



AAUW Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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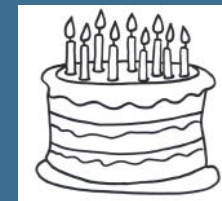
Membership News Linda Beltran

Wonderful news—Jan Huskey is our new Co-Vice President of Membership.! She relocated to Asheville and joined AAUW in April! Jan brings a very positive attitude and a wealth of organizational skills to this position. We also have a newly formed Membership Committee: Nini Abbott, Kitty McKeithen and Jean Toxen! They will be supporting our growing membership!

Membership Events for October: New and Prospective Members Social at the YWCA on **October 11th**. Members-At-Large Invitation to the **October 25th** Branch Meeting; Members-At-Large belong only to the national level of AAUW and we have extended an invitation to those living in our area to meet us at the upcoming branch meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

<p>BALSANEK, JUDY 299 Whitfield Lane Weaverville, NC 28787 Michigan State University University of Nebraska</p>	<p>616-510-6073 © 828-680-1256 (H) jbalanek@sbcglobal.net BA Education MSW</p>	<p>Judy recently moved to Weaverville and was in the Tar Heel Branch previously and has been a member of AAUW since 1994. She is interested in STEM for the empowerment of women, Literatae and the Tea Time Book Groups, International Dining, Lunch Bunch and Advocacy.</p>
<p>PRESSMAN, BARBARA 1 Stuart Circle Asheville, NC 28804 Brooklyn College</p>	<p>954-309-8868 (C) barpress@aol.com BA & MA Early Childhood Education</p>	<p>Barbara was referred by both Wendy Haner and Beth Johnson. She is willing to help the Board and interested in social events, study groups, the YWCA Drop-In Center, Projects and Fundraising! She is moving permanently from Florida to Asheville after four years of summering in the area. She will arrive in October!</p>
<p>LANGTON, PHYLLIS 32 Clubside Drive Asheville, NC 28804 UCLA</p>	<p>828-505-1662 Phyllis.langton@gmail.com PhD. Sociology</p>	<p>Phyllis is amazing! She just published a book, "Last Flight Out: Living, Loving and Leaving," about her fighter-pilot husband who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. She is writing creative non-fiction after teaching for 47 years at George Washington University in medical sociology. She started her career as a nurse and continues even now her license for volunteer efforts. She is also interested in helping the Board, programs and the World Affairs SIG.</p>
<p>STEPHENS, CINDY 39 Sherwood Rd. Asheville, NC 28803 W. Carolina University East Tennessee University W. Carolina University</p>	<p>828-337-3011 (H) cstephens30@theFHC.net BSN, Nursing MSN, Nursing DNP, Doctor of Nursing Practice</p>	<p>Cindy is currently working in her field as a Nurse Practitioner. She is very interested in STEM and will be researching this topic on the National Website while she considers how she can help! She has indicated that she is both willing to assist and serve on the Board and she is interested in Public Policy.</p>



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

October Birthdays

- 10/4 Mary Ellen Lewis
- 10/4 Juanita Wagner
- 10/6 Cynthia Earle
- 10/7 Ann Clarke Snell
- 10/10 Anne Sayers
- 10/11 Cathy Battle
- 10/17 Juanita Spanogle
- 10/19 Portia Alexander
- 10/20 Meredith Miller
- 10/21 Norma Snap
- 10/23 Alice Wutschel
- 10/24 Christiana Gallant
- 10/25 Beth Ellers
- 10/25 Jennifer Kantonen
- 10/25 Yvette K. Wessel
- 10/26 Edith Moubray
- 10/27 Barbara Griswold
- 10/30 Wendy Haner

From the Branch President Wendy Haner

Greetings, Asheville Branch!

Welcome back as we celebrate our 102nd year with 168 members strong. Our AAUW branch offers interesting programs, community service and our fun interest groups. On September 18th we had a great turn out for our annual Potluck get-together and a big thank you goes out to BA and Gary Schenk for all of their help and coordination. At this event we were able to hand out our new directories to all present.

October is going to be a very busy AAUW month with our first speaker being Mary Grant, Chancellor of UNC-A. Be sure to make your reservations and pick up your directory at the same time.

This year we have several goals that we would like to achieve and I would like to call upon each you to help reach some of our goals. Our members are our strength and we need you all to continue our successful programs. Our main objective is to bring awareness to The Empowerment Child Care program at the YWCA. In this regard, there will be a donation box at each of our branch meetings so that we can give needed items such as art supplies, games, toys and clothes for children 18 months to 4 year old. Jan Schwartz has been so kind to decorate the box for us. We also are implementing plans to include a board member mentor for each new member at all of the branch meetings along with a hospitality table set up for new members high-

lighting each of the Special Interest Groups. With these efforts, our branch will remain strong.

