

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER



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

DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CAB Angle of Repose Stegner 4:30— 6 at home of Renée Levine rsvp to haroldren-ee@att.net	 12/4: Friendraiser RSVP Deadline; rsvp to Susan Grabel, susangrabel2@gmail.com , 505-3826	4 Adelante Orphan Master's Son , Johnson 2 pm, at home of Shirley Quisenberry; rsvp to shirleyqberry@yahoo.com	5 Tea Time State of Wonder , Patchett; 4 pm at home of Marilyn Kolton; rsvp to ldwmkd@aol.com	6 Advocacy Group "Voting Rights, Then & Now" 2 pm, 1st Baptist Rsvp to andri-etteK@bellsouth.net	7
8	9 Film Buds Film & Location: TBA 5:30—7 	10 Friendraiser 5 — 9 rsvp	11	12 Film Fans Film TBA 12—1:30 River Ridge Apt. Club House 	13 No Lunch Bunch In December	14
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Standing Interest 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 leaders Fran Myers at 274-0976 or fjgmyers@bellsouth.net or Shirley Quisenberry, 828-285-2303 or shirleyqberty@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **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 Ruth Slawson at ruthslawson@hotmail.com or 545-3397.
- ◆ **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 to add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Peg Steiner at galaxpeg@hotmail.com. If you plan to attend, rsvp to co-chair Renée Levine at haroldrenee@att.net. Attendance is limited to 15 participants per session.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Happy Hikers:** This group meets weekly to take easy to moderate hikes at various locations in the area, as determined by the members. The group currently meets at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings, but the day is subject to change, based on the schedules of the members. Contact Nini Abbott for more information at niniabbott@gmail.com or 828-658-4195.
- ◆ **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. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Roach at 828-505-7939 or judyroach2112@yahoo.com or Andriette Kinsella at 828-686-3604 or andriettek@bellsouth.net.
- ◆ **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 sherrysaerie@gmail.com or 357-8455 and to get directions to the restaurant.
- ◆ **Tea Time (formerly "Evening") 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.
- ◆ **Women Who Write:** This group is for women who write short stories and/or memoir. They meet the third Thursday morning of each month at the homes of different members to share their creative prose and to give and receive constructive feedback in a non-threatening positive atmosphere. Group membership is currently closed, but, if you are interested in starting a second group or want more information, contact group leader Betty Paine at bettyjpaine@yahoo.com or 277-0542.
- ◆ **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 299-8107 or evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com. or LaDean Peterson, 828-650-3005 or LaDeanJune@charter.net.



Bring a Prospective New Member and Join Us for the Annual Friendraiser at the Governor's Western Residence

*Tuesday, December 10
5 — 9*

**45 Patton Mountain Road
(Limited Parking: carpooling suggested)**

**RSVP by 12/4 to Susan Grabel at
susangrabel2@gmail.com or 828-505-3826**

Suggested Donation for Members: \$12

Bring a prospective member as our guest!



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

At our last Board meeting, we decided that, because our Study Groups have become so diverse, a better all-encompassing name for them would be "Special Interest Groups." You will be seeing that new term used from now on.

Our November meeting was all about our fundraising branch, GEM, which supports undergraduate scholarships for women at local colleges. Marilyn Kolton, an originator of GEM, introduced our guest, Sarah Thornburg, a local attorney and a gifted speaker. Sarah gave a history of GEM, its purpose, and how we can easily amend our wills so that we leave a legacy to help grow our endowment for GEM.

Three of our scholarship recipients were present and each gave a touching account of how much they have benefitted from our generosity. I saw a few tears of admiration for these tenacious young women.

After the meeting, our new members got a chance to meet with representatives from all the Special Interest Groups and hear more details about what each one does. If you missed the meeting and you have questions, please email the interest group leader.

There will not be a regular Branch meeting in December, as the Friendraiser takes its place on December 10. This is our opportunity to get together to celebrate the holiday season and, even more important, to invite prospective new members. Please bring a friend or two who might be interested in joining our branch. The first prospective member is "free" as our guest; we ask that you make the \$12 donation for any additional guests that you bring. **Please be sure to RSVP to Susan Grabel at her NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS (susangrabel2@gmail.com) by December 4.** Also let her know if you need a ride.

There will be no Branch meeting in January; we typically take January off.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

*Take care,
Cathy Battle*

catherinebattle@earthlink.net;
828-348-0505



GEM NEWS

November's branch meeting focused on GEM's legacy program when featured speaker Sarah

Sparboe Thornburg explained ways to make it easy to include GEM in your estate planning. GEM Board President Pat Argue notes, "For those of you not at November's branch meeting, you need to know this:

By taking advantage of the **Charitable IRA Tax-Free Rollover**, you can make a gift to GEM and not have to include the amount in your taxable income. To qualify you must be aged 70 1/2 years or more and

- Transfer directly from your IRA to the GEM Fund,
- Transfer any amount up to \$100,000,
- Any amount you transfer can be counted against your required minimum distribution.

