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Be Sure to Be at the Kick-off of
Our Exciting 101st Year!

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6pm at CUCC

Everyone, bring your favorite salad; rolls, desserts, and beverages will be provided.

Program topic: "Making Connections"

Speakers will be Representatives from our AAUW College/University Partners and the Regional
Girl Scouts

Hear about the AAUW Convention & the Branch theme and project for 2013-14

Be ready to be entertained, too.

Reaching Across Generations: 2013-14 AAUW Greensboro Program Schedule

***Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:00pm** – Salad Supper – Bring a favorite salad (Beverages, rolls, dessert furnished)

Program: "Making Connections" with AAUW College/University Partners – Hear from Beth Walker, UNCG
C/U Representative and Partners from other C/Us as well as Valerie Wooten, Girl Scout Program Director

***Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30pm** – Program: "Barriers for Women and Girls" followed by Q and A

***Saturday, November 16,** – Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction for AAUW Funds; Location: Gilmer Room
in Founders Hall at Guilford College (More details at September meeting)

***Saturday, January 11, 10:30am-1:00pm** – Soup Luncheon (Voluntary contributions to be contributed to
Women's Workforce Web) – Program: Panel "Connecting to Elected Officials – The Role of Women In
Grassroots Lobbying." What can we do to support or work against legislative issues?

***Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm** – Celebration of International Women's Day and Annual Meeting including
election of officers and evaluation of "What Have We Done/Where Are We Going?"

***Saturday, April 26, 11:00am-1:00pm** – Spring Luncheon/Awards/Installation of Officers;
Speaker: Chancellor Dr. Linda Brady. (Location: TBA)

*Meetings to be held at Congregational United Church of Christ (CUCC), 400 W. Radiance Drive.

Turn at traffic light for Friendly and Radiance Drive (close to UNCG where Aycok St. goes under Friendly)

To access parking lot, turn on drive which crosses in front of church. Meeting room is on the right hand side of
church.

Book Browsers – Welcome, New Members

Sept. 9: *Z, a novel of Zelda Fitzgerald*, by Theresa Ann Fowler; Leona LaPerriere will lead the discussion.

Oct. 7: *Movement of the Stars*, by Amy Brill; Cherrie Wheaton will lead the discussion.

The meetings are 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family (KCEF) Branch Library
1420 Price Park Rd, off Hobbs Rd; Meet in the Community Room to the right of the front door.

For more information call Chair, Mary Woodrow @ 336-316-1339.

Members Bring Salads for September 10th Salad Supper

Many thanks to Gertrude Royal and Charlotte Divitci for the excellent jobs they did chairing the branch Hospitality Committee for several years.

At the September 10th meeting, the plan is that members will each bring a salad to the Annual Salad Supper. Please bring one of your favorite meat, vegetable, or fruit salads. Beverages, desserts, rolls/crackers, eating utensils, and paper products will be provided. Guests of members and other visitors should just come and enjoy – no need to bring a salad.

Contact Gwen McAllister, our new Hospitality Chair, at womenworkweb@aol.com or at 336-697-9057, if you have any questions. At the meeting, Gwen will have a Hospitality Committee Sign-up Sheet on which three members can sign-up to bring light refreshments for each of the other branch meetings. Thanks for your cooperation.

Important: A Change from Previous Years

Please Bring Items for Silent Auction for AAUW Funds To the October Meeting, So We Can Get the Auction Organized

Here are a few examples; you'll think of many more:

New or like new

- **Jewelry** > **Works of art**
- **Home baked goods** > **Pottery**
- **Sets or packages of** **lotions, body wash, hand cream**
- **Holiday items** > **Scarves**
- **Kitchen items**

Public Policy Notes from Dot Mason, Public Policy Chair

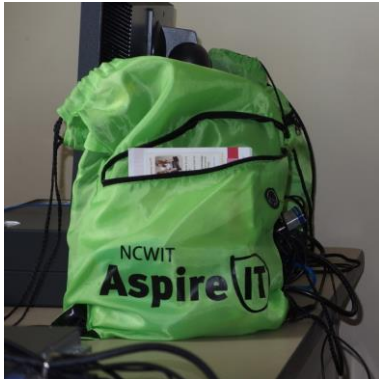
Immigration Reform has been moving forward in Congress. The Senate has passed S.744, its reform legislation. This legislation provides a pathway to citizenship to millions of immigrants in the U.S., moves toward keeping immigrant families together, renews the STEM visa legislation, but relies heavily, and would spend huge amounts of money, on longer, better fences, drones, border security agents and the like. The House is unlikely to accept S. 744. It currently has passed or has in process four pieces of legislation which together mirror, to a great extent, the Senate legislation. We have the opportunity for input as the two houses attempt to meld their legislation into a bill that can pass both houses of Congress. Thus we have the chance to lobby not only to modernize our immigration system, but also to bolster critical funding for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education necessary for a globally competitive U.S. workforce.

AAUW supports efforts to supplement our own STEM workforce through a STEM education initiative implemented as part of immigration reform legislation. Write your representative today and ask him or her to: 1) increase and allot STEM visas in a fair way; 2) continue funding the SKILLS program for immigrants; and 3) provide funding for an educational pathway to STEM careers for U.S. workers, as well.

IT is for Girls, 2013 style

The IT Is for Girls program at UNCG this year focused on middle school students. Some high school students from previous years were assistants and, in fact, were completely in charge of one session. The middle school girls were very enthused and anxious to work. They put in a lot of time on their projects and it showed! This is definitely the age for this program!

