



**AAUW Greensboro Branch
Handbook 2024-2025**

***“Be the change you wish to
see in the world”***

Greensboro Branch Herstory

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) was founded in 1881 as a membership organization. AAUW Greensboro began in 1912 as a collaboration among local women under the Southern Association of College Women.

First branch president Mary M. Petty (1863-1958) grew up in a Quaker community known as Bush Hill outside of Greensboro, NC and described our founding in her own words: “The Greensboro chapter of the Southern Association of College Women was organized on March 26, 1912, at the instance of Misses Mary M. Petty and Julia Dameron, of the State Normal College. It reports a membership of 15, representing 11 different institutions.”

Mary Petty received her bachelor’s degree from Wellesley in 1885, and taught briefly at Guilford College (also in Greensboro) before coming to the State Normal and Industrial School in 1893 (now UNC Greensboro). She led the department of chemistry there from 1893 to 1934. In addition to her classroom teaching, she helped lead the campus’s Science Club, an organization for faculty members and advanced students to explore areas not included in the formal coursework. Two years after her death, Mary M Petty was honored with the naming of the Petty Building which housed the sciences and now is home to mathematics, statistics, physics, astronomy, and computer science.

Our branch is one of thirteen local branches in North Carolina and is one of the few which is organized as a separate 501c3 nonprofit, allowing for tax deductible donations and the sustained growth of our community outreach programs.

With over eighty members and several college/university partner affiliates, the organization meets September, November, January, and March and holds special events of interest to members and of service to our mission to advance economic and educational equity for women and girls in Greensboro.

President's Letter -- AAUW Greensboro Branch 2024-2025



Our COVID-delayed presentation of Sisters of Mine on August 24th was a rousing success – standing room only!! How wonderful it was to see this inspiring tribute to the women who fought for the vote!

We are following up by co-sponsoring two local meet-your-candidates forums in September and a presentation at our

first fall meeting on September 10th on Vote Matters, with information about the election process here in NC.

Upcoming membership meetings will offer insights on women in non-traditional careers and the issues surrounding DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) in our increasingly divided society.

Our STEM experiences for Middle School and High School girls will continue to expose them to the career opportunities in STEM fields. These offerings have been a benchmark for other Branches within AAUW-NC and elsewhere.

Our monthly book club, Book Browsers, continues with members and non-members joining in lively discussions of selected books. I hope you will be able to join us.

Several of our members are attending the AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference later this month. We look forward to sharing information from other attendees and from National AAUW on new ventures and initiatives.

Tiffany Jacobs, our Women in non-Traditional Careers committee chair, and Laura Tew, our STEM chair, will be presenters at the Conference. This shows how AAUW Greensboro is recognized as a leading Branch.

I am excited to embark on an interesting and educational year for our members and guests. I hope this will be an inspirational year for you as well!

AAUW - Empowering Women Since 1881

Mission and Values: 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.

The Greensboro Branch is affiliated with AAUW National and AAUW North Carolina which includes 13 active branches across the state.	
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2024-2025 Branch Calendar

Tuesday, September 10th, Membership Meeting 5:30 to 7:30 at the Congregational United Church of Christ 400 West Radiance Drive. Theme: When We Vote, We Change the Conversation”

Thursday September 12th, 7:00 to 8:30 candidate forum for NC Senate & NC House candidates, moderator Bill O’Neil at Temple Emanuel, 1128 Jefferson Rd, GSO

Tuesday, September 17th, 7:00 to 8:30 candidate forum for Guilford County Commissioners candidates, at Temple Emanuel, 1128 Jefferson Rd, GSO

Saturday October 26th, 2:00 p.m. Tour of Women memorial sites in Greensboro

Tuesday November 12th Membership Meeting 5:30 to 7:30 at the Congregational United Church of Christ 400 West Radiance Drive. Theme: Women in Nontraditional Careers.

Saturday January 18th 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. Soup Luncheon at the Congregational United Church of Christ 400 West Radiance Drive. Theme: Diversity Equity Inclusion.

Saturday February ?? New and Prospective Membership Social – location, theme and time to be developed.

Tuesday March 11th Annual Meeting – location, theme, and time to be developed.

Saturday or Sunday April 26/27 Spring Luncheon – location, theme, and time to be developed.

For **Scheduled** STEM, Book Browsers, and other events please check the Branch website:

<https://greensboro-nc.aauw.net/>

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AAUW's member benefits can enhance your professional and personal life and will save you money along the way. Most importantly, every time you use one of your benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, which is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues.

With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference and so much more!

