

Nominations Committee Announces Two Candidates, Need for Program VP

Linda Sarkis

AAUW NC Nominations Committee Chair

A BIG THANK YOU to the committee for your hard work: Pat Abell, Judy Atkinson, JoAnn Hall, Carol Kaiser. Our intensive process to search for the president-elect, treasurer, and program vice-president has come to a close. Numerous calls and e-mails to active branch and state members, networking, and a consistent presence at state and branch meetings fueled our search. We found a talented incumbent who will stay another term as treasurer, and a go-getter president-elect who has been a long-standing, active member of AAUW NC. Regrettably, in spite of our efforts to "beat the bushes," we did not find a candidate for program vice-president. Anyone who is interested in this post or who has suggestions is urged to contact me at once, lsarkis2003@yahoo.com or 3742 Greenes Crossing, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Shoemaker Is Nominated

Esther Lumsdon

President, Raleigh/Wake County Branch

THE RALEIGH/WAKE County Branch is enthusiastic and proud to support the nomination of Nancy Shoemaker for the position of president-elect of AAUW NC. Nancy has been an outstanding member of our branch since 1996. She has held many positions including webmaster, public policy co-chair, treasurer, membership vice-president, program vice-president, and president.

As president of the Raleigh/Wake County Branch, Nancy displayed sensitivity to our varied membership and was a strong consensus builder. She worked tirelessly to advance the branch and to meet the criteria of the Five Star program then in effect. In each of her offices, Nancy worked to make sure that everything was done to perfection. As membership vice-president, Nancy followed up on every lead, called each prospective member, met personally with many of them, encouraged them to attend meetings, and occasionally invited them to lunch or gatherings at her home. We had a substantial increase in membership during her tenure. Nancy also served at the national level on the program development committee. She attended seven of the past eight AAUW NC conventions, all the summer leadership conferences since 2000, one South Atlantic Region meeting, and the last three AAUW conventions.

We all know Nancy's passion is technology. She has a strong professional background in the field and has worked with many software

programs. She has been a computer analyst, a system administrator, a senior technical consultant, and an independent consultant. Nancy founded the Shoemaker Group in January 2003, whose mission is to assist nonprofits move content to the web.

Ours was the first branch to have its own web site listed on www.aauw.org. Nancy has brought AAUW NC into the computer age almost single-handedly. She has presented workshops at several state conventions, SAR, and AAUW NC leadership conferences. She co-authored a Technology White Paper for the AAUW board and was primary author of the summary of results of a survey on the 21st Century Recognition Program for the AAUW board. Nancy has served as technology chair for AAUW NC for several years. A dual member of the Winston-Salem and California on-line branches, Nancy has made every effort to increase communication in the state while recognizing that not all our members are "tech savvy."

Nancy also has an enviable academic record. She graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from Swarthmore College, received a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, all in mathematics. She is a member of six professional organizations and is a volunteer for RTPnet and North Carolina Women United.

The Raleigh/Wake County Branch urges you to support the nomination of Nancy Shoemaker. Strongly committed to our mission and to membership diversity, she is a tremendous asset to the American Association of University Women.

Wilmington Branch Boasts Two Authors

WILMINGTON BRANCH is excited about two of its published writers, Hope Cusick, and Blonnie Bunn Wyche! We are proud of these talented ladies and encourage AAUW members to read and share their works.

Hope Cusick's book is a collection of poetry. *Whispers of Poetry, by Hope*, is light and easy poetry for everyday people, about everyday adventures. In November, Hope presented several of her poems at the annual Educational Foundation fund-raising event, *Morning Coffee for Carolina Authors*. Her poems relate to experiences from nature, to life, to love, relationships, people, and places.

As per our historical records, we believe that Blonnie Bunn Wyche is the first Wilmington member ever to win the AAUW NC Juvenile Literature Award for her teen historical novel, "The Anchor ~ P. Moore, Proprietor." Her novel is about a 15-year-old girl who, in 1764, finds herself running her ne'er-do-well father's tavern, and in the process, learning to think for herself in what was considered, in pre-Revolutionary times, a very unladylike way! The award, established in 1953, is given annually to the author of "an original work of juvenile literature of outstanding excellence."

Marva S. Moss, Wilmington Branch

AAUW NC History

Commemorative book celebrating the 2002 75th anniversary of AAUW NC. Order from Clara Allen. Send \$17 each (includes shipping) to 442 Crossvine Close, Fearington, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Connections

- Joanne Hill, Jacksonville. New e-mail address: aauwncprez@directway.com. She has changed jobs, so published work phone and fax numbers are no longer current.

