

AAUW Raleigh-Wake County October, 2018

BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Editor's Note

I apologize that this edition of the newsletter is so late. Some of you know I fell and broke my hip the first week in September. I had a draft newsletter just about ready to go, but never managed to send it. Now that I am out of the hospital and rehab, I'm trying to get back on schedule.

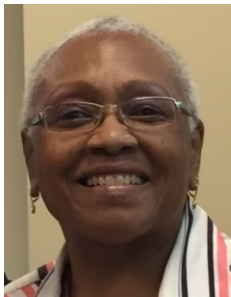
I think I've removed any outdated information from this draft. I apologize if I've missed something.

Elizabeth Margolis

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from the President's Pen

We're back! Prepared, unpacked, and ready to move forward. Full steam ahead. We're in place and making space with plenty of places for the women who are coming. Come now and be a part of the new movement of WOMEN. Let's put together our program. Let us know what you need to know for the path **you** walk.

We're standing at the edge of the precipice. We will not fall, but we will soar. We are pushed now. We will soar on purpose. We will deliberately succeed.

Just in case the news has missed your dinner table; our menu for freedom is changing. Picking what you want on your plate is being strategically replaced with ...you'll choose what you're given. We've come too far to be fed from a flat spoon half filled.

Remember: bullets don't change policy. Ballots do.

***Our Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

LEADERSHIP FOR 2018-2020

At our May meeting, the slate prepared by the nominating committee was presented. Its nominees to lead the branch for 2018-2020 were elected by acclamation.

Congratulations to:

President:	Treka Spraggins	VP, Program:	Gregoria Smith
VP, Membership:	Terry Wall	Secretary:	Brandy Burnett
Treasurer:	Lisa Lowe		

Officers who serve by appointment have been asked to continue. They are:

Newsletter:	Elizabeth Margolis	Webmaster:	Lisa Lowe
Public Policy:	Denny McGuire	Hospitality:	Brandy Burnett

Other branches have appointed members (or committees) to address areas such as:

International Affairs, AAUW Funds, College/University Relations, Diversity & S.T.E.M.

If you have an interest in any of these areas, please make it known to any member of the newly elected leadership team. By expanding programs, we may

well attract new members with compatible interests. Every member of the branch has leadership skills. Step up and offer YOURS to fortify the branch!

Public Policy Report August 6, 2018 Submitted by Denny McGuire

Local News:

The **Durham City Council** on August 6, 2018 endorsed Durham as a NC City for CEDAW. What does that mean? CEDAW is the acronym for Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, an international commitment to stop discrimination against women. AAUW NC has been a lead agency in the NC Cities for CEDAW Initiative. CEDAW is like a super ERA Amendment in that governments which endorse CEDAW not only pledge to examine their policies but also service delivery, programs, salaries, and hiring practices. Other NC communities are examining CEDAW. Where is Wake County on this issue?

State News:

1. The NC General Assembly completed its work on the State Budget prior to the deadline of July 1 when the state's new fiscal year begins. Unfortunately, the General Assembly did not act on AAUW NC's priorities—expansion of Medicaid, expansion of support for public schools, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, etc. To learn more about the Budget, go to [the latest special report from the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center: "2019 Budget Fails to Effectively Address N.C.'s Existing and Emerging Needs: North Carolina can afford to invest in our communities as they grow and change if policymakers reject tax cuts."](#)
2. A very hot election topic for the next several months is the proposal to add **six amendments** to the North Carolina constitution. Please pay attention to this—the titles of the proposed amendments may not provide sufficient details of the intent of the amendments and their impact. Watch for much more information on this topic soon.

Resources

You can sign up to receive AAUW's **Washington Update** E-bulletin at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/>

AAUW National: web site <http://www.aauw.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AAUWMembers/>

AAUW Raleigh-Wake County branch: web site <http://rwc-nc.aauw.net/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aauw.raleigh/>

Listserv for Women's March: Email us at womensmarchonraleigh@gmail.com

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