

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



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|  | 1<br><b>CAB Books</b><br><i>Boys in the Boat</i><br>@ Metro Wines<br>169 Charlotte St.<br><a href="mailto:t.humphreys@mac.com">t.humphreys@mac.com</a><br><b>4:30</b> | 2   | 3<br><b>Literatae Books</b><br><i>Discuss book choices</i><br>@ Fran Myers<br>718 Crowfields Lane<br>Asheville<br><a href="mailto:fjgmyers@bellsouth.net">fjgmyers@bellsouth.net</a><br><b>1:00</b> | 4   | 5  | 6   |
| 7<br>GEM Fundraiser<br>At Fernihurst<br><b>4:00—6:00</b> | 8<br><b>No Film Buds<br/>in June</b>  | 9   | 10<br>Deadline to RSVP for<br>Lunch Bunch<br><a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a><br>828-357-8455   | 11<br><b>Film Fans<br/>Noon</b>   | 12<br><b>Lunch Bunch</b><br>THAI TARA<br>Grove Arcade<br><b>Noon</b> | 13  |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20  |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25<br><b>Tea Time Books</b><br><i>Discuss book choices</i><br>@ Andriette Kinsella's<br>47 Honeycomb Circle<br>Swannanoa<br><a href="mailto:andriettek@bellsouth.net">andriettek@bellsouth.net</a><br><b>4:00</b> | 26   | 27  |
| 28   | 29  | 30  |   |   |  |     |



**GEM Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2015**  
**4:00—6:00**  
**Fernihurst, A-B Tech**

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**AAUW Asheville  
Branch Board**

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
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| Past President  | Cathy Battle           |

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

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<http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>

**This Month's  
Member Birthdays —**



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

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Carol Cohen         | 6/4  |
| Margaret Coopey     | 6/16 |
| Diane Fuller        | 6/18 |
| Suzanne Harter      | 6/30 |
| Barbara Hearn       | 6/20 |
| Lee Kucera          | 6/7  |
| Rebecca Lawton      | 6/30 |
| Kim McQueen         | 6/6  |
| Jacque Morgan       | 6/2  |
| Dale Poklemba       | 6/7  |
| Emily Quinn         | 6/15 |
| BA Schenk           | 6/24 |
| Carolyn Worthington | 6/1  |

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

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**ADVOCACY INTEREST GROUP**

will meet on

**Thursday, May 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 am  
Atlanta Bread Company on Merrimon Avenue.**

All are welcome and if additional information is needed, feel free to contact Anne Sayers at [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com)

**INTERNATIONAL DINING INTEREST GROUP**

**Calling all International Diners!  
Picnic on the Mountain**

Join us - along with 63 million French men and women - to celebrate Bastille Day.  
**Tuesday, July 14th.**

**Time: 6:00 pm -8:30 pm**

**Where: Jeanne & Stuart Smolkin's  
66 Crestwood Road, Asheville**

Crepes, mousse, soufflé and, by golly, the best burgers & fries this side of Paris.

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.

Reservations are a MUST as seating is limited and reservations are first come-first serve basis.

**Laissez les bon temps roulez! Come and have a good time!**

**AAUW FINANCES ARE HEALTHY**

**As of May 1, 2015, we have \$3,836.12 in the checking account and \$4,071.59 in the Term Certificate at Self Help Credit Union.**

## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

*With gratitude I reflect on my year as President of AAUW Asheville Branch. On May 7, I presided over my last Branch meeting. Our speaker, architect Connie Mitchell, talked about Rafael Guastavino, who is responsible for our treasured Basilica. I see the lovely Basilica daily from our apartment window.*

*To my hardworking highly competent Board--Carolyn Worthington, Judy Colella, Karen Mauro, Emily Quinn, Wendy Haner, Laurie Powell, Deb Fulton-Helmer, Molly Keeney, Betsy Kirk, Eleanor Johnson, Cathy Battle, and LaDean Peterson--I say a heartfelt thank you. Welcome to the new Board members for 2015-2016--Joanne Swenson, Executive VP (who will become President in 2016-2017); Marlene Shaklan (Program); Judy Nelson (Membership); and Portia Alexander (Secretary). Carolyn Worthington is President as of July 1.*

*This year AAUW Asheville worked with diverse groups in our community. We were a sponsor for Our Voice's celebration of 40 years providing rape crisis services and sexual assault prevention to Asheville and Buncombe County. Courageous Anita Hill who started the ongoing conversation about sexual misconduct in the work place spoke. Our Advocacy Group continues to work on voter registration, education about new voting laws, and getting IDs needed. We work with Start Smart to enable women to negotiate in job interviews for deserved pay. Our Upstreamers waded into the water with Riverlink and clean up a portion of Beaverdam Creek. We read and study and lunch in small groups. We are out there working to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and in doing so deepen friendships with one another.*

*Remember the social event of the year is the GEM fundraiser Sunday, June 7 from 4-6 pm at Fernihurst mansion on the AB Tech Campus. Tickets are limited to 100 so make your reservation now. There'll be fabulous food prepared by AB Tech culinary staff along with wine or beer. Come to the party, meet some GEM scholars, bid on an experience you'll long remember, and have fun! See you there!*

*Best to all, Ann Clarke Snell, [ann\\_clarke\\_snell@hotmail.com](mailto:ann_clarke_snell@hotmail.com) or 828-232-1894*

## 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, centrally located at Charlotte Street just south of I-240**

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

September 20, 2015, Sunday, Potluck, The Ramble

October 27, 2015, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

November 16, 2015, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

December 10, 2015, Thursday, Friendraiser, 10,000 Villages

February 16, 2016, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

March 22, 2016, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

April 26, 2016, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

May 24, 2016, Tuesday, Branch Meeting

June 5, 2016, Sunday, GEM Fundraiser



## **GEM FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

**4:00—6:00**

**Fernihurst at A-B Tech**

### **GEM: CHANGING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION**

AB Tech scholar, Jessica Fink, will graduate this May with plans to attend UNCA in the fall. Undecided about a major - a tie between Art and Science - Jessica met with Cathy Battle, Laura Greeley and Portia Alexander for some real life discussion about each tract and possible ways to combine the two. Cathy is a professional artist, Laura majored in Art and Business and Portia majored in Biology. There were a number of interesting ideas about combining the two programs discussed, but even more important was the concept of networking. Jessica has been admitted to the honor society and is excited about all the new challenges for her future.

If you'd be interested in meeting with and the possible mentoring one of our scholars, please call or email Jeanne Smolkin. A new group of scholars will be with us this fall, and you just may be the friendly voice they need to hear.

### **CHANGING THE BRANCH MEETING DAYS FOR 2015—2016**

Due to the church's schedule, next year's branch meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month except for November and February when they will be held on the third Tuesday.

We will continue to meet at First Baptist Church in Asheville.

### **LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICE FOR THE AAUW NEWSLETTER**

Molly Keeney is hoping there is an AAUW member who would be interested in working with her this year on the newsletter and who would take it over for the next year. It is currently compiled using Microsoft Publisher but could easily be done in other programs. If you're interested, please contact Molly at 828-337-5044 or [mollykeeney@gmail.com](mailto:mollykeeney@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:annesayer432@gmail.com).

**AAUW Upstreamers:** This group works with Riverlink to clean up a stream at Reedy Creek Park near UNC-A three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at [robarb@charter.net](mailto: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 Teresa Humphreys at [t.humphreys@mac.com](mailto:t.humphreys@mac.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:judyroach2112@yahoo.com) or Jan Schwartz at 828-350-9533 or [blucottage@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).

