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Dear members of the Tar Heel branch:

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2009 with our new charter and twenty-six members, we are off to a good start!

Please visit our website at <http://tarheel.aauwnc.org> where you'll find both an online membership form (see Join Now in the top menu) and a link to a printable brochure (see black and white version attached). Please use those to explain this new branch to your friends and colleagues – and check the web site for other branch news.

Enclosed with this letter is a new, very helpful wallet card. The wallet card includes web addresses and toll free numbers for AAUW and AAUW NC. This card is a quick guide to your login information:

- On the top line of the AAUW NC side of the card fill in the following information: User name: XXXXXXXX, Password XXXXXXX. (contact us another way for the data that appeared here). This gives you access to the AAUW NC member center with a directory of state and branch officers.
- On the AAUW side of the card, enter your AAUW member ID, the number that was on the label of the **Tar Heel News** that you recently received. This gives you access to the AAUW (national) member center with member-only content. Please use your member ID to register for the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) "Member Services Database" where you can find the branch roster and keep your information up to date.

If you didn't get the state newsletter (with your member ID), let me know. If you have lost your ID or have trouble accessing the MSD, contact Nancy ([shoemaker@acm.org](mailto:shoemaker@acm.org), 919-773-1340).

Your board's next job is the writing of our bylaws which must be completed by March 1. Pat Abell, Nancy Shoemaker, and Doris Bernlohr are serving on this committee. The bylaws will address structure as well as some financial issues for this new kind of branch. There is still room for others if you would like to join us. Just call me at 336-586-7001 and I'll add you to the committee.

Our branch is entitled to one vote at the AAUW National Convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri June 26-28, 2009. I plan to be at this convention and hope to be your voting delegate. If you would also like to attend the convention just get online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for all the information you need to make it happen. We can room together and split the hotel costs.

As a goal for 2009 I would like to propose that each of us recruit one more member to double our size by 12/31/09. Let's do it!!

Please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns. Many thanks for your help getting this new branch off the ground.

Sincerely,

Doris Bernlohr