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# Tar Heel News

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**Luncheon Speaker**  
Dr. June Atkinson, N.C.  
superintendent of schools

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**Pathways for Women:**  
*Money, Careers, Language*  
Friday Morning Program  
9-11:30 a.m.  
Sponsors: AAUW NC,  
Craven Community  
College and Pepsi. \$5.  
Faculty, students,  
public invited.

FEATURING



**Kenneth Wilkins, N.C.**  
Unclaimed Cash Division

**Barbara Biba,**  
Cape Fear Community  
College ESL Instructor

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Several women in  
non-traditional careers

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**Friday Supper Option**



**Tim Tyson, author of**  
*Blood Done Sign My Name*

AAUW NC 2006 CONVENTION

## EDUCATION

**Pathway to the Future  
FOR  
Women and Girls**

**New Bern • March 31-April 2**

**The People**

Convention Hosts: Twin Rivers/New Bern, Jacksonville Regional, Kinston and Wilmington Branches. Mary Peterson and JoAnn Hall are convention co-chairs.

**Education: Gateway to the Future for Women and Girls**

Importance of education in helping women and girls live fulfilling, healthy, secure lives. Judy Atkinson, Winston-Salem Branch, is program vice-president. See pages 4 and 5 to learn more about the speakers and program.

**The Place**

New Bern, the second-oldest town in North Carolina, is situated where the Trent and Neuse Rivers meet. The first capital of North Carolina under Royal Governor William Tryon, it was a major port and trading center in the 1800's. In addition to Tryon Palace, New Bern is abound with history with over 150 historic landmarks, the birthplace of Pepsi and a 157,000-acre national forest. New Bern and Craven County offer a variety of cultural, educational and historical attractions. The Historic District Trolley Tour and tour of Tryon Palace are available. More details on pages 4 and 5.



**Banquet Speaker**  
Dr. Delores Parker,  
vice-president, academic  
and student services for  
N.C. community colleges

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**Saturday Workshops**



**Richard Moore**  
N.C. State Treasurer

**Kenneth Wilkins, N.C.**  
Unclaimed Cash Division

**S. Ashley Osment**  
Senior Attorney, UNC  
Center for Civil Rights

TBA: Representative,  
N.C. Apprenticeship and  
Training Bureau

.....  
And so much more!

Special Keynote Address

Branch Projects

Memorial Service

Networking

Annual Meeting

Election and Installation  
of Officers



**Barbara White**  
Nominee, Membership Vice-President  
Raleigh/Wake County Branch

Barbara White, a member of the Raleigh/Wake County Branch, is a candidate for the position of membership vice-president for AAUW NC. If elected, she plans to work with other members of the Executive Committee, branch officers, and members to increase visibility of AAUW's mission, which in turn will attract potential members who are interested in our priorities.

White is the lab manager for paper science/engineering at N.C. State University, where she oversees the wood chemistry and paper science labs. She has been a resident of the Raleigh area for nearly a year, where she lives with her daughter Julia, a freshman at N.C. State.

White joined AAUW in 1993, after attending in a gender equity symposium sponsored by the Beckley (West Virginia) Branch. She has served in many capacities at the branch and division levels, including a term as AAUW WV president, two terms as the program vice-president, nominating committee chair, and college/university relations committee member. Her branch positions include president, program

vice-president, membership vice-president, historian, publicist, newsletter editor, special events coordinator, and member of various committees.

During White's term as president of AAUW WV, membership increased slightly after a decade-long decline. This is attributed to a concerted team effort of the executive committee to get AAUW's activities and mission in the media statewide through a series of press conferences and newsworthy activities.

White is also a member of the Analytical Laboratory Managers Association and while in West Virginia was a volunteer for Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council and the local schools.

### Two Branches Receive Mini-Grants

Joanne Hill, AAUW NC president, recently announced two branches have received mini-grants for the spring cycle, Franklin County and High Country Branch. Franklin County has been awarded a capacity grant for its membership initiative plus a travel grant. High Country has been awarded a \$100 capacity grant. Learn more about mini-grants at [www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org).

## New Branch Holds First Meeting

The initial meeting of the AAUW High Country Branch was held Saturday morning, January 21, at the Jones House Community Center, in Boone. After a period of refreshments and conversation, the group were welcomed by Peggy Pearson, and all present were introduced.

Elizabeth Laney introduced Barbi Quatrano, who talked about the Jones House history. She welcomed Virginia Palmer from the Statesville AAUW Branch, the closest branch to the High Country. She thanked Katerina Whitley, who was serving as registrar and Donna House, Lizzie Pearson, and Peggy Pearson, who assisted with refreshments. She then presented Nancy Shoemaker, AAUW NC president-elect, for an introduction to AAUW, its goals and mission and its activities.

Eighteen women were present and 10 joined at the meeting. Animated discussion was the rule of the day, as those present talked about the activities in which this group could participate to meet needs in the high country community, in the northwestern area of North Carolina.



Elizabeth Laney, top left; Peggy Pearson right; Katarina Whitley, inset; and Nancy Shoemaker are only a few of the women present for the first meeting of the High Country Branch in Boone.

### Karla Lutz Atkinson

Nominee, Secretary

506 Stone Drive, Brevard, NC 28712  
AAUW NC Secretary, 2004-2006  
Brevard Branch, Public Policy Chair  
AAUW NC ReConnection Committee,  
Goal VI - AAUW NC Structure

Kalamazoo College B.A.  
Western Michigan University M.A.  
Davenport College, Paralegal Degree

Atkinson pursued a career in education from 1980-1994. She began as a tutor in the Martin Luther King program and then became coordinator of the Center for Educational Research at Western Michigan University. Later, she directed a program out of the WMU Women's Center, to improve vocational education opportunities for women in high school who were interested in pursuing non-traditional careers. Atkinson was responsible for drafting part of the first Title IX complaint ever filed in the state of Michigan-against the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

She later moved to the Michigan Department of Education where for 10 years, she was a consultant in the Office of Educational Equity, specializing in gender equity issues and in particular, athletic opportunities for young women in secondary schools. Later, she moved to the Office of School Improvement at the state level where she coordinated the K-12 accreditation program for almost three years.

After moving to Brevard in 1994, she accepted a position as assistant director of the Transylvania County Arts Council in 1995. She



Karla Atkinson, seated, talked with former AAUW NC president, Gloria Blanton. Atkinson is running for her second term as AAUW NC secretary.

retired from the Arts Council in 2000, but returned to serve as co-director from 2001-2003.

