

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>In Wilderness</i> by Diane Thomas @ Pat Kutay's 68 Brookwood Rd. Asheville <a href="mailto:pkutay1@gmail.com">pkutay1@gmail.com</a> <b>1:00</b>	3	4	5
6	7 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>Serena</i> by Ron Rash @ Metro Wines 169 Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> <b>4:30</b>	8 Board Meeting ~2:00 Atlanta Bread Co.	9	10	11 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> Issa's Bistro 1 Battery Park <b>Noon</b> <b>RSVP by 9/9 to</b> <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a> 828-357-8455	12
13	14 <b>Film Buds</b> <b>5:30</b>	15	16	17 <b>Film Fans</b> <b>Noon</b>	18	19
20 <b>Potluck Supper</b> The Ramble 4:00—7:00 RSVP <a href="mailto:ktminnc@gmail.com">ktminnc@gmail.com</a>	21	22 <b>Sept. 22</b> <b>Sensibilities Day</b> <b>Spa</b> 20% of sales go to GEM	23	24 <b>Tea Time Books</b> <i>The Storyteller</i> by Jodi Picoult @ Juanita Spanogle's 19 Stony Ridge, Asheville <a href="tel:258-0096">258-0096</a> ; <a href="mailto:jspanogle@aol.com">jspanogle@aol.com</a> <b>4:00</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Kickoff Potluck Supper

Join your fellow AAUW members  
Spouses and Significant Others are Welcome

**4:00 to 7:00**

**The Ramble**

5 Valley Springs Rd. Biltmore Forest

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

**Volunteers are needed for this event and  
for the Spa Day on September 22. Contact Karen Mauro**

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**AAUW Asheville****Branch Board**

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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!

Robin August	9/22
Cindy Berryman-Fink	9/6
Anne Bonnyman,	9/2
Sherry Brown	9/21
Barbara Campbell	9/6
Judith Collella	9/12
Joyce Davis	9/30
MaureeFitzgerald	9/2
Judith Hoy	9/4
Beth Maczka	9/16
Melanie McClure	9/24
Linda McCracken	9/21
Laurie Powell	9/23
Linda Sokalski	9/21
Ruth Slawson	9/21
Joanne Swenson	9/28
Carol Taylor	9/16
Teresa VanDuy	9/21

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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Skidmore BA 1974, Social Work/Sociology

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## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

*Welcome to what promises to be another great year for the Asheville branch of AAUW. I am proud and humbled to have been chosen to serve as your president as we begin our second 100 years.*

*Started by 16 forward-thinking women on March 27, 1915, our branch has steadily grown in membership and influence over the years, and now serves as one of the largest and oldest in NC. Through the years, we have managed to keep up with the ever-changing and often challenging times, and the coming year will provide more opportunities to evolve and continue to make positive changes in our own and others' lives.*

*So, from myself and all our Board officers, thank you for your membership and support. We promise to keep evolving to serve you, and we ask that you take every opportunity to share your own time, talents and enthusiasm in service to this, our dedicated sisterhood.*

**Carolyn H. Worthington, Ph.D.** (828)545-4466, [chwchw365@gmail.com](mailto:chwchw365@gmail.com)

## AAUW BOARD SET GOALS FOR 2015–2016

1. Engage current members and attract potential members by offering educational, social and volunteer opportunities that address diverse personal, professional or community needs.
2. Join with individuals and organizations within our community to achieve outcomes that support the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
3. Promote and increase fundraising through the GEM fund in order to exceed the previous year's number of scholarships given to women.

## 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**

Sunday, September 20	The Ramble	Potluck	
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	

## AAUW ADVOCACY TO LAUNCH " SMART TALK SERIES"

As our community, state and nation move into a time of electing new leadership, gaining a more in depth understanding of the issues before us becomes more important. In an effort to address the need for greater understanding of policy issues, the Advocacy group is launching a series of group discussions we are calling, SMART TALK.

We invite AAUW members to participate in all or any of the three we plan for the 2015/2016 year. The purpose of these discussions is to enlighten and engage you in the issues before our community so that you are further enabled to take action, vote and/or address what concerns you.

The 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 NC.

**Our first session will be Tuesday October 20th from 4:30 to 6 at Metro Wines on Charlotte Street . Please RSVP to Jan Schwartz at [blucottage@bellsouth.net](mailto:blucottage@bellsouth.net).**

The Advocacy Group would like this very informative article shared with the full AAUW Membership. Given the support that our National AAUW has provided, we felt this would be important to share. We think it is critical for our government to be spending funds on Women's Health!

### **[Fact Check: How Does Planned Parenthood Spend That Government Money?](#)**

The government spends \$500 million a year on Planned Parenthood. Here's where that money goes, & how it's used. [Read this story](#)

## MESSAGE FROM GEM PRESIDENT, MARILYN KOLTON

As the school year begins, we can all feel proud of the women students who are GEM scholarships recipients this year. Thank you all for your contributions this year and for the past thirteen years. You have made giving scholarships possible and allowed GEM to increase the number of scholarships over time.

Please consider becoming a member of the Legacy Fund by providing a bequest to GEM or by naming GEM as a beneficiary of an insurance or retirement account.

Thanks, Marilyn— [LDWMKD@aol.com](mailto:LDWMKD@aol.com), 828-259-9461



## 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).

### NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OFFERED

- ◆ Open to any AAUW member with an interest in photography. (No camera required - amazing but true!)
- ◆ This is a new group in its formative stages; please contact Lynette Miller ([lcmlerstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlerstudio@gmail.com)) to share thoughts and ideas.
- ◆ Monthly meetings will have topics of interest relevant to photography (these might include history, tech tips, contemporary trends, creativity, occasional field trips, review of images - whatever you would like to know more about - we need your input!)
- ◆ For those who want to learn more about improving their images, there will be a monthly photo challenge
- ◆ Visit this blog site: [aauwphotog.weebly.com](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com)