

AAUW ASHEVILLE

NEWSLETTER



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

DECEMBER 2012

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2  Internatl. Dining rsvp to Sandy Bernard, ssmrcb@bellsouth.net	3  CAB The Cove, Rash 4:30— 6 at home of Renée Levine rsvp to adoner@frontier.com	4	5  Friendraiser 11—3 rsvp	6	7	8
9	10 Film Buds Film & Location: TBA 5:30—7 	11	12  Adelante Room, Donoghue, 2 pm, at home of Fran Myers, Pat Argue, facilitator; rsvp to FJGmyers@bellsouth.net	13 Film Fans Film & Location: TBA 12—1:30 	14  No Lunch Bunch In December	15
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Standing Study Groups and Activities

☞ Remember to notify the hostess or group leader if you plan to attend this month's meeting so that they can predict attendance and so that you can be apprised of any last-minute changes.

- ◆ **Adelante 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 Fran Myers at 274-0976 or fjmyers@bellsouth.net.
- ◆ **CAB Book Group:** The "Cocktails and Books" discussion group meets downtown the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm for wine and conversation. To get more information or add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Alice Doner at adoner@frontier.com.
- ◆ **Evening Book Group:** The book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the homes of various members; all are welcome; for this month's location or to obtain more information, contact group leader Juanita Spanogle at jspanogle@aol.com or 258-0096 .
- ◆ **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; 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 group leader Beth Ellers at slark1@att.net.
- ◆ **Film Fans:** This film discussion group meets the first Thursday after the second Monday of each month from noon to 1:30 at the homes of members; film is the same as that discussed by the Monday Film Buds group; members bring their own lunch; open to new members; for the location of this month's meeting or to get more information, contact group leader Beth Johnson at JOHNSON1ea@earthlink.net.
- ◆ **International Dining Group:** The International Dining group enjoys great food and wonderful company. Participants learn more about the food and customs of different countries as they prepare and then savor meals from around the world. The group will meet 7 times this year. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Bernard at ssmred@bellsouth.net or 692-3620 or Debra Benjamin at debrabenjamin100@gmail.com or 650-0311.
- ◆ **Lunch Bunch:** The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering for lunch on the second Friday of each month at noon at a



*Bring a Friend and
Join Us at the
Annual Friendraiser*

*Wednesday, December 5
11—3*

*at the Governor's
Western Residence*

RSVP to Jan Schwartz
blucottage@bellsouth.net

*Put it on your calendar and
plan to bring a friend!*

Member Donations for Lunch: \$12

Non-member guests are welcome "gratis."

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 sherrysaerie@gmail.com or 357-8455.

- ◆ **World Affairs Study Group:** The study group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss selected topics in world affairs; participants meet at the homes of different members. Anyone interested in the wider world and how it affects all of us is invited to attend meetings. For more information, contact Eve Miller at vehohio@yahoo.com or at 299-8107.



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

The month of November seemed to just fly by and it's hard to believe December is already upon us. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and/or family and reflected on all your blessings and happiness. Over the weekend I thanked God for family first and then friends like you who are dependable, talented, dedicated, caring and fun. Good health, security and the end of the election season (with mostly good results) are up there as well. In all, life is good!

As I write this from my daughter's home in Florida I'm short on actual AAUW news. I can tell you that our membership continues to grow – we're close to 140 members this month. Our treasury is sound with about \$1,000 cash on hand. The sink for the YWCA drop-in center has been installed with the help of generous donations from Jeanne Smolkin, Jan Schwartz and Ruth Slawson and others. We should all be proud and thankful of our association with the YW.

I hope you're planning to attend the Friendraiser on December 5th at the Governor's Western Residence, located 2.6 miles up Town Mountain Road from College Street. This is an opportunity to

share our wonderful AAUW/Asheville Branch with our friends and neighbors. Enjoy a delicious member-catered soup/salad lunch, plus cheeses, fruit, breads, cookies and beverages. Lunch for members is a donation of \$12. Bring a friend or neighbor who might be interested in joining our group of interesting and dynamic AAUW women. Non-member guests can join us at no charge. Proceeds from the event will help our contributions to the YWCA child care program and to the GEM Fund.

See the announcement on the preceding page for details. If I don't see you there, I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

*Take care,
Molly Keeney*

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GEM NEWS

If you are a new branch member, please know that "GEM" stands for "Gaining

Educational Momentum" and pertains to our branch's unique philanthropic arm, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to support undergraduate scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed.

2012 marks our tenth anniversary. In 2002 we began with a single \$500 scholarship and it is through the amazing generosity of AAUW/GEM members and friends that GEM, in this tenth anniversary year, was able to award 12 undergraduate scholarships — ten \$1000 scholarships to A-B Tech and two \$1500 scholarships to UNC Asheville (UNCA).

In last month's newsletter, we began the practice of "shining a light" on one or more of our **GEM Scholars**, letting you see the real faces

of GEM and what your generosity supports. See below:

Tiara Edwards

Tiara is currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree program at A-B Tech. She plans to graduate in 2013.



Upon graduation, Tiara plans to transfer to UNCA to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. She then plans to attend Law School. "I have wanted to be a lawyer since 2004. I received my GED from A-B Tech in 2006. I am going to school to be a Civil Rights Lawyer. It is my dream," she said.

Tiara's interests are reading, sports and helping others.

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Bring a Children's Book to the Friendraiser

Members are requested to bring an unwrapped children's picture story book suitable for a 3rd-grade student. The book will then be recorded by mothers who are incarcerated. The book and recording will be given to their children to enjoy hearing their mother's voice while following the story in the book.



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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!**

Patsy Beyer	12/8
Bev Briedis	12/12
Marcia Flinn	12/3
Pat Howell	12/18
Eleanor Johnson	12/7
Mary MacQueen	12/25
Verna McGaughey	12/5

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome these new members who joined since the publication of the last newsletter; they will be great new assets to our organization. Please add their names and contact information to your branch directory.

♦ **Judith Rhodes —**

Judith graduated from Missouri State University with a BS in English. She is interested in volunteering for projects, public policy, and study groups. You can reach her at 79 Tacoma Circle, Asheville, 28801; 828-989-1200; e-mail address judithrhodes59@yahoo.com.

♦ **Correction re Rebecca Heartz —**

Correction: We got Rebecca's e-mail address wrong in last month's newsletter: the correct address is rbh@heartzlink.net. Please make this correction in your directory.

GEM News, continued from p. 3**AMELIA GARCIA**

Amelia is currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree program at A-B Tech. Upon graduation, Amelia plans to transfer to Mars Hill College to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.



"Having this degree will give me the opportunity to work one-on-one with children in need and with their families," she said.

Amelia's interests are exercising, reading and spending time with family.

To find out more or to make a contribution, find us on the branch website under "Scholarships" at <http://asheville-nc.aauw.net> or contact Alice Doner at adoner@frontier.com.

Or, just make out a check to the GEM Fund and mail it to **GEM** at

**4B Long Shoals Road, #135,
Arden, NC. 28704.**

Contributions to GEM are entirely tax-deductible.

MARY GIONANNIELLO

Mary is currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree program at A-B Tech. Upon graduation, Mary plans to transfer to UNCA to study education and Museum Curation.



"I feel my community would benefit from my education or museum curation studies greatly as we always need passionate educators and those interested in preserving art and history," she said.

Mary's interests are metal crafting, gardening and writing.

GEM Tributes in the Last Month

- ☞ In honor of Sandy Kaplan's birthday and all her wonderful contributions to GEM and its cause — Alice Doner
- ☞ In honor of the speedy recovery of a friend — Susan Grabel