




AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

AAUW: Breaking down educational and economic barriers for women and girls



DECEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 CAB Books Alice Munro Short Stories @ Metro Wines on Charlotte St. 4:30	2	3 Literatae Books <i>My Beloved World</i> by Sonia Sotomayor @ Marla Druckers marla_drucker@charter.net 1:00	4  Friendraiser Monte Vista Hotel 3:00—5:00	5	6 International Dining Tapas Holiday Party @ Jan Schwartz Call 505-7939
7	8 Film Buds 5:30	9	10 n	11 Film Fans Noon	12 No Lunch Bunch in December	13
14	15	16 Happy Hanukkah 	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			



The Monte Vista Inn in Black Mountain will be the setting for our Friend-Raiser. There will be coffee, tea, hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Please be thinking of a friend (and a children's book**) to bring to this event. There will be Christmas trees decorated by local merchants and school children, and walls full of local art!

Cost is \$20 per member. Guests are free!

Reservations: Call or email Karen Mauro at ktminnc@gmail.com or 891-5963

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And thanks to Barbara Robinson, for her help with organizing the information for the newsletter!

Find us on the Web at
<http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>

**This Month's
Member Birthdays —**



Tell your friends "Happy Birthday" and honor them with a gift to GEM!

- Patsy Beyer – Dec 8
- Beverly Breidis – Dec 12
- Marla Drucker – Dec 20
- Marcia Flynn – Dec 3
- Laura Greeley – Dec 2
- Jane Hatley – Dec 26
- Pat Howell – Dec 18
- Ellen James – Dec 21
- Eleanor Johnson – Dec 7
- Patsy Keever – Dec 20
- Mary MacQueen – Dec 25
- Verna McGaughey – Dec 5
- Kitty Schaller – Dec 15

**CONNECTING NAMES WITH FACES
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



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Eleanor was encouraged to join by Susan Gabel, & is interested in our Study & Special Interest Groups. She was introduced at our November branch meeting.

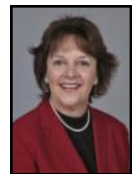
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Annette was referred by her neighbor, Ruth Slawson. Annette joined National first, & then decided she'd like to be a member of our Branch. She's interested in Study Groups, Social Events & projects.

**New Members in
November
Newsletter**



Christina Roberts



Cindy Berryman-Fink

WHY WE BRING CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO THE FRIEND-RAISER

**The Women's Correctional Facility located in Swannanoa has a program by which the inmates are able to read on tape a children's book for their children. The book and tape is then sent to the inmate's child. The child can follow the story in the book as the child listens to her/his mother reading it. For some of these children, this book may be the first they have ever owned. For the past several years, AAUW members, at the annual Friend-Raiser, bring children's books, new or used, very good condition, unwrapped for use in this program. The books should be at the reading and interest level of an eight to ten year old. Please do NOT wrap the book. For more information, contact AAUW member Marilyn Kolton, 259-9461

PLAN A GIRLS NIGHT OUT IN SUPPORT OF UNC-A WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The marketing and ticketing assistant for the UNC Asheville Athletics Ticket Office contacted us through our website. She wrote, "I would love for the Asheville chapter of the American Association of University Women to come support the women's basketball team at a game this season! Games are great way to show school spirit, support female athletes, and have fun with other members of your organization." For more information contact Juliana Grassia at jgrassia@unca.edu or the Ticket Office at 828-258-7900. Games are scheduled throughout December, January and February.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

In the past few days, I have become aware of several needs of the Branch and am recruiting help to meet them. First, we need a person to maintain a file of hardcopies of essential or exceedingly important documents. Second, we need someone to periodically update information for the national AAUW website 3 or 4 times a year. If you want to volunteer for either project, call or email me (AAUW Asheville NC Branch Directory 2014-2015, p. 31). Neither of these jobs will be time consuming or rigorous. We can talk about particulars. You probably have better ideas than I.

