

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



MAY 2016

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| 1 | 2 CAB Books <i>Light Between the Oceans</i> Metro Wines on Charlotte St. niniabbott@gmail.com 4:30—6:00 | 3 | 4 Literatae Books <i>Between You and Me, Confessions of a Comma Queen</i> @ Shirley Quisenberry 103 Strawbridge Ct. Asheville shirleyq@yahoo.com 1:00 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Film Buds 5:00 | 10 | 11 Lunch Bunch RSVP Deadline Noon sherry-saerie@gmail.com | 12 Film Fans Noon | 13 Lunch Bunch Black Mtn Bistro 230 E. State St. in Black Mountain sherrysaerie@gmail.com Noon | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 History Group Field trip to historic Johnson Farm in Hendersonville Limit of 20 sherrysaerie@gmail.com 1:30 | 18 Photography Group auwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com 3:00 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Branch Meeting STEM Program by Christi Whitworth 11:30 | 25 Advocacy Group YWCA annesaers432@gmail.com 10:00 | 26 Tea Time Books <i>The Art Forger</i> @Andriette Kinsella's 47 Honeycomb Cir. Swannanoa andriettek@bellsouth.net 4:00 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |



Tuesday, May 24

First Baptist Church 11:30

Christi Whitworth, the education director for the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI), will be the speaker.

Details of Christi's background can be seen on page 5.

Election of board members and approval of revised by-laws are on the agenda as well.

Contact Marlene Shaklan to reserve a space mshaklan@bellsouth.net

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FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Can't believe this year has passed so quickly. This will be my final newsletter entry as your President, and Wendy Haner will assume this role July 1st. Our annual business meeting is set for May 24th when we will approve our new Officers and Board members and the revision of our branch by-laws. You should have received the draft of the by-laws by email. The list of candidates will be sent soon.

Wendy and I attended the AAUW-NC annual conference April 1-2, and came away with some good ideas for the coming year. Also, after reminding the group that about half of all members in the state are from our area, we offered to hold the 2017 state convention in Asheville, in partnership with the Hendersonville and Brevard branches. Stay tuned for this.

At the business session, a resolution was unanimously passed to affirm support for the equal rights of all our citizens and urge the NC General Assembly to repeal House Bill 2. The non-partisan Public Policy program of AAUW- National states that "No American should be denied the full range of civil rights and civil liberties due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. More on this can be found at: <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/position-on-LGBT-rights-112.pdf>

As a reminder, if you are not taking advantage of the many opportunities in our branch to participate in a project, committee or special interest group, you are not getting the most from your membership. I challenge you to invest more of your time and talent in the coming year.

And finally, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our branch over the past months. Thank you for the opportunity and your support.

Spring is here...enjoy!

Carolyn

AAUW BOARD CANDIDATES 2016–2017

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|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wendy Haner | President | Eleanor Johnson | Webmaster-Special Interest Groups |
| Open | President Elect | Molly Keeney | Newsletter Editor |
| Anne Sayers | Advocacy | Marlene Shaklan | Co-Vice President Programs |
| Eleanor Lane | Public Policy | Susan Grabel | Co-Vice President Programs |
| Linda Beltran | Co-Vice President, Membership | Marilyn Kolton | Gem Representative |
| Open | Co-Vice President, Membership | Carolyn Worthington | Past President |
| Laurie Powell | Treasurer | | |

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, May 24 First Baptist Christi Whitworth Education/STEM

A SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 7

AAUW Advocacy wants to make sure you are aware that on June 7, NC will have a second Primary to elect each party's candidates for Congress. In February, the NC Legislature redrew the Congressional Districts as a result of a court finding that the existing Districts were illegally drawn. November will be the final election to determine who represents each of us in congress. Go to Buncombe County Board of Elections web site to learn more about the election and the candidates.



If you would like to join our group, our next meeting will be

May 25 at 10:00 at the YWCA.

Contact Anne Sayers for more information at annesayers432@gmail.com.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW—PRACTICE SOMETHING OLD

Asheville AAUW and Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity's WB (Women Build) program are natural partners. Both have the interest of all women at heart, and both work to promote the welfare of all women. So, if you have ever wanted to hit anything really hard - 'uh like a nail with a hammer, join us for a day with Asheville Area Habitat's WB. Never fear, what you think you can't do is a myth and you will learn what you don't know.



