



President's Message

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- **New Programming Theme**
Education as a Gateway to Women's Economic Security - see <http://www.bbv.org/wp/Security>. I am VERY excited about this theme and how it dovetails with our idea for a program focus for North Carolina AAUW! This was the impetus to developing our state theme at our summer board meeting.

Summer Board Meeting

A special thank you to the Raleigh Branch and Warren Weber for the wonderful location for our meeting. The WUNC television studio and offices were splendid accommodations. Personally, I would also like to thank those present who jumped in to fill the last of the vacancies on our board. Welcome to Swannetta Fink, from Gaston, who volunteered to serve as by-laws chair. My gratitude to Sandra Champion and Rebecca Hamrick for their service in this position. Clara Allen stepped down as our historian, and has left a legacy in the published history. Thanks to Sandy Jenkins who will move from the Jacksonville Branch to the Raleigh Branch this month and volunteered to serve. Evelyn Lynge, from Jacksonville, volunteered to serve as corresponding secretary/housing coordinator, a position vacated when Judythe Atkinson stepped up to be program vice-president. Finally, JoAnn Hall has agreed to chair the finance committee and Bobbie Edmisten has volunteered to serve.

After we finished our committee reports, we broke into groups to do the work, and the reports were terrific. Hopefully you will read about the work accomplished at this meeting elsewhere in this newsletter, Groups focused on

- New Board Structure
- Strategic Planning/Program (Statewide Focus)
- Strategic Planning/Other Goals and Strategies
- 21st Century Recognition Program

The board decided to continue with one more "working meeting only" session in the fall in Chapel Hill. The minutes of the board meeting are posted on our web site, www.aauwnc.org. They have been reviewed by the reading committee and will be approved at the fall board meeting. What an exciting time, and I thank each of you for the work you do furthering our mission for women and girls every day!

WELL, AS I write this, summer is winding down, but what a busy one it has been! The AAUW National Convention in Washington, DC, our Summer Board Meeting, and plans for the Fall Board Meeting and beyond have propelled our AAUW mission forward.

National Convention

• Blogging

What a great perspective Nancy brought to the national convention! I hope those of you who were interested and "with us in spirit" enjoyed the virtual experience. If you missed it go to <http://www.bbv.org/wp> and check it out!

• Visits with Senators and Representatives

Our trip to Capitol Hill was powerful! Our blue "Purpose, Power, Progress" bags were visible all over the place, as delegates from each of the states visited senators and representatives. Although some of our visits were not necessarily to AAUW-friendly offices, we were heard and respected. Since our return, I have begun getting answers back to my correspondence to our legislators, specifically Senator Burr. My representative and an aide sat down with me for 30 minutes! Although we have different reasons for opposing privatization of Social Security, we agreed it was a bad idea.

• New membership requirement

I know you have probably heard this news already, but there maybe some confusion. You must have a degree - associate's or equivalent. Having two or more years of college without completing the degree requirement does not qualify.

AAUW NC: When & Where!

October 29, 2005
AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting
Chapel Hill.

March 31-April 2, 2006
AAUW NC Convention
Sheraton Grand New Bern.

<http://www.aauwnc.org>

Note to Branch Presidents:

Have a conflict for a state meeting date? Our revised by-laws allow you to designate another person to represent you and your branch. This representative can even be from another branch! Jo Gilbert of Sandhills/Southern Pines was the first to do this, when she stood in for Phyllis Guberman of Wilmington at the summer board meeting. Read Phyllis' comments on page seven. AAUW NC is working hard to restructure in order to make it easier for our members to participate. Questions? Contact Karla Atkinson, AAUW NC secretary (see page six for the new AAUW NC directory).

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AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2005 • Chapel Hill

Registration 8:30 a.m. • Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Format - Working Meeting

We will finalize new board structure, strategic planning/program (statewide focus)/other goals and strategies, and 21st Century Recognition program. Thanks to extensive feedback from the ReConnection movement (see page two), we began focused discussion on these items a year ago at the fall board meeting in Eden, and have continued through a planning retreat last spring and the summer board meeting. A great deal of thought and energy has been directed at these efforts. We look forward to the potential being created for AAUW NC! New presidents and board members are especially encouraged to participate!

Registration

Lunch is compliments of AAUW NC, but you *must* notify Mary Paterson by October 19, to assure adequate food supplies. Call 919.968.6659 before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m., e-mail mlbpaterson@aol.com or write to 2608 Damascus Church Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Lodging Reservations

Make your reservation with the Holiday Inn, 1301 N. Fordham Blvd./Hwy. 15/501, Chapel Hill 27514, by calling 1.888.452.5765 by Saturday, October 1. Rooms are \$79.95 plus tax, single or double. Please name AAUW to get the group rate.

Directions

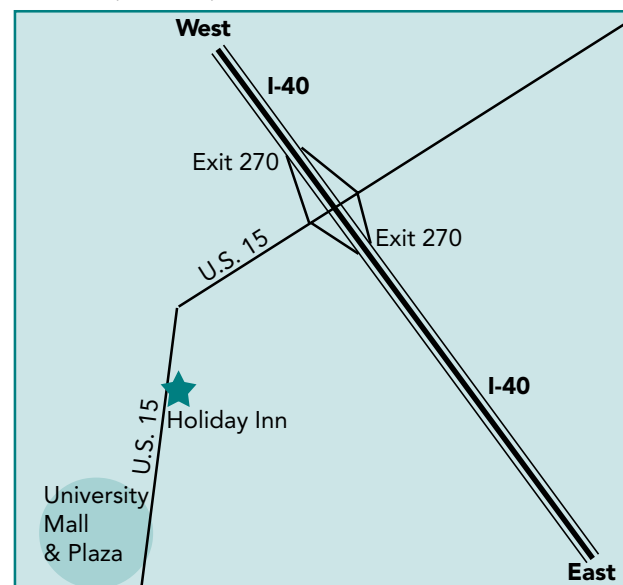
From the West (Greensboro):

Take I-40 to US15/501, Exit 270, Turn right on 15/501 toward Chapel Hill and continue 1.74 miles to Ephesus Church Road on your left.

The Holiday Inn is on the corner.

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