

AAUW NC: Making It Better

Winter Retreat: Work session to accomplish focused discourse and to create a plan for future action: strategic plan, board structure, much, much more! All board members (officers, committee chairs, and branch presidents) are asked to attend. If you will attend, but did not go to the Fall Board Meeting, please contact Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president, so she can bring you up to speed.

Date & Time: January 28-29, 2005 • Times to be announced
Friday Evening: Banner Workshop (new method), Informal Meetings
Saturday: Retreat

Host Branches: High Point and Greensboro

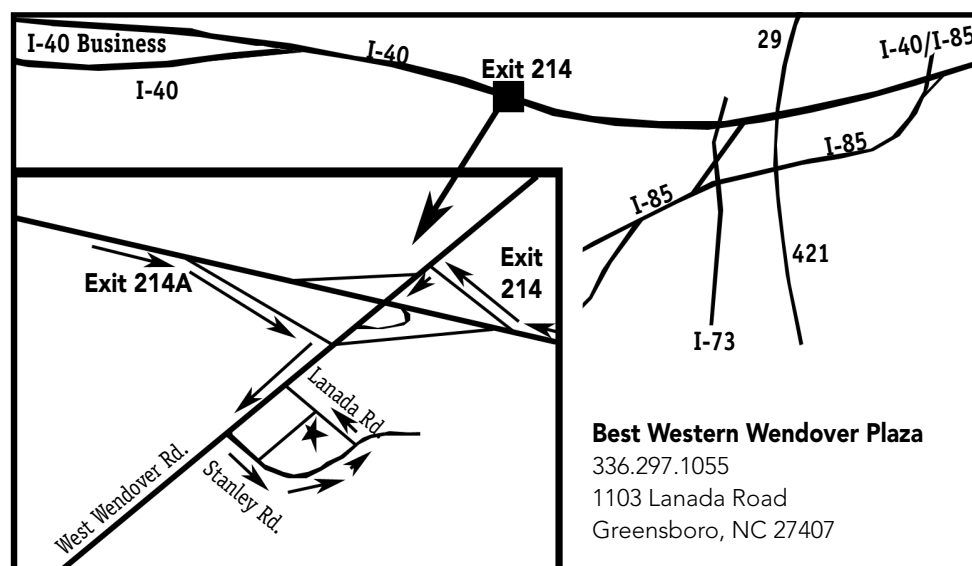
Registration: \$10 (lunch included). Use form below.

Place: Best Western Wendover Plaza • 336.297.1055
1103 Lanada Rd., Greensboro, NC 27407

Room Rate: \$70 includes deluxe continental breakfast. Code for this rate: AAUW NC

Directions: From East: I-40W, Exit 214 Wendover Avenue. Turn Left at light. Go through next light and get in left lane. Turn left at next light (Stanley Rd). Stay in left lane. Hotel is on left past Bojangles.

From West: I-40E, Exit 214 Wendover Avenue. Bear right when you come off ramp and immediately get in left lane. Turn left at next light (Stanley Rd). Stay in left lane. Hotel is on left past Bojangles.



AAUW NC Winter Planning Retreat

Host Branches: Greensboro and High Point

Deadline: January 15, 2005 - the Sooner the Better!

Name: _____

(AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone (s): _____

AAUW NC Position _____

President of _____ Branch

Branch Member Member-at-Large Other _____

Registration : _____ persons @ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Lunch is included Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If paying for more than one person, please attach names and positions on separate sheet.

Make check payable to AAUW High Point Branch,
AAUW NC Winter 2005 Planning Retreat

Return to: Mary Stephens, PO Box 12548, Winston Salem, NC 27117

Room reservations should be made directly with the Best Western Wendover Plaza

Recommendation Made at Fall Board Meeting

Board Considers Strategic Plan for 2004-2005, Discussion Set for Planning Retreat

This plan will be monitored by the Executive Committee as it relates to AAUW NC activities following the AAUW mission at the state and national levels. Primary concerns each year are: finding meeting places accessible to people with disabilities; seeking and maintaining a diverse population, which includes those listed in the diversity statement—encouraging participation from all sectors; strengthening the College/University Partnerships among the many institutions; supporting multi-ethnic activities within the local communities; striving to make our voices heard by the various governing bodies as we address issues that affect women and girls; encouraging greater commitment to “giving programs backed by Association and AAUW NC.”

