



North Carolina delegates go to Phoenix

Sixteen women represented the AAUW NC and its branches at the 2008 AAUW Convention in Phoenix. Sitting above, from left, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, president-elect; Nancy Shoemaker, president, Mary Fran Schickedantz, treasurer; standing: Lois McCarthy, Sandhills/Southern Pines; Sandy Bernard, Past President of the Association, member in Asheville, Hendersonville and Brevard; Kay White, Chapel Hill; Connie Ochse, Jacksonville Regional; Beth Norris, Raleigh/Wake County; Pam Kahl, Winston-Salem; Grace Knechtel, Raleigh/Wake County, Judy Atkinson, Winston-Salem; Lola Jackson, Greensboro and Las Vegas, Nv.; Doris Bernlohr, Chapel Hill. Not pictured: Queen Thompson, Charlotte; Everlena Diggs, Greensboro; Etta Alston, Raleigh/Wake County and co-vice-president of Programs. Page nine, clockwise, beginning with top left photo, standing, Hoffler-Foushee, Jackson; seated, Everlena Diggs; McCarthy, Margaret McGrath, Pennsylvania; Queen Thompson and Anthony Hill, recently elected director on the Association board; Bernlohr makes friends with a New York member during the LAF dinner; Beth Norris, former SAR director with Carol Newnam, current SAR director.

Committee begins search

The nominating committee, chaired by Pat Tilley, Winston-Salem, will recruit candidates for the offices of membership vice-president and secretary for 2008-2010 and for five nominating committee members, to serve 2008-2009. Other members are Janet Weber, Raleigh/Wake County; Elizabeth Laney, High Country, and Mary Stephens, High Point; one vacancy. Contact a member for information and to express interest.

100 Club provides recognition, supports programs

Again, this year, AAUW NC will be using the AAUW NC 100 Club and the mini-grant programs. The first honors those who donate 100 hours to AAUW at any level or \$100 to AAUW NC. To join the club with a monetary donation, send a check to Mary Fran Schickedantz, 2809 Watauga Dr., Greensboro NC 27408-5228. You may enclose information about someone you would like to honor or remember with the gift. To receive credit for donations of time, send reports documenting activities to the state president.

You can also join by purchasing a 100 Club item at www.cafepress.com/aauwnc – you'll find items that are decorative and useful, all sporting the custom-designed AAUW NC 100 Club logo. Thanks to Marty Folsom, www.penstrokes.com, for her always excellent design work. Note that branches, not just individuals, may "join the club" and be honored at the spring convention.

In 2006-2007, 35 members and two branches participated by giving money or time. Six women were honored and two gifts were given as memorials.

The extra income generated by the 100 Club allows us to give mini-grants to the branches to support community action projects or efforts that help branch members learn more about AAUW and contribute to their future projects. The applications are on a rolling basis – see [page 9](#).





Mini-Grants help get branch projects off the ground

Mini-grant applications are received on a rolling basis – apply as soon as you determine you have a need and the executive committee will evaluate the proposal as quickly as possible and let you know how much money will be awarded.

AAUW NC offers mini-grants to give branches access to funds not usually available to them. The money is derived from \$100 club memberships.

We encourage action-oriented projects or other meaningful branch proposals that promote the mission of AAUW and/or current national and state themes and have an impact on the local community. However, awards may be made for branch infrastructure and outreach programs, particularly if they are tied to building the capacity of the branch to do community action projects in the future.

The amounts of the grants will be at the discretion of the judges taking into consideration the justification provided by the branches. Applications will be accepted for community action, public policy, and social justice projects. The project must involve an event or other activity that reaches non-members. See complete details and get the application at www.aauwnc.org – click on "Documents," then "Mini-Grants."

Examples of AAUW NC Mini-Grants

- Brevard – \$500 grant helped to improve the process used to survey the candidates for their annual voter guide. The money purchased software and paid for web consulting to simplify the process for the branch members, improve accuracy, and to be more "user friendly" for the candidates.
- Greensboro – \$400 grant provided support for the Middle College at Bennett. This program of the Guilford County public schools is the first all-female high school in the state and serves at-risk girls. The program purchased books for the library serving the girls' children and provided enrichment opportunities that the branch offered to the girls.
- The High Country Branch, our newest, received a \$100 travel grant to send a delegation to the 2007 AAUW NC Convention.