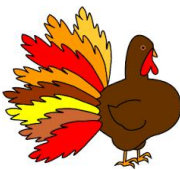


# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TU	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>Buried Giant</i> @ Metro Wines 169 Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> <b>4:30</b>	3	4 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>The Rosie Project</i> @ Jayne Gallinger's 23 Cedar Court Asheville <a href="mailto:jgallinger@charter.net">jgallinger@charter.net</a> <b>1:00</b>	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Film Buds</b> <b>5:30</b>	10	11 International <b>Dining</b> Planning meeting at Atlanta Bread on Merrimon <b>2:00</b> <a href="mailto:Pkutay1@gmail.com">Pkutay1@gmail.com</a>	12 <b>Film Fans</b> <b>Noon</b>	13 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> Travinia 264 Thetford St. Biltmore Park <b>Noon</b> RSVP by 11/11 to <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a> 828-357-8455	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Photography Group</b> @ Lynette Miller's 295 Ninth St. Black Mountain RSVP Lynette Miller <a href="mailto:lcmlerstudio@gmail.com">lcmlerstudio@gmail.com</a> <b>3:00</b>	19 <b>Tea Time Books</b> <i>Shadow Tag</i> @ Jo Yates's 104 Cambridge Rd. <a href="mailto:joyates4@gmail.com">joyates4@gmail.com</a> <b>4:00</b>	20 <b>Branch Meeting</b> <b>Sierra Club</b> <b>11:30</b>	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30					

## AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Friday, November 20th—11:30 A.M.

First Baptist Church

**Speaker:** Kelly Martin, senior campaign representative for the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Coalition that is working to build a clean energy future for North Carolina.

RSVP to [ktminnc@gmail.com](mailto:ktminnc@gmail.com)

\$12 at door for lunch or free without lunch

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*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!

Sandy Bernard	11/10
Edith Bryan	11/30
Lynda Feldman	11/29
Shelley Freeman	11/15
Tina Garrett	11/30
Joel Goodman	11/30
Patricia Grace	11/17
Rebecca Heartz	11/11
JoAnn Horton	11/28
Sylvie Horvath	11/12
Elizabeth Johnson	11/15
Karen Mauro	11/17
Roberta Madden	11/19
Mara Pasternack	11/5
Monika Schroeder	11/12
Rudi Simko	11/25
Kay Stockdale	11/3

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!****DOEBBER, LYNNE JOAN**

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**NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

All of the new 2015-16 directories have been mailed or handed out to our members. If you haven't received a new directory please contact Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership and she will be happy to get you one quickly. Our membership continues to climb and at the present time we have "165". Let's keep the momentum going.

Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership, [wendyhaner@icloud.com](mailto:wendyhaner@icloud.com)

Judy Nelson, Co-VP of Membership, [heyjude51445@gmail.com](mailto:heyjude51445@gmail.com)

**CALLING ALL INTERNATIONAL DINERS**

If you think discovering new cuisines and discussing the people, politics and culture of other countries is a great way to spend an evening, then send me an email and join the International Dining Group. Everyone in AAUW is invited, but seating is limited and members on the International List are the first to receive notice of the country, time and place.

Dinners are typically held at a member's home and are potluck with menus and recipes suggested (or provided) by the host. There's no charge and you may bring a guest and are encouraged to share your travel and culinary experiences.

If you want to find out more about the group, make suggestions for upcoming dinners or be a host **join me and my co-chair, Jeanne Smolkin, at Atlanta Bread at 2 pm on Monday, November 9th**. Send me an email if you're coming. If you can't make that date, please send an email to me and I will be sure your name is on the list for upcoming dinners and priority seating!

Pat Kutay, [pkutay1@gmail.com](mailto:pkutay1@gmail.com) and Jeanne Smolkin, [jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com)

## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends,

As the late Yogi Berra said "You can observe a lot just by watching." As incoming President I have been watching our Branch board, GEM board, and other members in action, and realizing why I am proud to be a part of AAUW Asheville. I see that members who get the most from their membership are those who give of themselves. Whether preparing our newsletters, enlisting and orienting new members, volunteering for childcare at the YWCA, leading task forces, participating in special interest groups and activities, sending birthday or condolence cards, or planning meetings and events, our members are giving their time and talents and getting things done!

If you are new to AAUW you will see that there are many ways to be involved and make a difference. Read the newsletter, talk with the Board and fellow members, join one or more special interest groups, volunteer, suggest something new, make a new friend-----whatever you choose, just do it! It really is true that you only get back what you put into your membership. I hope you will find your place here and know that you belong to a worthwhile group that has a lot to offer.

I write this looking forward to seeing you all at our first Branch meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a great time to be in the AAUW.

Happy Fall, Carolyn

"There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers." -- Susan B. Anthony

**Carolyn H. Worthington, Ph.D.** (828)545-4466, [chwchw365@gmail.com](mailto:chwchw365@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, November 20	First Baptist	Kelly Martin	Sierra Club
Thursday, December 10	10,000 Villages	Friendraiser- late afternoon	
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	Hopefully date tba	Sierra Nevada
Tuesday, May 24	First Baptist	Christi Whitworth	Education/STEM
Sunday, June 5	Fernihurst	Fundraiser	

## AAUW ADVOCACY HOLDS IT FIRST SMART TALK EVENT

Ten AAUW members gathered at Metro Wine to learn and talk together about the history and current situation around voting rights in North Carolina.

Darlene Azarmi, with Democracy NC, led our discussion and shared a video about the Fusion Movement in North Carolina

**AAUW Advocacy will meet**

**December 3rd from 9:30 to 10:45 at Atlanta Bread Company on Merriman Avenue.**

As we move into the 2016 elections, we will be making plans for how we will work to increase and support voter registration and voter education. We welcome all new members.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Sayers at [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com)

## SENSIBILITIES FUND RAISER IS A SUCCESS

On September 22nd, Sensibilities Day Spa hosted a fundraiser for the benefit of GEM. Sensibilities donated 20% of their receipts for that day to our organization and we received a check for \$640. Jen Charlton, the owner of the two Sensibilities spas, located in downtown Asheville and Biltmore Park, chose our organization to be a recipient of one of her company's quarterly fundraising days because as she says "I think it's wonderful that you are providing opportunities for women to help themselves!"



Thanks to Jen Charlton and her company, Sensibilities, for her generosity and kindness in her donation to GEM.

## AAUW MEMBERS HAVING FUN AT POTLUCK AND GAMES NIGHT



Potluck at The Ramble

Games Night to Benefit GEM at Suzanne Harter's



## 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 Reed Creek Park near UNC-A three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at [robarb@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:pkutay1@gmail.com) or Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or [jmolkin@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

**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](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com) or email Lynette Miller at [lcmlerstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlerstudio@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](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).



## ZENTANGLE

At the June GEM fundraiser, six AAUW members bought into a workshop on the art of Zentangle. Cathy Battle instructed the group, and Portia Alexander hosted. At the left is evidence that it was a successful event!