

events

AAUW NC Fall Leadership Conference

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church • Statesville

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 10 (lunch not guaranteed after this date)

Business Meeting

Fri., Oct. 20 7-9 p.m.

Leadership Conference

Sat., Oct. 21 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Registration/Networking 8:30 a.m.

This year's leadership conference will have a public policy focus in the format of a Women's Agenda Assembly. It includes follow-up from the summer leadership meeting. AAUW NC business will be conducted Friday evening and at the end of the Agenda Assembly on Saturday afternoon. Branch public policy chairs and others concerned with how state public policy affects women's lives are encouraged to attend. All voices are welcome to help shape the new AAUW NC.

The Women's Agenda Assembly on Saturday: Who should come!

- AAUW branch members who have Women's Agenda Assembly (WAA) experience.
- AAUW branch members who haven't seen a WAA, but who may consider hosting a small one this biennium.
- AAUW branch members who haven't seen one before and don't plan to host one, but want to participate and share views, particularly on education issues.

- AAUW at-large members who want to get involved with public policy.
- Members of the public who are primarily interested in WAA but who may learn more about AAUW along the way.

Saturday afternoon:

- Discussion of next steps -- either specific advocacy efforts that came from the morning sessions and/or which branches plan to follow up with their own Assemblies and what help they need.

- Board members need to attend Saturday, to discuss and vote on the 2006-2007 AAUW NC public policy program, following the conclusion of the Agenda Assembly.

More about the Agenda Assembly

Have you ever attended a Women's Agenda Assembly? If your answer is "no" come and learn about the process. If your answer is "yes," come and help train other AAUW members in this powerful community event.

Since 1988, advocates in North Carolina have banded together in each even year to share information on public policy issues apt to come before the next session of the General Assembly. Coordinated by North Carolina Women United (NCWU) - www.ncwu.org - their efforts result in a 'Draft Women's Agenda,' published in late summer as an educational tool. Issue papers on up to ten topics are banded together under four general headings:

- Healthcare Access.
- Civic Participation and Equality.
- Economic Self-Sufficiency.
- Violence Against Women.

These issues are discussed at Women's Agenda Assemblies across the state. NCWU then summarizes the statewide discussions into the agenda that is presented to the General Assembly at the start of the session in the odd year.

Education is one of this year's issue papers, with emphasis on the *Leandro* Decision. The paper was compiled by Mary Peterson, a member of AAUW NC's advocacy team, who is serving on the NCWU program committee. Read more about AAUW NC's advocacy efforts on page 4.

Location: Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 825 Hartness Rd., Statesville

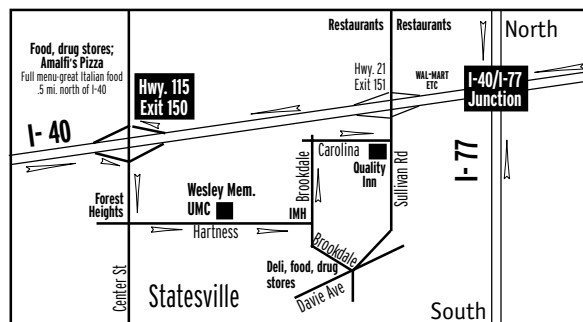
Registration Fee and Deadline: \$15 includes bagels/pastry, coffee/juice in the morning and lunch. Send checks payable to "AAUW Statesville" to Sue Goodwin, 358 New Salem Road, Statesville, NC 28625, by Tuesday, October 10. Her phone number is 704-872-2986.

Lodging: Quality Inn, 715 Sullivan Rd. - **see important note in the directions below.** Ask for AAUW block of rooms. Price \$62.99 + tax = \$72.80. Mixed/nonsmoking/smoking. Rate is good from Wed.-Sat., Oct. 18-21. 15 rooms. Coffee maker, hair dryer, microwave/fridge, iron/ironing board, wireless Internet. Deluxe continental breakfast from 6-10 a.m.

Directions to Quality Inn and Wesley Memorial UMC:

Exit 151 is always congested. We recommend using Exit 150 at Hwy. 115. Turn south on Center St. Drive .5 mi. to the traffic signal at Hartness Rd. (Forest Heights Shopping Center on right). Turn left. For Quality Inn, drive 1.3 mi. on Hartness to Brookdale Dr. Iredell Memorial Hospital is at corner. Turn left. Go to .4 mi. to Carolina Ave. Turn right. Quality Inn is .1 mi. on the right at the corner of Carolina Ave. and Sullivan Rd.

Wesley Memorial UMC is on Hartness Road, halfway between Center and Brookdale.



Programming 'Opens the Gates' for women in education, economic security

By Judy Atkinson, AAUW NC Program Vice-President

The new events team will become a vibrant inclusion to the AAUW NC leadership role. To start the year, they will collaborate with other teams. In the works:

- Membership - Introduces AAUW programs during contacts with C/U opportunities, participates in the NC Conference for Women in Charlotte, and begin the formation of a Student Affiliate Group (SAG).
- Diversity - Networks to facilitate our program goal to 'Open the Gates' by focusing on equal access to justice, statewide mission-based program assessments, membership recruitment and outreach, education equity and lifelong learning, and keeping the connection.
- Advocacy - Lends program insight to healthcare changes, research, and teaming with other supporting organizations.

AAUW NC has a program for your branch. Contact us (*page 10*)! Let us know your wishes. Remember: We can 'Open The Gates' for women in education and economic security.