AAUW NC will continue to support coalition activities

- Continue membership in N.C. Women United and support activities of the Women’s Equality Day Event when planned.
 - a) Mentor branches in becoming active participants in the Agenda-setting process.
 - b) Mentor branches in keeping abreast of technology to respond on-line to support for/against legislative bills, etc.
- Continue membership in the N.C. Coalition on Aging.

AAUW NC will continue to spotlight

Convention and Summer Leadership Programming

- Model programming from Association and Regional Conferences which will help branches in impacting their local communities as it relates to the Mission of AAUW.
- Model ways for branches to increase leadership opportunities, visibility, and diversity within their branches.
- Raise awareness of yearly increased support in the Educational Foundation.

Convention Guidelines Undergo Dramatic Revision

DURING CONVENTION 2003, Laura Rumbley (2002-2004) appointed a task force to revise the AAUW NC guidelines: Lill Van Order, Mary Peterson, and Marty Folsom.

Now titled the *AAUW NC State Convention Preparation Guide and Checklist*, it was originally adopted in 1980, and edited in 1992 by the Raleigh committee, Hila Stratton, chair, to update terminology and facts. No substantive changes were made at that time.

Nancy Shoemaker provided the task force with a user-friendly Word document by scanning the old guide in OCR—not an easy undertaking.

The task force completely restructured the guide to make it easier to use. It is more concise, reflects technology advances, and updates officer and board members’ titles and deadlines. The new format is a set of cross-referenced checklists—one for each person with responsibilities.

Following the presentation of the new document at the Fall Board Meeting, Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president, instructed the task force to insert a provision for annual evaluation and

revisions. The convention guidelines committee will solicit feedback from officers and chairs involved immediately after each convention and make appropriate revisions prior to copying and distributing to the new officers and convention team. The committee consists of the program vice-president, outgoing convention chair, and *Tar Heel News* editor.

When Mary Peterson met with Asheville Branch leaders in October, she distributed copies of the new guide to the branch president, convention chair, branch treasurer, and a fourth copy for the convention chair to take apart and give to the local committees. She explained that the guidelines had just been revised, and after pointing out the note section on the right side of each page, asked them to make notes of any changes that would enhance or help to explain any of the directions. They were thrilled with the checklist format.

The original Word document has been filed with the AAUW NC secretary. Task force member retain copies, and it is available on the web site.

AAUW NC 100 Club Applications

AAUW NC is seeking applications for credit for hours, as well as donations, for the 100 Club, approved during the Summer Board Meeting to recognize individuals across the state who demonstrate their commitment to AAUW.

Members can join the AAUW NC 100 club two ways—contribute at least \$100 to AAUW NC or spend at least 100 hours working for AAUW at any level. Donations from nine members have already been collected, putting a significant dent in our fund-raising goal for the year.

The simplest way to join is to write a check to AAUW NC. Send it with your name, address, city, state, zip, phone, e-mail, and branch to: Millie Hoffer-Foushee, 7068 Lanier Road, Summerfield NC 27358.

If this gift is in honor or in memory of someone, please also include their name, branch, and the contact information where an acknowledgment should be sent.

Details and applications are available at <http://www.aauwnc.org> – just look for “100 Club.”

As of November 4, 100 Club members are Sandra Abromitis, Asheville; Gregory Alcorn, Salisbury; Millie Hoffer-Foushee, Greensboro; Lola Jackson, Greensboro; Joanne Hill, Jacksonville; Mary Jo Pribble, Hendersonville; Bonny Marsh, Hendersonville; Mary Peterson, Twin Rivers; Evelyn Mercer, Charlotte. Beginning in 2005, all names will be published in a place of honor in *Tar Heel News*.

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