Atkinson sat on the AAUW NC Board as a branch president for two years, and served Brevard Branch as secretary and program co-vice-president. She coordinated the branch's book sale in 2001 and remains the chief pricer/sorter for one of the sections. She was responsible for creating the branch's Jeopardy game which is offered to all fifth grade students in the county schools, as part of the branch's National Women's History Month activities.

She is married and has three sons, three stepdaughters, and seven grandchildren.

### Nominating Committee

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## International Focus : Women, Children, Cooperation

Shirley Quisenberry,  
AAUW NC International Affairs Chair

THE WORLD'S WOMEN and children, especially those in poorer countries, should receive more attention this year with the passage by the United States Senate of S1315 calling on the President to provide continued leadership in building international cooperation to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The bill also requires the Administration to report to Congress on U.S. and international efforts to meet the goals. So what are the goals which all members of the United Nations have pledged to work toward? Each of the 8 focuses on a different aspect of the human condition. As you read the title of the 8 goals, AAUW members can certainly envision the relationship to our concern for women and children and how each can help us achieve the goals which are so fundamental to our Mission:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education

- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

A healthy and educated mother is at the center of these efforts to raise the level of human development at the local level.

*Maternal Health and Well-Being: A Cornerstone of the Millennium Development Goals* is the UN Day Theme sponsored by the UNA-USA which culminates on October 24, 2006. Much material will be available for use in collaboration with other groups in your community so studies, programs, and actions can be significant. We should be able to help our community, our Association, our Congress, and the United Nations make valuable progress toward improving peoples lives locally and worldwide.



# Legal Advocacy Fund Challenges the System, Offers Incentive Award

Lillian Van Order  
AAUW NC Legal Advocacy Fund Chair

## What is LAF?

LAF stands for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. It is the part of the Educational Foundation that helps individuals in higher education with funding, support and technical assistance while challenging the system in sex discrimination issues. This is taken from the LAF mission statement.

However, there is another piece that does not get as much attention but is equally important. It is the PIE award. No, it does not have anything to do with a bake sale; hopefully we have come beyond that. It stands for Progress In Equity award. This aspect of LAF fulfills many of our goals. Progress and equity are constant dreams of AAUW. It also is a coalition effort, where a college or university connects with people in the community.

This quote from the LAF/Update is a fine example of the functions of this program. Northeastern University in Boston received the 2005 Progress in Equity Award, with a \$5,000 stipend, for their program *Connections*.

*Connections, supported by Northeastern's College of Engineering, strengthens the pathways for women and girls to pursue careers in engineering and science through mentoring support, educational development programming, and scholarships. A collaboration between*

*Northeastern University and the Patriot's Girl Scout Council, Connections was initially funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). In addition to the programming offered to middle- and high-school-aged girls and college women, Connections recently began working with Simmons College on a survey that examines why some women choose to stay home rather than work when they have children.*

LAF/Update Winter 2005 p.6

The PIE award is another example of how LAF furthers the education and works toward equity for women and girls. Is there a program that you know of that might be a candidate for this award? The criteria listed below are from the LAF web site under Progress in Equity Award.

- Program has resulted in significant progress toward equity for women faculty, staff, and/or students. It must:
- Be innovative and/or exemplary
- Address the needs of diverse groups of women in terms of race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class
- Be replicable or adaptable at other institutions.

The PIE Award has recognized efforts in:

- Women's athletics
- Tenure and promotion for women faculty
- Child care for faculty, staff, and/or students
- Family leave for employees
- Programs and policies to combat sexual harassment

## 100 Club: Time to Turn in Donations, Paper Work!

As the year is drawing to a close, do make a note to remember the AAUW NC 100 Club. You can join with a check (of at least \$100 payable to AAUW NC) sent to Treasurer Millie Hoffer-Foushee, 7068 Lanier Rd., Summerfield NC 27358. If you'd like to designate your contribution "in honor" or "in memory" of someone else, please be sure to include the appropriate contact information. Branches (or groups in the name of a branch) can also make contributions, so if there's

someone in your community that you want to honor in this way, just contact Millie.

Remember, too, that those who have contributed 100 hours during 2005 to AAUW at any level are also eligible for membership. So jot down the hours you've spent on AAUW projects and submit the form you'll find on [www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org). In particular, those of you from Asheville who put on such a great convention last year – please send in the forms so we can thank you formally in New Bern!



### AAUW NC 100 Club 2005 Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

A contribution in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is being made (minimum amount is \$100):

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please include contact information for honor or memory donations, so an acknowledgment can be sent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Strategies to mentor women students or junior faculty
- Recruitment of women into nontraditional fields
- Integration of women's history or other women's issues into the curriculum
- special initiatives for women

Perhaps a university or college in your area is eligible for this award. Take a look at their programs to see if North Carolina has a possible nominee. Some recipients have been from the South Atlantic Region (SAR), but none from North Carolina. Would this be something your branch would like to pursue? The deadline for application is March 15, 2006. This is wonderful way to connect with a university or college and help promote education for women and girls.

## Getting Ready for Convention

We received a Plaintiff Travel Grant for the convention, which means that we will have a plaintiff speaking at the LAF breakfast. It will take place on Saturday, April 1 7:30-8:45. This breakfast is an educational opportunity for all attendees and a chance for you to start the new LAF contributing year in a positive way. This fund-raiser is a wonderful way to connect with the Legal Advocacy Fund and help AAUW on a larger scale. We are all part of the larger organization and contributing to LAF and EF make us all feel that we are doing something to help raise consciousness about equity.

See page 7 to contribute and become a sponsor of the breakfast. Sign up on the registration to come to the breakfast. One spot assures you a seat at the breakfast and the other is a chance to contribute to LAF. You may support the breakfast even if you are not at it or even at the convention. Please give this some thought. We would love to have a large group of supporters. Thanks you also to all who contribute to this cause.

## EF Releases New Report

When the newest AAUW Educational Foundation report was released this morning, it was an instant hit with the media. CNN was the first to pick it up, and others followed.

The report, *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus*, analyzes findings from a nationally representative survey of undergraduate students and is the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment on college campuses.

