

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



MARCH 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CAB Books <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> by Kaled Hosseini @ Metro Wines ktminnc@gmail.com 4:30	3	4 Literatae Books <i>A Land More Kind than Home</i> by Wiley Cash @ Shirley Quisenberry 103 Strawbridge Ct. shirleygberry@yahoo.com 1:00	5 Branch Meeting First Baptist 11:30	6	7 International Dining See p. 6 for details
8	9 Film Buds 5:30	10	11 Reservation deadline for Lunch Bunch Sherry Brown sherry-saerie@gmail.com 828-357-8455 Noon	12 Film Fans Noon	13 Lunch Bunch The Glass Onion 18 N. Main Weaverville Noon	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Tea Time Books <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelo @ Emily Quinn's 112 Ballantree Dr. Daveandem.quinn@gmail.com 4:00	27	28
29	30	31				

Our next Branch Meeting will be at the First Baptist Church on Charlotte Street on Thursday, March 5 at 11:30

Our speaker will be Betsy Murray from Pack Library.

She will be presenting a program about Lillian Exum Clement.

Lillian Clement was a local attorney when she became the first woman in the South to be nominated for the state legislature. This happened at a time when she, as a woman, could not vote! She won the primary and the election. Her life makes for an interesting story for Women's History Month.



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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!

Jean Bailey,	3/31
Sandy Blakenbaker,	3/21
Bobby Carney,	3/31
Janet Graham,	3/11
Marilyn Kolton,	3/26
Sharon Kopstein,	3/31
Carol McLimans	3/1
Lynnette Miller,	3/17
Jeanne Morgan	3/25
Ellen Nutter,	3/24
Wendy Owen,	3/17
Judith Rhodes,	3/23
Christina Roberts,	3/1
JoAnne Setzer,	3/25
Michael Sigendorf,	3/30
Peg Steiner,	3/3
Eleanor Walter,	3/25

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Stanford University Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

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Temple University BS Education
Temple University M.Ed Special Education
Trenton State U Ed. Leadership

ADVOCACY INTEREST GROUP

TO MEET- Wednesday, March 4 from 2 to 4
Home of Anne Sayers, 12 Craftsman View Drive, Asheville 28804 (Pinebrook Farms)

The mid term elections are over but now it is important to begin to prepare and plan for upcoming local, state and national elections. We wait to hear what the courts will decide about the Voter ID part of recently passed Voter legislation. In addition, the US Congress and the NC Legislature are now in session and areas of concern for advocacy will be important to consider. We invite any AAUW member who is interested in learning more and being involved to attend and bring your ideas and concerns.

Please let Anne know you are coming by emailing her at annesayers432@gmail.com or by phone at 919-302-0084.

Directions:
Take temporary I 26 toward Weaverville and exit onto New Stock Road. Turn left onto New Stock Road, Turn Right onto Pinebrook Road and go to the top of the hill and take the second entrance to Pinebrook. Anne is the first house on the left. Parking is in front of the house.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

At the March 5 Branch meeting Betsy Murray talk about Lillian Exum, the first woman to serve in any state legislature in the South. It's Women's History month. Join us for this talk and lunch at First Baptist Church at 11:30.

Plan to attend our celebration of Asheville Branch's 100th anniversary. Let's have fun remembering our history and commit ourselves to continuing the tradition we've inherited.

AAUW Asheville Board met on February 3. Here are a few highlights. We decided to look into honorary memberships; Carolyn Worthington and Eleanor Johnson will report on this probably at the April meeting. Cathy Battle will serve on the Nominating Committee for 2015-201 Board. Laurie Powell, Treasurer, will prepare written instructions for on-line renewal of AAUW membership for distribution at April Branch meeting. As of January 31, the AAUW checking account had \$2,486.56 and the "Term Certificate", now at Self-Help Credit Union has \$4,071.59.

The NC AAUW Annual meeting will be in Greensboro on March 20-21. Executive VP Carolyn Worthington and I will be there. We'll do a lot of bragging about our AVL Branch and listening to what other branches are up to.

Jeanne Gochenour's daughter Susan gave a loving and humorous eulogy at Jeanne's memorial service on Feb. 14. A strong contingent of Jeanne's AAUW friends attended. If you would like to make a donation to GEM for a scholarship in Jeanne's name, contact Jeanne Smolkin at jsmolkin@gmail.com or 828-254-4789.