Asheville Area Habitat builds one WB house a year. This year, the volunteer calendar for the house starts in May and ends in July. We are proposing that an AAUW group volunteer for one day this year. Because the work calendar fills up very quickly, the only days now available to us are Saturdays so I have scheduled AAUW's group for June 18 for 7 slots which means 7 of you can sign up. If more of you want to do it I can tell you how to sign up individually.

Practical info: We are asked to be there by 8:30 for the safety talk. There are scheduled morning & afternoon breaks and a half-hour lunch. **BYOL & WATER.** You should, of course, take whatever breaks you need and if you'd rather not do a particular task, just say so. Standard crew is 8 people and I would plan to work that day as well. So, if you are interested, please send your name, email & phone number to Joyce Davis at jd2d@bellsouth.net

For more information contact: womenbuild@habitat.org and http://www.habitat.org/wb/wb_history.aspx <http://www.habitat.org/how/historytext.aspx> for history of Habitat for Humanity and HFHI www.ashevillehabitat.org for Asheville's Habitat affiliate.

AAUW MEMBERS SHARE NEWS

The **GEM Fundraising Committee** will have a Fall fundraising event, an **Upscale Garage Sale**. It will be held at the Beaver Dam Fire Station, 450 Beaver Dam Road on October 15th, 2016. We will be asking for volunteers and, of course, stuff to be placed in the sale. If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Karen Mauro at 828 891 5963 or ktminnc@gmail.com.

AAUW-Asheville branch is very proud of our involvement with the YWCA. The Empowerment Child Care and Getting Ahead (formerly Drop In Day Care) programs has helped over 200 parents find jobs, pursue education and secure vital social services. Together with your support we are building a stronger community. One woman stated, "Bringing my daughter to the YWCA has been one of the best choices I've ever made. Not only did the YWCA help me with free child care and valuable parenting and life skills, they helped me find a place to call home."



Our continued support whether through dollars or volunteering empowers women to find jobs, pursue education, and keep their families out of poverty. Unfortunately, there are still countless families who are struggling in our community, lets us all support building a stronger community by volunteering at **The Empowerment Child Care Program at the Asheville YWCA.**

CHRISTI WHITWORTH IS OUR SPEAKER FOR MAY

Christi Whitworth, the education director for the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI), will be the featured speaker at the AAUW branch meeting.

Whitworth has been instrumental in having PARI designated not only as the [North Carolina](#) host of the National Girls Collaborative Project (with which AAUW has long been associated) but also as one of only 10 "museums" in the country (and the only one in [North Carolina](#)) to host the popular PBS initiated SciGirls program.

While the National Girls Collaborative Project aims to bring together providers of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs with organizations seeking STEM activities for girls, the SciGirls program targets girls ages 9-14 with monthly programming on a variety of topics. Sci-Girls programs are open to all area girls; no prior participation in Sci-Girls is required.

After being developed as a NASA tracking station in 1963 (October marked its 50th anniversary) and then evolving into a Department of Defense center for satellite data collection, PARI is now a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to providing hands-on educational and research opportunities for a broad cross-section of users in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines. Besides the programs targeted toward girls, Whitworth manages other educational programs and research activities geared towards high school and college students and teachers, often in collaboration with scientific professionals.

MEMBER SERVICES BEING OFFERED AT THE GEM FUNDRAISER FERNIHURST ON AB-TECH CAMPUS—JUNE 5—4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

1. Millie Massey- Pet sitting \$30 min bid- 3 nights
2. Jill Preyer - 2 night at Jill's Air BNB
3. Cathy Battle- Kitchen Blender Handmade Paper workshop 4 Or 5 people
4. Beth Ellers- Mini Film Appreciation workshop with pizza and popcorn at Beth's house -6 people
5. Marilyn Kolton- Nature Hike
6. Molly Keeney- Pottery workshop
7. Helen McClintock and Karen Mauro- Picnic and Games at Karen's farm
8. Alice Doner and Nini Abbott- Margaritas and Mexican train

