

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## OCTOBER 2015

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4	5 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>Euphoria</i> @ Metro Wines 169 Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> <b>4:30</b>	6	7 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>Under the Wide and Starry Sky</i> @ Eleanor Lane's 201 Cumberland Ave. Asheville <a href="mailto:elane42@charter.net">elane42@charter.net</a> <b>1:00</b>	<b>Photography Group</b> Asheville Art Museum Wm. Wegman Exhibit <b>4:00</b> RSVP Lynette Miller <a href="mailto:lcmillerstudio@gmail.com">lcmillerstudio@gmail.com</a>  RSVP Deadline for Lunch Bunch—Noon	8	9 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> Chestnut's 48 Biltmore Ave. <b>Noon</b> <b>RSVP by 9/9 to</b> <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a> 828-357-8455	10
11	12 <b>Film Buds</b> <b>5:30</b>	13	14	15 <b>Film Fans</b> <b>Noon</b>	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22 <b>Tea Time Books</b> <i>Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that can't Stop Talking</i> @ Barbara Mayer's 100 Wesley Dr. #706 <a href="mailto:bmayer8804@aol.com">bmayer8804@aol.com</a> <b>4:00</b>	23	24	
25	26	27 Branch Mtg.	28	29	30	31	

## AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, October 27

11:30 A.M.

First Baptist Church

Terry Van Duyn

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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!**

Portia Alexander	10/19
Cathy Battle	10/11
Cynthia Earle	10/6
Beth Ellers	10/25
Barbara Griswold	10/27
Wendy Haner	10/30
Mary Ellen Lewis	10/4
Jennifer Kantonen	10/25
Jan Clarkson King	10/23
Marion Mathews	10/9
Edith Moubray	10/26
Katie O'Neil	10/3
Anne Sayers	10/10
Norma Snap	10/21
Ann Clarke Snell	10/10
Jauanita Spangole	10/17
Yvette Wessel	10/25
Alice Wutschel	10/23

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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We are off to a great start for 2015/2016 and we are ready to kick into high gear as we move into the start of October. Judy and I want to share with you some wonderful news that at the beginning of September we are 161 members strong and growing every month. We are the second largest AAUW branch in the state of North Carolina.

For the last three months we have had 7 new members apply for membership. I will continue to notify everyone as we get new members via email. We want to acknowledge and tip our hats to our branch members that continue to recruit new members for our branch. They are: Susan Gabel, Ann Snell, Cathy Battle, Meredith Miller, Karen Mauro, Ruth Slawson, Jill Preyer, Ann Reis, Nini Abbott, Eleanor Johnson and Carol Taylor. A BIG Thank you to each of you. We continue to look forward to adding more members as our year progresses.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success". Henry Ford

Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership  
Judy Nelson, Co-VP of Membership

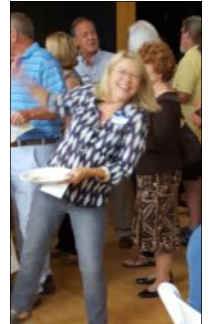
## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

*Greetings Fellow Members,*

*The annual Potluck on September 20th was a huge success! There were nearly 100 attending and sharing delicious homemade goodies. Many thanks to all who participated, and especially to Marlene Shaklan and Karen Mauro for "producing" the event at such a beautiful venue - The Ramble. The Potluck marks the beginning of our service year and the continuation of our 100th anniversary celebration.*



*The 2015-2016 Member Directory was distributed to all attendees. The rest will be given out at the special interest group meetings, or mailed. Our thanks go to Membership co-chair Wendy Haner, who compiled the member's information from renewals and new applications, and to Helen McClintock, who created the booklet and had it printed. It's an invaluable resource, so keep yours handy for reference about the branch meetings, special interest groups, and contact information.*



*The Board of Directors met on September 8th and voted to co-sponsor two events: the City Council Candidate Forum on October 20th, 5:30-7:00 pm at the Grant Center, and the 2015 Voter Guide. The Board also voted to extend honorary membership to the YWCA Director, GEM recipients and affiliated college students.*

*I hope to see you all at the first Branch meeting on Tuesday, October 27th. In the meantime, enjoy these beautiful, lingering days of summer.*

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

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## 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**

Tuesday, October 27	First Baptist	Terry Van Duyn	ERA
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	

## **CHANGE OF DATE FOR " SMART TALK SERIES"**

Our first session, SMART TALK: VOTING RIGHTS, will focus on the historical and current challenges to voting rights in NC. We will be joined by Darlene Azarmi, Western NC Organizer with Democracy North Carolina. She will share with us a new video done by the Duke Center on Documentary Studies and Democracy NC that portrays the historical and current picture of voting rights in NC. She will give us an update on the current challenges to the NC Voting Law and where we go from here. We will discuss the critical right to vote and the pros and cons of the current law governing North Carolina.

**Tuesday October 13th from  
4:30 to 6:00  
Metro Wines on Charlotte Street**

RSVP to Jan Schwartz at [blucottage@bellsouth.net](mailto:blucottage@bellsouth.net).

## **GETTING READY TO VOTE IN THE ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

AAUW will be one of the co-sponsors for the Asheville City Council Election Voter Guide to be distributed to help you know the positions of the candidates running for city council. It will be published in the Mountain Express so make sure you review what they have to say.

Also, we will be one of the co-sponsor for a

**Candidate Forum  
October 20 from 5:30 to 7:30  
Wesley Grant Center at 285 Livingston Street**

The Advocacy Group hopes these opportunities will provide opportunities to help you be informed.

## **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 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 [jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto: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](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).

## PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST GROUP

**Field Trip**  
Asheville Art Museum  
William Wegman Exhibit  
Wednesday, October 7th  
4:00 p.m.

RSVP to Lynette Miller at [lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com)

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