I am so happy to announce that we have filled positions on our board they are:

Co-VP of Membership Jan Huskey to assist Linda Beltran

Public Relations Judith Chitwood

STEM Coordinators Cindy Stevens

We are working on a STEM collaborative effort with Hanger Hall Girls School for grades 6-8. More to come on this exciting project. The objectives of this program are to promote confidence and self-awareness in middle schoolgirls along with Common Core Math and STEM initiatives. Please let us know if you would like to become involved with this initiative as we reach out to our members to make this another wonderful success.

We look forward to another great year, with your help!

Wendy Haner, President of AAUW-Asheville

AAUW/Asheville October Branch Meeting

Special Speaker: Dr. Mary Grant, Chancellor UNC Asheville

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 First Baptist Church

5 Oak St., Asheville 28801 (3rd Floor Dining Room)

11:15 Meet and Greet, 11:30 Branch Meeting, followed by Lunch and Speaker

RSVP: susangrabel2@gmail.com 828-505-3826

Lunch reservation No Later than October 16th!

Please note: Members who reserve for lunch but do not attend still owe \$12, since AAUW is responsible for all ordered lunches.

Advocacy and Public Policy Eleanor Lane

This active and fun group meets the second Friday of each month . The next meeting is Oct.14, 9:30am, YWCA, 185 S. French Broad Ave, Asheville, and is featuring one of our own in AAUW Asheville: Robbie Madden, fighting 44 years for the Constitution’s “unfinished business”*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: “If I could choose an amendment to add to the Constitution, it would be the Equal Rights Amendment. I think we have achieved that through legislation, but legislation can be repealed, it can be altered.”*

Robbie Madden, who has devoted over half her life to fighting for the ratification of the ERA, concurs. She perceives that women will continue fighting battles on many separate issues until the Constitution guarantees equal rights. Robbie’s motivation stems from seeing her single mother working to support her four children and awareness of the discrimination her mother faced in the workforce. Her anger at this situation and other injustices, turned into a lifetime working for equal rights and the elimination of racism. Robbie’s pursuit of justice included her professional activities, 18 years with the YWCA Greater Baton Rouge (LA), and participating in organizing the Louisiana ERA Coalition. Upon moving to North Carolina in 2009, she co-founded Ratify ERA-NC and more recently helped to organize and serves as co-chair of the ERA-NC Alliance. The latter recently surveyed North Carolina candidates for the General Assembly and US Congress—and most responded, if elected they would cosponsor and vote for a resolution to ratify the ERA (see survey results for individual candidates: <http://www.era-nc.org/election-2016/>).

Alice Paul wrote the ERA in 1923 and the battle to get it ratified has continued for 93 years. Robbie is committed to continuing the battle until victorious.

* <http://www.equalrightsamendment.org>

The October 11th Board Meeting will be held at the YWCA on 185 S. French Broad , 2:00-3:30 pm

in their boardroom on the 2nd floor. We also will have a tour of the Empowerment Child Care program that AAUW helps to sponsor. October 11th

New Members Social, immediately following, 3:30-4:30pm

The YWCA Empowerment Child Care program is in need of donations; their wish list includes art supplies (paper, markers, glue sticks, colored pencils) books for

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” - Jane Goodall

AAUW TO CO-SPONSOR CANDIDATE FORUMS

Make sure you learn about the candidates running for county wide office and to represent you in your district by attending one of the three candidate forums being held in Buncombe County. INFO on page 10



EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 20TH

We are fortunate in Buncombe County to have 20 locations for Early Voting. It is easy to remember that seven Public Libraries throughout the county are sites for Early Voting to include Black Mountain, Fairview, Leicester, North Asheville, Pack , South Buncombe and West Asheville. The hours and dates of operation are available on the Buncombe County Election Services website.

Early Voting concludes on November 5th.

Standing Interest Groups and Activities

Please 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 & Public Policy Group: This group works to underscore AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls. We act as a liaison with the AAUW National and North Carolina Public Policy Programs and work locally to increase awareness and take action that brings about social change to improve the lives women and girls in our community. The Advocacy and Public Policy Group will support only issues that are non-partisan and align with national AAUW. For more information, contact Anne Sayers at annesayers432@gmail.com or Eleanor Lane at elane42@charter.net. New members are always welcome.

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 pot-luck, with menu suggestions from the host. Dinners are approximately every other month. For more information, contact 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 Jean Toxen at jtoxen@bellsouth.net or 828-891-2864 (H).

Lunch Bunch: The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering for lunch on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 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 noon the Wednesday before 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 1pm though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website aauwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lmillerstudio@gmail.com.

Tea Time Book Group: This book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 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.

