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Tar Heel Branch

Virtual, Statewide Branch

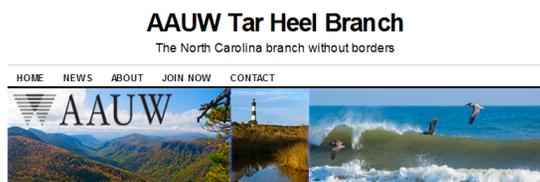
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We are a “virtual” branch, but our goal is to provide a real community for those AAUW members in North Carolina who

- live far from all of our community-based branches,
- for whom a community-based branch is not a good “fit”,
- are branch members who want to learn more about AAUW in other parts of NC.

We provide information on AAUW NC priorities and opportunities, and encourage a connection to AAUW and AAUW NC that may become more active over time.

How do we do it?



The NC Branch Without Borders

This is one of the newest branches of AAUW – advancing equity for women and girls through [advocacy](#), [education](#), [philanthropy](#), and [research](#).

Joining AAUW means joining a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

That is the AAUW value promise, and traditionally the AAUW mission has been carried forward by members in local groups (called “branches”) that sponsor projects, programs, informal gatherings, and special events. As women’s lives have become busier, the members who participate in these local groups have become a smaller portion of the total membership – more and more members are joining “at large”, connecting to AAUW as individuals and forgoing the benefits of close connections to other members.

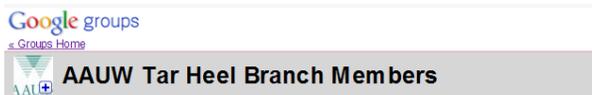
This new branch provides a different kind of community for those at-large members. Those in areas of the state where there is no community-based branch and those for whom community-based branches are not a good “fit” are invited to join this new Tar Heel Branch which serves the entire state

RECENT POSTS

- Join us at Women's Advocacy Day
- Spring 2011 ballot
- Women's Agenda Assemblies
- 100th Anniversary Membership Campaign
- December 21, 2010 Financial Statement

AAUW LINKS

- AAUW
- AAUW NC
- AAUW NC on Facebook
- Branches across the country
- Branches and C/U partners in NC



Discussions

View: [Topic list](#), [Topic summary](#)

What's wrong with requiring voter ids in NC?

Hi all, Here is a summary of the event last Tuesday evening - "What's the Big Deal About Voter-ID's?" Read the NC Social Justice Project Community Voices Forum Series, and held at Temple Beth Or, Raleigh... [more](#)
By Gailya Paliga - Mar 12 - [2 new of 2 messages](#) - [Report as spam](#)

Fw: AAUW has great news to share with you!

AAUW has great news to share with you! Hello everyone, This may be coming to some of you twice, as we n take the time to read the stories of these women as they relate how AAUW has changed their lives. It's wortl By doris bernlohr - Mar 10 - [1 new of 1 message](#) - [Report as spam](#)

Member update: Deborah Aguiar-Vélez

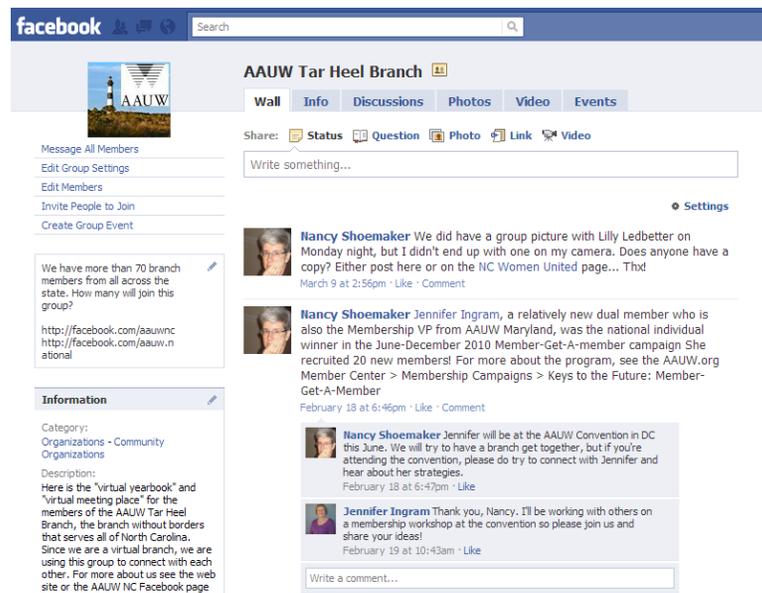
Branch member Deborah Aguiar-Vélez is launching ¡Escúchame! (Listen to me!) a virtual community of sme by breaking stereotypes, one Latina at a time. Become a fan on Facebook [\[link\]... more »](#)
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education bill action alert

Please contact your Senators about SB 8. AAUW supports public education. Mary CHARTER SCHOOLS: E school system has never been more evident than during the current difficult economy. But public education to lift the state's 100-school cap on charter schools... [more »](#)
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GGOD NEWS A Victory at the NC General Assembly

VICTORY! Rep. Brown Tables Bill to Restrict Nonprofit Funding By David R. Heinen, Director of Public Polic a coalition of 200 nonprofits from around North Carolina. Rep. Larry Brown (R-Forsyth) said this week his b required state-funded nonprofits to get at least 35% of their funding from private sources and to spend no c came after more than 200 nonprofits made their voices heard on NC Nonprofits Day on March 1... [more »](#)
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Our Public Web Site

Our Private Email List

Our Private Facebook Group

“Virtual” but not “online”

- We do have some members without email
- We contact them by phone/USMail

Supporting Technologies (in rough order of importance)

Email List—groups.google.com

- Updates on all manner of AAUW issues
- Main communication method for branch announcements
- All members may post—but almost all posts come from board members

Online directory

(via aauw.org Member Services Database)

- The master list of members’ contact information
- It’s sent periodically to the email list

Website: tarheel.aauwnc.org

- We use **WordPress.com**
- Domain through AAUW NC
- Email (info@tarheel...) via **Google Apps for Domains**
- Easy access for members to join/renew online
- News items, including pictures of local events

Leadership communications

- Separate **google group** to discuss branch business
- Occasional conference calls (**freeconferencecall.com**)

Facebook group

- Limited to branch members; not all join
- Fills some of the functions of a the “yearbook” or the social time at meetings

Other tools

- Branch ballots (OMOV): **surveymonkey.com**
- Online payments: **PayPal.com**
- Document sharing: **Google docs, Dropbox**

So what do we do?

- We represent AAUW NC at occasional state wide events — recruiting both for this branch and for all the others.
- We have occasional informal face-to-face meetings of those who live near each other — just to network or to work on a local project
- Members of other branches are welcome to “advertise” their major events
- The branch can be the fiscal agent for coalition events in communities across the state
- Members attending a local event can buy tickets in the branch’s name to get AAUW onto the list of sponsors

Who joins?

- Busy people who find the virtual aspect a feature
- Campus and community contacts who want to start an AAUW group, but don’t want the overhead of running a separate branch
- AAUW supporters who want more information on AAUW priorities in NC—but who live far from all the branches
- Members of other AAUW NC branches who want to connect with each other as well as new members.

Is leadership different? Not really

- Still need a few committed members to keep the wheels from falling off
- Can draw from a statewide pool of volunteers and have no big branch-level projects to require “staffing”

Other thoughts

- Support from the state early helps immensely to help branch focus on complementing, not competing with, other branches
- Further notes: **<http://bit.ly/swb-aauw11-ws>**

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Nearly 20 branch members are at Convention.
<http://tarheel.aauwnc.org/join>—Check us out for a year!