

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Literatae Books <i>The Boy at the Gate</i> @ Jayne Gallinger 33 Cedar Ct. Asheville jgallinger@charter.net 1:00	3	4	5
6	7 CAB Books Middlesex Metro Wines on Charlotte St. niniabbott@gmail.com 4:30—6:00	8	9 Lunch Bunch RSVP Deadline sherry-saerie@gmail.com	10	11 Lunch Bunch Blue Dream Curry House 81 Patton Ave. in Asheville sherrysaerie@gmail.com Noon	12
13	14 Film Buds No meeting this month	15	16 Photography Group aauwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lcmlerstudio@gmail.com 3:00	17 Film Fans Noon	18	19 International Dining See page 4
20	21	22 Branch Meeting First Baptist Church 11:30	23	24 Tea Time Books <i>Still Life with Breadcrumbs</i> @Marilyn Kolton's 18 Ridgeview Dr. ldwmkd@aol.com 4:00	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

LOVE, LOSS, AND WHAT I WEAR

Branch Meeting at First Baptist Church
Tuesday, March 22—11:30

Please bring a piece of clothing or an accessory, a purse, shoes, etc or a photo of said item, and then share the story that goes with it.

We will share with those at our table, the memory behind the piece we bring and why it is important in our life. (More details on page 3)

Come ready to share, laugh and learn about the other members in our group. Contact Marlene Shaklan, mshaklan@bellsouth.net, to reserve your space



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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>



Tell your friends “Happy Birthday” and honor them with a gift to GEM.

March Birthdays

Carol McLimans	1
Peg Steiner	3
Janet Graham	11
Wendy Owen	17
Lynette Miller	17
Ellen Nutter	24
JoAnne Setzer	25
Eleanor Walther	25
Marilyn Kolton	26
Sharon Kopstein	31
Jean Bailey	31
Bobby Carney	31

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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 East Carolina University MA Language Arts, Education

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 Old Dominion University BA Studio Art/Art History

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

At the present time we 176 members strong.

The absolutely best time for a new AAUW member to join is in March! National AAUW has a **special “deal” for new members joining on or after March 15th**. The \$73 dues are then good for **15 months** – until June, 2017.

This is a perfect time for all of us to be recruiters and to help build our Branch with new “blood”! Begin right now, talking up who we are and what we do locally in our area as well as Nationally and Internationally. Once you get an interested prospect, call or e-mail Wendy Haner (wendyhaner@icloud.com) or Linda Beltran (linbeltran09@yahoo.com) to have a email sent to them with our information. THEN, invite the prospect to **come with you to the March meeting** where they will actually see what we do and meet our members.

Go to aauw.org and you’ll find all kinds of information.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Did you watch the Super Bowl? Like many folks I watched for the ads, but did you know that women represent nearly 45% of the football fan base? Because of this, along with women's significant purchasing power, more brands are rejecting sexist portrayals of women and opting for messages specifically geared towards women.

Check out the link below to see some of the most empowering and women-friendly commercials from Super Bowls past. Let's hope for more ads like these!

www.aauw.org/2016/01/28/super-bowl-ads/

Stay warm! Spring is coming.
Carolyn

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AAUW Branch meetings are 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

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

LOVE, LOSS AND WHAT I WORE

- ◆ What you wear and what happens to you are indelibly connected.
- ◆ Choosing what you wear as a child is one of the first expressions of independence.



This is the premise of the play, *Love, Loss and What I Wore* written by Nora and Delia Ephron and based on the book by Ilene Beckerman. The show is a scrapbook of stories about unfortunate prom dresses, the traumatic lighting in fitting rooms, high heels, short skirts and the existential state of having nothing to wear. The central point is not that clothes make the woman. It's that clothes make the woman talk.

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<https://youtu.be/SNCaRmklIBU>

INTERNATIONAL DINNER PLANNED



An IRISH dinner will be held at the home of Jan Schwartz on Saturday, March 19th at 6 PM for 20 guests, first come, first served. Registrants, please plan to prepare a dish of the country celebrated to serve 6-10 people; suggestions will be provided by the hostess. RSVP to Jan Schwartz at blucottage@bellsouth.net or 828-350-9533 or to Susie Preble susiephunk@yahoo.com or 702-5151

ADVOCACY GROUP REGISTERING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO VOTE

In support of the Asheville Voter Engagement Coalition, the Advocacy group and other AAUW members have been working to register to vote high school seniors throughout Buncombe County and Asheville city schools. We estimate that over 500 students have been registered in time to vote in the primary on March 15th. Prior to the passage of the most recent NC Voting Rights legislation this was done as the young people turned 18. It is no longer automatically done. Our thanks to Melissa Murphy who organized this project.



The Advocacy Committee will continue to partner with others in the community to work on voter registration and education. We meet monthly, and if you are interested in; joining this great group of women, contact Anne Sayers at annesayers432@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.

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 baritar16@gmail.com 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 lcmlillerstudio@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

