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A Message From the Co-President . . . Dr. Diana F. Steele



Co-Presidents Lynn Lantz (left) and Diana Steele (right)

We are now into the heat of summer and many of us are probably spending time with family who are visiting. Or perhaps you are traveling to cooler climates for the next few months. Before we know it, a new year of AAUW meetings will begin. Our first meeting will be the fourth Tuesday in October. We will be sending out information about our speakers later in the summer.

Let us take time to reflect on our last year's meetings and projects in order to remind those who attended the meetings of their value and to update those who were not able to attend. As you know, AAUW's mission "is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." By being a member of this organization we are attempting to break through educational and economic barriers for all women to create a level playing field. The following discussion helps put in perspective how our Beaufort branch is fulfilling this mission.

Several Successful Fund-raisers

We had a scrumptious Christmas brunch at Carol Lucas's house where we raffled off a Christmas "Lowcountry" basket. Barbara Kyne, the Chair of the Legal Advocacy Fund, prepared this basket with donations from members and others. The \$335 earned from the raffle went towards the LAF to help women in their struggles for equal pay, gender discrimination, and other important issues. Barbara also conducted an Educational Foundation fund-raiser, "A Phantom Tea," to which she invited all members. Thanks to all who "attended" the tea. The \$25 "ticket fee" helped us earn \$1,000 that went toward our EF to support women in achieving an education as a step toward pay equity.

Another successful fund-raiser our annual Attic Sale, netted \$800 and this amount was deposited to our scholarship fund that has helped many deserving women gain an undergraduate or graduate college degree. A special thank you to Nancy Myers for organizing the sale, soliciting and picking up donations for the sale, and setting everything up at

the Sea Island Presbyterian Church. She even took care of the items that weren't sold by taking them to the thrift shop. We appreciate all those who helped tag and place everything. Also, we are grateful to all those who brought items to sell and worked the sale on Saturday morning.

Highlights From Our Meetings

Our presenters this year demonstrated how involved our Beaufort branch is in fulfilling the AAUW mission. One presentation reminded us that we stand on shoulders of giants who began the first collective fight for women's equity. Another described immense economic problems many families presently are experiencing. Many families headed by single mothers are especially having difficulties meeting the basic needs of their children. Information on how area families are being helped enlightened our group. AAUW has been at the forefront in encouraging women in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM). Historically, most women have not chosen to

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October meeting

Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 25**, at 6:00 PM. **Note that we are meeting in a different location this year.** We will be meeting at the **Technical College of the Lowcountry** in their Beaufort Campus. The address is **921 Ribaut Road, Building 24**. Building 24 is located behind buildings 22 and 23, to the left of the parking lot. Below is a campus map. For a more detailed map, check out www.tcl.edu. At this link, click on "Campuses/Maps" under 'Fast Links,' and then under 'Beaufort Campus' click on "Campus Maps."



AAUW Needs YOU!

By now you should have all received information on upcoming AAUW dues. At the April board meeting, a \$5 increase in annual branch dues was approved. Therefore, branch dues will increase from \$12 to \$17 for next year. Beaufort branch membership renewals in the total amount of \$76 (which includes \$10 AAUW for SC dues and \$49 for Association dues) are due by July 1. Please rejoin and encourage other women to become members. We are hoping to continue to support women in our area and we need your help. Please contact Veronica Miller or Rebecca Cooper and a membership form will be sent to you. (See contact information for Veronica and Rebecca on page 4.)

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pursue these careers. One presentation offered for us a concrete example of how women are encouraged in STEM courses. This example is timely because of AAUW's most recent research report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. For those of you who missed some of our meetings, the following are a few highlights from our presenters:

■ Peggy Fryer, Past President, gave a thought-provoking presentation on "why we should vote." We viewed heart-wrenching excerpts from the movie, *The Iron Jawed Angels*, about the first women activists during the suffrage movement preceding and during World War I. We observed Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they organized peaceful and effective strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote.

