

AAUW NC Advocacy Team Report

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We set goals and met many of them. **Our actions for advocacy include:**

- Attending Advocacy Day sponsored by North Carolina Women United (NCWU) in Raleigh, June 2006. AAUW NC is a member of this coalition
- At the July AAUW NC meeting we asked members to sign a petition requesting Erskine Bowles, University System Chancellor, to look at how the Chapel Hill University Hospital was neglecting to fulfill its mission to provide quality medical care for all people in NC.
- Peterson wrote a paper on Education in NC (mainly on the Leandro decision and need for action by the legislature) for the NCWU draft agenda. This informational agenda was available on the NCWU website for all participants at the Women's Agenda Assemblies across the state.
- Conducted a Women's Agenda Assembly as the morning program at AAUW NC's fall meeting in Statesville in October. Sandra Abromitis, Mary Peterson and Nancy Shoemaker produced a condensed draft agenda that was used by AAUW NC and other organizations (e.g. Women's Forum of NC).
- Wrote the 2007-09 AAUW NC Public Policy Program for approval at the October AAUW NC meeting
- Attended a Forum in January conducted by the Coalition on Aging. This was to help refine and add draft material for the study being done by the NC Center for Public Policy Research. This study about Key Issues affecting the Aging in NC the will be finalized in time for the 2008 elections
- Delivered the 2007-09 AAUW NC Public Policy Program brochures to 171 legislators in Raleigh on March 14, 2007.
- Pinkie Byrd, Brevard branch, wanted to educate a talk show host, Tucker Carlson, about Equal Pay and contacted Mary Peterson. Together they created the NC Equal Pay Day Project. With the Association's approval, each state's public policy chair was asked to send an e-mail to the talk show host with one fact, relevant to their state, about the need for pay equity for women.
- Presented a workshop at 2007 state convention *What's Hot and What's Not* relating to hot issues on the local, state and federal level.