If you missed the November 6 branch meeting, you missed a talk that reminded us that we live in a state and a nation in which many children live in poverty to their peril. Greg Borum, a young man dedicated to ameliorating childhood poverty, told of the work he does with Children First—Communities in Schools. We were reminded that “children in poverty...experience poorer health, safety, and education, as well as greater levels of toxic stress than children from families with more money.” In our county, “1 out of 4 children...is living in poverty.” After Greg’s talk, a new member told me how glad she was to learn of AAUW’s interest in this kind of work. Check out Children First online and see what’s being done and opportunities to help.

I’ll be at the Friendraiser on December 4. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the holidays, Ann Clarke Snell, ann_clarke_snell@hotmail.com or 828-232-1894

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AAUW Branch meetings are generally on First Thursday unless otherwise specified at 11:30 am in the large dining room of the First Baptist Church, which is centrally located at Charlotte Street just south of I-240

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December 4, 2014 Friend-Raiser 3:00 —5:00. The Monte Vista Inn in Black Mountain

January 2015 – no meeting

February 5, 2015 – Shona Jason-Miller – Slow Food Asheville

March 5, 2015 – Women’s History Month – Betsy Murray (Pack Library)

March 15, 2015—Pack Tavern—2:00—100th Anniversary Event and Fashion Show

April 9, 2015 fieldtrip, guided tour of the Arboretum gardens, note this is the 2nd Thursday in April to keep from running into Easter weekend crowds at Arboretum

May 7, 2015 last branch meeting of 2014-2015 year – Connie Mitchell – AVL Architect

June 7, 2015, Sunday, 4-6, GEM Fundraiser, Fernihurst Mansion, A-B Tech

AAUW ASHEVILLE 100TH YEAR HISTORY

A group of 17 young women college graduates met in Boston in the fall of 1881 to discuss restrictions against the education, growth, and development of women. They formed a national alumnae association of women representing Boston University, Cornell University, Oberlin, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley Colleges, and the University of Michigan and Wisconsin. The Southern Association of College Women later organized in 1903 in Knoxville, TN. These two organizations merged at a meeting held in Washington, DC in April of 1921 to become the American Association of University Women.

The Asheville branch of the AAUW can trace it's history from March 27th, 1915, when 16 female college graduates in the community met and organized the "Western Carolina Branch of the Southern Association of College Women". In their first year another 12 women joined, for a total of 28 members. In 1939 the name was changed to the Asheville Branch of the American Association of University Women.

From the beginning the Branch tackled community projects. In 1919, when businessmen were trying to make Asheville a convention city, the AAUW members contributed \$5 each and worked successfully to bring the national convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs to Asheville. Community work centered on helping the Salvation Army, support for Travelers Aid, and visiting patients in the local sanitariums. Other projects included working to improve standards in colleges for women, to establish night schools, to help set up a juvenile court system, and to improve the probation system. They hit the ground running with their new organization.

Stay tuned for the next chapter next month. And if you are interested in participating in costume please contact Nini Abbott niniabbott@gmail.com for information on the Centennial Fashion Show.

NEW ERA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

I have been working for more than 40 years in Louisiana and now North Carolina to get the ERA ratified. It simply states that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. "

The North Carolina General Assembly will consider the ERA in 2015. We have the support of four legislators, with others expressing interest. Now is the time for AAUW members in our state to get involved.

If you would like to become part of a new Special Interest Group organized to support the ERA, I am willing to be the leader.

If you are interested, please contact me at robertamadden@era-nc.org or 419-0730. Then we can set a date for a first meeting.

Please consider joining this group to help pass this important amendment.

Roberta Madden

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION – AAUW / ASHEVILLE BRANCH

Periodically reviewing the mission of AAUW helps to keep the Asheville Branch Board of Directors focused on what the driving purpose is of the AAUW organization:

Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equality and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken position on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic and political.

The impact that AAUW makes for women and girls “breaks through educational and economic barriers so that **all** women have a fair chance”. With that in mind, the Asheville Board agreed that it is important for our chapter to create a diversity and inclusion statement that will help drive programs, membership and all activities for the Asheville Branch and align us with the mission of the overall organization.

At a recent Board meeting, the following statement was presented and adopted by the Board. You will see the statement on all branch newsletters and other materials that are created and sent to the branch membership.

“We are committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of diversity and inclusion. We recognize that differences in age, race, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability, thinking style and background bring richness to our organization.

