Membership VP Report For: March 31, 2006 Evelyn R. Mercer

The 2005-2006 year opened up a new era for membership. At our last AAUW convention held in Washington, DC in June, 2005, the convention body voted to change requirements for regular membership in the association. The drastic change allows persons with associate degrees to become full members.

I hope some of you participated in Shape the Future Membership campaign for this year, Give a Grad a Gift, etc to build your membership totals.

Our membership comm. was organized this past summer and members have been available to work with your branches in the old cluster regions: Karla Atkinson, Mary Fran Schickendantz, Janet Weber, Evelyn Lynge and Evelyn Mercer. Any of these persons continue to willingly work with you in their geographical areas.

Recognition will be made of branches whose membership did not decrease and also for all branches who did increase their total count during the period of Feb 1, 2005 to Feb 1, 2006. Also, monetary tokens will be given to the branch having the greatest percentage increase of members and also to the branch having the greatest numerical increase of members. Recognition will be made of two members who are receiving their Honarary Life Memberships.

Good luck and best wishes to the members working so hard to start a new branch in the Boone area. Please be reminded that our national dues for 2006-2007 are \$45.00 and life memberships are \$900.00.

Thanks to all of you for your support and cooperation. Remember, membership is everyone's job.