This distribution must be done before

December 31, 2013, so please consult your financial advisor and ACT NOW."

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.

2013 marks our eleventh 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 eleventh anniversary year, was able to award 12 undergraduate scholarships — ten \$1000 scholarships to A-B Tech and two \$2000 scholarships to UNC Asheville (UNCA). Next year we will be awarding a record 14 scholarships, with the addition of two \$1000 scholarships to A-B Tech.

Bring a Children's Book to the Friendraiser

Members are requested to bring an unwrapped children's non-chapter book suitable for a ten-year old. 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.





You Are Invited!

by the Branch Advocacy Special Interest Group
to two important events:

In December —

hear Minnie Jones* on

“Voting Rights, Then and Now”

Friday, December 6, at 2 pm
1st Baptist Church

*rsvp to Andriette Kinsella
andriettek@bellsouth.net
828-686-3604*

In January —

hear Treena Parker,
Buncombe County Director of Election Services, on

“New Voting Laws: Myths and Facts”

Monday, January 6, at 2 pm
YWCA (our Co-Sponsor)

*rsvp to Eleanor Walther
etbuckly5@gmail.com
828-658-9709*

* *FROM RUTH SLAWSON on December's speaker —*

Minnie Jones has given of herself to the Asheville area in civil rights and equal housing opportunities for the past forty years. Ms. Jones was awarded North Carolina's "Order of the Long Leaf Pine," one of the state's highest civilian awards, which has also been bestowed upon Maya Angelou, Billy Graham, and Charles Kuralt, as well as being the namesake and co-founder of the Minnie Jones Family Health Center in

Asheville. As a young woman, Ms. Jones moved to Asheville bringing experience working with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in voting registration drives throughout the Deep South. She continued to involve herself in Civil Rights in Asheville, becoming the first person to successfully integrate the Pisgah View Apartments. She went on to become the first president of the Pisgah View Residents Association and a tireless advocate for those residents. Ms. Jones also began the program for after school education in this community.

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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!

Patsy Beyer	12/8
Bev Briedis	12/12
Marcia Flinn	12/3
Ellen James	12/21
Eleanor Johnson	12/7
Patsy Keever	12/20
Mary MacQueen	12/25
Verna McGaughey	12/5
Kitty Schaller	12/15

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. We are 165 members and growing!

◆ Robin August —

Robin earned a BA in Human Relations from the University of Miami, an MSW in Social Work from Columbia University, and a PhD in Psychology from the University of Miami. You can reach her at

23 Laurie Lane; Asheville; 28806
[H] 281-4873; [C] 301-7394
murphy8@bellsouth.net

◆ Joyce Boehlen —

Joyce graduated from Cardinal Stritch University with a BS in Business. You may reach her at

303 Scenic View Knoll; Asheville, 28804
[C] 262-501-0125
boehlen51445@gmail.com

◆ Kathleen (Kate) Hendrickson

Kate graduated from Ursinus College, Pa, with a BA in Political Science; from Pepperdine University School of Law with a JD; from Georgetown School of Law with an LLM in International Law; and from the University of Miami School of Law with an LLM in Estate Planning. You can reach her at

323 Fennel Dun Circle; Candler, 28715
[H] 828-418-3104
Kate.hendrickson@ymail.com

◆ Patsy Keever —

Patsy earned a BA in Elementary Education from Duke University and an MA Ed in Reading/Education from Western Carolina University. You can reach her at

17 Braddock Way; Asheville, 28803
[H] 274-0114; [C] 712-1121
patsykeever1@gmail.com

◆ Judy Nelson —

Judy graduated from Western Illinois University with a BA in Behavioral Science. You can reach her at

50 Alpine Way; Weaverville, 28787
[H] 484-8405; [C] 678-756-6384
heyjude51445@gmail.com

◆ Terry Peters —

Terry earned a BA in Art History at Marymount College, an MAT in Art of Teaching at Sacred Heart University, and an MA in Special Education (Elementary) from Rowan University. You can reach her at

372 Pearson Drive; Asheville, 28801
[C] 646-265-9329
terryptrs@yahoo.com



Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to your directory:

- ◆ New e-mail address for Susan Gabel: skgrabel2@gmail.com
- ◆ New e-mail address for Jennifer Kantonen: jskantonen@gmail.com
- ◆ New contact information for Laurie Powell:
5114 Verde Vista Circle, Asheville, 28805
dapwls@aol.com



GEM Tributes & Contributions in the Last Month

- ☞ *In memory of Mother, Father, and Brother, Jane Green, Henry Green, and Henry Green, Jr. — Jansen McCreary*
- ☞ *Rebecca Heartz*
- ☞ *Sarah Sparboe Thornburg*

For information on how to contribute, find us on the web under "GEM" at
<http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>