

AAUW North Carolina
2005-2006 President's Report
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Accomplishments:

As one looks back over the course of a year in any organization, there are always accomplishments and setbacks and things that don't work out quite as anticipated. It is part of a vibrant, forward-moving organization. Personally, I cannot take credit for our stellar accomplishments, but can take pride in the fact they happened on my watch, and give the credit where it is due.

New Programs

The **AAUW NC 100 Club**, initiated at the summer board meeting in Winston-Salem in 2004 has yielded tremendous financial gains for our organization. It has allowed such programs as

Mini grants were awarded to Brevard, Greensboro, Franklin County and High Country Branches.

Scholarships were offered for the NCCWL (National Conference for Collegiate Women Leaders)

Donations to specific branch programs such as the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series in Sandhills/Southern Pines.

Registration fee-free fall board meeting

Strategic Planning sessions which generated consensus on our direction, helped with our Reconnection effort and focused our actions.

Our major areas were:

Increasing Flexibility and Streamlining Organizational Structure

Getting a Statewide Focus

Maintaining Fundraising Momentum

Strengthening State-Branch Relationships

Utilizing Technology Sensitively

Improving Visibility

Creating a diverse intergenerational membership

Programming: When Association launched its programmatic theme "Education as the Gateway for Women's Economic Security" our own state board mirrored that in our theme for this convention.

Membership: Although Evelyn will give you a more comprehensive report, according to the FEB 1st Membership count, our state numbers fell from 1081 to 1079 or a 0.19% drop in members.

Challenges/Regrets: Due to my job-change I was not able to visit you in your branches this year. I began my tenure in 2004 with a trip to Wilmington for their 50th Anniversary celebration, and I look forward to a trip to Gastonia for their 50th year anniversary celebration next week. In addition to the wonderful opportunities afforded by board meetings and Conventions in Winston-Salem, Eden, Asheville, Raleigh, Chapel Hill and now New Bern, trips to visit branches in Wilmington, Raleigh, Statesville, Chapel Hill and New Bern were highlights of my term.

The Assn's program "Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on College Campuses" was launched this winter. Our strategies for insuring the viability of this program are another challenge for us.

Branch Changes The Wilson Branch called to inform me of their demise the first week of my term. Although there was some movement toward resurrecting the UNC-Pembroke Branch and creating a Durham branch, these efforts have not panned out yet. The great news is a new branch is in the planning stages and will hopefully be launched soon near Boone. It will be High Country Branch.