January 1, 2014 Volume 101 Issue 3 **AAUW MISSION STATEMENT:** Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. 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. By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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Saturday, January 11th—Annual AAUW Soup Luncheon and Program Membership Meeting —Reserve DATE!

Come join us on Saturday, January 11th, as we continue our year of "MAKING CONNECTIONS" at our Annual AAUW Soup Luncheon and program at Cong. United Church of Christ –400 W. Radiance Drive. We will start at 11 a.m. You will choose from four delicious homemade soups and enjoy the company of AAUW friends and guests. The program following the lunch will be a panel on the topic " Connecting to Elected Officials: The Role of Women in Grassroots Lobbying." Dot Mason, Branch Public Policy Chair and Chair of the event said, "The aim of the program is to help members know effective ways to support or work against legislative issues."

Our distinguished panel members are **Maggie** Jeffus, former State Legislator; Willie Taylor, Co-President of the League of Women Voters and Abby Jeffries, successful Lobbyist for a new Breast cancer test.

And while you are eating soup with your AAUW friends we will have a **Member mixer**. Be prepared to write down 2 Truths about yourself and 1 Lie. Your table will try to guess your lie. Please consider a contribution to the Women's Workforce Web **(WWW)** directed by Gwen McAllister, a Greensboro Branch member. **WWW** is an organization that helps women who need training in skills necessary to seek and hold a job. After their training, the women enrolled in the program have an opportunity to practice basic workplace skills by serving as volunteer aides to elementary K-3 school teachers, while receiving instruction and evaluation.

*** Since the soup luncheon is free, please consider giving an individual contribution to the work of WWW.



Shirley Taylor Frye Speaks at Fall Luncheon

We had a wonderful turnout at the Annual Fall Luncheon Fundraiser on November 16th at Guilford College in Founders Hall's Gilmer Room. The luncheon's theme "**Reaching Across Generations—Making Connections**," made for an amazing speech by Shirley Taylor Frye (Excerpts from her speech on page 4).

This Annual Fundraising Event, (the silent auction and the raffle) assists the total financial contributions that our members make to the National AAUW Funds during the calendar year. Funds include: the Eleanor Roosevelt, Leadership, Legal Advocacy, Public Policy and Fellowships & Grants.

Many thanks to our Luncheon Chair, Laura Tew who organized this year's venue, which included a lovely luncheon, a welcome from Guilford College's Julie Winterich, and our wonderful speaker, Shirley Taylor Frye. Thanks to her committee; Charlotte Divitci, Donna Hodgman and Yardley Marie Hunter. Also many thanks to Libby Haile, Silent Auction Coordinator, Janie Dominque and Elaine Morehead, Raffle Coordinators and Cherrie Wheaton & Carmen Redding, for arranging items from the members of Book Browsers for the attractive Baskets and Bags.

Saturday, March 1st Branch to Host \$TART \$MART Workshop at UNCG

We are partnering with UNCG Women's & Gender Studies to host a **\$TART \$MART** Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to help college and university women develop the skills for effective wage negotiations as they apply for their first jobs following graduation. The Campus coordinator, Dr. Beth Walker, UNCG College/University Representative (CU) has reserved a room in Elliott Center. The trained facilitator for the AAUW-WAGE project is Kathy Pearre, an AAUW Winston-Salem Branch Member.

WAGE stands for <u>Women Are Getting Even</u>. In the workshop students will learn how to close the pay gap because women have traditionally started working at lower salaries than their male counterparts.

The workshop is free and will accommodate 40 junior and senior women from UNCG.

Our Branch received a Mini-Grant from AAUW/NC for \$500 to help cover the \$650 cost of the WAGE materials. The materials will be prepared to match likely careers of workshop attendees.

Our Branch plan is to use this **\$TART \$MART** workshop as a model to be introduced to other local AAUW College and University Partners to use in the future. Students will be asked to complete two evaluations: one at the end of the workshop and one by email two weeks later. The second one will show how the skills learned in the workshop have impacted their lives.

