

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## SEPTEMBER 2016

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			1 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> By Anthony Doerr Contact Jean Toxen <a href="mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net">jtoxen@bellsouth.net</a> For details  1:00	1	2	3
4	5	6 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>A God in Ruins</i> by Kate Atkinson Metro Wines on Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> 4:30—6:00	7  Deadline for Lunch Bunch @ noon	8	9 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 131 Main 303 Thetford St. Biltmore Park Sherry Brown <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a>	10
11  Deadline for Potluck <a href="mailto:SchreiberE@aol.com">SchreiberE@aol.com</a>	12  <b>Film Buds</b> 5:00	13	14  Deadline for History Group	15  <b>World Affairs</b> Location TBA Eve Miller (828)299-8107 or <a href="mailto:vehohio@yahoo.com">vehohio@yahoo.com</a> . 2:30  <b>Film Fans—Noon</b>	16	17
18 <b>Potluck</b> Living Well Center The Ramble 139 Valley Springs Rd Asheville 4:30—7:30	19	20 <b>History</b> St. John the Wilderness Church, 1905 Greenville Hwy, Flat Rock Optional Lunch 11:30 at Highland Lake Inn <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a> 1:00	21 <b>Photography</b> How to See with a Camera Botanical Gardens WT Weaver Blvd. Lynette Miller <a href="mailto:lcmillerstudio@gmail.com">lcmillerstudio@gmail.com</a> 1:00	22 <b>Tea Time Books</b> <i>On My Own</i> @Sherry Brown's 295 Ninth St. Blk Mtn <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a> 2:00	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**Annual September Pot Luck!**  
**Sunday, September 18th 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**At "The Loving Well Center" The Ramble**  
**139 Valley Springs Rd, Asheville**

**Spouses and significant others are welcome**

RSVP to BA Schenk [SchreiberE@aol.com](mailto:SchreiberE@aol.com) by September 11th

- 1) We need to know – how many of you are coming?
- 2) Which type of dish or drink you want to bring –  
Main course, side dish, dessert, wine, beer

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

President	Wendy Haner
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Find us on the Web at

<http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>

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

**September Birthdays**

Judith Hoy	9/4
Cindy Berryman-Fink	9/6
Barbara Campbell	9/6
Judith Collella	9/12
Diane Mooney	9/15
Beth Maczka	9/16
Carol Taylor	9/16
Linda Sokalski	9/21
Sherry Brown	9/21
Ruth Slawson	9/21
Terry VanDuyn	9/21
Laurie Powell	9/23
Ilona Sena	9/23
Melanie McClure	9/24
Joanne Swenson	9/28
Joyce Davis	9/30

**NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Directory for 2016-2017 will be available at the September 18th Potluck Dinner at the Ramble! We are also excited to let you know that you can now access Our Membership Directory for the first time on our web site: <http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>. You will find it under Members Only. It is the same information as you will find in the printed directory.

The board greatly appreciates Linda Beltran, Molly Keeney, Eleanor Johnson and Helen McClintock for all of their hard work in getting the information into a PDF format so it can be printed for fewer dollars and allow this to be put on our web site. We can now update information quickly and keep everyone abreast of changes as to new members and events.

There are a few changes that you will see in the upcoming directory. We have added a page of information "WHO DO YOU CALL". This is where you will find key people within the branch and their contact information quickly. You will also see we have included the address of the First Baptist Church for our newcomers. The Past Presidents Tribute and the County Elected Officials will be on our web site and not in the directory.

As you can tell we are excited about this new technology and hope that you will embrace it as well. If you should have any thoughts, questions, or comments - please call or email the Linda Beltran, Co-VP of Membership or our



**Great news! Lyn Miller has agreed to take over publishing of the monthly newsletter starting in October. Molly Keeney will send reminders and accept information for each issue. Thanks Lyn!**



AAUW members participated in Habitat for Humanities Women Build

## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends,

Once again the gavel has been passed, and I find it is now my responsibility, challenge, and honor to lead this incredible group of women as your President. As has been mentioned many times in the past, this is a rather daunting prospect but I embrace the opportunity. It is my goal that through AAUW, we will continue to grow, bring in new ideas and concepts, and have each of you satisfy your need, whether it's for learning, belonging, or giving. Your involvement with AAUW tells me that you have the Heart, Soul and Intellect to make this Branch the best it can be.

AAUW provides a myriad of menu choices for our members. We have an engaging slate of general meeting programs coming this year beginning with our wonderful Potluck Dinner at the Ramble in September. We are adding at least two new interest groups this year – History and World Affairs, which brings us to at least 12 groups in which members can participate. We also reach out to the wider community through our connections with the YWCA, League of Women Voters, RiverLink, and our new endorsement of Children First and Community in Schools.

Our state AAUW has challenged our Branch to incorporate two STEM based activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) into our yearly program. One is with a speaker on this all-important subject and the second would be to create a STEM event in cooperation with AB Tech Community College. We are asking for a member to step forward to help head up this important challenge.

At the present time, our membership has topped 155 members. Think of all the new friends we can make. With more members, hopefully we can continue to increase our support for our student scholarships through GEM.

Finally, I want to thank Carolyn Worthington for doing such a great job as President this past year and giving me an example to follow. I also want to thank each of our members. Whether you are on the board, lead or belong to an interest group, chair a function, attend a meeting or simply pay your dues, you are a vital part of what makes this organization great. Thanks again, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Wendy Haner

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 - Pot Luck Dinner at The Ramble

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2016 - Mary Grant, Chancellor, UNCA

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 - Chaplain Carol Dalton, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 - Friendraiser, 10,000 Villages

No January Meeting – 2017

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017 - Scott Dedman - Executive Director of Mountain Housing Opportunities

Thursday, March 30, 2017 – Tour of the Smith-McDowell House and lunch at AB Tech (Magnolia Building)

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - Connie Vlahoulis, Artist and Gallery Owner.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - Tammy Hooper - Police Chief, Asheville Police Department

Sunday, June 4, 2017 - GEM Fundraiser at Fernihurst

## 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 & 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](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com) or Eleanor Lane at [elane42@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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).

**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](mailto: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 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 Jean Toxen at [jtoxen@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto:vehohio@yahoo.com).