A majority of U.S. college students encounter some type of sexual harassment. About a third say that they have been physically harassed while at college. Both male and female students encounter sexual harassment, but females who have been sexually harassed are more likely to say they feel self-conscious or embarrassed, angry, less sure of themselves or less confident, afraid or scared, confused or conflicted about who they are and disappointed in their college experience as a result of sexual harassment.

AAUW plans to follow up this research by helping colleges and universities forge solutions. It is funding programs on eleven campuses aimed at finding new ways to combat campus sexual harassment. The projects were selected to help students, faculty and administrators understand the scope of the problem, raise awareness of the issue, and implement projects that affect change in the campus climate.

Learn more at [www.aauw.org/dtl](http://www.aauw.org/dtl).

## MAL Corner

From January through April, small groups around the country will discuss AAUW values. While most of these discussions will occur in the context of branch-sponsored meetings, the at-large members are a key group whose opinions are important to the future of the organization. Any member-at-large who wishes to participate in a teleconference to discuss

*What are AAUW's core values?*

*What is important to AAUW?*

*What does AAUW stand for?*

is asked to contact Nancy Shoemaker, [shoemaker@acm.org](mailto:shoemaker@acm.org), 919.773.1340.

## Looking for Someone?

Do you want to find other Members-at-Large in your area? There may not be enough of you to sustain a "branch," but maybe you could exchange e-mail addresses and share local events of interest, start a book group with suggestions from the Adelanté list, or leverage your AAUW membership in other ways. If you'd like more information on how to get current contact information for other MALs, please call 919.773.1340 or write [info@aauwnc.org](mailto:info@aauwnc.org).

## Get Connected!

Expand your reach! Contact MALs in your area! Did you know that you can get contact information or mailing labels for nearby members-at-large directly from AAUW? All you need is a list of the zip codes that you want pulled. Then go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) > Member Center > Forms. You'll find a 'Label/List Order Form' on that page. There's a fee for this service, but it may be \$10 well spent! Besides USMail information, you can ask for phone numbers, e-mail addresses and expiration dates.

Nancy Shoemaker has a spreadsheet that makes it easy to find all the zip codes in a county, so if you need a list of zip codes, just send me the list of counties your branch 'serves'.

## What Are AAUW Values?

The Association is continuing its change process with outreach to the members through "values discussions." We're all encouraged to participate in small groups between now and April so that we can discern the AAUW values that we believe are most important to our organization and its future.

To prepare for this opportunity, think about AAUW with positive statements that begin with "I value ..." or "I care about ..." Then, recall a time when you were proud of AAUW:

- What were you most proud of?
- What contributed to the quality of that experience?
- Why are you a member of AAUW?
- Are there things you value that would require a change in AAUW?

Contact your branch president or [info@aauwnc.org](mailto:info@aauwnc.org) for specific opportunities to participate in these discussions.



Historic Tryon Palace  
New Bern

## All Roads Lead to New Bern for AAUW NC Convention

*(Planes and Boats will also bring you here)*

JoAnn Hall and Mary Peterson, AAUW NC Convention Co-Chairs

The Southeastern Cluster branches are all involved with planning for you to have a fun and informative time in New Bern, March 31-April 2. The Twin Rivers/New Bern Branch and the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina look forward to making your time here as comfortable as possible. See page 7 for complete registration and lodging information, as well as directions. **Deadline to reserve rooms at the AAUW special rate is March 1. Deadline to register for the convention is March 17.**

Craven County Community College and Pepsi are doing their part to help you enjoy and learn in New Bern. Jacksonville Regional Branch will receive your registration and money. Kinston and Wilmington will be involved with the hospitality suite and being table hostesses. Judy Atkinson, program vice-president, and her committee, have put together an informative, interesting and fun program around the theme: **Education: Pathway to the Future for Women and Girls.** Come and help us celebrate AAUW successes as we learn and have fun together. We want to see YOU in New Bern.

**Convention packets were being mailed to branch presidents as Tar Heel News went to press. They include:**

- Tour details for Tryon Palace and the Trolley Tour of the Historic District (New Bern is the second oldest town in North Carolina)
- A list of restaurants in town within walking distance of the hotel
- A letter giving you the number of voting delegates for your branch
- A branch delegation form for you to return to us
- Much more information about local sites and events
- A press release for you to share with the media in your community
- And more!

### Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson

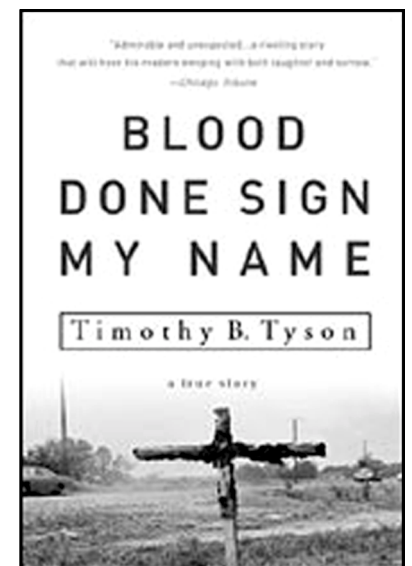
- Dr. Atkinson was elected superintendent of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in 2004, in a race that was decided by the N.C. General Assembly on Aug. 23, 2005. She is the first woman elected to this post, which also is a Council of State member.
- From 1976-2004, Dr. Atkinson served the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as a chief consultant and director in the areas of business education, career and technical education, and instructional services.
- A former business education teacher, Dr. Atkinson has been involved in instruction and curriculum development throughout her career. Improving instructional quality and student learning, creating environments that enable teachers' and students' success and ensuring that education is modern and relevant are key priorities.
- Dr. Atkinson has made presentations to business and other educational groups in 43 states and throughout North Carolina. She is past president of the National Business Education Association, and past president of the Southern Regional Education Board's High Schools that Work in 1995-96/1996-97.
- Elected by her colleagues as president of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium for 2001-2003, she has received numerous state and national awards for her contributions and service to education.
- Articles Dr. Atkinson has written have been published in numerous magazines and professional organization yearbooks.
- Bachelor of science degree in business education, Radford University, 1969.
- Master of science degree in vocational and technical education, Virginia Tech and State University, 1974.
- Doctorate in educational leadership and policy, N.C. State University, 1996.
- Dr. Atkinson taught high school in Roanoke, Virginia and Charlotte. In Charlotte, her assignment required that she work with business people to find meaningful employment for her students. Seeing that her students were prepared for both further education and work became her passion that she has carried forward in her work for North Carolina's 1.3 million public school students.