We are committed to being an organization that reflects and understands the population it serves – members and the community at large. As such, we will foster diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our activities – membership, volunteers, programs, speakers and projects.”

The YWCA and AAUW thank the following members for their financial contributions to the YWCA Drop In Center.



With these contributions, we were able to donate: 2 area rugs, an easel, rocking chair, a baby chair, storage boxes for closet, books, and many art supplies used daily.

Thank you; Jeanne Smolkin, Ann Snell, Barbara Robinson, Hedy Sarbey, Jan Schwartz, Eleanor Walther, Helen McClintock and Ruth Slawson.

Further donations can be sent to Treasurer: Laurie Powell, notation for Drop In Center

State AAUW Officer Nominees Sought

Are you interested in being nominated for a NC AAUW office? If you are or know a member who would be interested, please contact AAUW NC Branch Advocate Sandra McLaurin [910-392-0395](tel:910-392-0395), [910-200-7961](tel:910-200-7961) or scmlaurin@ec.rr.com The positions to be filled for next year 2015-2016 (July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016) are President and Advocate

STANDING INTEREST GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Remember to notify the hostess or group leader if you plan to attend this month's meeting so they can predict attendance and so that you can be apprised of any last-minute changes.

Advocacy Group: The Advocacy Group is organized to support and advocate for issues that support the mission of AAUW and will increase awareness and effectiveness in bringing about social change to improve the lives of AAUW members and our community. The Advocacy Group will support only issues that are non-partisan and align with those of the national board of AAUW. For more information, contact Anne Sayers at 919-302-0084 or annesayer432@gmail.com.

AAUW Upstreamers: a new interest group working with Riverlink to clean up a stream near Woodfin three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at robarb@charter.net 645-2569.

CAB Book Group: The "Cocktails and Books" discussion group meets Metro Wines the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm for wine and conversation. To get more information or to add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Karen Mauro at 891-5963 or ktminnc@gmail.com.

Film Buds: This film discussion group meets the second Monday of each month from 5:30 to 7 to discuss first-run films; attendance is limited to the first 20 current group members who make a **reservation** with the group leader, Beth Ellers; because of the large size of the group, new membership is closed, but note that the Film Fans group discusses the same film and is open to new members; to obtain this month's film selection, location, and other information, contact Beth Ellers at slark1@att.net. Participants bring pot-luck supper.

Film Fans: This film discussion group meets the first Thursday after the second Monday of each month from noon to 1:30 at the River Ridge Apartments Club House; film is the same as that discussed by the Monday Film Buds group. Members bring their own lunch; open to new members; for the film selection of this month's meeting or to get more information, contact group leader Beth Johnson at JOHNSON1ea@earthlink.net.

International Dining Group: The International Dining group enjoys great food and wonderful company. Participants learn more about the food and customs of different countries as they prepare and then savor meals from around the world. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Roach at 828-505-7939 or judyroach2112@yahoo.com or Jan Schwartz at 828-350-9533 or blucottage@bellsouth.net.

Literatae Book Group: The book study group meets the first Wednesday of every month at homes of members; for this month's location and more information, contact group leader Pat Argue at 828-891-4521 or pkargue@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch: The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering for lunch on the second Friday of each month at noon at a different area restaurant. The Lunch Bunch is open to all AAUW members who wish to be added to the **reservation list**. Be sure to contact Sherry Brown by the **deadline date** at 828-357-8455 or sherrysaerie@gmail.com to reserve space and get directions to the restaurant.

Tea Time Book Group: This book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 pm at the homes of various members; all are welcome; for this month's book and location or to obtain more information, contact group leader Juanita Spanogle at 258-0096 or jspanogle@aol.com.

INTERNATIONAL DINING

On Saturday, December 6th, all chapter members are invited to sample the fun the International Dining Group enjoys. Jan Schwartz is hosting a Tapas Holiday Party from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at her home on 32 Craftsman Circle (phone 350-9533).

BYOB and please bring a little bite from a county of your choice that will serve 12 - 18.

Do join us. RSVP Judy Roach at

judyroach2112@yahoo.com or 505-7939.