



August 15, 2016

President's E-Letter

Although August is frequently referred to as the “dog days of summer”, except for the weather, there is nothing slow and boring about this one! With the daily highlights of the presidential campaign, the exciting Rio Olympics, and so much AAUW activity—the state voter’s guide, (<https://www.aauwaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-North-Carolina-US-Senate-Voter-Guide.pdf>), Title IX materials and directory (<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1CSt03jluJggc5Gx118N2cJFMnlw>), and various webinars to help facilitate advocacy in our local areas, there is plenty to do and think about. I will try to hit the highlights in this E-Letter, but, remember please to forward this on to your branch members, and if possible, put it on your branch website. Only a very few things may be directed uniquely to branch presidents, but generally this information that Sandra and I share with you is good for all branch members to know. Thank you so much for doing this!

One of the things we learned from you at the 2016 Annual Meeting was that we could do a better job of communication with all of the branches. To that end we are initiating a new project, **Board-Branch Liaisons**. Each of the state board members will serve as a liaison between one or two branches to keep open the lines of communication so that we might better serve you and keep in touch with what is going on in your branches. You have also wanted us to share information about what branches are doing so we will hope to open up this opportunity whether it will be a special place on our website or another vehicle, we will let you know. We will post the Board-Branch Liaison matchings on our website, www.aauwnc.org. Obviously the board liaison will be in direct communication with the branch presidents.

Please remember that **our goal is to complete the Ann Chipley Fund by the end of May 2017**. We are just over \$7,000 to completion! We are asking branches and all branch members to contribute to this fund #4051. We expect to meet this goal by directing most of our giving this year to this fund. Once complete, we will all be focusing on the broader aspect of AAUW Funds.

If your branches are not already involved in **Getting Out the Vote 2016** campaigns, it is not too late. There is a series of three AAUW webinars on August 31, September 28, and October 18. Each is from 7 to 8 pm. The link to register is <https://www.aauwaction.org/>. Please encourage someone from your branch to participate. Please go to Facebook, AAUW Brevard NC Branch, and “like” their page. They received a state mini grant to fund their GOTV2016 project with a three-pronged focus: Facebook, Research, and Advertising. You can follow their progress throughout this election.

Please note the date and place of the AAUW NC 2017 Annual Meeting:

March 31-April 1 at the Downtown Marriott in Greensboro. Our AAUW speaker is our AAUW Board Liaison, Melissa Johnson. If not too late, please do put this information in your branch directories!

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