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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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Meeting Set: High Country Women Organize Branch

WHEN PEGGY PEARSON, who is an accountant by profession, moved from Roanoke, Virginia, to assume duties as the chief financial officer of Blowing Rock Hospital, one of her priorities was to hook up with AAUW. After all, she has been active in AAUW for 25 years. Her 90-year-old mother is still a member, as well.

It turned out not to be an easy task, because the closest branches are Statesville (65 miles) and Asheville (99 miles). Not to be denied, Pearson met Elizabeth Laney, 1992-94 president of AAUW NC and lifetime member who divides her time between Blowing Rock and a farm east of Raleigh.

As a result, Pearson and Laney have announced the organizational meeting of a branch serving northwestern North Carolina. It will be held Saturday, January 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Jones House in Boone, which houses the local arts council.

The organizational committee decided:

- Name: High Country Branch AAUW
- Membership will encompass more than one county.
- Invite a leader in AAUW NC to speak about AAUW: Association and NC.
- Contact prospective members whose names we know, including all the members at large.
- Set dues at \$69: Association \$43, State \$11, Branch \$15.
- Second meeting, February: Luncheon at noon, Broyhill Inn, Appalachian State University campus. Invite a local woman, who has been very successful, to speak.

- Third meeting, in March: Daytime, perhaps at Appalachian Culture Museum, ASU campus.
- Fourth meeting, in April: Supper meeting at a restaurant that will provide us a private room and not require firm reservations.
- Have appointed officers as needed to serve until June. Elect officers for the following year sometime in the Spring. Currently, Pearson is the program person; Laney is the chairperson.

Laney, who helped form a branch in Plymouth about 15 years ago, is reviewing the requirements

for forming the new branch, and has been in touch with Statesville Branch as part of the process.

Pearson, who served as program vice-president of the Roanoke Valley Branch three times, noted, "It is in the interests of AAUW, and desirable to form a branch in [northwestern North Carolina] at this time." Participants at the AAUW NC board meeting agreed and wished the organizers well!

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Editor's Note: Chalene Jones is organizing a Durham Branch - details to come at a future date.

Atkinson, Parker Slated to Speak at 2006 AAUW NC Convention in New Bern

Judy Atkinson
AAUW NC Program Vice-President

WHEN MEMBERS OF AAUW NC and their guests gather at the "gateway" in New Bern, with the waterway leading to the vast Atlantic and an ocean of possibilities, they'll have the opportunity to greet leading North Carolina educators. On hand to address, inspire and explore those possibilities will be Dr. June Atkinson, N.C. superintendent of instruction (above left), and Dr. Delores Parker, vice-president of academic and student services for N.C. community colleges.

With a theme of "Education: Gateway to the Future for Women and Girls," Atkinson is the



Saturday luncheon speaker, and Parker will talk at the evening banquet. Workshops based on education are planned, as well as one on credit opportunity. Plan now to attend. Read more on page two.

Hurricane Recovery: AAUW Louisiana and Mississippi Library Projects

AAUW FRIENDS AROUND the country have asked how to help with hurricane recovery. In response to their concern, AAUW Louisiana has developed the "AAUW Louisiana Library Project," to help rebuild book collections in 15-20 public libraries damaged or destroyed by the storm. The project was developed in consultation with Rebecca L. Hamilton, Louisiana state librarian. *Ways to help:*

- **Money for Books:** The best way we can help libraries is with money to buy new, up-to-date books with library bindings. Branches can have fund-raisers or bundle private contributions. The money will be funneled through the Louisiana Library Foundation, a 501(c) charitable organization. The Foundation will give the money directly to the libraries that need help without politics or red tape. Identify your contribution as coming from your AAUW group and state that your gift is for libraries damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Make checks

payable to: Louisiana Library Foundation, PO Box 2583, Baton Rouge LA 70821.

- **New or Used Books:** The affected libraries can only accept limited numbers of used books. AAUW groups interested in collecting and shipping books should contact the State Library of Louisiana: Diane M. Brown, deputy state librarian, dbrown@state.lib.la.us. The State Library will help you partner with a specific library, and you will ship your books directly to it. Acceptable books include: New or nearly new fiction and non-fiction (no mildew!), recent best sellers, children's books in good condition, especially Caldecott and Newberry Award winners.

When you send your checks or books, please let AAUW Louisiana president Anne K. Taylor know: Akt1208@bellsouth.net or 225.767.3565.

AAUW MISSISSIPPI HAS joined with Friends of the Library (a 501(c) 3 entity) in help to rebuild the

libraries on the Gulf Coast. The best way to help the libraries is with money to rebuild and restore collections. Money sent to this project is tax deductible. Send checks made payable to "Rebuild MS Libraries" to: Am South Bank, 210 E. Capitol St., Jackson MS 39201. Note "From AAUW member, branch and state" on the memo line. Please send an e-mail to ehfisher@bellsouth.net when a check has been sent.

The devastation on the Gulf Coast is still quite severe, and many of our members are still struggling to survive the day-to-day activities. It will be at least a year before the libraries affected will be operational.

Currently, there is no way for libraries to store books. Please send them to this address for delivery when appropriate: Martha Fisher, Mississippi State President, 1497 Northlake Drive, Jackson MS 39211.

See November and future issues *EdEqChange* for updates about AAUW Gulf disaster response.