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## A Message From the President

... Dr. Rebecca R. Cooper, Ed.D.

This past year was an action-packed and very productive year for the Beaufort Branch of AAUW!

The program offerings were well-planned and well delivered. We learned, enjoyed and were motivated to action. Our collective hats are off to our industrious Vice President-Program, Celeste Nalwasky, Ph.D. We are awaiting this year's program offerings with much anticipation and excitement!

With progress and triumphs, we also experienced loss in our circle. Sadly, this summer, Etta N. Mann, a long-time member of AAUW, passed away. Her passing left our organization with a 'hole in our hearts.' Etta's love for and devotion to AAUW was boundless. We will miss her warm spirit of love and friendship. We were so blessed to have this special lady as a part of our branch. She left an indelible impression on each of us. Stacey Zelten graciously stepped up to the task of coordinating the 50/50 Raffle Legal Advocacy Fund, a project that Etta nurtured with great pride. We are most grateful to Stacey!

Our branch has a talented group of dedicated and committed ladies who share so generously of their time and well-honed skills: Roberta Gunderson, who has done an outstanding job of keeping our branch directory current for a number of years, is passing on this task. Roberta has recruited Peggy Cass to assume this important role. We are grateful to Peggy for accepting this responsibility. Hats off also to Cindy Schafer, our newsletter editor, for the first-class production of our annual newsletter! The implementation of the monthly inspirational reading was well received and appreciated. Peggy Fryer and Anita Mahoney both did a great job of providing memorable words of wisdom! Laura Burcin, has assumed the role of Recording Secretary for this year. Laura succeeds Debra Ahlers, who served in that capacity for the first year. Thank you, Debra, for your efficient record keeping skills! Additionally, Laura Burcin, a recently retired engineer, and Chairperson of our STEM project, has worked diligently all summer with a core committee to get AAUW's STEM Workshop for Girls funded and organized for February 2017. (See related article on page 2.) A special, "Thank you," goes out to all of our willing workers, including all elected and appointed officers! Our successful year was due largely to their efforts in filling in areas that increased the overall effectiveness of AAUW of Beaufort. Working in collaboration is an art!

Our membership is growing because our members are sharing the excitement of the projects that we are undertaking and the possibilities of the transformative efforts that we are making in our community! It is our goal to continue to make an impact in the Beaufort community as we support the mission of AAUW: "to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

With your support and continued involvement, I look forward to serving as president for another exciting year — 2016-2017!

**Check out our website!**

Learn more about AAUW at [www.AAUW-SC.org](http://www.AAUW-SC.org)

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## Scheduled Programs 2016–17

All of our scheduled meetings this year will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 1201 North Street in Beaufort, from 6:00—8:00 PM. Debbi Covington will again be providing delicious dinners for the still low price of \$15.

Program Note: The October 25th and November 16th programs will be dedicated to Etta Nickpeay Mann who died July 14, 2016. Both speakers were recommended by her, on June 1, 2016.

■ **October 25, 2016** — Andrea Allen, Board Member, Beaufort History Museum, "Harriet Tubman; a Dialogue"

■ **November 15, 2016** — David Bruce Grim, Author of *Swift Current*, "Historical Events from 1861-1863 with a Beaufort Connection"

■ **December, 2016** — Holiday Party

■ **January 24, 2017** — Megan Meyer, Marketing Director, Santa Elena History Center, "A Tour of the Santa Elena History Center," at The Center, 1501 Bay Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

■ **February 28, 2017** — Donna Klein, Former President and Founder of Corporate Voices for Working Families, "Helping Women Lead"

■ **March 28, 2017** — Anthony R. Scott, Retired Police Chief, "Women in Policing"

■ **April 25, 2017** — Alison Barton — Coordinator of Adopt-A-School, St. Helena Elementary School, "Finding a Place to Help Where You are Needed"

■ **May 23, 2017** - Scholarship Presentation

## STEM Education primary focus for AAUW

The Beaufort chapter of American Association for University Women (AAUW) has decided that our primary focus this year needed to be STEM education within our community. An AAUW study conducted last year showed that many of the jobs of the future will be filled by qualified candidates with STEM college degrees and Beaufort County schools have a low participation percentage of girls in their STEM diploma and engineering focused curriculums. The goal of the project is to provide girls with the potential information, experience, and encouragement to help them follow a STEM career. We hope to achieve this goal through a fun hands-on workshop focused on STEM activities. The parents will be invited to stay for discussions of STEM careers and supporting a student through a STEM college education. The anticipated outcome is an increase in girls in the STEM track in the local high schools.

Our collaboration with the Beaufort County Schools and the University of South Carolina, Beaufort (USCB) is well under way with meetings being held monthly since March. We have focused on developing the curriculum, finding volunteers to teach the technical sessions and working on funding sources. We have submitted several applications for grants and are still waiting to hear back from two potential sources for funding by early fall.

Below is our draft Agenda for the workshop:

8:30–9:00: Registration and Welcome

9:00–10:00: Introduction and Key Note Speaker (pending): TBD

9:45–12:00: **MORNING WORKSHOPS**

### Students Morning Sessions:

Students enroll in two STEM sessions for their morning schedule and one afternoon session from the following list:

- Electrical Engineering - Build an LED circuit
- Civil Engineering - Build a tower
- Computer Science - Message encryption
- Marine Biology - TBD
- Math - Fun with 2-D and 3-D modeling for surface area and volume
- Communications - Building a Model

### Adult Morning Sessions:

- STEM Career Benefits and Why So Few Females
- Exploring College and Funding Options

12:00–12:30: STEM Luncheon Panel Discussion

4 –5 five female STEM college students or recent graduates

12:30–1:30: Student Afternoon Workshop

Adult Afternoon Session: Preparing Students to Succeed in STEM Careers

1:30–2:00: Closing and Survey

## A Celebration of Life for Etta Nickpeay Mann



**Etta Nickpeay Mann**  
May 6, 1928 – July 14, 2016

Beaufort branch members will dearly miss Etta Mann who passed away in July. Etta became an active AAUW member sixteen years ago. She served the branch as Legal Advocacy Fund Director for the past five years. Members enthusiastically participated in her 50–50 fund-raising raffles at branch meetings to benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund. Etta was declared a Named Gift Recipient for Beaufort Branch in 2004.

