

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CAB Books <i>My Beloved World</i> by Sonia Sotomayor @ Metro Wines on Charlotte St. 4:30	3	4 Literatae Books <i>Quartet in Autumn</i> by Barbara Pym @ Fusako Krummel's 146 Hillside, Apt 42 fusakok@bellsouth.net 1:00	5 Branch Meeting First Baptist 11:30	6	7
8	9 Film Buds 5:30	10	11 Reservation dead- line for Lunch Bunch Sherry Brown sherry- saerie@gmail.com 828-357-8455 Noon	12 Film Fans Noon	13 Lunch Bunch REZAZ 28 Hendersonville Rd. Biltmore Village Noon	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Tea Time Books <i>Time is a River</i> by Mary Alice Monroe @ Rose Bily's 30 Lookout Dr. robily@att.net 4:00	27	28



**Our next Branch Meeting will be at the
First Baptist Church on
Charlotte Street on
Thursday, February 5 at 11:30
The speaker is
Shona Jason-Miller,
President of Slow Food Asheville.
(Bring \$20 check for 100th Anniversary Event)
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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!

Nini Abbott	2/16
Jane Gallinger	2/23
Molly Keeney	2/24
Betty Leztig	2/18
Millie Massey	2/9
Marion Mayfield-Johnson	2/25
Arlene Merritt	2/25
Fran Myers	2/7
Karen O'Hara	2/8
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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MEMBER NEWS

Jeanne Gochenour has been a member of the AAUW Asheville branch since 2001. She has lived in Asheville for 34 years, and has been active in many civic groups and organizations. She presently lives at River Ridge Apartments. We are sad to report that after coming out of a coma and improving, she is scheduled for surgery to amputate her right leg to avoid sepsis. She is at Mission Hospital and will be transferred to the Laurels at Summit Ridge for rehabilitation. Please keep Jeanne in your thoughts and prayers.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR YWCA DROP-IN DAY CARE

AB-Tech is back on its spring schedule and so is the **YWCA /Drop-In Day Care Center**. It is a full house so we, as volunteers, are definitely needed! There are four dedicated volunteers, but more would be welcomed, especially on Mondays and Friday mornings. Any afternoon would be more than appreciated—extra arms to hold an infant is fun! Please contact Jan Schwartz at blucottage@bellsouth.net for details.

Hats off to the generous AAUW members for their contributions!

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

Contact Wendy Haner (wendyhaner@icloud.com) for all new members.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Our first Branch meeting of 2015 is Thursday, February 5 at First Baptist Church, our regular meeting place. The speaker will tell us about food that is good for us, for the planet, and for the people who grow it. Seems right on point after holiday excess in which I engaged.

Much has been going on even though we have taken a respite from meetings. The committee working on the 100th year celebration has been busy. They are a creative group. I am excited anticipating what a good time we will have at Pack Tavern on March 15 when we look back as well as forward.

One thing that celebrating 100 years has made plain to me is that it would be wonderful to have someone to keep track of important goings on at the time of their occurrence. I am confident that there is a scrap-booker or historian out there who would like to help us keep track of important events in our Branch's life as they happen. If you are that person, please contact me. I will get you what you need to do the job.

Best to all in 2015. 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

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

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, Fernhurst Mansion, A-B Tech

AAUW ASHEVILLE 100TH YEAR HISTORY

AAUW/Asheville 100th anniversary celebration

Sunday, March 15

2:00-4:00

Pack's Tavern

\$20 per person

friends and significant others welcome

RESERVATIONS AND TICKET SALES AT THE FEBRUARY 5TH BRANCH MEETING

or

SEND CHECK MADE OUT TO AAUW/ASHEVILLE

TO CAROL SMITH

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BILTMORE LAKE, NC 28715

CAROLASMITH49@gmail.com

THE STORY CONTINUES

In 1939 our branch marked the beginning of a long association with Pack Library. The library was in the process of providing a "library on wheels" bookmobile to serve outlying communities. The Branch voted to support this project by collecting books. This led to the organization in 1941 of "The Friends of the Library" in an effort to improve the quality of public libraries that serve the city. During the first year, 400 people became "Friends."

Asheville-Buncombe College (predecessor to UNC Asheville) had Branch support from its beginning. In 1945-46 more than 4000 reference books were purchased and donated by the Branch to help the college meet accreditation standards. The Branch also helped the Botanical Garden with plans for expansion and donated twenty magnolia trees native to North Carolina.

In the 1950's a number of projects occupied the Branch. Our branch helped establish a receiving home in Asheville for children whose family ties were disrupted for one reason or another. Members worked to provide preschool kindergartens in the summer for a number of schools. Tuition was \$20 with our branch paying the teachers and purchasing the materials.

In 1954, the Branch Special Studies group included representatives of the Family Life Council, Mental Hygiene Society, Receiving Home, Salvation Army and the YWCA. One of the branch programs dealt with juvenile delinquency and this program resulted in a community project, an Institute on Juvenile Delinquency held with over 200 participants.

Truly an organization on the move, involved in community projects!!

ASHEVILLE MUSEUM DELIGHTS AAUW MEMBER

I have been a member of AAUW since moving to Asheville two yrs. ago.

Recently I visited the most wonderful women's museum, aSHEville museum, with a mother-daughter team at the helm. Located on Wall St., it's in the heart of Asheville.

This very special museum, a social enterprise, honors women's legacies on both a local and global level. Although the Rosie the Riveter exhibit just left, nine extraordinary multi-media exhibits remain.

One of my favorites is the Ami Vitale exhibit "A Day in her Life" honoring women around the world.

Another favorite is the Sarah Gudger video which includes a 1937 interview with Sarah, an African-American slave, who lived in Old Fort NC.

The amazing Gift shop celebrates local women artists with one-of-a-kind hats, scarves, gloves, jewelry, pottery, Thistle Farms natural body products, and books; and international women artists with innumerable Fair Trade items, and exquisite beaded bowls from Kenya.

Treat yourself to lunch on Wall St.-- Laughing Seed or Early Girl-- with an extended visit (allow at least an hour) to the aSHEville museum--

www.ashevillemuseum.com.

- Judy Nelson



YWCA PARENTS SAY THANKS FOR OUR HELP

Parents of children at the YWCA Drop-In Day Care Center sent these messages of thanks:

Thank you so much for all your generosity and kindness. We so appreciate your donations and volunteering time. Your presence has made all the difference. Love and Gratitude, Michelle

Thank you for your time, support and presence in our classroom. Sometimes there are never enough helping hand. Thank you for yours! - Barley

Thanks for all the things you do; that is really kind. Thank you so much once again. - Zydashia and Magali

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I really appreciate the energy and support your bring to the classroom. We love having you all with us. - Hannah

"How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it!" Thank you for all you do. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all staff, children and myself. - Nancy N.

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

Please join the International Dining group at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 7th, for a delicious return to Thailand where balance, detail and variety are of paramount significance. Thai food is not necessarily spicy, but it is necessarily delicious. We will be meeting in Suzanne Harter's new home in Candler where she can welcome 14 comfortably. Suzanne will provide the menu and suggested recipes, as well as directions. You and a guest are cordially invited, and requested to reply to Suzanne at SuzanneMHarter@gmail.com or 301-1006, or to me. We look forward to seeing you!