

Convention Program Features Outstanding Speakers, Topics

Friday, April 15, 2005

- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **“Different Needs, Different Times”**
AAUW NC and UNC-Asheville co-sponsor a panel discussion covering women’s needs from college to retirement and beyond. Description on page one. Free. Public is invited. UNCA-Humanities Lecture Hall.
- 4:00 p.m. **Trolley Tour** (Reservation required. See page four.)

DINNER ON YOUR OWN
- 7:00 p.m. **AAUW NC Board Meeting**

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- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Educational Foundation Breakfast featuring Marian J. Peters**
A Community Development Grant recipient from the Association who is studying at Wake Forest University, Marian is an associate professor of physics at Wake Forest Medical School. She has a bachelor of arts degree in physics and math, and a doctoral degree in physics, and has taken a two-year leave to pursue a physician assistant’s degree. She is interested in issues of poverty, health care equity, and women in science.
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Standard Opening** (Welcomes, Credentials, Flag Ceremony, etc.)
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Speaker – “Purpose, Power, Progress” – Karen Ballard**
Karen Ballard is an energetic training consultant and motivational speaker, who has extensive experience in employee performance and productivity training. She has provided professional development workshops for over 12 years throughout the United States. She is an active storyteller and uses stories in her training programs. Karen has a masters degree in counseling and guidance. She lives in Asheville with her husband Ron, also her partner in their company Productive Consulting Resources, LLC, that helps organizations and businesses make basic changes in their management principles.
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:40 a.m. **Workshops** (Morning and afternoon except for the one marked *)



Equity is still an Issue From the Cradle to the Grave
Presenter: Queen Thompson, Diversity Chair
You will hear from those who are enforcers and guardians of our civil rights in each of the stages of our lives. Know your rights and what you have a right to expect. We will hear from persons who enforce education public policy to those who protect the elderly from nursing home exploitation – North Carolina’s Ombudsman Program.

AAUW: Collaboration with Colleges/Universities and Local Communities
Presenter: Lola Jackson, College/University Chair
Learn about programs (currently working with Bennett, N.C. A & T, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) that your branch can develop.

Advocacy Power
1. **Social Security Reform**
Presenter: Mary Stephens, Federal Public Policy Chair
The many plans to deal with the predicted shortfall in promised Social Security benefits fall into three main categories. Learn more about this “hot topic.”

*afternoon only 2. **A Voice for Choice: Documentary Presentation on March for Women’s Lives**
DVD documentary on the April 2004 March for Choice in Washington, DC

Nancy’s Magic Show: Technology and AAUW updates and tips
Presenter: Nancy Shoemaker, Technology Chair
Tour of the hidden nooks and crannies of the AAUW and AAUW NC web sites. Learn how your branch can have its own web site, to get member-at-large contact information for your area, to ask a (younger?) member for technical help, and what you need to think about from a technology standpoint as you start any large branch project. Come prepared to get new ideas about what’s possible, and be assured that the implementation issues can be worked out once you’ve set a new vision!

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- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon with Table Topics**
Tables will be marked with signs. Table discussion leaders are:
Membership – Evelyn Mercer
IFUW – Shirley Quisenberry
LAF – Lill Van Order
EF – Alice Bradke
Association Highlights and Convention (for branch presidents)
Table 1 – Joanne Hill ~ Table 2 – Ann Terry
Public Policy - Mary Stephens and Barbara Ann Hughes
Fund Raising Activities – Doris Bernlohr
Communication: Newsletters and Publicity – Marty Folsom
Programs (including Association convention) – Mary Peterson
- 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Annual Business Meeting** - President Joanne Hill
- 3:15 – 3:25 p.m. **Break**
- 3:25 – 4:30 p.m. **Repeat workshops**
- 4:35 – 5:15 p.m. **IFUW Dues Discussion**
Ann Terry, AAUW South Atlantic Regional Director
- 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception for Members and Guests with Cash Bar**
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. **Awards Banquet – “What in the World?” – Lena Epps Brooker**
Lena Epps Brooker was born in 1941 in Lumberton, to Grace Smith (Lumbee) and Frank Howard Epps (Cherokee/Sappony). She lived in the Saddletree Community and attended the all-Indian Magnolia School, where her father was principal. Her mother became supervisor of Indian schools for the Robeson County public schools when she was in seventh grade. She was valedictorian of her graduating class of 32. At Meredith College, she majored in elementary education with a minor in history, graduated at 16, and was the first Indian graduate. Lena and her husband, Jim Brooker, have two daughters, Lora, a Duke grad and Lindsey, a Sweet Briar grad. She says, “I am a perfectly ordinary woman who has been blessed with an extraordinary life...I have enjoyed every opportunity to work on behalf of my people and believe that equality for all should be a concern of all.” An avid gardener, Lena play tennis and is writing a book about “growing up brown in a black and white world.” She and her husband are mentors for a young couples Sunday School class. She is a certified lay speaker in The United Methodist Church.
- Special AAUW NC Awards**

Awards for EF, LAF, Membership, 100 Club, Special Branch Recognition

Sunday, April 17, 2005

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **LAF Breakfast** - Breakfast followed by a LAF presenter
- 9:40 – 10:00 a.m. **Memorial Service**
Branch presidents are asked to send the names of members who have passed away since the last convention to Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president, by April 1.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Branch Projects**
Projects presented this year are two that involve working with your local schools. Attend and learn what your branch can do in your community

Wilmington: A Vision Project in the School District
Presenter: Phyllis Vogel

Statesville: Reading Is Fundamental
Presenter: Virginia Palmer
- 11:00 – 12:00 a.m. **Business Wrap-Up and Installation of Officers**
- 12:00 noon **Adjourn**

Convention is open to all members of AAUW, including branch members and members-at-large