

Reconnect Project, Question V –Branches’ Fields of Expertise.

Introduction:

First and foremost, this is a work in progress. Phyllis Guberman and Lill Van Order of the Wilmington Branch contacted 17 or 70% of the branches with six questions to help establish what the branches are doing. Part of the “expertise” section is our evaluation and in most cases more details about the project are in the questions following. If there is nothing after a branch please keep reading- there is a lot of interesting things going on.

There are mistakes. Phyllis and Lill took notes during phone conversations for most of this. Some is Lill’s trying to decipher her own and Phyllis’ notes. Please let’s work on this together and make it into a workable and helpful document for all of us.

Purpose:

- To help branches become more aware of what is happening in other branches.
- To establish a database of information.
- To aid each other with similar projects.

Questions:

- What are some of your areas of Expertise*?
- What does your branch do for Fundraisers- EF/ LAF/ Branch Operating Budget (BOB)?
- What Study Groups do you have?
- What types of community service or educational work do you do for the community?
- Do you have some coalition work and with what organizations?
- Have you been successful in the field of diversity?

* The underlined key words are used below in reference to that question.

Results:

Note that the bracketed number is the number of members in the branch from the Association 2/2003 This is to help you see what size the branch is that does these wonderful projects!

Happy Reading! Lill

Expertise

Asheville (158)

Kalton set up endowment fund for scholarships (has non-profit status and federal forms filed) 1 scholarship UNC Asheville 1 AB Teacher Study Groups

Brevard (105)

5-Day Book Sale Fundraiser for EF and Blue Ridge Com Coll. / Summer Camps for Science/ Leadership Training/Math Society High School Voter Guide annually

Bryson City (18)

Chapel Hill (91)

Transition Conference

Charlotte (63)

Children's Theatre
Books for Nepal

Cherokee County (6)

Eden (16)

Greensboro (81)

Involve new members quickly
Mentor new officers

Hendersonville (125)

Latino Project for women in HS
Alberta Burdette Project
Writing Project for Elementary Schools

Kinston (23)

Salisbury (48)

Edith Alcorn Women's Agenda- every other year

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

Ruth Pauley Lecture Series

Statesville (43)

Quilt for Raffle

Tryon Area (66)
Voter Guide
Questions to Candidates

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)
Electronic Newsletter

Wilmington (95)
Eyes to the Future- Vision Screening in Elementary Schools
Carolina Authors Tea

Winston-Salem (46)
Infant Mortality Coalition- smoke free environment

Fundraisers

Asheville (158)
EF Collection at Christmas Tea
Endowment Fund for scholarships

Brevard (105)
EF-5-Day Book Sale Fundraiser for EF and Blue Ridge Com Coll. / Summer Camps for
Science/ Leadership Training/Math Society High School
LAF- \$5 per member out of treasury

Bryson City (18)
EF/LAF Take up collection
Memorial Fund that locally supports children's music lessons
Contribute to HS Quiz Bowl sponsored by public library

Chapel Hill (91)
EF/LAF Potlucks members host/ bring dish and \$10 5/6 at a time raising \$100/ea
Fashion Show and Parties for EF/ LAF/ Local Scholarships (UNC graduate \$500)

Charlotte (63)
EF-Special account 15 yrs to raise \$35,000
Holiday Tea / Author's Luncheon alternating years
Cookbook
Silent Auction of old jewelry etc.
LAF- small donation
BOB- dues but plan to go up

Cherokee County (6)
EF/LAF individual donations

Eden (16)

QV- 4

EF/LAF offering at Christmas Dinner at nice place

Greensboro (81)

EF \$25 member memorials

Some give from things they sell

Challenge to give \$25 or add \$5

LAF Challenge and matching funds

Hecht's new store opening sold tickets with other organizations to come to opening \$5 per ticket, raised \$500

BOB bequeath of \$1000 to use as needed/ Greensboro Classic (golf tournament) not every year

Hendersonville (125)

EF/LAF give individually according to guidelines

Kinston (23)

EF branch meeting monthly raffle

LAF donated out of general fund

BOB- dues and personal contributions

2 Fundraiser for all- 1) Holiday Auction of handmade items 2) Spring card party

Salisbury (48)

