

AAUW NC LAF Raises \$7,102 in 2004

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AAUW NC LAF Chair

THANK YOU ONE and all who helped with the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) fund-raising. We ended the year quite well. As you might remember, the national goal for LAF is \$5 capita. We did it! The total number of members in the 18 branches who contributed was 1,020. We raised \$7,102.69, which is \$6.96 per person from the branches that gave! Ten branches made their goal, with the average for the 18 branches being \$394.60. Some branches gave more than others, but if each branch gave this much, can you imagine what we could do? Thank you to all the conscientious LAF chairs and treasurers that worked for LAF over the past year, as well as the generous contributors. Last year's donations are all in and

the books are closed, so now we move on. At the convention, we will learn more about LAF and how to support its important mission. Come to the LAF breakfast. This is a good way to start your contribution to LAF. At press time, we had not heard from National if we will receive an LAF Plaintiff travel grant. We will hold a breakfast featuring an interesting speaker whether we get the grant or not. An LAF contribution and breakfast sponsor form is on page six. Sign up to attend the breakfast on the convention registration form, also on page six. You may support the breakfast even if you do not attend it or the convention. So please give this some thought. We would love to have a large group of supporters. Thanks to all who contribute to this cause.

Association Sets Goals, Addresses Needs

Ann Scott Terry
AAUW South Atlantic Regional Director

THIS IS TRULY one of the most exciting times I have experienced in my AAUW leadership career. With the arrival of Pat Nichols as the interim executive director for AAUW, your Association board and staff have undertaken an examination of how we do business, how we communicate, how we make the best use of our resources both physical and personnel, and how we can work together to make AAUW a viable organization not only to long-time members but also to those new members we want to have join us. With Pat's leadership and "push," the Board and staff have moved quickly to establish 120-day goals that we plan to meet as expected.

Goal #1 is to reduce net overhead costs. Staff teams are re-allocating space in the AAUW building, undergoing extensive records management that will free up storage space, and analyzing overhead costs and potential revenue sources.

Goal #2 is to develop open and consistent communication between board members and between the board and the senior management team. A wonderful new e-mail publication, *EdEqChange*, is produced every two weeks and gives the leadership teams a heads-up on what's happening, what projects are underway, general announcements and other timely information. It is sent to board members, committee chairs, and state presidents, in an effort to make sure your volunteer leaders have information to do their jobs efficiently and effectively.

It is important to note that this work is being conducted while continuing with all the other on-going activities of both volunteer leaders and staff - board meetings and conference calls, task force work assignments, planning for national convention in June, committee tasks, and a

multitude of other tasks. In addition to seeing you at the AAUW NC convention in April, I sincerely hope that I will see you in Washington in June for the Association's biennial convention. Members need to talk about many issues, and we want the voices of SAR members to be heard. Please make every effort to be a part of your state's delegation to DC. As you meet within your state to celebrate your successes and support your leaders, take a moment to consider the work of your Association leaders. We, too, have AAUW's mission as the over-riding focus to our challenges and our work. Together we can ensure the future of AAUW because *Equity is still an issue*.

Lifelong Learning: Resources on the Web

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES for Virtual Education (NC LIVE) offers the citizens of North Carolina online access to complete articles from over 9,000 newspapers, journals, magazines, and encyclopedias, indexing for over 20,000 periodical titles, and access to over 22,000 electronic books. NC LIVE is available free of charge to library patrons, students, and educators from four communities of interest (COIs) - public libraries, community colleges, the state's university system, and members of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. NC LIVE can be accessed from within an affiliated library or from home.

Check with your local library to get an NC LIVE password and go to <http://www.nclive.org> to access the resources.

Nancy Shoemaker, Raleigh/Wake Co.

Charlotte Branch Book-Author Luncheon

Sunday, April 17 • Book Signing 12:30 p.m. • Lunch 1 p.m.

FEATURING

Dori Sanders

*Clover • Her Own Place
Dori Sanders' Country Cooking*

Robert Whitlow

*The List • The Trial
Life Support*

Ilene Beckerman

*Mother of the Bride
What We Do for Love • Two Other Books*

Proceeds will be used to fund AAUW RF Fellowships and Grants. \$40/person. Tables seat eight.
Tickets: Marilyn Bissell, 704.552.9322 • Information, Roberta Andre, 704.552.7409



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. Chapel Hill is on board for the 2005 Fall Meeting. Interested branches should contact Judy Atkinson, gatkinson1@triad.rr.com or 336.659.4709

AAUW NC Announces Branch 21st Recognition Program

Mary Fran Schickedantz
AAUW NC Recognition Coordinator

THE FORM BELOW was mailed to all branch presidents. It can be used to report the branch activities/programs for the 2004 calendar year. Branches may also submit their information without the form. If you choose not to write the paragraph, make your own checklist to best describe your situation. It will be fascinating to see our "sameness" and our "uniqueness" as we represent AAUW across North Carolina. I refer you to the article in the Winter 2004 issue of *Tar Heel News* for further details about the recognition program or e-mail me at pds_mfs@bellsouth.net if you have questions.

Recognition Program for 2004-2005

Now administered by AAUW NC. Deadline March 1, 2005

Send completed forms to: Mary Fran Schickedantz, pds_mfs@bellsouth.net or 2809 Watauga Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408

Recognition will be given at the 2005 Convention in Asheville, April 16-17

Please check any and all the ideas which describe the work of your branch and/or tell us about your branch and branch programing in 500 words or less.

- ☐ Program topics that encourage education/equity for women and girls or other "mission" areas
- ☐ Program topics that focus on community impact
- ☐ Program topics that reach out to diverse people
- ☐ Program topics relating to Public Policy, Get Out the Vote, or contacting Government reps (any level)
- ☐ Programs carried on with a coalition of organizations for the above.
- ☐ Educational Foundation (tax deductible) fundraising
- ☐ Legal Advocacy Fund (tax deductible) fundraising
- ☐ Reporting for AAUW-NC's 100 Club (not tax deductible) either hours or money
- ☐ Success in membership development (have gained members this year)
- ☐ Success in reaching Members-at-Large (follow-up mailings and/or branch contact)
- ☐ Using: 'Give a Grad a Gift' initiative, 'Shape the Future discounted fees for new members'
- ☐ Encouraging Colleges/Universities in your area to become partners with your branch and AAUW
- ☐ Partnering with a College/University to send a college student to the National Conference in June
- ☐ Attending AAUW NC Board Meetings
- ☐ Serving on AAUW NC Board
- ☐ Attending Cluster Meetings
- ☐ Attending AAUW NC Convention
- ☐ Attending Regional Meetings
- ☐ Attending Association Convention
- ☐ Other

In 500 words or less, tell us about your branch in the last year; use any of the following if it seems appropriate:

- a) median # of members and general makeup of
- b) importance of EF, LAF
- c) what makes your branch tick
- d) what kinds of programs your members support
- e) what makes you the same or different from other community groups
- f) name a couple of ways you've connected with AAUW NC or Association
- g) name a couple of reasons you haven't connected with AAUW NC or Association
- h) other

Branch Name _____
President _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____