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GREENSBORO BRANCH PROGRAMS

We meet at the Congregational United Church of Christ (CUCC) Fellowship Hall 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

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Program will start at 6:40.	Topic: Human Trafficking Speaker: Sandra H. Johnson, Founder & President of Triad Ladder of Hope, an organization that works to rescue and/or assist victims of this form of “slavery” and abuse.
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Tuesday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m. High Tea/New Member Orientation 3708 Watauga Dr. 27410	Home of Charlotte Divitci Come and bring a friend. Hear about Branch spring activities/events that are being planned. Join us as we continue the process of becoming a community.
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Saturday, April 27 at CUCC 11:00–1:00 p.m. SAVE the DATE Annual Branch Spring Luncheon for Members and Friends	<i>Have a Good Time with Members & Guests at the Annual Spring Luncheon of AAUW Greensboro</i> Speaker: Amanda Sheely, AAUW Fellow at UNC CH <i>Catered Lunch - \$18.00</i> <i>Checks payable to AAUW Greensboro. RSVP by Apr. 18 to Sue Mengert, 5304 Bayberry Lane, Greensboro 27455.</i> <i>Information: 336-288-1420</i> smengert@mindspring.com
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President’s Message

“Membership” – sounds exclusive? I’m a member of Sam’s Club with a few million others. There is nothing exclusive about that membership. Still, I like the word and I really like the thought of being a small part of something much larger. The benefits are pretty great, too.

In my volunteer role as the President of AAUW-Greensboro and our board, I am reminded every day that we are a part of something larger. In our planning and, with our help, we invite you to be learners, communicators and partners with us. Please go to <http://www.aauw.org> (AAUW’s new website) – a great place to start. Click on MEMBERSHIP to find the array of benefits for yourself.

- AAUW has dedicated more than 132 years to the advancement of education. The new logo (See top of newsletter) reminds us that we have been empowering women since 1881. We are part of quite a legacy. AAUW takes action on issues that matter. “Equity” is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and change makers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women’s equity in all areas of life and work.
- AAUW makes connections --- people and ideas, passion and intelligence, creativity and commitment. A nationwide community of nearly 100,000 individuals dedicated to breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls, AAUW brings thoughtful people together to create change.

For me, being an AAUW member is an honor and has enhanced my personal development. I’m looking forward to our High Tea on Tues., March 19 at 5:00. Come and link long standing friends with new friends as we explore our great AAUW.

Deb Richardson, President Greensboro Branch

Book Browsers – Special

Author Michael Parker will join the Book Browsers this month for a discussion of his novel. Parker is a professor in the MFA writing program at UNCG and the author of four previous novels. All AAUW members are invited to attend and encouraged to read Parker’s novel in advance. Contact: Mary Woodrow : mandrwoodrow@aol.com

Book Browsers – Welcome, New Members!

Mar.4: *The Watery Part of the World*, M. Parker
April 1: *The Shack*, Wm. P. Young
 The meetings are 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the KCEF Branch Library in Price Park, off Hobbs Road.; Meet in the Community Room to the right of the front door.

**Annual Meeting of AAUW NC from
Mary Peterson, President**

Date: April 12-13

Place: Country Inns & Suites in Burlington, NC, just off 1-40, I-85; Exit 141

Time: Starts Friday 3pm and we will have you on your way home by Saturday at 2:15 pm

Theme: The 3 F's of AAUW: Focus on AAUW news at all levels; **Find** ideas about how to work easier and better within your branch; **Friendship** - Renew and make new AAUW NC friends.

Friday 3 – 5pm Presidents' Council followed by dinner at Village Inn (Order from menu), 580 Huffman Mill Road
7:30 - 9pm Wine and Wisdom

Saturday 9am – 2pm

- You will meet Kimberly Fountain, Public Policy staffer who works with the CQ State Track of legislation.
- We have invited the AAUW Fellows in NC to join us for lunch on Saturday.
- Your branch will receive a copy of *The White City* by John Claude Bemis to take home for your public library. This book won the AAUW NC Juvenile Literature Book Award in 2012.