### Dr. Delores A. Parker

- Dr. Delores A. Parker is vice-president for academic and student services for the N.C. Community College System, the nation's third largest community college system. She leads the division charged with overseeing development, approval and quality control of for-credit (curriculum) programs and basic skills in institutions across the system; financial aid, counseling and other student support services; and resource development.
- Since 1999, Dr. Parker has worked with members of the State Board of Community Colleges and senior leadership at all 59 institutions in the Community College System to create programs of study to match the economic needs of North Carolina with students' educational goals. She especially focuses on delivering distance education through the integration of technology across the community college curriculum; strengthening the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement between the Community College System and the UNC system and expanding the role of community colleges in teacher preparation. She has played a major role in attracting millions of dollars in new money for professional development, scholarships, global education and other efforts from federal grants and foundations.
- Before she came to the System Office, Dr. Parker worked at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation as Associate Director of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, and Program Director at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.
- She has headed her own consulting firm and served as adjunct faculty in the graduate school at N.C. A&T State University.
- Dr. Parker has many years of experience on North Carolina's community college campuses, serving a variety of posts as vice-president or dean.
- Dr. Parker holds degrees from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), N.C. A&T State University, and N.C. State University.
- In 2002, she participated in Leadership N.C. and was voted by her classmates to receive the Stanley Frank Class Award, and has received other coveted awards for outstanding community and professional service.
- Dr. Parker is a published author.

### Richard Moore

- As a long-time public servant and Granville County native, Richard Moore has built a career helping North Carolinians improve their lives. His work is founded on the ideals of government accountability, fiscal integrity and an enduring concern for North Carolina's children and families.
- Moore has served as a federal prosecutor, a member of the N.C. House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, where he led North Carolina's extraordinary response and recovery from the state's most devastating and destructive storms ever, Hurricanes Fran and Floyd. Moore is also co-author of *Faces from the Flood: Hurricane Floyd Remembered*.
- Now in his second term as State Treasurer, Moore is sole fiduciary for over \$70 billion in public monies and state investments, oversees the pension funds for nearly 700,000 public sector employees, and manages the debt of state and local governments. The Treasurer serves on many boards and commissions, including the State Banking Commission (which he chairs) and the state boards of Education and Community Colleges.
- Treasurer Moore championed a national movement to protect shareholder rights against Wall Street corporate abuses. He authored investment and mutual fund protection principles which have been adopted by pension fund managers across the country. His efforts led to his appointment on the executive board of the New York Stock Exchange as the only public sector member, and he was recently named the country's Top Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine.
- Moore is committed to increasing financial literacy and helping North Carolinians build wealth. Through partnerships with groups such as AARP, 4-H and the N.C. Council on Economic Education, he works with citizens of all ages to help them make smart financial decisions for themselves and their families.
- Moore is an honors graduate of Wake Forest University and the School of Law with a graduate degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics.



### Tim Tyson

- Tim Tyson teaches and writes the history of African American freedom movements in the 20th century South. His most recent book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, appeared in May 2004. It tells the story of a racial murder and black uprising in his hometown of Oxford, North Carolina, when Tyson was eleven and the father of one of his friends murdered a young black man and Black Power radicals fought back with fire.
- His first book, *Democracy Betrayed: the Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and its Legacy*, co-edited with David S. Cecelski, won the 1999 Outstanding Book Award from the The Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America.
- His second book, *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power*, won the James Rawley Prize and the Frederick Jackson Turner Award both from the Organization of American Historians.
- "Freedom Ride 2001: Sites and Sounds of the Freedom Struggle" won the Best Summer School Course from the National Association of Summer School Sessions. He has been selected as Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians.
- A North Carolina native, Tyson is a founding member of the Harmony Bar Writers Collective.
- Bachelor of arts degree, Emory University, 1987.
- Doctorate, Duke University, 1994.

# North Carolina AAUW State Convention • New Bern, N.C.

## Education-Gateway to the future for Women and Girls

### Friday, March 31, 2006

- 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. **"Pathways for Women: Money, Careers, Language"**  
Sponsored by AAUW NC and Craven Community College. See details at bottom of page 5. Faculty, students and public invited. Directions on page 7. Registration-college workshops only 9-10 a.m. Program, 10-11:15 a.m.; Networking 11:15-11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Convention Registration at Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina**
- 2:00 – 11:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite**
- 2:00 p.m. **Tour of Tryon Palace, \$12**
- 4:00 p.m. **Trolley Tour, \$15**
- 5:45 p.m. Supper on your own – Two options: Restaurant of your choice or with board members and others meeting with Tim Tyson, location TBA
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. **AAUW NC Board Meeting**

### Saturday, April 1, 2006

- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast on your own OR  
**Legal Advocacy Fund Breakfast featuring a plaintiff**  
Lill Van Order, AAUW NC LAF chair, says, "The name of the plaintiff will be announced at the breakfast. We must be sensitive to their wanting to remain fairly anonymous."
- 8:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Convention Registration at Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina**
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Standard Opening and Keynote Address – TBA**
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:40 a.m. **Workshops (Morning and afternoon)**  
**Women and Money**  
Richard Moore, State Treasurer, and Kenneth Wilkins, who oversees the Unclaimed Property Division of treasury offices  
**Education Equity**  
Ashley Osment, Senior Attorney from UNC Center for Civil Rights  
**Department of Labor Apprenticeship and Training Program**  
Presenter: TBA

#### Kenneth Wilkins

- Bachelor's degree in political science, Shaw University
- Master's degree in American government and public law, Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green Ohio
- *Juris doctor* degree, University of Kentucky.
- Served briefly on the legal staff of the N.C. Department of Corrections
- Assistant to the executive vice president, Shaw University
- Elected as the Wake County Register of Deeds in 1982 and was re-elected to the office for three consecutive terms.
- Appointed to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Administration; worked with nine divisions.
- Appointed deputy treasurer for administrative services in 2001 by State Treasurer Richard Moore, where he oversaw the state's unclaimed property program, N.C. Cash, the Human Resources Department, and other sections within the office.
- In 2004, with the growth in the Unclaimed Property Program, a separate Division was created for this program and Wilkins was appointed to oversee this Division.