I assisted Maurie Lockley with the Web Design class. The girls were divided into four groups and generated four different sets of web pages in four different styles and subject matter. The young ladies put a lot of effort into the content of their pages.



Event Rate for New Members Joining AAUW Greensboro Branch.

We offer a special "Shape the Future Event Rate" of \$42.00 (Yearly dues normally \$73) at the September Meeting. If you are interested in membership but cannot make the September meeting, please contact Membership Chair, Everlena Diggs at 336-315-9880, or diggwatk@aol.com

Comments from Branch Members Attending the AAUW Convention in New Orleans in June.

"One of the things that impressed me at the Convention was the camaraderie among AAUW attendees. It was a very relaxed atmosphere and everyone seemed to get along very well with one another. We were all good friends and enjoyed each other's company." Carmen Wood, attendee.

A new group this year focused on Lego Robots. The projects were a pleasure to view. The mobile phone APS were fun as in previous years. The Scratch animation projects were elaborate and fun as were the games produced with Kodu.

Dr. Stephen Tate, head of the computer science department, left the girls with this message: "Find your passion, pursue it, and figure out how to get paid for it. Empower yourself. Make your own path. Change the world."

Article by Marlene Pratto, member of Greensboro Branch. Lakshmi Iyer, Ph.D. Director of Information Systems, Associate Professor, UNCG and also a branch member, developed and was in charge of the IT is for Girls Summer Camp.

Comments from Convention Attendees

"AAUW National Convention in my home state of Louisiana, (New Orleans) proved to be the exciting & exhilarating experience we were promised it would be. From day one, I was amazed & excited to meet members from all over the U.S. Attending the Nat'l convention provided insight into the dedication of AAUW members and staff in making this organization great. All workshops & skill building sessions were both informative & challenging to me as a newcomer to Nat'l. And, as we say in Louisiana when all things are going good, "Laissez-les-bon Temps Rouler," which is exactly what we did in New Orleans." Janie Dominique,

"National Convention is what I call *continuing education* for branch members. The National Staff and Board model for us what makes good programming. The level of speakers is outstanding and creativity abounds. I was astounded that one featured group was an all girl band of about 8 musicians. They played New Orleans style music. The amazing thing was that they had never played together, but came to entertain us, anyway."

Mary Fran Schickedantz. Attendee
(Convention comments continued on next page)

“The convention was well organized with time for inspirational speakers and a multitude of workshops that provided practical information useful to our Branch. I was inspired about the value of having College/University Partners. It wasn’t all serious, though. Some of us went a day early, took an evening Ghost Tour, had lunch at a famous New Orleans restaurant, and enjoyed a van tour of

historical and modern-day New Orleans. A real plus was talking with AAUW members from all over the country.”
 Sue Mengert, attendee

AAUW- Greensboro’s Philanthropy with National AAUW.

We were pleased at Convention to find that AAUW – Greensboro Branch was recognized for their contributions to National AAUW Programs. On the website and in the Yearbook are the categories which we normally support. Branch members have been encouraged to give at least \$30 each year to help in this support. Checks may be sent to AAUW directly at any time or members may show their support in local initiatives such as the Silent Auction/Theme Baskets in November. Members last year sent contributions to Special Funds as well as those listed below -- (The Ann Chipley Fund, The Stanley H. Tyler, Jr./Nebraska AAUW Fund, and AAUW-Charlotte Branch which this year has reached stipend-producing level and will fund a Community Action Grant or Career Development Grant for 2013-14.) UNCG has had Faculty receiving grant money for Post Doctorial Publishing Grants in the last couple of years. Three years ago, Dr. Lakshmi Iyer and AAUW Greensboro received \$10,000 (2 year Community Action Grant) to start up our IT is for Girls Camp.

It was reported this year:

In NC we were #3 in the top 5 branches in Total Giving. We were #1 per capita of the top 5. Our total giving was \$3,166 for the calendar year of 2012.

The Categories last year were:

\$ 460.00 Public Policy Fund	\$ 470.00 Educational Opportunities Fund
\$ 100.00 Action Fund (not tax deductible)	\$ 350.00 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
\$1133.00 General Fund	\$ 325.00 Legal Advocacy Fund
	\$ 328.00 Leadership Fund

Dear AAUW Friends,

Regardless of where we spent our childhood, many of us share fond memories of growing up in a community. In my case, my diverse community was in Buffalo NY. These communities of our collective memory valued loyalty and the offer of helping hands. We recognized the uniqueness and worth of each member of the community. We were, in fact, extended families. This is how I feel about AAUW-Greensboro and the wealth of knowledge and talents that exist within our branch. For our continued growth, we need to share our knowledge and talents with younger women from diverse backgrounds. AAUW is a fantastic organization empowering women since 1881. AAUW can be the catalyst to start the conversation to help young women to chart their course with the help of AAUW’s wonderful initiatives. You will be hearing about some exciting new branch initiatives at the September meeting.

I end with a challenge to expand our AAUW family by reaching out to mentor young women in our community and to encourage them to find out more about AAUW and all we have to offer. “Each one, Reach One” as we *reach across generations to make connections.*

I must mention how much I enjoyed the convention. I returned inspired by hearing about Eleanor Roosevelt and Melissa Harris-Perry. We can learn from great women who ask why, make their own tracks and remain determined even in the face of obstacles.

Debra Richardson, AAUW Greensboro President

{Note: Debra will be taking a leave of absence for a few months due to health issues. Vice President Sue Mengert is assuming the president’s responsibilities until Debra is able to resume those duties.}