■ Lolita Watson informed us about the immense hunger issue in Beaufort. She explained the relationship that the Lowcountry Food Bank has with organizations that help provide a wide variety of quality food and non-food products to the people who are in need in and around Beaufort. She explained how those in need go through the application process and provided the guidelines used to help these people. She provoked many of our thoughts by citing for us national statistics on the amount of food that is actually thrown away. We found out how local grocery stores, farmers, and others in our area are providing tremendous help by donating food. ■ A particular highlight of the year was our March meeting in the Beaufort College building on the historic University of South Carolina Beaufort campus. We had a wonderful dinner catered by the Outtakes Cafe at USCB. Vice Chancellor for University

Advancement, Dr. Lynn McGee, explained the many exciting new projects beginning on the USCB campus, like the new Fine Arts undergraduate degree on the Beaufort campus. After this discussion, Dr. Phil Dunn, Professor Emeritus from USC who is now Artist-in-Residence at the USCB campus, spoke of how he is creating the new Fine Arts degree requirements. Dr. McGee took us to the state-of-the-art Fine Arts computer lab and demonstrated how the students will be learning to use graphics to create their art. We also visited his own graphical arts exhibit in the Performing Arts Center.

■ Dr. Diana F. Steele, Professor Emeritus from Northern Illinois University, presented a short discussion of her research on women and mathematics. She talked about the women's only calculus course, funded by the National Science Foundation in their STEM segment, that she and her team created in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at NIU. She discussed the design of this course, providing statistics and case studies that supported the course's effectiveness as an intervention in retaining women in higher mathematics. She read excerpts from her article, "Women in Calculus: The Effects of a Supportive Setting" published in the *Journal of College Reading and Learning*. This article was chosen for a national award in 2009 as the article that most increased the status of learning for women in college in STEM fields.

Other Endeavors

■ We continued with our ongoing project, Books for Birthdays, to help preschoolers with their reading. Lynn Lantz and Barbara Mattingly organized four visits to Shankllin Elementary School, a school struggling in a community with immense economic issues. Lynn

and Barbara, along with four other members, Peggy Fryer, Roberta Gunderson, Diana Steele, and Carol Lucas, read to the students from books purchased by our branch for the children's birthdays. After reading the books, the children who had birthdays, received the books as birthday gifts. In order to be sure all students received books, birthday months were grouped together. Our members also provided cupcakes and drinks at the birthday party celebration for the children. We have agreed to continue this project for the upcoming year.

■ AAUW awards scholarships to mature women who are working on completing their college education. Our Beaufort branch awarded a scholarship to a young working mother, Ashiki Lewis of Bluffton. Ms. Lewis attends USCB and is majoring in Early Childhood Education. At our May meeting Peggy Hubright introduced the branch scholarship winner and presented her with a check for \$1,000. Thank you to Peggy who advertised the scholarship and collected applications. Along with Dawn Beattie, Peggy reviewed the applications, interviewed the students, and submitted the finalists to branch members for the decision. *See page 4 for a picture of Peggy and Carol Lucas presenting a check to Askiki.)*

For Women AAUW Makes a Difference

For the second year in a row, GreatNonprofits has ranked AAUW as a top-rated women's empowerment organization. AAUW received this honor because of the many stories women have written about the incredible ways AAUW directly benefits their lives. It is a privilege for our branch to help women and we hope that you will remain a part of this group and invite others to become members.

Short biographies of Executive Board Members

Diana Steele retired two years ago from her position as Full Professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Northern Illinois University. She now lives full-time in Beaufort with her husband and her three cats. Diana taught for 37 years at several levels: a K–12 teacher for 13 years and 24 years in higher education. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida. She has published over 25 research and practitioner journal articles and book chapters on mathematics education. For relaxation she does embroidery needlework, plays the piano, grows roses, and reads.

Lynn Lantz is a retired mathematics teacher who moved to Beaufort with her husband 15 years ago. She served as co-president of the Beaufort Branch for four years (1997–2001) and has served as treasurer, secretary, and program vice president. She chaired the very successful Sister-to-Sister program and the Books for Birthdays program. This year Lynn will once again be a Co-President. She has children and grandchildren in Greenville, South Carolina and Augusta, Georgia. She received a M.Ed. from Kent State University.