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Greensboro Branch Community Engagement

AAUW READS

AAUW READS: Readers Excel Achieve Develop and Succeed author interviews and readings programs

AAUW READS is an online read aloud program featuring children's book authors from North Carolina. Author of the Month is invited to share their book on Zoom to participating audiences of both children and adults.

AAUW READS also provides Books to Schools and to Home Libraries for children throughout the communities. The AAUW READS program encourages parents to read aloud to their children.

Book Browsers

Meeting Place: Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Road (off Hobbs Road) Meeting Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Meeting Dates: First Monday of the month, except September.

Contact Jane Terwillegar for details and to be added to the BB mailing list.

College/University Partnerships

AAUW Greensboro has deep roots in the academic community and partners with Triad institutions to engage students in programs that advance equity and opportunity for women and girls. College/University (C/U) memberships open doors to grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development, educational resources, and advocacy tools.

Students at partner institutions may apply for free e-student membership in National AAUW and the Greensboro Branch. Contact C/U representatives for more details.

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Programs at Local Universities Include:

- Student affiliate memberships
- Start Smart Salary Negotiation Skills Workshops
- Money Smart Financial Literacy Workshops
- Branch Scholarships for the National Conference for College

Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Student membership is FREE for undergraduate or degree-seeking graduate students enrolled in full-time or part-time programs at a College/University Partner institution. Students at non-College/University Partner institutions may join AAUW for a special low rate of \$18.81 per year. See Student Member at aauw.org/resources/member/why-join .

National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. Each year, we bring together hundreds of college women from around the country for 2.5 days of leadership training, inspiration and networking. Enter the conference as a passionate leader and leave it with the skills and confidence to pursue your goals.

Public Policy

“When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation”

In this election year 2024, AAUW Greensboro Public Policy is committed to providing voter education through candidate forums and participating with affiliated

organizations such as college/university partners to register voters.

AAUW North Carolina State Priorities 2023-2024 –

<https://www.aauwnc.org/legislative-priorities/>

- Equal Pay
- Voting Rights
- Opposition to the use of vouchers to pay for non-public programs that do not adhere to the same civil rights standards as public schools

STEM Education

AAUW supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, especially for girls and underrepresented populations. AAUW Greensboro offers hands-on and minds-on experiences for 4th through 12th grade girls to expand their STEM knowledge. Girls who develop a growth mindset in STEM will become more confident in their abilities to be successful in their future careers.

Women in Non-traditional Careers

The US Department of Labor defines a non-traditional career as one in which 25% or less of those employed across the field are women.

Historically underrepresented populations such as women, people of color, and individuals with disabilities are vastly underrepresented in most of our high-demand industry sectors. Women in Nontraditional Careers (WIN) was launched by AAUW Greensboro in 2018 to help close not only the skills gap but the equity gap that exists in the workforce. Led by committee Chair, Tiffany Jacobs, the Women in Nontraditional Careers initiative continues to provide programming that bolsters pathways for girls and women to enter and lead in all industries. WIN celebrates women working in traditionally male-dominated industry sectors.

Donation Form AAUW Greensboro Date: _____

Contributions to the Greensboro Branch are tax deductible. You may pick a fund(s) or you may make an unspecified contribution.

_____ C/U Campus Projects: NCCWSL, Start Smart

_____ Education: AAUW READS; Books for Girls

_____ STEM Projects: IT is for Girls, Triad Tech Savvy, Find Your STEM

_____ Women in Nontraditional Careers

_____ Unspecified gifts are greatly appreciated

\$ _____ Total Contribution

Donor Information:

Name _____

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AAUW GREENSBORO BRANCH GIFT-IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FORM

Date: _____

Donor Information:

Name _____ Committee if applicable _____ Address City State

Zip Daytime phone

Gift Description and intended use:

_____ Estimated

fair market value (by donor): \$ Special instructions (e.g., item delivery or pick up, restrictions, etc.):

_____ Please return

this form with receipts attached to: scghotah1@gmail.com or

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AAUW GREENSBORO BRANCH REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Our intent is to ensure financial considerations do not limit your participation and to capture what it cost to run the branch. If you do not need the reimbursement, please take the time to waive reimbursement by completing the in-kind form and claim a contribution.

Date of Expense: _____

Committee: _____

Payable To: Name: Address: City State NC Zip Daytime
phone _____

Purpose of Request: _____

Budget Line or Approved by (normally committee chair): _____

Mileage: _____

Lodging \$ _____

Program Materials _____ \$ _____

Printing _____ \$ _____

Other Explain _____ \$ _____

Adjustment as donation to _____

\$ _____ TOTAL Reimbursement Requested

\$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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