World Affairs Group: A group for study and discussion of world events. Organizational meeting planned for Sept. 15 at 2:30 p.m. with location to be announced. Study meetings follow on the third Thursday in October, , January, March and May at 2:30 p.m. Additional information from Eve Miller (828)299-8107 or vehohio@yahoo.com.

Literatae Book Selections 2016-2017

NOTE: Meetings are the first Wednesdays of most months, at 1:00. Please RSVP to the host to let her know of your presence or absence. The discussion leader also brings goodies. Contact: Jean Toxen at jtoxen@bellsouth.net or 828-891-2864 (H).

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Date	Book	Host	Address
Oct. 5, '16	Dead Wake by Erik Larsen	Linda Beltran	At her clubhouse 11 Outlook Cir-Swannanoa 28778
Nov. 2, '16	Nora Webster by Colm Toibin	Caroline Briggs	Sweeten Creek area
Dec. 7, '16	The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander	Donner Lohnes	12 Marlborough Dr
Jan. 4, '17	The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro	Fusako Krummel	146 Hillside #42 28801
Feb. 1 '17	The Boys in the Boat by Daniel J. Brown	Mara Pasternack	64 Honey Locust Dr. Mills River 28759
Mar. 1, '17	Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates	Marla Drucker	
Apr. 5, '17	Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman	Judy Balsanek	
May 3, '17	Women of the Smokies by Courtney Lix	Jean Toxen	41 Sourwood Dr. Mills River 28759
June 7, '17	Book Selections	Pat Argue	107 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Mills River 28759

Tea Time Book Book Group Selections 2016-2017

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Date	Book	Location
Oct. 27	The Japanese Lover Isabel Allende	Barbara Mayer 100 Wesley Drive, Apt. 706 28803 277.5319 bmayer8804@aol.com
Dec. 1	Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Conner and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and... Linda Hirshman	Marilyn Kolton 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804 259.9461 ldwmkd@aol.com
Jan. 26	No Second Chance Harlan Coben	Rosey Bily 130 Lookout Dr. 28804 252.1210 robily@att.net
Feb. 23	The Nightengale Kristin Hannah	Janet Graham 25 Wesley Drive, Apt. F 28803 285-2585 dickgjang1@gmail.com
Mar. 23	When Breath Becomes Air Paul Kalanithi	Emily Quinn 112 Ballantree Dr. 28803 274.0716 daveandem.quinn@gmail.com
April 27	Orphan Train Christine Baker Kline	Janet Lance 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318
May 25	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry Rachel Joyce	Andriette Kinsella 75 Haywood St. # 713 Asheville 28801 243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
June 22	Book Selections	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com

Calendar Details

World Affairs

World Affairs will meet Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the River Ridge clubhouse. Great Britain and Brexit will be the discussion topic.

Please email Eve Miller at vehigginsmiller7@gmail.com if you are able to attend, or telephone at 828-299-8107.

All those interested in world events are welcome.



Lunch Bunch: Friday, Oct. 14, 11:30, at Strada Italiano, 27 Broadway, Asheville.

Reservation deadline Wednesday Oct 12, noon.

Sherry Brown sherrysaerie@gmail.com



History Group: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1p.m., St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock.**

Reservation deadline Thursday Oct. 13.

**October History Group Tour: The Sept. program was cancelled related to the gas pipe line leak and resulting gas shortage. I have re-reserved for October the program at St. John in the Wilderness Church in Flat Rock. St. John's is the first Episcopal Church established in NC in 1836. It continues to serve a congregation today. The history of St. John is very interesting, along with its beautiful cemetery with Civil War soldier graves. Albert Gooch, a docent, will relate St. John's wonderful historical story. An optional lunch is also planned at A Day in the Country Café at 11:15. Contact Sherry Brown sherrysaerie@gmail.com for information and reservations.

Photo Group

This month we've been concentrating on really *seeing* ; increasing our awareness of what we see to find beauty in the everyday. The images here are from our September field trip to the Botanical Gardens .

Take a look at how members—limited to what can only be found in the kitchen—transformed the ordinary into The Extraordinary on the [Photo Challenge](#) .

Join us next month, Wednesday, October 19

Contact Lynette Miller,

lcmillerstudio@gmail.com



Portia Alexander



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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 49

MON. OCT 3 @ 6PM

WESLEY GRANT CENTER

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

(unconfirmed) THUR. OCT. 13 @ 6PM (unconfirmed)

TC ROBERSON HIGH SCHOOL

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (2 SEATS)

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 113

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 48

(This forum has not yet been confirmed as of press time, 9/22)

Cosponsors include: American Association of University Women, YWCA of Asheville, Warren Wilson College, Carolina Jews for Justice, Spirit In Action, Western NC Community Health Centers, The Council on Aging of Buncombe County.