Etta graduated from St. Augustine College and earned an M.A. degree from Indiana University. A dedicated educator for nearly forty years, Etta excelled as a classroom teacher and guidance counselor. She initially taught at Penn School and became a lifelong supporter of Penn Center.

She was recently formally inducted into Penn Center's 1862 Circle. Etta also served as a past president of the Pan Hellenic Council and was a member of the Ladies of the Lowcountry. She served through and was served by her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Her memory will be cherished by the entire community.

## Meet Our New Member!

Mary Hope Roseneau received her B.A. in Music Education from Erskine College, with an emphasis on Organ. She began teaching at Lady's Island Elementary school, accepting a third grade assignment when music was cut from the budget at the last minute. It was 1973, and there were only two air conditioners in the school; the principal's office, and her classroom, after her daddy installed a small window unit, with permission of course. She fell in love with teaching, and couldn't believe she got paid to have so much fun. She went on to teach 33 years, working with students from kindergarten to university level, working in elementary classrooms, remedial reading, music, libraries, district administration, and university student teachers.

She received a Master's Degree in Reading Education from the University of South Carolina and while teaching fourth grade, the school librarian remarked that she brought her class to the library so much, why didn't she just become a librarian? That chance remark sparked her return to graduate school at Northern Arizona University and the University of South Carolina to receive her school librarian certificate. She was a school librarian for 15 years in South Carolina and Arizona.

She was the Beaufort County School District Media and Technology coordinator until retirement, and then worked at University of South Carolina Beaufort as the Field Placement Coordinator.

Mary Hope enjoys playing the organ at several local churches, playing for weddings, funerals, and even Water Festival Talent contestants. She has two grown children, a son and a daughter, and two granddaughters, Riley, age 7, and Reese, age 4. She and her husband Todd have a cabin in North Carolina where they enjoy sitting by a creek, reading, fishing, and making new mountain friends. She loves to write, enjoys being a member of the Lowcountry Women's Writers group, and has a monthly assignment from *Pink Magazine*, interviewing outstanding women in the area. She has a large file of rejection letters from many editors, but so did Margaret Mitchell.

She appreciates the new friendships in AAUW, especially the movie club, and looks forward to more involvement with the Beaufort chapter.

## Dateline Beaufort October 2016

**Dateline Beaufort** is a publication of the Beaufort Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and is a source of information to our membership.

For questions on the Beaufort Branch of AAUW, see **Contact Information** on page 4.

## Beaufort Branch of AAUW Selects Dr. Diana F. Steele as their 2016 EOF Named Recipient

Dr. Diana Steele has been a member of AAUW since 2010. Since joining she has served our organization in a number of capacities. Dr. Steele presided over our Beaufort Branch of AAUW as President for four years and served as editor of our newsletter for four years. Currently, Diana is our Public Policy Chairperson, a position she has held since 2011, and she periodically rewrites our bylaws with mandated updates from AAUW.

Dr. Steele epitomizes all of the attributes of an outstanding leader, role model, and community volunteer. A native of West Virginia, she has had distinguished careers as both a classroom educator and a mathematics professor. She earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees in her native state and her doctorate from the University of Florida. Diana is a published author of over 25 book chapters and refereed journal articles. As a successful grant writer, she was awarded grants from such entities as the U. S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation. Diana received numerous awards and honors during her 37 years of service, but one she is most proud of is the National College Reading and Learning Award for her research, which increased the status of learning for women in the calculus sequence. Dr. Steele is Professor Emeritus from Northern Illinois University.

Presently, she and husband Paul stay busy actively supporting the place they proudly call home — Beaufort, South Carolina.

## JOIN AAUW! *Help support our efforts!*

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

Want to join us? Fill out the membership application on page 4 of this newsletter.

Questions on what we do? Call any of the names listed on page 4. We will be happy to talk to you!



**Dr. Diana F. Steele, Past President (on left) receives award from Dr. Rebecca Cooper, President**

**Board Of Directors for 2016-2017**

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**AAUW Needs YOU!**

Beaufort Branch membership dues continue the same as last year. Renewals in the total amount of \$76 (includes \$49 for the national AAUW association dues, \$10 for AAUW SC dues, and \$17 for Branch dues) were due by July 1.

If you have not sent in your dues for this year, please rejoin and encourage other women to become members. We wish to continue to support women in our area and to do so we need your help. Use the membership application form on the right or contact Membership VP Diane Goodrich for a membership form. Questions? Contact Diane or any of the people listed on the Board of Directors article above. Please visit our website at: [aauw-sc.aauw.net/branches/beaufort/](http://aauw-sc.aauw.net/branches/beaufort/) and like our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-Beaufort-SC-Branch/729257513813995](https://www.facebook.com/pages/AAUW-Beaufort-SC-Branch/729257513813995).

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
 BEAUFORT BRANCH  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PREVIOUS BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check for annual dues (\$76) payable to: **Beaufort Branch AAUW**  
 (Dues amount includes: National \$49, State \$10, Branch \$17)

MAIL TO: Barbara Mattingly, Finance Officer, 923 Lafayette Street, Beaufort, SC 29902