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GREENSBORO BRANCH PROGRAMS

We meet at the Congregational United Church of Christ at 400 W. Radiance Drive in Greensboro. Meeting room is on the right hand side of the church.

On Your New Calendar – Save the Dates

**Saturday,
Jan. 12, 11A.M.
at CUCC**

The **Annual Homemade Soup Luncheon** (Yum!) will have an international focus for the program. Executive Director of Ten Thousand Villages, Joelle Nealy, will speak about the work of Ten Thousand Villages in India and Nepal. Following Ms. Nealy's presentation, Dot Mason, an AAUW Greensboro member, will lead a discussion about how to help new refugee women in Greensboro through the Center for New North Carolinians and Faith Action International House.

**Tuesday,
March 12 at
CUCC 6:30
PM**

Human Trafficking, can it be in our state, in our town? Sadly, the answer is "Yes!" It will be the March public policy program focus, coordinated by Public Policy Chair Charlotte Divitci.

**Saturday,
April 27 at
CUCC 11:00
AM**

Catered Spring Luncheon with a current AAUW Fellow as the speaker.

A Contribution Opportunity at Soup Luncheon

The Soup Luncheon is free, but for those who wish to contribute to Women's Workforce, a contribution basket will be available. During the October, 2012 meeting members heard about the important work being done by Women's Workforce volunteers under the leadership of Branch member Gwen McAllister and her Board. Their goal is to help unemployed women learn ways to become part of the workforce. After a period of training, the women have the opportunity to practice skills they have learned by volunteering as teacher helpers in an elementary school. Flossie Smith is a member of the WW Board and Everlena Diggs is one of the volunteer teachers who prepare the women to work with the teachers and children. It's a win – win – win situation for the women, the children, and the classroom teachers. Anyone who makes a contribution may write her name on a slip of paper to be in the drawing for a set of four bowls. Twenty-four bowls were generously donated by Replacement Ltd. at the request of President Debra Richardson.

Memorial Breakfast – Reserve a Seat by Jan.10th

As is customary, Greensboro Branch is reserving a table for the January, 21st Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at which Kweisi Mfume will be the keynote speaker. By January 10, please send a check for \$20 payable to AAUW Greensboro to Everlena Diggs, 3202 Cabarrus Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407.

(Almost) 12th Night -- Drop In for Fun

Home of Mary Fran Schickedantz

2809 Watauga Drive

Sunday, Dec. 30th 2:00-5:00 p.m.

A chance to meet informally, to say hello to new members and to greet long standing friends.

Spouses, partners and other guests are also welcome.

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On November 17th it was wonderful to be part of AAUW Greensboro's gala celebration of our 100 Anniversary at the Emerald Event Center. We recognized Pearl Berlin as she received a 50-year AAUW Honorary Membership certificate from Carolyn Garfein, National President. In addition, some friends of Pearl from the former High Point Branch and the Greensboro Branch made a \$100 contribution to AAUW's Public Policy Fund in honor of Pearl's passionate advocacy of public policy issues through the years. (Continued on page 2.)

Book Browsers – Welcome, New Members!

Jan. 7: *Unbroken* by Laura Hildebrand, Leader: Carmen Redding

Feb. 4: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain, Leader: Mary Woodrow

The meetings are 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the KCEF Branch Library in Price Park off Hobbs Road.

2012 Education Summit: Connecting Community Leaders with Our Schools

Heartfelt thanks for the luncheon go to our many *committed* and *hardworking* Branch members: the Branch Board, the Program Committee and other volunteers who offered their time, expertise, contacts and resources to the event. Special thanks go to AAUW NC President Mary Peterson for attending the Celebration, to Marlene Pratto for the attractive collages she made of the girls who participated in the IT For Girls Workshop, and to new member Catherine Magid for the attractive teal name tags that she designed and printed. The cooperation of the Emerald Event Center was also appreciated. The luncheon was truly a celebration!

It is with great pleasure that AAUW Greensboro welcomes eleven new members since July 1. (Please see addendum.) As we look forward to 2013, let me again ask for your support. Let's share ideas, be creative and have fun. Hope to see you at the Soup Luncheon on Saturday, January 12, 2013. *Debra Richardson, President*

A Gala 100th Anniversary Celebration

Approximately seventy-seven members and guests enjoyed socializing before the luncheon. It was a special treat to have Mary Floyd come all the way from Indiana to be part of the celebration and take pictures. As attendees mingled, they commented on the beautiful teal and white table decorations, the "1912- 2012 Looking Back, Moving Forward >" banner; the poster with information about implementing AAUW's mission, AAUW Funds scholarships/grants, legal advocacy, and public policy; and the collages of participants in IT Is for Girls Workshops. Many bought tickets for the raffle that included baskets with a variety of goodies, wine and books. Others made purchases during the Silent Auction to benefit AAUW Funds for scholarships and grants to help women with graduate study and to support legal advocacy to assist women in select cases of work place harassment or pay inequity. Everyone was impressed with the AAUW history that Sue Metz developed and presented with the help of four members who popped up around the room to briefly describe some of the many achievements of our organization. Following the AAUW Greensboro theme, "Looking Back Moving Forward, guest speaker Denise Turner Roth, Greensboro City Manager, wove her personal story into the broad picture of women's achievements. Mrs. Roth's remarks were both inspiring and challenging as AAUW Greensboro moves into year 101. Sue Mengert, Program Committee Chair

Philanthropy from Silent Auction and Raffle:
\$1040.00. Prior giving to AAUW Funds: \$1134.00.
See Yearbook for Contribution Form – 12/31/12.

