

# What Is Your Dream? Come Listen to the Women

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OVER THE YEARS, I have read many inspirational articles. My favorite, though, is by Erma Bombeck. In it, she talks about women and their dreams. She explains many women keep their dreams in a box, because they are afraid of losing them. But others, she said, "...take the dream out of the box, put it on and start living it. They lay bare their ego to discover if they are equal to the dream or if they are equal only to the fantasy." She went on to say,

I understand the fears and apprehensions of the closet dreamers, but oh how I admire the Mother Teresas, the Geraldine Ferraros, the Samantha Smiths, the Christa McAuliffes, the Helen Kellers and yes, the Sarahs who write poetry on the kitchen table at night...What is special about them is they're dreamers who put it on the line. They had the courage to admit that what they wanted was just beyond their reach, but if they wanted it badly enough, anything was possible. They gambled. And for the risk, they were all rewarded with a legacy for others to follow.

For some it was a trail that was blazed, an attitude that was changed, a place in history, a thought, a life that was touched. That's the difference between them and those who never take their dreams out of the box. They leave nothing.

AAUW NC Convention 2004 is your opportunity to listen to women who are living their dreams, who are leaving legacies.

## Women Lead for Success

Come to the Student Leadership Conference on Friday. Meet Teresa Dahlberg, Ph.D., and Susan Winter, Ph.D., UNCC professors and leaders in their fields who have worked with Mary Peterson to attract professionals as panelists and breakout session leaders.

Panelists include Deborah Clayton, Ph.D., Charlotte Research Institute director; Sue Breckenridge, Time Warner Cable Company vice-president; and Beth Messersmith, MPA, Democracy North Carolina co-executive director. At press time, additional acceptances were expected.

The breakout sessions will be facilitated by Doug Pugh, Ph.D., Rosemary Booth, Ph.D., Sonya Hardin, R.N., Rh.D., as well as others. Event planning continues.

Students on the conference planning committee are Shari Armstrong, Olivia Kelly, Marguerite Doman, and Cecelia Doman.

## Workshop Leaders Offer Information, Experience and Inspiration

At the Convention on Saturday, come and hear the successful, motivated women whose names and titles are noted on page four. Each has something special to offer.

Convention is a time for all the members of AAUW NC, as well as members-at-large, to gather to network and share, to learn and grow.

It is a time renew your vision for what women can be and what you can do to make it happen! Come and listen to the women. Be inspired. Live your dream. Leave a legacy.

*In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.*

## LAF Breakfast Planned for Convention

Lill Van Order  
AAUW NC LAF Chair

THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAF for 2003 are in. This should be a good year for LAF, and when all the figures are in more information will be available. All your contributions are very much appreciated. Details about branch contributions and the breakdown per capita will be publicized at the AAUW NC Convention. Now it is time to start a new LAF fund-raising campaign.

We are pleased to welcome an LAF plaintiff, who recently settled her sex discrimination suit, as speaker for the LAF Breakfast, March 27, in Charlotte.

Many AAUW NC members attended and supported the breakfast last spring. Started by Doris Bernlohr, it was a huge success. Hopefully the same will happen this year. The cost of the meal is \$11, and should be paid with convention registration. Donations to LAF of \$25 and up are requested. Please use the form on page six.

As branches continue to recruit new members and hold events in their communities, it might be a good idea to obtain the new LAF brochure. For fewer than 20 brochures, call the LAF office at 202.785.7750. There is no charge for these and they will be happy to send them.

## Convention 2004: Sponsor a Student!

Mary Peterson  
AAUW NC Program Vice-President

THE "SPONSOR A STUDENT" program is designed to help interest young women in AAUW NC. It will give them an opportunity to develop networking skills and contacts with outstanding role models and AAUW NC members. It also offers the potential for mentoring.

