



President's Message

Laura Rumbley
AAUW NC

THIS YEAR HAS flown by. Thank you for all the kind messages and concern. Little did I know what this last year would have in store for my family and me. I commend our state and local board members and express my personal thanks. Their continuing concern and dedication for AAUW has driven its work and mission.

With convention comes a new state president. Our state is fortunate to have a strong voice for women and girls in Joanne Hill, our president-elect. She has a firm commitment to safeguarding and expanding the mission of AAUW. As this year's work is coming to fruition, now is the time for all members to consider their roles for future participation. If you are a current state board member or someone who would like to get her feet wet on the state level, please talk to Joanne about an opportunity to serve. She is ready to continue the on-going work of the organization, as well as her own vision for the future of AAUW NC. I know she will welcome and embrace all who wish to join in her efforts.

Convention 2004 is well into the planning and implementation phases. The City of Charlotte is a wonderful community and the Charlotte branch has planned well to assure us a wonderful convention site. Mary Peterson has an exciting program. Please make plans to attend. I challenge all branches to send at least one member, and preferably several!

Branch presidents should have received a January Association mailing with three documents, a sample of a completed "Affiliates Agreement" needed for IRS purposes, and a Q&A page. Please complete these forms and return them to the Association by late February because of the March 1 IRS filing date. These forms will not affect the operation of your branch or its business.

I'm sure everyone is aware of the 21st Century program and its deadline. This is the time for local branches to shine. Be proud of your accomplishments. Brag a little to the rest of the AAUW community. Earn a 21st Century recognition award for your branch. Utilize it for publicity to help get AAUW's message to the public.

Important Dates

February 14, 2004 • Southeast Coastal Cluster Meeting, Wilmington

March 26-28, 2004 • AAUW NC Convention Charlotte

April 24, 2004 • Triangle Cluster Gathering Place, Fearington Village

June 11-13, 2004 • SAR/SEC Joint Meeting, Atlanta

July 23, 2004 • AAUW NC Summer Board Meeting & Leadership Conference Winston-Salem

August 4-10, 2004 • 28th IFUW Conference Perth, Australia

<http://www.aauwnc.org>

TAR HEEL NEWS DEADLINE

Summer Copy Deadline: May 11
Target Mail Date: June 9

Send to Marty Folsom, THN Editor
tarheelnews@aauwnc.org • Fax 704.872.3400
1525 Melviney St., Statesville NC 28677

Clusters Promote Exchange of Ideas

Joan Robertson
AAUW NC Cluster Coordinator

CLUSTERS WERE formed to accommodate NC branch members who cannot attend state conventions because of distance but want to connect with members of other branches to exchange ideas, study AAUW issues, provide leadership opportunities, and hear reports from state, regional, and national officers. Five NC clusters meet annually: Mountain, Triad, Foothills, Southeast Coastal, and Triangle (formerly Sandhills/Triangle/Northeast). Watch *Tar Heel News* for dates of 2004 Cluster meetings. They are publicized in *Tar Heel News* and are open to members of all branches.

According to Ann Terry, SAR Director, California and Oregon have districts similar to our clusters. Branch presidents do not attend state board meetings. Instead, each district selects a representative at the annual district meeting to attend the board meetings. This is an idea to pursue in North Carolina. Send your ideas to Joan Robertson at joanhrrp@aol.com.

Southeast Coastal Cluster

February 14, 9:30 a.m. - UNC-Wilmington

Wilmington Branch will host the meeting in the Madeline Suite in Wagner Hall. The topic is "Everything Is Political," featuring Paula Wolf, legislative child advocate. Wilmington, New Bern, Jacksonville, and Kinston branch members will share ideas about opportunities to help children. A buffet lunch will be served. Laura Rumbley, AAUW NC president, is guest speaker. Registration was required by February 4.

Triangle Cluster

April 24, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - Gathering Place, Fearington

Topic: School Finances and Career Development. The speaker will be from the state department of education and will stress public school financing. Other speakers will discuss curriculum and career preparation, fields of careers, etc. More details at convention.

Wilmington Celebrates 50 Years

Wilmington Branch will celebrate their anniversary with a luncheon at Cape Fear Country Club, May 15, 11:30 a.m. Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president-elect, will be the luncheon speaker. Guests may make reservations by calling Mary Codd, 910.791.5882 or sending a check for \$25 to her at 112 Wetland Dr., Wilmington NC 28412.

Interested in the U.S. Patriot Act?

Raleigh/Wake Co. Branch members have been paying close attention to movements involving the U.S. Patriot Act. Want to know more? Ask Esther Lumsdom, esther_L@ieee.org



Asheville Branch held its annual EF fund-raiser in December at the home of Nancy Edgerton in Biltmore Park, where they enjoyed a gourmet dessert buffet. In spite of a power outage for most of the party, they had a great time, and 42 members raised \$1,831.50. Top photo, from left: Mary lasher, Jeanne Gockenour, Eleanor Walther, Jayne Galliger, Trula Johnson. Inset: Mary Hyde (left) and Nancy Edgerton.

Judicial Forum Set for Feb. 19

AAUW NC AND THEIR CO-SPONSORS will present an issue forum, "A Matter of Justice: Judicial Selection and Election," on Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, Room 4085. It is being funded by an AAUW Impact Grant.

This community discussion will help the public understand more about the federal district court role and the federal justical appointment process and explain how the NC Judicial Campaign Reform Act can improve the election of judges to NC Court of Appeals and the NC Supreme Court, and the response needed from the NC citizens. A questions and answer period will follow the panel presentation. Chapel Hill Branch is hosting the event.

March for Women's Lives: Apr. 25

The original organizers of this event (Feminist Majority, NARAL, NOW, Planned Parenthood) have been joined by the National Black Women's Health Imperative and the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health. Women from around the country will gather on the Washington Mall to March for Freedom of Choice. AAUW is a co-sponsor of the march. AAUW NC, Planned Parenthood CNC, NARAL Pro-Choice NC and NC NOW are all members of NC Women United, and that coalition will post local information on the march on its web site, <http://www.ncwu.org>. To learn more, please check <http://www.marchforchoice.org>.

American Association of University Women

1111 16th Street NW • Washington DC 20036

AAUW HelpLine • Toll Free Number 800.821.4364 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST Weekdays

AAUW NC PRESIDENT • LAURA RUMBLEY

904 Daniel Dr., Jacksonville, NC 28540-6815 • 910.347.7191 • 910.989.2046 (F) • rumbley@earthlink.net

TAR HEEL NEWS (USPS 094-990) (ISSN 1522-3531)

is published quarterly by the American Association of University Women of North Carolina, 1525 Melviney St., Statesville, NC 28677, as its official bulletin of education. Annual membership dues of \$11.00 include subscription. Periodicals postage paid at Statesville, NC 28677, and at additional mailing offices.

Tar Heel News

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
TAR HEEL NEWS

c/o AAUW c/o AAUW Records Office,
1111 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20036.

*Promoting Education & Equity
For All Women and Girls*

PERIODICALS
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
STATESVILLE, NC