

Bryson City Branch: Requests Grant To Help At-Risk Girls

THE BRYSON CITY Branch, with the Swain County Public Schools, has submitted a Community Action Grant proposal to the AAUW Educational Foundation for the amount of \$10,000.

The proposal, Project Pursuit, is designed to increase awareness for college preparation and career choice among a group of at-risk females in the Swain County Middle School.

The program components include self-esteem and bonding activities, field trips, nutrition, and fitness workshops; job shadowing, speakers from local businesses and agencies, web-based college and career exploration, and preparation for success presentations.

Information about Swain County from the 2002 N.C. Children's Index published by the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute:

- Population approx. 13,000: 8600 white, 3800 Native American, and several hundred each black, Hispanic, and Asian.
- Out of 100 NC counties, Swain is: 98th worst in per capita income, 94th worst for children in poverty, and highest unemployment rate.
- Only 9.7% of residents have bachelors' degrees; the high school dropout rate is 7%. Only 31% of the Swain High School Class of 2003 planned to attend college.

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Wilmington Branch: 50 Years!

WILMINGTON BRANCH OF AAUW NC celebrated their 50th anniversary at a gala luncheon on May 15. After many months of planning, the committee changed the venue from the Cape Fear Country Club to the new Louise Cameron Museum of Art at their Forks Restaurant. The change added the opportunity for a self-guided tour of the museum at a discounted price. Members were honored with a keynote speech by Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president-elect.

Passings

Virginia Sherman, April 16, 2004

Wilmington Branch

Life Member of AAUW

NY State President, 1955-1957

Second Vice President/Membership Chair at the National level. 1959-1963

Sylvia Newman, March 25, 2004

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund President
1999-2003

To celebrate Sylvia's commitment to AAUW, the Legal Advocacy Fund will dedicate its premier convention workshop to her memory, beginning with the 2005 convention in Washington, D.C. The Sylvia Newman Lecture will commemorate her work with LAF's plaintiffs and genuine concern for their professional and personal well-being. Sylvia believed passionately that education about the problem of sex discrimination was a first and important step in eliminating the problem from campuses. The Sylvia Newman Lecture will continue her charge for a more inclusive climate in higher education.

Memorials: Please designate gifts to the Sylvia Newman Lecture or make an unrestricted gift to LAF. Send contributions to "In Memory of Sylvia Newman," AAUW Development Office, 1111 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Make gifts on-line at <http://www.aauw.org/contribute> or by phone at 800.326.2289.



Asheville Branch: Golden Members Honored

Octogenarian-and-more members of AAUW Asheville Branch were honored at the April meeting. Nineteen current "Golden Members" were designated. Many participants wore hats to accent the festivities. Celebrants sat places marked by souvenir programs and place cards in AAUW design, and were handed gift bags from board members. Seated together are Betsy Ewing, E. Thelma Caldwell, and Susan Carmichael, whose hat was judged "best." Caldwell, 92, is second in age or those present, and Dr. Margaret Burns, above right, 94, the oldest. Centenarian in the branch is Katherine Ward, 104, not present.

Submitted by Joyce Horni

Greensboro Branch: AAUW and Title IX—Moving Toward the Future

THE APRIL MEETING of Greensboro Branch featured a panel discussion, "AAUW and Title IX—Moving Toward the Future." Panelists were:

- Bernadette McGlade, ACC Associate Commissioner
- Nora Lynn Finch, Senior Associate Director of Athletics at N.C. State University
- Jean Jackson, City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Director
- Brenda McCoy, MEAC Director of Championships

Debra Massey, program vice-president, and Milynda Foushee, LAF vice-president, planned the program and moderated the panel discussion.

The speakers shared individual histories of how each they arrived in their current positions, as well as their previous activities relating to athletics. A history of Title IX was presented, along with its role in college and high school athletics. For information about AAUW and Title IX, see <http://www.aauw.org/takeaction/titleix.cfm>.
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Center Offers One-Day Workshops

THE NC CENTER for Women in Public Service will sponsor one-day workshops, *Women at the Table* around the state during the Fall 2004 and Winter 2005. The non-partisan workshops provide an introduction to the skills and steps involved in seeking appointed or elected public offices, to inspire women to serve in positions at every level in North Carolina. A panel of elected women will participate in each workshop.

Locations will be selected the first week in July. If you are interested in having a workshop in your community, contact nccwps@peace.edu or 919.508.2308. See details at www.nccwps.org

Branch Insurance

Information about branch incorporation and branch insurance was presented at convention by Ann Terry, SAR director. While incorporation and being insured are not requirements, they are recommended because of the litigious environment of the 21st century. Armfield, Harrison & Thomas, Inc., in Leesburg, Virginia provides branch insurance. Contact is Patti Loftis, 800.648.4807. The cost is \$180 per year.