Sri Lanka, Thai, Indian AUW Among IFUW's Oldest Members

Shirley Quisenberry

AAUW NC International Chair

THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION of the tsunami has focused us on countries we may know little about and also on what we can do to help. The Sri Lanka Federation of University Women has been a member of IFUW since 1946. Its recent program efforts have been directed at achieving legislation against gender-based violence. There is also a seminar series for undergraduate students, "Democratic Leadership to Enhance Capacity of Women" aimed at counteracting the students general loss of faith in existing social and public institutions that has resulted from the three decades of ethnic conflict. The Thai AUW joined IFUW in 1948 and the Indian AUW is among the oldest members.

Our Convention program includes some time to discuss the IFUW/AAUW relationship. Perhaps by then we will have had some communication about the situation of the Indian Ocean affiliates.

Triangle Cluster Meets April 2

Saturday, April 2, is the date for the Triangle Cluster meeting, in Blue Hall at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. The theme, *Women's Health: A Creative Approach*, includes Transitions, Creativity, Nutrition, Herbal, Aromatherapy, and Fitness modalities, all provided by professionals in their fields. Registration is required. Coffee and nibblers upon arrival and lunch are included in the \$12 cost. Sandhills/Southern Pines Branch is hostess.

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Greensboro Branch Endorses Incumbent, Hoffer-Foushee

Millie Hoffer-Foushee's financial expertise has benefitted the Greensboro branch and AAUW NC for several years. Her strong commitment and dedication to AAUW at all levels is evident in everything she does. Millie is a frequent and active participant at local and state meetings, and has attended many national conventions to represent the women of North Carolina.

In the community, Millie was co-chair, Greensboro Human Relations Commission Committee of 100 Steering Committee, and chair of the Greensboro Annual Multi-Cultural Festival. She is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greensboro, is active on several auxiliaries, and has received many honors as a businesswoman and activist.

Millie's professional career, spanning over 40 years, includes employment with Girl Scouts of America and District of Columbia and Maryland public schools. She has owned two businesses, a janitorial service and an education consultant firm. Currently in "semi-retirement," she is a master tax advisor for HR Block and an enrolled agent to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

Greensboro branch is proud to support the continuance of Millie Hoffer-Foushee's term in office as AAUW NC state treasurer.

Voice, Vision, Leadership: Farokhi for Association President

BETH FAROKHI BRINGS experience and an open mind to the presidency, as well as a strong commitment to the mission and to all AAUW members. Beth currently serves in the position of executive vice-president/secretary of the Association. She has a proven track record of service at the local, state, regional, and national levels that further demonstrates her ability to lead the Association to a new era of purpose, solidarity, and involvement. [She was SAR director for several years.]

Beth's professional and personal achievements are exemplary. On behalf of women and girls, her work spans all aspects of equity: from higher education pursuits to creating the Leadership Academy for Women on her own campus; from working in the community as a mentor for a middle school girl to serving as an equity consultant for various agencies and institutions; from editing an international newsletter, *The Educational Equity Report* for 13 years with partners such as State Farm Insurance, to developing gender equitable research; and from working with new immigrants to raising her own family. She exemplifies the AAUW mission. Beth's professional, community, and AAUW experiences have prepared her to be Association president. As a leader at every level, she has developed unique insights into the organization. She has seen the importance of your involvement we work together to change the world for women and girls.

Beth will use her enthusiasm, expertise, and personal experiences within AAUW to unite the organization. AAUW should be a monumental force for change nationally and internationally. She will develop programs of leadership and membership recruitment that allow us to embrace change and cultivate diversity everywhere, while ensuring fiscal responsibility. Each voice is the greatest asset that each of us brings to AAUW. You can help Beth make AAUW a stronger organization by electing her Association president.

Beth's goals are:

- To enhance communication by ensuring members a voice at all levels
- To increase membership through diversity, visibility, and involvement
- To promote a strong organization and collaborations that continue to value "equity and excellence in all walks of life"

Your Voice. Our Vision. Her Leadership. Beth Farokhi for President.

Beth encourages you to visit her website <http://education.gsu.edu/bethfarokhi>, for complete details and to contact her with any input and ideas that will move AAUW forward. She thanks you for your support in her election and hopes to see you in Washington, DC in June for the AAUW Convention!

CANDIDATE APPROVED