer. She is now serving as the State Public Policy chair. When not doing volunteer work with AAUW, she loves to read and travel. Denny lives in Wake Forest, NC.