Raleigh/Wake County: Collaborates to Promote Math, Science for Girls

ESTHER LUMSDON REPRESENTED AAUW and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) as a judge in the April 25 Sally Ride ToyChallenge Regional Showcase at Sigma Xi's new headquarters building in Research Triangle Park. Sally Ride ToyChallenge encourages children to think about design process, teamwork, and engineering. Other judges were employees, members, and board members of Sigma Xi (scientific research society), and employees of Eli Lilly. The 10 judges visited the enthusiastic teams of fifth to eighth graders in small groups. Each toy design team described its design process and history, and presented their game or toy to the judges.

Dr. Myra Halpin led a workshop on coaching a ToyChallenge team, and gave tips for fund-raising for travel and materials.

Morehead Planatarium, Shodor Education Foundation, Grassroots Science Museums Collaborative, American Chemical Society, N.C. Museum of Life and Science, N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, and Eli Lilly were exhibitors. Prizes for the science scavenger hunt were books about science chock-full of inspiring photos of planets, moons, and sea creatures.

2004 is the second year for ToyChallenge. The National Showcase will be in San Diego, July 8. The N.C. Sally Ride Science Festival for 5th-8th grade girls is October 10 at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center. To be placed on a mailing list for information, visit <http://www.science-house.org> and fill out the "contact" page for the Sally Ride Science Festival. Raleigh/Wake County AAUW Branch plans to participate in this event.

The Sally Ride organization encourage girls in science and math with several programs: Science Festivals, ToyChallenge, Science Club, Science Camps, and Educator Institute. See <http://www.sallyride.com> for information.

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Learn About International Affairs

Shirley Quisenberry

AAUW NC International Chair

THE SOUTHEASTERN WORLD Affairs Institute will be held Friday-Sunday, July 30-August 1, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, at Black Mountain.

The topic is *U.S. Foreign Policy: Domineering or Diplomatic?* Speakers are Ambassador Samuel Lewis, retired; Haywood Rankin, Foreign Service Officer, retired, Gastonia; Shelley Rigger, Prof. Political Science, Davidson College; Enrique Sanchez, Senior VP, Dir. of Global Risk Analysis, Bank of America, Charlotte, and others.

The event is sponsored by the American Freedom Association. For information and registration forms contact Marilyn White, 3817 Windwood Circle, Charlotte 28226, 704.542.7127.

Covenant with N.C.'s Children

NOTES FROM THE Covenant's May 18 *Legislative Update*: Is the House willing to address unmet and growing needs? The budget shortfalls of the last three years have led to program and staff cuts, elimination of services, no raises for state employees, and tuition increases at universities and community colleges. Needs have increased in the wake of the recession and as the population grows. Unmet needs are affecting all parts of state government:

- 24,000 children wait for a child care subsidy,
 - 57% of students do not get their high school diploma in four years,
 - Reports of child abuse and neglect are rising,
 - Community mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services are not being created and funded as quickly as state services are ending,
 - Juvenile detention centers are unsafe because of their rundown condition;
 - N.C. Community College faculty salaries rank 47th lowest in the nation; and
 - In N.C., 1.3 million have no health coverage.
- For comprehensive coverage on issues that affect children in our state, see <http://www.nccovenant.org>. Contact your representatives and encourage them to make decisions to meet these needs.

Gaston Regional Branch: Women's History Collaboration

JUDY BURNS, an AAUW Gaston Regional Branch member, loves music. Also a member of Gastonia's Sharps and Flats Music Club, she had an idea for a music review of women's history. As branch equity chair, she produced it to celebrate Women's History Month in March.

Here's to America's Women was open to the public at the Gaston/Lincoln Library's main branch. It featured members of the two clubs, and performers from the high school and library. The event provided exposure to other groups and increased visibility in the community, with coverage in two newspapers.

The music traced women's history from 1810-1930. Performers in period costumes sang songs of settlers, slaves, mill workers, and homemakers. AAUW performers were Bernie Carpenter, narrator; B'Ann Vance, who extolled the virtues of the single life; and Judy Burns, who belted out Helen Reddy's *I Am Woman*. Esther Muench, branch president, led the audience in a sing-along with *Here's to the Women*—"Here's to the women, now where would we be? Working and caring throughout history. Their hands on the plow, but their stories untold, So here's to the women, who shouldered the load!"

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