#### Barbara Biba

- Boland School of Brno, Czech Republic
- TEFL Certificate
- UNC-Greensboro:  
Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology  
Bachelor of science, School of Human Environmental Sciences, Human Development and Family Studies: Emphasis on Adults and Aging.
- Currently Cape Fear Literacy Council ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Coordinator.
- Works with Cape Fear Community College as an ESL Instructor

### Saturday, April 1, 2006

- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon with Dr. June Atkinson,**  
N.C. State Superintendent of Schools
- 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Annual Business Meeting** - President Joanne Hill
- 3:15 – 3:25 p.m. **Pepsi Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Repeat workshops**
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Hospitality Room**
- 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception for Members and Guests with Cash Bar**
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. **Awards Banquet with Dr. Delores Parker,**  
Vice-president of academic and student services for N.C. community colleges
- 9:30 – 11:00 p.m. **Hospitality Room Open**

### Sunday, April 2, 2006

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own.  
Option: Leadership Breakfast to learn about 2006-2007 opportunities. Location TBA.
- 9:00 – 9:30 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 March 27.
- 9:30 – 10:30 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  
Bryson City: 'Yes We Can'  
Winston-Salem: 'Healthy Lifestyles'
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Business Wrap-Up and Installation of Officers**
- 11:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

#### S. Ashley Osment

- Senior Attorney, UNC Center for Civil Rights, focusing on public school re-segregation
- *Juris doctor* degree, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1995.
- From 1987-1990, assistant legislative director, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in Washington, D.C., where she coordinated grassroots lobbying throughout the United States and wrote position papers on a number of issues for the organization's membership.
- After graduating from law school, Osment litigated civil rights cases with the Chapel Hill law firm McSurely & Osment, focusing on employment, housing discrimination, education and police misconduct.

#### Apprenticeship and Training Bureau

- This N.C. state bureau administers an apprenticeship program to help workers learn new specialized skills needed in today's workforce. It combines on-the-job training with invaluable classroom instruction.
- The bureau helps community colleges, technical institutions, universities and individual employers come together to provide training to give apprentices a competitive edge in the global economy.
- Skilled consultants provide technical assistance, monitoring and consulting services to qualified employers willing to take on the responsibilities and obligations of program sponsorship.

#### "Pathways for Women: Money, Careers, Language"

- Part I, presented by Kenneth Wilkins, deals with state scholarships and how they are financed by unclaimed cash. Participants will be able to submit their names and see if they are on a list to receive unclaimed cash.
- Part II is dealing with women in non-traditional fields (aviation and engineering programs at the college)
- Part III, presented by Barbara Biba, is about ESOL

#### EF Notes - Bring a Basket to Convention!

Rusty Bradke, AAUW NC Educational Foundation Chair

Thanks to all the branch Educational Foundation chairs for a good job this past year, raising money and sending in reports for this important part of AAUW. The final totals will be announced at our Convention.

Next important project is the basket raffle to be held at the Convention. It is an easy way to begin fund raising for this new year. Put together a basket of related items and we will turn it into cash for credit to your Branch fund raising.



## Advocacy Works

For those of you who contacted your members of Congress about the legislation below, give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

—Mary Stephens and Mary Peterson

### Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Signed

President Bush signed the VAWA reauthorization bill into law on Jan. 5. In addition to reauthorizing the expiring portions of VAWA, this legislation also

- Provides funding for programs that provide direct services to victims of sexual assault;
- Protects domestic violence victims from being evicted from public housing and from losing housing subsidies as a result of the criminal acts of their abusers;
- Creates a national resource center to help employers understand and appropriately respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims' needs at work; and
- Protects trafficking victims by reuniting them with family members from abroad (who may have been under threat by the traffickers) and increases access to permanent residency for those who cooperate in traffickers' prosecution.

AAUW had been advocating for a strengthened VAWA in this reauthorization, and is pleased Congress passed a good bill and that the president wasted no time in signing it.

### Labor-HHS-Education Spending Bill

On December 30, President Bush signed into law the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill. Included in the bill is \$2.96 million for the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) for FY06, a decrease of \$20,000 below FY05. AAUW advocated for funding for WEEA and is pleased that it has been funded. Under the administration's budget request, this program would have been eliminated completely.

## Winston-Salem: Membership Incentives Work!

Responding to AAUW's offer of reduced pricing for new members joining at open meetings, the Winston-Salem Branch has sponsored two such events in this fiscal year. Members provided names of potential members to the membership vice-president. Out of 33 invitations, 14 members joined as a result of the Fall Tea. Some of the individuals were subsequently invited to the Winter Luncheon in January. Three additional new members joined at that event. Orientation manuals have been developed and integrated with the original Handbook and two orientation sessions have been conducted.

While planning is in process to reach out to associate degree graduates, one graduate of a two-year program already has joined. The membership committee will further pursue this group over the next several months.

—Patricia S. Tilley

## Wilmington Extends Invitation

Wilmington Branch invites members of AAUW NC branches to participate our Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. event. Presenters will share information on the topic: *Legal Advocacy at Work*, at the Northeast Library in Wilmington. The presenters are: Dr. Tanya Suarez, local chair of the Legal Advocacy Fund and is Lill Van Order, AAUW NC Legal Advocacy Fund chair.

Information: Phyllis Guberman, President, Wilmington Branch, [gubermanj@bellsouth.net](mailto:gubermanj@bellsouth.net)  
—Marva S. Moss

## Member Connections

- Mary Lasher, [tomary2@charter.net](mailto:tomary2@charter.net)
- Louise Pickersgill, [pickersgilljohn@bellsouth.net](mailto:pickersgilljohn@bellsouth.net)
- Richard A. Jackson, husband of Lola Jackson, AAUW NC College/University chair, died suddenly in December. All who know her send their deepest sympathy.

## Wilmington Honors Members with EF Contributions

Wilmington Branch has honored three members with a \$3,000 contribution to the Educational Foundation. Phyllis Vogel, Hope Cusick and Rosemary Toumey, have given many hours of service and support to AAUW.

Vogel was honored with a \$1,000 contribution to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award. She joined the Wilmington Branch in 1977 and was secretary for two terms. She also chaired the 'Eyes to the Future' program. Under this program approximately 6000 children have their eyes tested each year by a trained team of volunteers. Vogel spoke at the state convention last year in Asheville regarding this very important program.