EF Alice Lanier Birthday Party

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

EF/LAF members give individually

Statesville (43)

EF and BOB Quilt Raffle and Chicken Bar-B-Q

LAF Raffle at convention and 50/50 raffle at meetings

Tryon Area (66)

EF at monthly meeting donations in "Scholar Dollar" box and tell "funny" or "thankful for" story

Fundraiser for 4 MS girls for Clemson Math/ Science

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)

3 fundraisers 1) February game night \$5 a ticket = \$300-\$350 2) Christmas, decorate envelopes with contributions to hang on tree = \$315 3) Book Fair with Walden Books- get 20% of purchase price with coupon with AAUW on it, two days mid- Dec \$449

Wilmington (95)

EF/Local Scholarship Carolina Authors Tea- \$15 a ticket (room holds 350) also book fair (local book store) with speakers books available for signing and other books

LAF- raffle of contributed items at a monthly meeting

BOB- Dues and Soup and Salad luncheon all food contributed sell tickets \$15

Winston-Salem (46)

EF/LAF give individually

Study Groups

Asheville (158)

Member of Board is liaison for these groups: Adelante/ Lit 1 and Lit 2/ Visual Arts/ Film Group/ World Affairs/ Friday Study Group (affordable housing etc)/ Bridge group/ Evening Book Group

Brevard (105)

Book/ Bridge/ Spanish (6 week sessions)

Bryson City (18)

Reading Club in collaboration with library, not all AAUW

Chapel Hill (91)

Issues on Aging continual involvement with pharmacist group

Charlotte (63)

Discussion groups/ Garden/ Bridge/ Literary Book/ International Club

Cherokee County (6)

Occasional book discussion

Eden (16)

Field trips

Study groups of women and children's issues

Greensboro (81)

Book Browsers

Individuals hook up with others regarding international affairs

Hendersonville (125)

8-10

3 book groups/ Research group (e.g. Early Greek Civilization)/ Garden/ Bridge/ Art Study/ Music/ Luncheon Learning with speaker/ Dining Out

Kinston (23)

Salisbury (48)

Book groups

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

Book groups/ International Relations/ Cultural-art museums etc and gives award to 8th graders

Statesville (43)

Tryon Area (66)

Book group is most active/ Bridge/ International Cuisine- 4 couples in a group, (6 groups) 4 times a year point person decides menus and recipes all bring something on theme

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)

Book Group- leader local newspaper book reviewer- all read and discuss book

Wilmington (95)

3 Book Groups- 1 afternoon, 1 evening, 1 Hampstead (nearby town)
International relations

Winston-Salem (46)

Community Service

Asheville (158)

Women in History- choose and study one woman. Dress up and present that person to the schools

Presbyterian Home for Children- 2-3 go with girls to cultural events

Black Mountain Women Prison- send items (stationary etc) to prison- less than successful

Brevard (105)

Voter Guide (State/ Local/ Federal) plan to do each year

Published in the local paper

Voter registration

Senior Project at HS

Library exhibit of Women Suffragettes

Women History Month- "Jeopardy" in the schools

"Rise and Shine" – after school tutoring thru a local church

Bryson City (18)

Memorial Fund (Isabel Bacon, past branch president)- supports arts and pays for local children's music lessons

Contribute to HS Quiz Bowl

Christmas party for residents of SAFE House with gifts also decorating a room this summer

After school Sister-to-Sister sessions for MS

Chapel Hill (91)

Work with pharmacy groups on aging issues

Charlotte (63)

Women's Shelter donations, mentoring and tutoring

Cherokee County (6)

Tri-County Community Scholarships

Eden (16)

Certificate and rose (?) to 10 Top Women Scholars in HS

Greensboro (81)

Hendersonville (125)

-Latino Project- Women in HS, stay in school, work with language, job preparation/
college preparation

-Alberta Burdette Project (4-5 yrs ago)

-Writing Project – elementary school students and creative writing- 4 elem. schools and
work with teachers to help children

Kinston (23)

