

administration



Exuberant spirits were the order of the day during the summer leadership meeting in Southern Pines. From left, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Barbara White, B'Ann Vance and Esther Lumsdon.

Survey, score card are equipping tools

diversity

Queen Thompson, AAUW NC diversity leader, has provided state officers and branches with a wealth of material to equip them in addressing diversity issues.

The branch survey, 'AAUW NC Mission with a Purpose,' can be used monthly to evaluate the program, attendance, publicity, and program content. Used regularly, it can become an excellent tool for developing and implementing strategy to speak to the mission.

The 'AAUW NC Membership Diversity Score Card Project' creates a demographic profile of the branch. It, too, can be used as a tool in branch planning, but should be completed and returned to Thompson as soon as possible, to create a state profile.

The diversity program mission is 'Open the Gates: Community collaboration, cultural competence and understanding for world peace and national security.' It starts in our backyard. The six-point program follows up on themes presented at convention:

- Statewide book read – *Blood Done Sign My Name*, by Timothy Tyson.
- Statewide mission-based program assessment, planning and implementation (involves the survey and score card above).
- Membership recruitment and outreach.
- Education equity and life-long learning.
- Speakers/advocacy bureau.
- Keeping the connection – branch visits from the board.

Contact Thompson for more information (*page 10*). Surveys/assessment and the book discussion guide are posted at www.aauwnc.org on the page for the July 2006 meeting.

Honors

- Amelia Mitchell, Statesville Branch, will receive the NC School Library Media Association Scholarship Award at the American Association of School Librarians' Fall Forum in Rhode Island in October. She was inducted into *Delta Kappa Gamma* in August.
- Hope Cusick, Wilmington Branch, has been giving poetry readings – aboard the *Queen Mary II* on the way to Hawaii, at Donington Castle, Derbyshire, England; Nashville, Tennessee, and several Carolinas locations. A children's collection of poetry, *Pumpkin Dancin'* will come out this fall. Contact HOPEQUE@aol.com to arrange a reading.

Passings

Tryon Area Branch: Betty Kauzor, July 25, 2006.

AAUW NC begins policy changes, makes recommendations

In 2005, changes were made to the AAUW NC bylaws to provide flexibility, accountability and increased participation, resulting in our policy being outdated. Taking into consideration Association bylaws and our new model of operation, AAUW NC leaders kicked off the process of updating the policy statement at the summer meeting on July 15, by appointing Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Lois Ward, and Karla Atkinson to align the AAUW NC policies with the new bylaws. Members worked individually, then compared notes during an Aug. 24 conference.

Other recommendations:

- Significantly improve publicity and promotion of the Juvenile Literature Award at state and local levels.
- Develop a process to prioritize and categorize all communications to branch presidents, such as using the codes that Association currently uses in its communications to the field.
- MOTION: "The AAUW NC Mini Grant program will be continued through June 30, 2008; publicity and promotion of the mini grant program will be increased." Seconded and adopted unanimously.

New C/U rep shares vision

By Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo, AAUW NC College/University Representative

What does winning the jackpot and being appointed AAUW NC college/university representative have in common? Both make you feel like you're not quite sure what hit you. I have a lot to learn, but I'm excited about the new opportunities for our members and activities for the upcoming year. First, I would like to introduce myself and describe my vision for AAUW member colleges and universities in North Carolina.

I arrived in North Carolina in 2005 from St. Louis. Before coming here, I taught at the middle school and higher education levels. In 1999, I had the opportunity to teach education courses to U.S. military personnel while living in Japan and Korea. Many of my students were young women who wanted to return to the United States and join the public school system as teachers and administrators. I currently work at a university where I teach adults and facilitate a mentor program. Being in higher education for most of my professional career, I'm looking forward to working with colleges and universities to help women and girls accomplish their goals.

Vision: Build bridges, relationships

As the new C/U rep, what is my vision? Building bridges and making relationships with higher education institutions in North Carolina. By strengthening our partners, we have a greater impact in overcoming obstacles for women and girls in education. So with your help, here are two goals for the upcoming year:

- Strengthen ties at the higher education level by reaching out to all AAUW NC C/U partners. Make sure they receive and maximize their benefits. Are they receiving materials from the Association? If member institutions are paying their dues, but not receiving AAUW information, I need to hear about it.
- Plan joint ventures with other AAUW NC college/university members. In collaboration with other institutions, the Raleigh branch is planning a series of events, including a Transitions Conference in February. The aim is to help women achieve their personal or career goals by returning to college or graduate school. The conference will encourage women by addressing some of the obstacles they face in returning to school. Other programs will be on sexual harassment and pay equity. C/U reps are being asked to create AAUW programs of mutual interest and find ways to achieve our objectives.

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