*** Please consider making a small contribution towards (4) \$25.00 Starbucks cards needed for a drawing at the event.

Tuesday, March 11th —Celebration of International Women's Day & Program ——Annual Meeting—Hold the Date—-

Don't miss this meeting which will include the election of officers and an evaluation of our 2013-2014 AAUW Greensboro Branch programs and projects. We'll evaluate What we have done ? How Successful have we been? Where are we going as we move into our 102 year? This event will start at 6:30 PM at Congregation United Church of Christ , 400 W. Radiance Drive.

Saturday, March 15th — A "Downton Abbey" High Tea – Reserve Now!



The very popular PBS series Downton Abbey's Season 4 premieres Sunday, January 5th. **The Greensboro Branch of AAUW is thrilled to present a Downton Abbey High Tea** on Saturday, March 15th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 for AAUW Members

Donna Hodgman will be hosting the tea in her beautiful home. We can only seat 70 people, so reserve a seat or table now for you and your friends. We will have a few tables to accommodate eight and many tables to accommodate four. We'll be serving scones, tea sandwiches, sweets and savories plus there will be entertainment.

This event will be open to members and many of your friends who aren't members but love the series. Others in the Triad area will also be invited. Come celebrate in period fashions or just hats, long gloves and your pearls. The monies raised will benefit the Greensboro Branch Projects for Pay Equity, STEM Education and Leadership Opportunities for Young Women.

At the January 11th Soup Luncheon, invitations will be ready for you to give to friends and acquaintances. Spread the word now. It's going to be a lot of fun.

For question & reservations e-mail: cmagid@triad.rr.com or Catherine Magid (336)294-4455. Mail check payable to <u>AAUW Greensboro</u> to Mary Fran Schickedantz, 2809 Watauga Dr. Greensboro NC 27408. Your reservations will be finalized only when your check is received.

Saturday, March 29th Tech Savvy Workshop at UNCG

Tech Savvy is a daylong <u>S</u>cience, <u>T</u>echnology, <u>Engineering</u>, and <u>M</u>ath (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform families about STEM education and careers. The AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch, led by former branch president <u>Tamara Brown</u>, launched the first Tech Savvy in 2005 at the University of Buffalo. In eight years, the program has served more than 2,000 girls.

Our member and UNCG professor, Dr. Lakshmi Iyer, is General Chair of the Event. With her expertise we applied to be a site for Tech Savvy—Powered by AAUW and have been chosen as one of the ten sites across the U.S. We have received a grant of \$8,000 from PRAXAIR and will need to get local funding for the balance. Local University collaborators with UNCG this year will be NC A & T State University, the Joint Schools of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering and Guilford College. Other AAUW branches to be involved are Winston Salem and Statesville. There will be space for 150 lucky 6th through 9th grade girls to attend this terrific one-day event. The Tech Savvy program at UNCG will incorporate several key features. Local female teachers and professors will lead hands-on workshops. The girls will also learn about a variety of STEM professions. Afternoon workshops will focus on "Savvy skills" such as negotiation and public speaking.

The 50 parents / adults attending the activities can participate in sessions to learn about how to support girls in STEM fields. Sherri Brown will lead a session on "Financial Planning for College."

AAUW Greensboro branch members will work on four planning committees along with local university and business professionals. **PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE**.

Most of all, start spreading the word among 6th-9th grade girls about registering (starting in January) for this exciting day.

Saturday, April 26th — Spring Luncheon with Speaker UNCG Chancellor Linda Brady — Hold the Date!

Luncheon Chair Peggy Knox and her committee are busy planning a fabulous event! We are pleased that our speaker will be UNCG Chancellor Linda Brady. We will also have the installation of officers and presentation of awards. It will be the culmination of a very active year, which has been based on implementation of our mission. This event will start at 11 am.

New Members

Come join us at our AAUW Book Club and bring your friends. From time to time we meet for lunch before the meeting. Email mandrwoodrow@aol.com or call 316-1339 to check the lunch location. Meeting Place: Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Rd, Meeting Time: 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. Meeting Dates: First Monday of the Month January 6, 2014 Hosseini, Khaled, "And the Mountains Echoed" (F) (Carmen Redding, Leader) February 3, 2014 Skloot, Rebecca, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" (NF)# (Sue Mengert, Leader) Sotomayer, Sonia, "My Beloved World" (NF)# (Jane Terwillegar, Leader) March 3, 2014 April 7, 2014 McCorkle, Jill, "Life After Life" (F)# (Linda Jensen, Leader) Strayed, Cheryl, "Wild" (F)# (Dot Mason, Leader) May 5, 2014 June 2, 2014 Bring 1 or 2 books that you recommend for next years' list! Be prepared to "Sell" them in 2 minutes or less! # Available through Public Library Book Discussion Group Collection

