



Host Branches Wanted!

AAUW NC is seeking branches to host State Board Meetings: 2005 Summer, 2006 Summer, 2006 Fall; and the 2006 and 2007 Spring Conventions. Greensboro will host the 2005 Winter Meeting, and Chapel Hill is on board for the 2005 Fall Meeting. Interested branches should contact Judy Atkinson, gatkinson1@triad.rr.com or 336-659-4709

Association Limits 21st Century Recognition to States Only

AAUW NC Presents New Branch Recognition Program

Mary Fran Schickedantz
On behalf of the AAUW NC Board

WE, THE AAUW NC Board, think the branches in North Carolina are pretty special! We think that it is great to have the chance to foster communication among them. The Association has given us this opportunity by letting us make decisions on the format for hearing about your focus areas. Developing a way to get feedback from you is a real challenge. We really want to hear from every branch!

We suggest that the 2004 calendar year be the time frame for the activities you will tell us about. We need to receive your feedback by March 1, 2005, which will allow us to be on the same page for our activities for EF and LAF, and for membership figures.

Please send your information to Phyllis Guberman, jpguber@bellsouth.net or mail it to her at 205 Royal Oak Dr., Wilmington, NC 28409-4535.

At the AAUW NC Convention in Asheville, April 16-17, we plan to celebrate our accomplishments and network with the branch personnel whose activities seem workable for us. Our convention planners may even find a creative way to use this information.

21st Century Recognition Program for States Focuses on Strategic Planning, Assisting Branches

Ann S. Terry
South Atlantic Regional Director

STRATEGIC PLANNING, SETTING goals, identifying resources, implementing mission-based programs: that is what effective, visible states do to answer the AAUW *Call to Action*. It is what mentoring states do for their AAUW branches, but more importantly it is what state leaders model for members in an effort to move the AAUW mission forward ... because equity is still an issue!

It is what garners 21st Century Recognition as a Platinum, Silver, or Gold state. Recognizing states and their volunteers for all that is done to assist branches in developing community-based collaborative partnerships is one way that Association says, "thank you."

While the 21st Century Branch Recognition Program has been handed-off to states for their respective adaptation and use, the Association has retained the 21st Century State Recognition Program, as is, for the remainder of the 2003-05 biennium. The regional directors will serve

Content:

We'd like to know about the general makeup of your branch...

- What makes your branch tick?
- What kinds of programs do your members support?
- What makes you the same or different from other community groups
- What ways have you connected with AAUW NC or Association; or what reasons have blocked you from connecting.

You do not have to comment on all of the above.

We'd also like to know what you feel is your greatest branch challenge and/or accomplishment.

Format—Your Choice:

Since "one size doesn't fit all," when it comes to reporting, we envision letting you pick the way. We'd like it to be no more than an 8.5 x 11 page. It may be in essay form, checklist form, or a combination of the two. I will be happy to dialogue with you to make this process more user friendly.

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as members of the review committee with staff members. The review committee will evaluate state applications for states other than those within their own regions to avoid conflicts of interest and staff will verify membership numbers and contributions to the Educational Foundation and to the Legal Advocacy Fund. Recognizing states for programming projects, public policy initiatives, and membership development is collaborative work among AAUW member volunteers and AAUW staff.

More than half of the state AAUW organizations have participated in the 21st Century Recognition Program since its inception in late 2001. 21st Century is not a competitive program – it is a recognition program and hopefully all states will participate this year.

States can choose the project that best suits its needs and can attain recognition with just one project to support women and girls. States are recognized for assisting branches in achieving their goals and reaching a higher level of achievement.

Wilmington Branch Member Wins Juvenile Literature Award

Ellyn Bache
AAUW-Wilmington

WILMINGTON WRITER AND AAUW Branch member Blonnie Bunn Wyche has won the AAUW Juvenile Literature Award for her teen historical novel, *The Anchor—P. Moore, Proprietor*, about a 15-year-old girl who finds herself running her father's tavern in Brunswick, in the North Carolina colony, in 1764.

The annual award was established in 1953 by AAUW NC to reward creative excellence and stimulate interest in worthwhile literature written on the juvenile level. Books are submitted by publishers and chosen by a rigorous, highly-competitive judging process. Although winners must be North Carolina residents, they do not have to be affiliated with AAUW in any way, so it was a special surprise for the Wilmington branch to learn that, for the first time, one of its own members had won.

Wyche's book also won the Clark Cox Historical Fiction Award sponsored by the North Carolina Society of Historians, was named to the Winter 2003/2004 Children's Book Sense 76 – the top recommendations of independent booksellers around the country, and was a finalist for the *Foreword Magazine* Book of the Year Award, which recognizes excellence in independent publishing.

The Anchor – P. Moore, Proprietor is a debut novel for Wyche, who until her retirement spent 30 years teaching in NC public schools, first in music education and then in K-6 classrooms. She then became an award-winning short fiction



Blonnie Bunn Wyche

writer and successful "ghost writer" of a book about ghosts on the Battleship North Carolina. She also penned newsletters for two historical organizations and a children's newsletter for the *Wilmington Star-News*. Currently, she is working on a sequel to *The Anchor*.

Passings

- **Thelma Caldwell**, 91, August 6, Asheville. A public school teacher who began involvement with the YWCA as a volunteer developing programs for teenage girls, she rose to become executive director of the Asheville YWCA when the black and white branches merged. She was known for her quiet, determined diplomatic style, and was a member of Asheville Branch, as well as several other organizations with missions of civil rights and diversity.
- **Kathleen Soles**, 86, September 11, Greensboro. She was a life member of AAUW, having served two terms as Greensboro Branch president and a term as AAUW NC treasurer, among other positions.
- **Jill Shelley**, 57, September 14, New Bern. A charter member of the Twin Rivers/New Bern Branch, she served a term as co-president. To honor her commitment to education equity, the branch established the Jill Shelley Memorial Scholarship at Craven Community College for non-traditional women students.

Connections

- **Linda Sarkis**, Greensboro. Correct e-mail address: lsarkis2003@yahoo.com (small L). W: 336-841-5600, ext. 24434.
- **Louise Pickersgill**, Winston-Salem. New address: 3614 Dewsbury Road, Winston-Salem NC 27104
- **Millie Hoffer-Foushee**, Greensboro. new address: 7068 Lanier Road, Summerfield NC 27358
- **Judy Atkinson**, Winston-Salem. AAUW NC Administrative Asst./Housing Coordinator. 1008 Glousman Road, Winston-Salem NC 27104, GATKINSON1@triad.rr.com
- **Helen Solomon**, Wilmington Branch, was honored by Governor Mike Easley during the reception for North Carolina Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service in October. She was recognized for her volunteerism in Pender County as a tutor and library assistant for the county's school children.
- **Gloria Blanton**, 80, Raleigh/Wake County, was recognized when her branch dedicated the 2004-2005 branch year in her honor. She has served the branch and state organizations in multiple capacities, exemplifies academic excellence, is a life member of the Association and the Foundation's Legacy Circle, and her ongoing educational efforts have strengthened the branch's public policy advocacy.
- **Kera Bell**, Raleigh/Wake County Branch, a doctoral student in Computer Science, North Carolina State University College of Engineering, recently presented two papers at IEEE's 15th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering in Saint Malo, France. The papers, written in collaboration with Mladen A. Vouk, are titled *Effectiveness of Stochastically Generated Dependencies in Pairwise Testing for Detecting Security Faults* and *Assessing N-Wise Approach for Use in System Security Testing*. Information about the conference can be seen at <http://www.issre.org/2004>.