Peggy Hubright worked with the School District of Greenville County for 30 years as a teacher and principal of elementary and middle schools. She retired in 2000 and moved to Beaufort with her husband. From 2003–2011, Peggy worked at USCB with the MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) program as assistant director and supervisor of student interns. This spring Peggy once again retired. She has been involved in several of the Beaufort Branch endeavors. She has overseen the scholarship awards to mature women who are working on completing their college education. She received a M.A. from Furman University.

Anne Heyward was born at Old House in Jasper County and grew up in Bluffton. She graduated from Lander College where she received a B.A., and received a M.ED. from the University of South Carolina. She taught Kindergarten and First Grade in Beaufort, Columbia, and two school districts in Central New York. Anne retired in 2000 after 37 years in education. She has three daughters and three grandchildren. She is a volunteer docent at The Verdier House and St. Helena's Episcopal Church, and a volunteer greeter at the Beaufort Visitor Center. She has been a member of AAUW since 2002 and has served as historian for the group.

Rebecca Cooper, who moved to Beaufort in 2007, is a native of Savannah. She is now a widow. Rebecca has served in several different capacities in the public schools: a reading teacher, curriculum specialist, elementary principal, an administrative coordinator for elementary schools, and a personnel administrator. In 2007 she retired as Assistant

Superintendent for Human Resources for Glynn County Schools. Rebecca then served as Director of HR for Jasper County Schools for three years. She sees herself as a life long learner and educator. Rebecca received a Specialist degree from Georgia Southern University and an Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern U.

Veronica C. Miller has been working for Beaufort County for 15 years as Director of “*Keep Beaufort County Beautiful.*” As director, Veronica coordinates highway and community cleanups and teaches our children how to take care of the environment. She received her B.A. from Limestone College. Veronica loves the beach, dancing, shopping and has been learning to play piano for many years. She is married and lives with her husband Steve on St. Helena Island. Veronica says she is anxious to retire so that she can dance all day on Hunting Island beach. She has served as membership vice-president and chairperson of publicity for the Beaufort Branch.

Celeste Nalwasky vowed never to retire from her profession in library and information science, only the job. She stated that she would “continue [her] professional aspirations by . . . aggressively promoting literacy of all types to raise the quality of life for all children.” To fulfill her goal Celeste regularly gives presentations and teaches online for Clarion University of PA. She received graduate degrees from Western Michigan University (M.L.S), and University of Pittsburgh (Ph.D.). She lives with husband, Richard, and Gee-boy, the Wonder Dog, on Dataw Island.

Marianne Beck graduated from St. Francis University with a B.S. in Education and taught junior high school for two years in a Department of Defense School in Woodbridge, England. She was a full-time mother to her daughters until the youngest went to kindergarten. At that time Marianne went to work for a local real estate broker and had a 25-year career that took her from sales person to broker of her own company. She has served as treasurer of the Beaufort Branch for two years.

Carol Lucas spent 32 years teaching high school English. She graduated from Clarion State College in PA, and did graduate work at the University of Notre Dame, as well as Penn State University. She retired to Beaufort in 1998. Carol has been involved in various volunteer positions: hospice, Thumbs Up, and Second Helpings. She served on the state AAUW Board for four years and was president of the Beaufort Branch. She was instrumental in getting Books for Birthdays off the ground in Jasper County, work that was predicated upon our work with Corridor of Shame efforts. Carol also served on the state board for “Goodbye Minimally Adequate Education.”



Board members who attended our summer meeting. From left to right: Peggy Hubright, Diana Steele, Marianne Beck, Cindy Schafer, Celeste Nalwasky and Veronica Miller. Front Row: Lynn Lantz.

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Peggy Hubright (left) and Carol Lucas (right) present a check to Askiki Lewis, the branch scholarship winner. (For more information, see article on page 2 under “Other Endeavors”.)

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