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 Judy Colella at amoscoell@aol.com or 828-299-3104

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

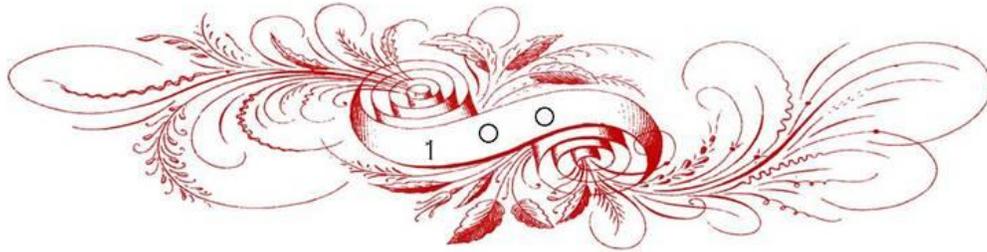
May 7, 2015 last branch meeting of 2014-2015 year – Connie Mitchell – AVL Architect

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

START \$MART BY CAROLYN WORTHINGTON

The Asheville branch of AAUW met with the YWCA of Asheville and other community groups in support of \$tart \$mart, a nationwide project designed to empower women, and particularly college graduates, to negotiate fair and equitable salaries. Over 400 colleges across the country have participated in this program. We are now introducing \$tart \$mart to colleges and universities in western North Carolina. This is a wonderful opportunity to give female students the negotiation tools they need to compete for equitable salaries based on the credentials they have earned and paid for dearly at local schools.

The group discussed offering a \$tart \$mart workshop and facilitator training on Equal Pay Day, April 14, 2015. Equal Pay Day is recognized nationally as the day women's salaries finally equal those earned by men on Dec. 31st of the previous year!



Please join us in the **Centennial Celebration** of
The Asheville Branch of AAUW –
a century of breaking down educational and economic barriers for women and girls!

Sunday, March 15

2–4

Downtown at Pack's Tavern Century Room

Hors d'Oeuvres

Cash Bar

Fabulous Fun Style Show – "What We Achieved and What We Wore"

Reserve and buy tickets today!

\$20 per person

Please reserve by **March 1** by mailing a check to Carol Smith @

42 Sparkle Dun Drive

Biltmore Lake, NC 28715



In addition to a celebration cake, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar, we will have guests from other branches, organizations, and from the mayor's office. Highlighting the event will be a fun fashion show, with a tour through the decades since 1915, featuring fashions from the past and a review of what we women have achieved, hence the title "What we achieved and what we wore." Members and friends are busy getting their outfits ready and Tammy Jones, of "Tammy and Dex in the Morning" at radio station Mix 96.5 will emcee the fashion show. It will be a joyous event -- an opportunity to honor the founding of our branch and celebrate with branch members, friends, and family.

THE STORY CONTINUES

The Branch celebrated its 50th anniversary in March 1965 at Trinity Episcopal Church. The program featured a huge cake and candles and special recognition of the pioneer members of the Branch. Mrs. Curtis Bynum (first president of the Branch) was the special guest.

In 1985, with 215 members, the Asheville Branch held the distinction of being the largest branch in North Carolina. The AAUW Study Groups continued with great success. In addition to four literature groups, there was an art group, financial group and world affairs group as well as the Friday Study Group. Emily Quinn conducted the "Get Acquainted with Asheville" groups for months beginning in

1985. Emily is still an active member serving as membership co-vice-president.

The Branch helped the American Red Cross in Asheville with their Life Line Project, which enabled the Red Cross to receive a special award in April, 1986.

In the middle 1990's the Branch initiated a program to interest 7th and 8th grade girls in non-traditional careers and to encourage girls to continue to take science and math courses in high school. The girls were selected by their science teachers and came from Asheville Middle School. The Branch conducted this program at UNCA and involved a number of women who talked to the girls about their careers-all using math and science.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE PLANNING CENTENNIAL BOOK AND ASKING FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

As you know, 2015 marks the one hundredth birthday of our Asheville branch of AAUW. **In addition to the Centennial Celebration kick-off party, to be held March 15, the centennial celebration committee is planning to publish a "centennial book," hopefully to be ready by next September's pot-luck.** Committee member Alice Doner writes, "Our centennial book will not only honor our branch's 100 years of breaking down educational and economic barriers for women girls, but also present a snapshot of who we are in 2015, both who we are as a branch and who we are as individuals. We know very little about the sixteen university graduates who came together in 1915 to form what became AAUW Asheville. Perhaps in another 100 years, another group of women will be celebrating the 200th birthday of our branch and be curious about us -- who we were, what it was like for us growing up "female," coming of age, juggling roles, growing older as women in America in the 20th and early 21st centuries."

To gather this information, Alice will be soon be sending out a communication to all branch members, inviting them to participate in a detailed survey, in an attempt to gather some of this information. Our branch is the largest in the state; our members represent several generations and come from all over the country and beyond. We are in unique position to explore some of the issues outlined above. Watch for Alice's communication and please take the time to think about some of the questions the survey asks and participate in this centennial activity.

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

You (and a guest) are invited to our next dining event, Saturday, March 7th at 6PM at the home of Suzanne Harter. It will be an all-appetizer dining experience featuring tasty Thai lettuce mini-wraps, tangy sticky ribs, and wonton-wrapped shrimp. It will be delicious fun. Please RSVP to Suzanne at 828-633-1956 or email her at SuzanneMHarter@gmail.com.