Raffle Items for the Fundraiser

Asheville Tourists Tickets

Dinner for 2 at Chestnut

Flat Rock Playhouse Tickets

Metro Wines Wine Tasting

Moe's Gift Certificate

Well Bred Bakery gift certificate

NC Stage Tickets

GEM SHARES NEWS AND REMINDERS

Join us for a
"Celebration in Black & White,"
 as the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville
*Honors 14 Years of Supporting
 Higher Education for Women*

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
 4 — 6

At the Historic Fernihurst Mansion
 on the A-B Tech Campus



*Guests are encouraged to wear black and/or white, with or
 without a splash of color — or, of course, whatever suits you —
 just join in the festivities for a great cause!*

Dollars for Scholars

Every month Jeanne Smolkin sends out an email with a link to Survey Monkey. This is NOT a survey, so please don't delete the message. Instead, open it up to find a list of branch members with birthdays that month. You will have the opportunity to check the names of those to whom you would like Jeanne to send a special GEM birthday card in honor of their birthday. You can also designate non-members to whom you would like a card sent. Contributions can be as low as \$10 and it's a wonderful way to honor your friends and loved ones on their birthday, as well as donate a bit to a GEM scholarship. Cards are created especially for GEM by branch member Alice Doner, who says that she is always so glad to get her own card from member friends. The program is in its second year and, so far, has netted over \$10,000 over two years — that's 10 scholarships! So, please, keep those cards coming.



*If this is you, we can help:
 coming in October, GEM will be hosting*

*"Treasures from the Attic:
 an Upscale Garage Sale"*

*at the firehouse on Beaver Dam Road. So
 gather your treasures — household items,
 books, CD's, knick-knacks, kitchen ware, etc. — and save
 them for the fall sale. More information coming in June.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENEWING AAUW MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

It is simple to renew on-line! It is simple to do this donation! Follow these steps:

Go on-line to <http://www.aauw.org/>

- Click “login” at the top of the page, enter your member id and password, or click “need to register” if it’s your first time logging in to the national site. (Registering will require a few extra steps, including confirming via email before proceeding.)
- Click on Member Services Database (MSD) toward the bottom of the page.
- Click on “Enter the MSD” (green rectangle)
- Click on “Enter Member Services Database” Note the buttons on the left of the page.

To donate to the Ann Chipley Fund, Click on Individual Contributions.

The third line down is “Fellowships”

Click on the drop-down box , then click on AAUW-Chipley, Ann (1996-97).

Fill-in your donation amount and hit the “Next” button at the bottom of the page.

You will see your donation information and also may then designate an “Honoree” if you desire.

You will be asked to pay by credit card.

To renew membership, Click on “Renew My Membership” at left.

You will be asked to pay dues by credit card.

If you need help, call AAUW Member Hotline (800) 326-2289.

Prefer to renew by check? Be sure to use the memo line on your check. “\$73 for Dues; \$XX for “AAUW-Chipley, Ann (1996-97).” Make your check payable to AAUW and mail to our Treasurer Laurie Powell, 15 Harrison Hill Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778. Use t

Please update any changes/corrections to your contact information for the directory by emailing corrected information to Linda Beltran: linbeltran09@yahoo.com



At our April Branch meeting B.A. Schenk (left) showed off her Condom Couture outfit she bought at a Planned Parenthood fundraiser. And Shirley Quisenberry (right) shared a story that she had gotten married in her senior year at University of Nebraska. It was 1949 and she was dressed up for her honeymoon when she ran into the university Chancellor at the train station. Had that happened one year earlier, he would have had to expel her from school as married women were not allowed to attend.

We’ve come a long way baby!



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.

History Study Group: Open to all AAUW members. Field trips to sites of historical interest will be planned, and meetings with speakers knowledgeable on a variety of subjects of historical significance will be sought and scheduled. Meetings and trips will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meeting times will be variable based on tour and/or speaker schedules. Contact Sherry Brown of information and reservations. sherrysaerie@gmail.com

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 jmolkin@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 lcmlisterstudio@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.