The December 5th event was sponsored by the Guilford Education Alliance with the support of many groups making a difference in the future of children and their families

Keynote Speaker Cynthia Marshall, president of AT&T North Carolina, shared her personal history in a highly motivational speech that drove the audience to stand, look to, and talk to one another. If we had to summarize her call to the audience in three words, it would be "Yes, we can" or "Sí se puede" in Spanish. Ms. Marshall moved the audience as she talked candidly about growing up in a poverty-ridden area of California. She thanked her educators for taking her under their wings and propelling her to succeed. Through her tone, we could feel that "no sweat, no gain" continues to be her motto.

At the Summit, the audience listened to other presentations. Students from the STEM Johnson Street Global Studies performed in white coats a rhymed rendition of a popular tune. Guilford County Schools Superintendent Maurice O. "Mo" Green shared that "personalized learning" will be the underpinnings of the new strategic plan that will be made public in January, 2013. Since Mr. Green's remarks, the Guilford County Schools have received a \$30 million grant to provide technology for middle schools. Kudos to the grant writers, all involved in making this possible, and Mr. Green!

The event also featured Mr. Richard "Skip" Moore's summary of the 2012 Education Matters Report that each audience member received in print. In this report, important data is provided: much success has been achieved but some areas are still in need of improvement. For example, in the Guilford County Cohort Graduation Rate by Race/Ethnicity, the lowest graduation rate is that of American Indian students (63.2%); one step up is that of children who fit the "Other" category (75.9%), and next up Hispanic children (78.1%). In the 80% or higher graduation rate are Black (81.2%), Asian (84.5%) and White (90.4%) students. The full report is available online at <http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/GEAEdMatters2012FINAL.pdf>

The seed for discussion groups has been planted. AAUW Greensboro can increase its visibility among public and private schools in Guilford County and the community at large. The CF (Children First) will make education its priority.

(Thank you to Mari Pino del Rosario, PhD, AAUW Greensboro Branch member, for this article.)

“Looking Back, Moving Forward >”

Please help continue our centennial celebration:

You're invited to a

Special afternoon of scrapbooking/reminiscing

As we continue to develop an

Updated historical album for our Greensboro Branch.

Please come: Saturday, Feb. 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

At Linda Jensen's home, 2200 W. Friendly Ave.

RSVP to Linda: 856-2040

Greetings AAUW Friends,

With the battle raging over the budget and the pending fiscal cliff, I hope you will take time to call or email our senators and representatives to urge them to vote responsibly in the days to come. Isn't it better to keep everyone healthy rather than keep a few rich? (Healthcare v higher tax rates for the 2%) Wouldn't it be better to sustain life rather than spend money to take lives? (Social Security v military spending).

I jotted down the numbers for some congressional offices to pass along in case you can't find your information. *Please consider calling* these senators and representatives to urge their support for compromise that does not damage Healthcare and Social Security.

Kay Hagan	(202) 224-6342
Richard Burr	(202) 224-3154
Virginia Foxx	(202) 225-2071
Howard Coble	(202) 225-3065
Brad Miller	(202) 225-3032

Thank you for being responsible, caring citizens who are willing to work for the cause.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Divitci, Public Policy Chair

Many Thanks from the Branch

The ideas and work of numerous Branch members made the 100th Anniversary Luncheon an impressive success.

Program Committee: Linda Jensen, Sue Mengert, Cherrie Wheaton; *Outreach, Mailing List & Labels:* Mary Fran Schickedantz; *Publicity:* Janie Dominique; *Invitations and Mailing:* Flossie Smith & Gwen McAllister; *Registrations/Treasurer & Arrangements with Emerald Event Center:* Everlena Diggs; *Name Tags:* Catherine Magid; *Inspirational Thought:* Mary Woodrow; *Historical Information:* Sue Metz, Charlotte Divitci, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Mary Fran Schickedantz, Mary Woodrow; *Silent Auction:* Libby Haile & Elaine Ostrowski; *Raffle:* Janie Dominique & Elaine Morehead; *Soloist:* Takiyah Vincent.

A “Community Notice from the Commission on the Status of Women”.

Women of Guilford, Inc, the fundraising arm of Greensboro's Commission on the Status of Women, is considering editing and updating the book, Women of Guilford County, NC from 1740-1979. Publication would be in time for the 40th anniversary of the Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women in about three years. If you or people you know might be able to help edit, research, write, print, or fund-raise, contact Julie Lapham at jnlapham@gmail.com.

AAUW-NC Annual Meeting – April 12—13, 2013

Message from President, Mary Peterson

Special thanks to Doris Bernlohr for making the arrangements for us to meet again at the Country Inn and Suites just off I-40 in the Burlington area. Everyone seemed to be pleased with the facility last year, so why not return. By Feb. you will receive all the details.

2013 AAUW National Convention

“Leading Across Generations”

June 9-12, 2013, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Please go to www.aauw.org/convention for the

current information. The “best value” for the

Registration Fee is open now until Feb. 4. There are

several from AAUW Greensboro planning to attend.

Please contact Debra Richardson at

dirmsassey@yahoo.com if you are interested or talk to

us at the Twelfth Nite drop In.