Registration: Online (beginning March 1) and your branch president will receive a printed registration form and other information by March 1.

Hope to see **YOU** in Burlington.

Mary

Editors note: Carpools from Greensboro will be set up for those wishing to attend only on Saturday. Registration information will be found on our branch website: <http://greensboro-nc.aauw.net/> and at our March 12th meeting at CUCC.

Another Important Date: March 11, '13; 11:am – 4pm
2012 Women's Roundtable. Empire Room, 203 S. Elm St., Greensboro. The NC Council for Women will present the entire report of *The Status of Women in NC*. You will also receive a summary report of the fall Women's Agenda Assemblies sponsored by NCWU.

Opportunities for Branch Involvement

- 1) **Dialoging with one or two students at UNCG** in preparation for AAUW's *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)*. Conference to be held May 31-June 1 at the Univ. of MD. Early Registration deadline is April 12th. (Details @ aauw.org).
- 2) **Being a responder for legislative issues.** (See Charlotte Divitci's article in column two on this page.)
- 3) **Serving on the Hospitality Committee** for the Spring Luncheon. (Contact Mary Fran)
- 4) **Formatting Newsletters for the Branch.** "Word" or process of choice. (Call Deb R.) 1 or 2 newsletters Apr – Aug. (851-0006)
- 5) **Joining the branch group attending the NC Women United Advocacy Day;** April 9, 2013 9am – approx. 2pm, NC Legislative Building at

16 W. Jones St., Raleigh. Keynote speaker, Kim Gandy, CEO of National Network to End Domestic Violence. Meet with local legislators. (Contact Charlotte Divitci.) 315-5440

- 6) **Helping UNCG's Women and Gender Studies with their April Conference –** Southeastern Women's Studies Assoc. (SEWSA). Apr. 18th – 20th Contact Dr. Beth Walker at UNCG.
- 7) **Helping during Dr. Lakshmi Iyer's "Women in IT" Workshop** for Middle School Girls held at UNCG July 8 – 12. (Contact Dr. Iyer at Bryan School of Business, UNCG.)
- 8) **Planning with the branch/UNCG committee for an AAUW workshop on "Salary Negotiation for Women"** with UNCG Career Services for fall semester of 2013. (Contact Isabell Moore at UNCG Women & Gender Studies). ilmoore@uncg.edu
- 9) **Shadowing Graduate Student, Sunila Surve, editor of our branch website.** New material will need to be added before August. Sunila has time March–May for dialoging. Website uses WordPress software. (Contact Mary Fran Schickedantz.). mfs2809@triad.rr.com

Making a Case for the Rights of Women

AAUW Public Policy Advocacy is moving forward with the Pilot Project using new sources of information. A recent Webinar gave us information on CQStateTrack, a source for NC pending bills/actions. We are seeking those who might be interested in receiving "alerts" and responding to them. The branches are encouraged to select issues of interest. Last year the branch chose Women's Health, Medicare and Social Security. Other branches chose Education, Women's Health and Reproductive Rights, Voter and Civil Rights, Equal Pay and Equal Opportunity, Campaign Reform, and Environmental Issues. Be considering on what you'd like the branch to concentrate during 2013-14.

Charlotte Divitci, Public Policy Chair

Election of Officers to be held at March 12th meeting. Greensboro Branch has 3 elected officers: President, Program VP & Treasurer. In addition, the Executive Board has approximately 8 appointed chairs. The President and VP for Program are elected for a two-year term in even-numbered years. The Treasurer is elected for a 2-year term in odd-numbered years. Treasurer, Everlena Diggs's term is ending June 30, 2013. The nominee on the ballot for Treasurer (2013-15) is Mary Fran Schickedantz. We 'may' also elect a President-Elect for a one-year term. Please consider contacting Nominating Committee Chair Janie Dominique about that position. Nominations are also accepted from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

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