Branches can sponsor an undergraduate or graduate woman student to attend our convention on Saturday for \$55. This includes the cost of registration (Charlotte has given them a wonderfully low rate), the EF luncheon, and the banquet Saturday evening. Our banquet speaker is Laura Duhan Kaplan, Ph.D., an outstanding role model for young women.

Registration is simple. Check the "BRANCH-SPONSORED STUDENTS \$55" box on your convention registration form. Since there are no meal charges on Sunday, your student is also welcome to attend the Sunday session.

I enthusiastically encourage the branches sponsoring students to attend the leadership conference at UNCC on Friday. Please see page four for details. The cost is \$10 for students and \$20 for AAUW members. Parking is extra. Contact Mary Peterson at [mapeterson2@yahoo.com](mailto:mapeterson2@yahoo.com) to register and receive directions and a campus map. Members staying in Charlotte on Thursday night will have the opportunity to carpool from the hotel to UNCC. All AAUW members are invited to this conference.

## Charlotte Branch Is Convention Host

Committee chairs are:

*Convention:* Evelyn Mercer & Bess Burns

*Hospitality/Greeters:* Betty Cone

*Credentials/Registration:*

Roberta Andre & Jean Morgan

*Publicity:* Lynn Boggus &

Queen Thompson

*Transportation:* Diane Johnston

*Goodie Bags/Registration Packets:*

Florence Bowen & Martha Sloss

*Outside Activities:* Dorothy Bridgeman

*Finance:* Marilyn Bissell

*Table Arrangements/Decorations:*

Sarah Hovis & Margaret Mordecai

I'm happy to announce Asheville was the first branch to say, "YES!" to sponsoring a student. The Winston-Salem On-line Branch, Brevard Branch, and Statesville Branch have inquired about student sponsorship. Talk about this in your branch—there is still time. You have two options:

- 1) Bring a local student for the entire weekend which would cost \$65 in fees (plus lodging)
- 2) Sponsor a local Charlotte student who attends the Student Leadership Conference on Friday to come to Convention on Saturday and Sunday, which would cost \$55.

If you have questions, contact Mary Peterson, [mapeterson2@yahoo.com](mailto:mapeterson2@yahoo.com) or 252-636-5074.



## Dr. Kaplan Is Banquet Speaker

Laura Duhan Kaplan, UNC Charlotte department of philosophy chair, is banquet speaker for the 2004 AAUW NC Convention.

Dr. Kaplan holds a doctoral degree in philosophy and education (1991) and master's degree in philosophy (1987) from Claremont Graduate School, and a master of education degree in adult education (1983) from Cambridge College. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, *summa cum laude*, from Brandeis University in 1980.

Named U.S. Professor of the Year, Carnegie Foundation/CASE in 2001, Dr. Kaplan was honored with the UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, also in 2001, the Bank of America Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2000, and was named UNC Charlotte Faculty Woman of the Year in 1999.

Her areas of specialization include Philosophy: Applied Phenomenology and Interdisciplinary Studies; Women's Studies, Jewish Studies, and Liberal Studies.

Dr. Kaplan is widely published in journals and book chapters, has written two books, *Philosophy and Everyday Life* and *Family Pictures: A Philosopher Explores the Familiar*; and edited two others with Laurence F. Bove: *Philosophical Perspectives on Power and Domination: Theories and Practices* and *From the Eye of the Storm: Regional Conflicts and the Philosophy of Peace*.

For information about Dr. Kaplan's other publications see [http://www.uncc.edu/colleges/arts\\_and\\_sciences/philosophy/faculty/kaplan.html](http://www.uncc.edu/colleges/arts_and_sciences/philosophy/faculty/kaplan.html)

## Silent Auction at Convention for EF

A SILENT AUCTION will be held at the Convention to provide funds for a contribution to the Education Foundation from AAUW NC. It will be held following the Educational Foundation Luncheon on Saturday, March 27, and bids may be made until 4:45 p.m. Each branch is asked to provide at least two items for the Auction and additional items will be welcomed. Some branches brought books last year and they sold well. Gift baskets with items typical of your area are always popular.