Cusick was honored with a \$1,000 contribution to the Selected Professions Fellowships. She transferred from the AAUW Long Island Branch to Wilmington in 1995. She was program Vice President for six years. She ran the Book and Author Tea and many AAUW luncheons. She was President of our branch in 2004-2005. Hope has published a book of poetry which is called *Whispers of Poetry*. Her book is posted on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Toumey was honored with a \$1,000 a contribution to Career Development Grants. She joined the Wilmington Branch in 2002. She co-chaired the Author's Luncheon for two years. This luncheon is our major fund raiser for the Educational Foundation. She is involved in the foreign relations group through AAUW and has volunteered helping many other committees.

—Dianne G. Perry, EF Chair

## NCWU Gears Up for Women's Agenda Assemblies

Nancy Shoemaker  
AAUW NC President-Elect

In January, N.C. Women United released its newsletter – really a report on what it has done in 2005. Some of you have received that and a copy of its report card on the 2005 legislative session in the USMail. If you weren't on the mailing list and would like to be more 'in touch' with what NCWU is doing, please go to [www.ncwu.org](http://www.ncwu.org) to download the newsletter, or contact Barbara Ann Hughes (the AAUW NC representative to NCWU) or me for more information.

In particular, NCWU sponsors the Women's Agenda Assemblies in the fall of even years, so the process of recruiting locations for those events and advocates to write the papers in the draft agenda will be starting soon. If your branch would like information on sponsoring an agenda assembly, or if you know someone who would like to help prepare/review information on AAUW issues in NC, please let me know.

## Chapel Hill Opens Meetings to Public

Chapel Hill Branch has opened its monthly programs to the public at no charge, with no membership requirements. The branch has been fortunate in obtaining outstanding speakers for its meetings this year. In the first three months of 2006, they will hear from Florence Soltys, professor of Medical Social Work, Health Care in NC with an emphasis on UNC Hospitals, *What We are doing to Save the Environment* will be discussed by Rick Shaw, manager, Soil Conservation in Orange County, and in March, Elizabeth Spencer, award-winning author of *Light in the Piazza*, a short story, movie and Tony-winning musical, will discuss her writing.

Members of the Branch believe that opening these programs will serve our obligation to offer educational opportunities to the community as well as to make people aware of our name and our mission. A continental breakfast is served at all meetings. The business meeting will follow the program so that non-members may leave.

—Mary Paterson

## Lecture Offered at Meredith

Meredith College will welcome Doctors Without Borders U.S. Executive Director Nicolas de Torrent on Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public. The lecture by de Torrent is part of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series at Meredith College. See [www.meredith.edu/owor/](http://www.meredith.edu/owor/) and [www.meredith.edu/mcnews/doctors-without-borders.htm](http://www.meredith.edu/mcnews/doctors-without-borders.htm)

## Women of the World Forum Series

Exploris, 201 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, [www.exploris.org](http://www.exploris.org)

Three sessions, featuring two distinguished speakers at each:

- Sunday, February 19, *10 Years After Beijing: The Status of Women's Rights Around the World*, 2-4 p.m., Zanzibar Room
- Sunday, April 23, *Women at the Heart of the Community's Health: An International Perspective*, 2-4 p.m., Zanzibar Room
- Sunday, May 7, *Global Economic Development through Investment in Women*, 2-4 p.m., Zanzibar Room. Betty Bayless, Director, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (NY, NY) is a keynote speaker.

## Correction

- An article in the winter *Tar Heel News* incorrectly stated the Stine Schaffmeyer grant is from Wilmington. It is not. It is from Brevard Branch. Please accept our apologies.

—Editor

## New Year Brings New Opportunities

Leslie Henderson, South Atlantic Region (SAR) Director

These post-holiday months always seem to be the busiest time for AAUW members. I'm sure you're preparing for spring fund-raisers, state conventions and elections of new officers. I wish you well in all your endeavors, and look forward to meeting many of you as I make the rounds of almost all your conventions. I urge you all to attend your state conventions. It is an occasion that allows you to network with friends and colleagues, to share best practices, to learn more about the organization, to meet state and national AAUW leaders, and to hear provocative and entertaining speakers.

In the midst of all this activity, however, please don't lose sight of some new and exciting communications opportunities. A values discussion guide will be included in the January issue of *EdEqChange*, [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/leader\\_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm), which supports a 30-45 minute session for your branches. The Association is reaching out to request your ideas on what are the core values of AAUW. For those of you who have done strategic planning, either in the workplace or in your volunteer lives, you know that before we can talk about visions and goals, we must have a consensus as to our core values. Please make time in all your branches for this critical task. It is unprecedented that a grassroots organization the size of ours is making a best effort to include everyone's voice in its strategic planning process.

In the same vein, I hope all of you took a moment to fill out the Every Member Poll. This is our opportunity for every member to affect the direction of AAUW in its programming, communications, and public policy.

Finally, at your conventions, you will have a chance to let your voices be heard at the open forums and town halls. Let's celebrate a new decade of open and effective communications!

Thank you for all that you do for AAUW.



## Help Fight Human Trafficking

- The Charlotte Observer recently published a number of articles about the war against human trafficking. One article explained how the FBI is trying to connect with community organizations to take part in this effort. Read it at [http://www.charlotte.com/mld/charlotte/news/breaking\\_news/13705052.htm](http://www.charlotte.com/mld/charlotte/news/breaking_news/13705052.htm). Other articles describe the problem in depth.
- A speaker from NC Dept. of Justice addressed this subject at an NCWU meeting. Slides are at <http://www.ncwu.org/2005/october/PolkSlides.pdf>
- We have often read it takes a village to raise a child. It is going to take the world to stop this problem, which goes far beyond sexual harassment.

## AAUW NC 2006 Convention Registration Deadline: Must be received by March 17

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE)

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*May we share your contact information on the attendee list to be included in the convention packet?     Yes     No*

**Member Status** (circle one)

Branch member	Member-at-large	College/Univ.Rep
Student Affiliate	Non-Member	

**Other Designations** (mark all that apply)

50-year member       Life Member       AAUW NC Past President

Speaker/Panelist       First time attendee at an AAUW Convention

AAUW NC Board Position \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in serving in AAUWNC leadership for 2006-07.

I can attend a breakfast Sunday morning to hear more about 2006-07 opportunities.

