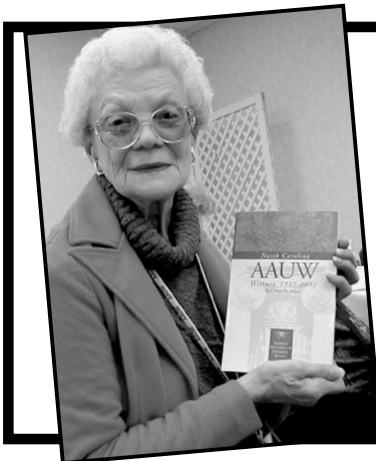


Greensboro Women Present AAUW NC History to Libraries

JANUARY 19—the Book Browsers group of the Greensboro Branch of the AAUW presented the first of eight copies of *North Carolina AAUW History 1947-2001* to the main branch of Greensboro Public Library. An additional seven books will be presented to college/university/community college libraries in the region: Bennett College, Elon University, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Guilford Technical Community College, NCA & T State University, and the UNC-Greensboro. The Book Browsers group wants to make information about AAUW in North Carolina available to those using libraries in the area and increase their visibility.



CAROLYN TAYLOR
Millie Hoffler-Foushee, past-president of Greensboro Branch and AAUW NC Treasurer, left, presents the book to Mrs. Sandy Neerman, Greensboro Public Library Director.



AAUW NC History

Part of the 75th AAUW NC Anniversary celebration in 2002, this book tells about North Carolina women who have worked hard to achieve equity and lifelong education for women and girls. Members will find answers to many questions concerning the state organization. Present copies to your local libraries, colleges, and universities. Order from Clara Allen. Send \$17 each to 442 Crossvine Close, Fearington, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Price includes shipping. Going to Convention? Pay \$15 when you register and save shipping. Pick up March 26-28 in Charlotte!

International Women's Conference Focuses on Empowerment

Shirley Quisenberry, AAUW NC International Chair
"HUMANIZING GLOBALIZATION: Empowering Women" is the theme for the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) Triennial Conference In Perth, Australia, August 4-10. "An IFUW Conference for me is the coming to life of a global village..." says Anneke Touwen, The Netherlands. Details on the programme, accommodations, tours and enrollment is available at <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2004>. The workshops and interdisciplinary seminars are described in this material.

If anyone from North Carolina is considering this trip to Australia, please let me know as I have two copies of the programme book and the tour booklet which I will send you. May 1 is the registration deadline at the lower price.

"The effect of trade liberalization on gender equality is an emerging issue that is beginning to be addressed by IFUW at both the international and national levels. Trade policies have always been assumed to be "gender neutral," but there is an increasing consensus that trade policies and programmes affect men and women differently" says Katherine Hagen, IFUW Representative in Geneva. Women are important economic actors. Today, 54% of working-age women are in the formal labour

force, not including women working in the informal and household sectors, says Ms. Hagen. IFUW urges its members to push our governments to consider greater focus on gender issues in the multilateral trading system. This topic – detailed on www.ifuw.org/advocacy – may be an interesting branch study group issue.

Since Australia is such a long distance to travel, AAUW NC may not have any members going there, but if this turns out to be the trip of a lifetime you have been waiting for, we'll cheer you on and listen to your reports next fall.

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Women Check Out NC Budget Process

Nancy Shoemaker
Raleigh/Wake Co. AAUW
SEVERAL AAUW MEMBERS attended the "Budget Road Show" presentation by the NC Budget and Tax Center on December 19, 2003 in Raleigh. The two-hour presentation was fast-paced and fact-filled. Elaine Mejia gave details on the state budget. Elizabeth Jordan put the budget figures in the context of the overall state economy. Handouts included "Our State, Our Money: A Citizen's Guide to the North Carolina Budget," prepared by the NC Progress Board with more

2004-2006 Nominations Announced

Karla Lutz Atkinson
Nominee, Secretary

506 Stone Drive. Brevard, NC 28712
Brevard Branch, Public Policy Chair
AAUW NC ReConnection Committee,
Goal VI – AAUW NC Structure

Kalamazoo College B.A.
Western Michigan University M.A.
Davenport College, Paralegal Degree

Karla pursued a career in education from 1980-1994. She began as a tutor in the Martin Luther King program and then became the coordinator of the Center for Educational Research at Western Michigan University. Later, she directed a program out of the WMU Women's Center, designed to improve vocational education opportunities for women in high school who were interested in pursuing non-traditional careers. Karla was responsible for drafting part of the first Title IX complaint ever filed in the state of Michigan—against the Kalamazoo Public Schools (from which she graduated high school).

She later moved to the Michigan Department of Education where for 10 years, she was a consultant in the Office of Educational Equity, specializing in gender equity issues and in particular, athletic opportunities for young women in secondary schools. Later, she moved to the Office of School Improvement at the state level where she coordinated the K-12 accreditation program for almost three years.

After moving to Brevard in 1994, she accepted a position as assistant director of the Transylvania County Arts Council in 1995. She retired from the Arts Council in 2000, but has served as co-director for the last 16 months.

Karla sat on the AAUW NC Board as a branch president for two years, and served Brevard Branch as secretary and program co-vice-president. She coordinated the branch's book sale in 2001 and remains the chief pricer/sorter for one of the sections. She was responsible for creating the branch's Jeopardy game which is offered to all fifth grade students in the county schools, as part of the branch's National Women's History Month activities..

She is married and has three sons, three stepdaughters, and seven grandchildren.

Get up-to-date Convention details at
<http://www.aauwnc.org>

Evelyn Lois Robinson Mercer



Nominee, Membership Vice-President

4101 Rye Mill Court
Charlotte, NC 28277

Co-Chair 2004 AAUW NC Convention
Charlotte Branch, Immediate past-president

Livingstone College, B.S. Mathematics
The University of Cincinnati, M.Ed.
Guidance and Counseling
Post Graduate School: University of Cincinnati, Miami University-Ohio, University of Akron

After graduation, Evelyn taught math in Northampton County at Gumberry High School for three years, then married and moved to Cincinnati, where she lived for 36 years before returning to North Carolina. During that time, she worked as a math teacher, then a guidance counselor. She a retired guidance counselor and currently holds a LPC license from the state of Ohio.

Evelyn joined Charlotte Branch in 1997, at the urging of Betty Cone. She has served as communications editor, program vice-president, and president.

Evelyn is listed in the 2003 edition of *Who's Who of American Women* and the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

She has three sons and one granddaughter.

Branch Delegations

According to the Bylaws of AAUW NC, Article XIII. Meetings, Section 2 Representation, Paragraph a2(a), the branch delegation size is

One delegate for each 25 members of each branch or major fraction thereof. Each branch shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

According to the Association Bylaws, "A branch member is one who maintains AAUW membership through a branch."

This includes Paid Life and Fifty-Year Honor members who maintain branch membership.

Note:
Branch presidents vote as members of the AAUW NC board, so they are not counted as members of the branch delegations.

Number of Branch Members	Number of Delegates
< 38	1
38- 62	2
63- 87	3
88-112	4
113-137	5
138-162	6
163-187	7
188-212	8
213-237	9

2004 Nominations

Sandra Abromitis, Asheville

Credentials Committee

Roberta Andre & Jean Morgan, Charlotte

E-Mail & Phone Changes

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