

LAURA'S MEMO TO MEMBERS

March 23, 2021

AAUW North Carolina Conference:

On Friday evening and continuing Saturday Morning, March 19 and 20, sixteen Greensboro Branch members joined members from across the state in a sometimes serious and sometimes playful virtual gathering. Highlight speakers were AAUW National President Kim Churches on Friday evening and NC Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls on Saturday morning.

The annual Children's Literature Award winner, presented since 1953 went to Meg Cassandra's book *The Trouble with Shooting Stars*, a novel about a disfigured young girl and the healing that happens through time, care, family, and acceptance.

It was announced that two [North Carolina branches](#), Tryon and Bryson City, are disbanding.

Elected officers, President Pat Ashe of Asheville and Branch Advocate Janet Bunger of Raleigh, were sworn in by Past President Cherrie Wheaton. Out-going AAUW NC President, Jane Terwilligar, is hardly retiring – she has already renewed her membership in the Greensboro Branch, is living close to family near lovely Athens, Georgia. Let's send Jane our love and best wishes and our sincere gratitude with cards and letters to:

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AAUW North Carolina Town Hall:

[March 24, 2021 Town Hall Meeting » AAUW NC](#) click on this link to register for this 7 p.m. virtual mtg.

This meeting will involve a discussion regarding the AAUW National Election which includes by-laws changes, including the elimination of degree requirements for membership in AAUW. This idea has been discussed and voted on over the past decade; however, there is renewed urgency to expand opportunities for AAUW membership to anyone who wishes to be affiliated. Current membership requirements are for a 2-year associate degree or higher. The Greensboro Branch is encouraged to join this discussion and participate in the election which starts April 7th. [Read more here.](#)

AAUW Greensboro Branch Renewal Notices:

Please let Mary Fran know if you do not find your renewal notice in your email (mine was in my Junk mail!!). I sincerely hope that all members will renew to be a part of the amazing Greensboro initiatives including:

AAUW READS (Readers Excel Achieve Develop and Succeed),

WINc (Women in Non-traditional Careers) our outreach to support for women at all points along their path to education and economic success,

GETT (Girls Exploring Tools and Tech) which has a \$1000 jump start grant from the Community Foundation this spring with our fabulous Dudley High School sophomore Kaleigh McKoy who is forming a Society of Women Engineers affiliate club to develop a network of potential engineers from elementary through high school,

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) which is providing education and leadership for our organization in the Greensboro community

AAUW Greensboro Branch member reports:

We share in member Peggy Knox’s pride for the accomplishments of her daughter-in-law and son:

> Julie Winterich, PhD, is professor of sociology and anthropology and early college liaison at Guilford College. She has just been honored with an Endowed Professorship in Sociology and Anthropology from Lincoln Financial. Her letter of congratulation from Guilford College states that an “Endowed Professorship is the highest academic award that an institution can grant”.

> John Knox is an Endowed Professor of International Environmental Law at Wake Forest University. This week he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Ghent in Belgium in recognition of the seminal work he has done in increasing awareness and clarifying the essential relationship between the environment and human rights. He has extensively published in this area. He also was the first advisor in a newly developed position with the UN’s Human Rights Commission. He held this position for six years—again focusing on human rights needs around the world.

We share our love and support for member Libby Haile with this note from Mary Woodrow:

You will all be sorry to hear that Libby Haile, past president of our branch and faithful member of Book Browsers, is facing a serious health challenge. She will be undergoing chemotherapy for the next several weeks and then possibly surgery. Please keep Libby in your prayers during this difficult time and if there is any support and/or help you might offer, please do so. I am sure she would appreciate hearing from us and knowing we are thinking of her.

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Gender Pay Equity Day – Wednesday March 24th

AAUW Research and Reporting was essential when Sandra Yates-Evans responded to request from High Point University to provide an instructional two-hour presentation via Cisco WebEx on Monday March 22nd at 3:15 p.m. Attending were approximately 30 undergraduate and graduate students, along with Dean Ginny McDermott and Professor Nahed Eltantawy, Communications and Business Leadership Department. It was my pleasure to prepare and present materials from *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap 2020* Update, as well as Salary Negotiation Skills from the AAUW Work Smart program.

April 24th Member Guest Brunch at Starmount Country Club

So far, members have responded with input to help us select the menu which will be offered by reservation and \$20 pre-payment for our sit down, physically distancing Brunch from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday April 24th. Entrée selections will be scrambled eggs, ham and brie quiche, and vegetarian quiche. Sides will be fruit salad, grits, and wilted spinach. Muffins, breads, coffee, tea, and orange juice are included in the table service.

As you recall, our last in-person event at Starmount was during their \$4 million updates and improvements project. They will open their ballroom at 1/3 capacity with maximum occupancy of 65.

If you would like to pre-register your attendance including your suggestions for menu choices, please complete this [FORM](#). The limited capacity invitation will be sent out directly to members on April 3rd.