**Special Needs** (dietary, access, etc.)  
 (Use a separate sheet if you need more space.)

**Transportation Needs**  
 (Please indicate if you need transportation to or from the Airport or to Craven Community College on Friday morning)

**Workshops** (mark two choices "A" for morning and "B" for afternoon)

1. Women and Money including unclaimed cash  
Presented by State Treasurer Richard Moore and Kenneth Wilkins

2. Education Equity  
Presented by Ashley Osment, Senior Attorney from UNC Center for Civil Right

3. Department of Labor Apprenticeship and Training Program

Registration & Meals	Amount	Quantity	Total
<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
• Received by March 17	35.00	1	35.00
• Late fee - after March 17	5.00	_____	_____
• Friday, March 31 at door	40.00	_____	_____
• Workshop at Craven Community College on Friday, March 31	5.00	_____	_____

**MEALS** (After March 17, check at on-site registration for ticket availability.)

**Friday, March 31:**

I am interested in joining a group for supper on Friday night, prior to the board meeting, to hear Tim Tyson, author of *Blood Done Sign My Name*. Cost of the meal is on my own Limit: 40

**Saturday, April 1:**

• LAF Breakfast Eggs/Bacon/Sausage	12.25	_____	_____
• Lunch Soup/Sandwich	11.50	_____	_____
• Banquet			
Vegetarian Meal Stuffed Portabella	22.00	_____	_____
Chicken Cordon Bleu	22.00	_____	_____
Groupier Oscar w/Crabmeat/Bearnaise Sauce	35.75	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

Make checks payable to Jacksonville Regional Branch, AAUW 06 Convention  
 Return with form to:  
 Katharyn Thayer • 203 Hodges St., Morehead City NC 28577  
 A Registration Form is required for each person participating  
 You can also register online at <http://www.aauwnc.org>

*Please make your room reservations directly with the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina*

## Convention Hotel Deadline: March 1

### Lodging

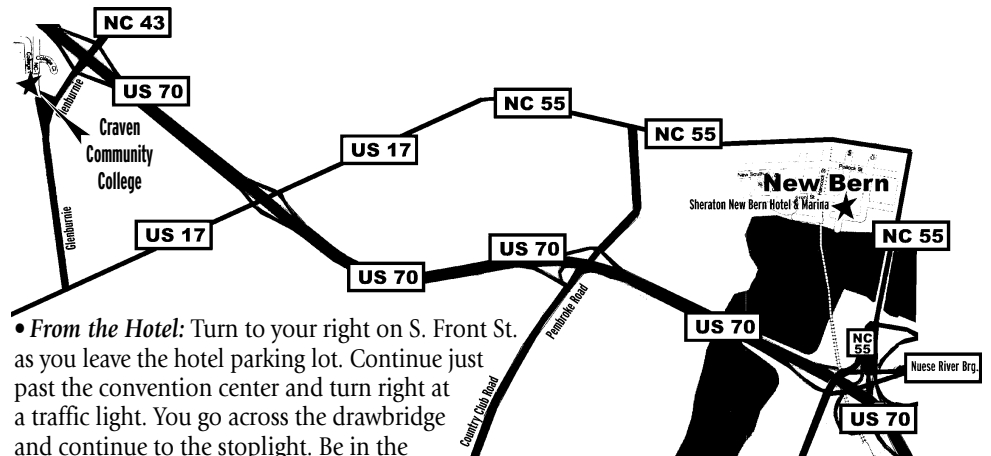
- You must make your own reservations with the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina. Phone: 252.638.3585, Fax: 252.638.8112, or [www.sheraton.com/newbern](http://www.sheraton.com/newbern). The hotel features free high-speed internet access in all guest rooms, concierge service, outdoor pool, marina, fitness facility and free parking.
- The room rate is \$109 plus 13% tax per room per night. Be sure to ask for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) group rate when making reservations. The deadline for guaranteed room reservations is **March 1, 2006. After this cutoff date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. After March 1, the room rate will increase.**
- Airport to Hotel shuttle is available. The hotel is located within walking distance of antique and specialty shops, restaurants, historic homes and churches.

### Directions to the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina

- **From East:** Follow US Highway 70 West to New Bern. Exit Business 70 and follow over small drawbridge. After the bridge take the first left onto S. Front St. Proceed to the second light and turn left into the hotel parking lot.
- **From North:** Follow US Highway 17 South and take the first exit on the Neuse River bridge marked for downtown New Bern. Keep to the right on the exit and at the end of the ramp turn right and go across the small drawbridge. After the bridge take the first left onto S. Front St. Proceed to the second light and turn left into the hotel parking lot.
- **From West:** Follow US Highway 70 East and take Exit 417 and get off on Exit Business 70 (both these exits are on the big bridge). After you cross the small drawbridge, turn left at the light onto S. Front Street. Go to the second traffic light and turn left into the hotel parking lot.
- **From South:** Follow US Highway 17 North and just past Wal-Mart take the exit for 70E. Follow the directions from the West to arrive at the hotel.

### Directions to Craven Community College

- **From West (Kinston and west):** From US Highway 70 East take the Glenburnie Dr. exit. At the top of the ramp (traffic light) turn right and get into the rightmost lane. At the next traffic light turn right and you will see the entrance to the college on your left (not a sharp left, but a veer to the left). Take the first right (before you come to any buildings) and follow it to the last building on the left, which is the auditorium. Parking: Both sides of the building.
- **From the East (Morehead City):** From US Highway 70 West take the New Bern exit marked Glenburnie Drive. At the traffic light at the end of the ramp make a left hand turn and quickly get in the right hand lane. Before the second traffic light on Glenburnie Dr. be in the rightmost lane (right turn only) and at the second light turn right. You will see the entrance to the college on your left and you enter by veering left (not a sharp turn). Take the first right and follow it to the last building on the left, which is the auditorium. Parking: Both sides of the building.
- **From 17S:** Get on 70W from 17 (just after WalMart you go under 70 and promptly make a left hand turn) and follow the directions from the East to the college.
- **From 17N:** You merge with 70W and follow the directions from the East to the college.



- **From the Hotel:** Turn to your right on S. Front St. as you leave the hotel parking lot. Continue just past the convention center and turn right at a traffic light. You go across the drawbridge and continue to the stoplight. Be in the right most lane that goes straight ahead at the light. You take the first ramp marked 70 W and Jacksonville. Follow the directions from the East to the college.