Give three local scholarships

Salisbury (48)

Local Scholarship Fund

Goldman Fund is self- perpetuating for HS girls recommended by school

Fund for Women of military

Candidates Forum- in past

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

Ruth Pauley Lecture Series

Sally Ride Award- 6 \$25 in Math/Science not necessarily to best but show interest

Statesville (43)

Work with the Mitchell College young women

Tryon Area (66)

Middle School (MS) Math and Science- awards to 4 girls

Local talent and speakers at monthly meetings as programs

Local Classical School students for program

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)

- \$500 Scholarship to women at Craven C. College- eligibility: gap of 4 or more years between HS and college/ 12 hours completed at Comm. College and planning to continue education to earn bachelors
- Certificate of Congratulations to all Craven County Teachers who passed National Certification Exam

Wilmington (95)

- “Eyes to the Future” – vision screening in the public schools
- Starting a connection with Girls, Inc.
- Candidate Forum with LWV (in the past)
- Local scholarship to two Cape Fear Community College graduates for women in non-traditional areas of study or non- traditional students who are accepted to UNC Wilmington

Winston-Salem (46)

Restaurants and schools for a smoke free environment for children

Coalition

Asheville (158)

Brevard (105)

Transylvania TC 10 trained to teach about diversity- group comes to them and encourages them to participate. “Damascus Road”

Bryson City (18)

- Library fro Reading Club
- Girls’ Enrichment Day – 9th Graders worked with HS, Health Department, School PE, Women’s Club, Health Coalition. Working toward prevention of teen pregnancy, also used the AAUW Harassment and Bullying publications

Chapel Hill (91)

- Transition Conference- with Women’s Center and Community College
- UNC “intern” helps officers / newsletter, often a Woman Studies major

Charlotte (63)

Many members work on individual basis

Cherokee County (6)

Work with people in the area, not groups

Eden (16)

Have done so in the past, not recently

Greensboro (81)

Public Library/ Girl Scouts/ Black Sororities/ Jaycees/ Commission on Status of Women and Women Equity Day

UNCG “Women in Charge” for Women’s Conference – did program and Webmaster

Hendersonville (125)

League of Women Voters with the Latino Project

Kinston (23)

Salisbury (48)

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

League of Women Voters/ College/ Public Schools/ AAUW –3 from each group to sponsor Ruth Pauley Lecture Series

Statesville (43)

Former coalition with Mooresville AAUW

Local women’s civic groups

Business and Professional Organization

Tryon Area (66)

Foothills Music group for cultural programs

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)

Council for Women in New Bern for Women’s Fair

Wilmington (95)

Public School Nurses for vision screening

Local UN Association and International Relations group

Girls Inc for the new program

Winston-Salem (46)

County schools – smoke free environment

Wake Forest women- project in the making

Diversity

Asheville (158)

Adelante Study Group

Read books relating to black issues

Brevard (105)

Free membership to black women/ best way is one on one

Bryson City (18)

Chapel Hill (91)

Former black member/ international Graduate Fellow (Romanian)
Also looking for age diversity- may change meeting time

Charlotte (63)

Have diversity chair and small percentage of different minorities

Cherokee County (6)

Tried to start a tri-state branch

Eden (16)

Not much diversity unless you consider parts of the country

Greensboro (81)

30% black, several past presidents and other officers
women are improving the race relations

Hendersonville (125)

1 minority member

Kinston (23)

3 (or 13%) but often can't make meeting because of other commitments

Salisbury (48)

A diverse group- wants more young women – Livingstone College

Sandhills-Southern Pines (37)

1 member

Statesville (43)

Made some inroads- want young women, and working on appealing to Hispanic

Tryon Area (66)

Often invite black speakers and encourage them to join

Twin Rivers New Bern (29)

Meet in the evening in hopes of age diversity
Black Charter Member (1997)
1998 donated 10 black books off the Adelante reading list to the local library

Wilmington (95)

2 members but no program in place at the time

Winston-Salem (46)

One lifetime member

Want to work with groups to recruit young black women (30-40 yrs)
Many Latino professionals at W-Salem State also tap the diverse medical profession