

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



JANUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 CAB Books <i>No meeting</i>	5	6 Literatae Books <i>The Warden</i> @ Fusako Krummel 146 Hillside Ave. #42 Asheville fusakok@bellsouth.net <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Lunch Bunch RSVP Deadline</div>	7	8 Lunch Bunch Stoney Knob 337 Merrimon Ave. in Weaverville sherrysaerie@gmail.com Noon	9
10	11 Film Buds 5:30	12 AAUW Board Mtg. Atlanta Bread N. Merrimon Ave. 2:00—3:30	13	14 Film Fans Noon	15	16
17	18	19	20 Photography Group aauwphto-tog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lcmillertudio@gmail.com 3:00	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Tea Time Books <i>The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie</i> @Sherry Brown's 295 Ninth St.—Blk Mtn sherrysaerie@gmail.com 4:00	29	30



No Branch Meeting

In January

Next Meeting is
Friday, February 19
At First Baptist Church
Kitty Schaller will talk about
ACA/Medicaid

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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!

Pat Argue	1/22
Barbara Blake	1/26
Alice Doner	1/21
Nancy Donnelly	1/3
Lina Evans	1/13
Deb Fulton-Helmer	1/29
Lynn Hill	1/23
Lisa Kastelic	1/13
Fusako Krummel	1/10
Kitty McKeithen	1/8
Martha McMullen	1/19
Meredith Norwood	1/6
Terry Peters	1/23
Nancy Stancil	1/8
Jane White	1/8

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Martin, Diane (DOB 7/8)
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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It is always wonderful to see new members at our meetings and especially at the recent Friend Raising Event along with our members who have been in our branch for many years. The Asheville branch of AAUW has been working diligently to maintain and strengthen its membership and I am proud of the efforts and creativity that have been brought into planning this event. New members are the key to our continued growth and success.

As you know, we are 171 members strong with a charter that has a long history of affecting change on issues facing women. Education is in the forefront along with civil rights, equity in the workplace and gender discrimination. We enjoy success in bringing these issues forward largely because of our longtime members who with their knowledge and experience form the backbone of this organization.

Your new Board of Directors is dedicated toward continuing this tradition. However, it is in need of assistance. I am asking each of you to consider how you can help AAUW shine in the coming year. At present, we need two (2) members to volunteer to serve as the Membership Committee and one (1) member to help with Programs. Given the upcoming election year, it is paramount for AAUW to be at its best in promoting issues that are most beneficial to women of all ages.

I appreciate all that everyone does to make our AAUW Branch great. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in February and until then, please continue to talk to your friends about AAUW.

Sincerely, Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership

YWCA DROP IN CENTER GOING STRONG

The YWCA Drop In Center is going strong thanks to all the generous donations of our members. Your time and gifts are most appreciated by these children and families. Many of the moms are going to AB Tech or are looking for a job. It is a great community resource for women and children.



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Holiday Greetings!

The FriendRaiser at Ten Thousand Villages was a huge success! Many thanks go to Karen Mauro and Marlene Shaklan for making this happen, and to all who participated.

As 2016 gets closer, and especially in the coming election year, please remember why we are AAUW members and why we want to continue supporting an organization that takes the rights of women seriously. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Our membership gives us many opportunities to share our passion and talents in support of our mission. It also allows us to learn, form new connections and have some fun in the process.

Let us all resolve to become even more active in our chapter in the coming year. As we count our blessings we are reminded that much has been given to us and there is much we can share. Together, we will make 2016 an exciting and productive new year.

Peace and love,
Carolyn, (828)545-4466, chhwchhw365@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AAUW Branch meetings are generally on Fourth Tuesday 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

Friday, February 19	First Baptist	Kitty Schaller	ACA/Medicaid
Tuesday, March 22	First Baptist	Love, Loss and What I Wore	
Tuesday, April 26	Road Trip	Sierra Nevada Tour	
Tuesday, May 24	First Baptist	Christi Whitworth	Education/STEM
Sunday, June 5	Fernihurst	Fundraiser	

AAUW MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD



Roberta Madden, an Asheville AAUW member, was awarded the 2015 Anne Mackie Award by North Carolina Women United in early December. This award recognizes a lifetime contribution to advocacy on behalf of women. Robbie has spent her life organizing and advocating for gender equality. She came to NC to retire in Black Mountain but quickly realized that our North Carolina legislature had not passed the ERA. She created and organized "Ratify ERA-NC" and has been advocating for the passage in NC for passage of the ERA by our legislature. For more information on this award and to learn more about the importance of the passage of the ERA, go to www.era-nc.org.

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: This group works with Riverlink to clean up a stream at Reed Creek Park near UNC-A three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at robarb@charter.net 230-7113.

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 is Nini Abbott, niniabbott@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 is composed of AAUW members who enjoy sharing great cuisine and conversation, with a dash of history, storytelling and personal experiences. Member may bring one guest. Dinner is potluck, with menu suggestions from the host. Dinners are approximately every other month. For more information, contact Pat Kutay at 828-575-2766 or pkutay1@gmail.com or Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or jsmolkin@gmail.com

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.

Photography Group: The Photography Group is open to anyone with an interest in photography—with or without a camera. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 3:00 though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website aauwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lcmillerstudio@gmail.com.

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.