AAUW Book Browsers' Schedule for 2014

We welcome the following who have joined since April. Arlene Aalfs ID# 5201617 Greta Bove ID# 5203463 ID# 5213828 Barbara Carter Amina Cliette ID# 5214471 Donna Duffy ID# 5203464 Martha Fowler ID# 5203466 Anne Fragola ID# 5205486 ID# 5205485 Yardley M Hunter Monica Johnson ID# 5203465 ID# 5194718 Sherry Kelly Kathryn Larson ID# 5214470 Dianne Lytle ID# 5205491 Margaret Tooker ID# 5213827 Judy Wilson ID# 5194717



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast



AAUW Greensboro has again reserved a table for branch members. It's fun to sit together! The 27th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast, will be hosted by the City's <u>Human</u> <u>Relations Commission</u>. It will start at 7:30 am, Monday, January 20, at the Sheraton Greensboro, Four Seasons / Koury Convention Center. **Chuck Fager** is the 2014 breakfast speaker.

We're on the Web!

Our Branch web site http://greensboro-nc.aauw.net Mr Fager is an American activist, an author, an editor, a publisher. He is known for his work in both the <u>1960s Civil Rights Movement</u> and in the <u>Peace movement</u>.

Make your reservation to sit at the AAUW table by writing a check for \$20 payable to the <u>City of Greensboro</u> and mailing it to Mary Fran Schickedantz, 2809 Watauga Drive, Greensboro NC 27408. (The checks will be sent as a group) Mary Fran must receive your check **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12TH.**

Greetings from the AAUW Board

We have some exciting news. At the last AAUW Board meeting, Libby Haile reported, and the Board adopted unanimously, a recommendation from the Fundraising Committee to sponsor an event that will make money and be fun for members and for many women in Greensboro and the Triad area.

YOU ARE THE FIRST TO BE INVITED TO A Downton Abbey High Tea

To Benefit Local Greensboro AAUW Projects for Pay Equity, STEM Education

And Leadership Opportunities for Young Women

Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Home of AAUW Member Donna Hodgman

\$20 for AAUW Members to enjoy High Tea and Entertainment

Our goal is seventy attendees for this sit-down High Tea with delicious sweets and savories.

At the January 11th Soup Luncheon, invitations will be ready for you to give to friends and acquaintances. We each need to spread the word. The PBS series Downton Abbey is very popular, and its 2014 season begins on Sunday, January 5, so we hope this will motivate all to attend for a fun afternoon. Participants will have the option to dress up in their favorite hat or high tea attire, and that can be part of the fun.

Kudos to all who have made the first part of the branch's 2013-2014 programs and events so successful. Whether you are a committee chair, committee member, or are showing your support by attending meetings and events, you are helping to make our 101st year a proud new page in our history.

Shirley Taylor Frye Excerpts from Her Speech

"How have I been able to connect to people? I dared not to be me. If my thought were different from the group, I expressed them gently. I always let the group know how I feel. I have never been ashamed to be different. I tried to build consensus, prodding people but at the same time listening, learning and involving them. In the final analysis I learned that being responsible means not making everyone happy. It is not what you say but how you say it. I worked with the masses, the real people. I found I had to head for the trenches. I had to ask for straight talk from the trenches. I learned to accept information from a diverse group of people, even ideas that I don't want to hear. I found that the day people stop bringing new ideas to you is the day that you stop feeling or connecting with people. You must always let others feel and know that you genuinely want to hear what they have to say. Most every person has some good ideas although sometimes you have to search for them. I learned that plans don't accomplish work, it is people who get it done. Every job is important from the janitor to the president. If you really want to connect with people you need to recognize that every person has a vial role to play. My mother used to say, "If you include others, you can move mountains."

What I have tried to instill in my grandchildren is; that you may have all of the skills in this world, you may have all the answers for everything, you may have all of the money you need and more. But If you cannot develop effective relationships with those with whom you come in contact, you may not ever meet with success. The little things mean a lot "