## LAF Breakfast Sponsorship

Please fill in the form below by March 17 and send it to:  
 Lill Van Order 5902 Chester Street Wilmington, NC 28405.  
 Please include your address if it is not on your check.  
 Make checks payable to "AAUW LAF."

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: (if not on check) \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you in advance from the Legal Advocacy Fund*





## President's Message

Joanne Hill  
AAUW NC

AS THE CYCLES of our lives continue – this is the most challenging column I've had to write – Marty has given me a 48-hour extension to meet the press deadline and I'm still not ready to punch the keys! The cycle of the school year has radically changed this year, since legislation mandates we start no earlier than August 25. Two weeks of classes follow the holidays, then final exams, two teacher workdays and BAM! new semester starts. Please forgive my scattered thoughts in this column.

First and foremost, I hope this finds you and your branches looking forward to the promise of the New Year – the opportunity that comes to renew, refresh and recommit to the values we hold dear. As we reflect on our personal joys and sorrows of the past year, our organizational

successes and setbacks, we have tremendous potential and opportunity. There is strength in our numbers, our diversity and our common purpose, and we strive to further strengthen all three. The synergy is inspiring!

Speaking of values – one of Association's many new initiatives is having a discussion about AAUW values. Please try to do this on the branch level, if possible, between now and April. It should take about 45 minutes and a detailed description of the process is in the tenth issue of *EdEqChange*.

Here on the coast, we are gearing up for Convention in New Bern – we are so excited to welcome you "Down East!"

I am curious how (if?) the changes in membership requirements have changed your branches. Drop me a line or an e-mail and let me know.

Has the national theme, "Education as the Gateway to Economic Security," resonated with your branches? Association has created state "Theme Teams" to launch new theme-based programs – First is the *Building a Harassment-Free Campus* initiative. If you are interested in joining the North Carolina team, please let me know that too.

See you in March!

## Say 'Yes' for Fair Courts and Fair Elections

From Democracy North Carolina:

WHEN YOU DO YOUR N.C. tax return this year, you have a chance to support fair courts and fair elections – without it costing you anything! Look hard and find the question about the N.C. Public Campaign Fund on your electronic or paper N.C. tax form.

Saying 'Yes' doesn't change the amount you owe or reduce your refund; it transfers \$3 of your taxes to the Public Campaign Fund and shows support for a program that is the first step for real "voter-owned elections" in N.C. Very important: If you use a tax consultant, be sure to tell them to mark "Yes" on the Public Campaign Fund check-off. They may not ask!

The Public Campaign Fund:

- Pays for a nonpartisan Voter's Guide, prepared by the State Board of Elections, that helps you cast an informed vote in statewide judicial elections (NC Supreme Court and Court of Appeals).
- Gives those candidates a new way to finance their campaigns, if they agree to strict fundraising and spending limits. Fair elections and fair courts go together.

The program won't work unless the public participates. We need "public ownership" of judicial elections to preserve the integrity of our courts and our elections, and to make sure there's no appearance of "justice for sale" in N.C. Please help spread the word to five or 50 others! Small flyers are available for distribution at your workplace, meetings, etc.

## AAUW NC: When & Where!

**March 31-April 2, 2006**

**AAUW NC Convention**

Sheraton Grand New Bern

**South Atlantic Region Conference (SAR)**

June 9-11, 2006, Birmingham, Alabama

**AAUW NC Summer Board Meeting**

July 15 or 22, Sandhills/Southern Pines, date to be confirmed at convention

**AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting**

October 21 or 28, Statesville

**April 20-22, 2007, 2006**

**AAUW NC Convention**

Winston-Salem

### Note to Branch Presidents:

Have a conflict for a state meeting date? Our revised by-laws allow you to designate another person, even someone from another branch, to represent you and your branch. AAUW NC has been restructured to help our members participate. Want to know more? Contact Karla Atkinson, AAUW NC secretary, bardofb@citcom.net or 828.884.7648.

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Compiled by Nancy Shoemaker, AAUW NC President-Elect

See [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/leader\\_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm) for the EdEqChange memos on what's happening at the national level. The odd spelling comes from the confluence of Education, Equity and Change and to increase information exchange throughout the organization.

### The January 10 Issue #10 includes:

- Includes a 5-page handout on the "values" discussions we are all being encouraged to join sometime between now and the end of April. Branch presidents, in particular, should look at this to see if they can schedule time at branch or board meetings. Contact Nancy Shoemaker, [shoemaker@acm.org](mailto:shoemaker@acm.org), if you are interested in a conference call discussion.
- Read the introduction of the International Museum of Women's project "Imagining Ourselves" at [http://www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW\\_IMOW\\_intro.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/IMOW/AAUW_IMOW_intro.cfm). An on-line exhibit and supporting materials focus on celebrating the leadership and dynamism of a new generation of young women. Check it out before International Women's Day on March 8.
- Legal Advocacy Fund notes include the call for nominations for the Progress in Equity award. Is something good happening on your campus? Deadline is March 15. Also see the LAF Update online at <http://www.aauw.org/laf/updates/index.cfm> - this issue of the periodical is the first since LAF became a program of the Educational Foundation. There is still lots of LAF specific news!

### The February 3 Issue #11 includes:

- Highlights from the January AAUW board meeting, including an announcement about a special fundraising drive for contributions to cover AAUW's dues to the International Federation of University Women (IFUW).
- A report on the release of the new report, Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus, and the press coverage it garnered for AAUW. A separate section of the memo notes that LAF has launched a new area of the web site on sexual harassment and the law.
- A discussion of all the Membership resources the Association makes available. Membership vice-presidents, in particular, should be sure to review pages 4-6.
- An announcement that the recordings of the Membership and Communications teleseminars have been posted to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). [Raleigh/Wake County participated in these seminars "live," and found them useful. Membership, Communications and Public Policy folks may find them particularly helpful. Two more are scheduled: Development and Program. Listen to from the comfort of your office or schedule a small group viewing where you can pause the sessions and discuss the ideas in the context of your branch.]
- Personal messages on the current status of New Orleans and branches in the area from Eileen deHaro, AAUW South East Central Regional Director and Anne Taylor, president of AAUW LA. [Plan now to attend the joint SAR/SEC meeting in Birmingham, AL, June 2-4, and learn more about AAUW's efforts in the region.]

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