

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## DECEMBER 2015

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		1	2 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>Euphoria</i> @ Fran Myers 718 Crowfields Rd. Asheville <a href="mailto:fjmyers@bellsouth.net">fjmyers@bellsouth.net</a> 1:00	3	4	5
6 	7 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>Ruby</i> @ Metro Wines 169 Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> 4:30	8 AAUW Board Mtg. Atlanta Bread South 2:00	9	10 <b>Friendraiser</b> Ten Thousand Villages 3:00—5:00	11 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> <i>No meeting</i>	12
13	14 <b>Film Buds</b> 5:30	15	16 <b>Photography Group</b> <i>No meeting</i>	17 <b>Film Fans Noon</b>  <b>Tea Time Books</b> <i>No meeting</i>	18	19
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## AAUW FRIENDRAISER

**Thursday, December 10—3:00 to 5:00**  
**Ten Thousand Villages, 10 College Street**

(Downtown Asheville, next to Tupelo Honey)

Closest parking deck across from Grove Arcade

Food, wine and cider catered by Anne Gibson, former GEM scholar at AB Tech Culinary School

RSVP to Marlene Shaklan [mshaklan@bellsouth.net](mailto:mshaklan@bellsouth.net)

\$10 per person for members (can bring one guest for free).

Additional guests are \$10.

**Bring an unwrapped children's book for Mother's Reading Program**

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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
Beverly Breidis	12/12
Marla Drucker	12/20
Marcia Flynn	12/3
Laura Greeley	12/2
Jane Hatley	12/26
Pat Howell	12/18
Ellen James	12/21
Eleanor Johnson	12/7
Patsy Keever	12/20
Mary MacQueen	12/25
Verna Mc Guaghey	12/5
Kitty Schaller	12/15
Linda Zang	12/4

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!****MOONEY, DIANE****(DOB 9/5)**

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Michigan State U.

BS Dual - Child Development  
Teaching and English/ Comm.**NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

We have received dues from 169 members to date! About a quarter of us met at the first program meeting and had a wonderful time listening to our Senator Terry Van Duyn talk about the importance of ERA and where our state is on this all-important issue.

The interest groups have started back and if you have not joined an interest group, please find something that appeals to you and get involved! It is the best way to get to know and enjoy our wonderful members! Our newest interest group is Photography and it was a real pleasure meeting with other women who are interested in this field. A big thank you goes out to Lynette Miller for organizing this interest group. To find out the date and time refer to the newsletter.

Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership, [wendyhaner@icloud.com](mailto:wendyhaner@icloud.com)

## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends,

*It was a snowy day, almost unheard of weather in Georgia, when my young son and I traveled 200 miles to Atlanta and marched with hundreds of others to the state capitol in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). That was over 30 years ago. Where does the ERA stand now?*

*The ERA was first introduced in Congress in 1923, then reintroduced every year until its passage in 1972. By the time the final deadline passed in 1982, 35 states had approved the ERA, three states short of ratification. For the first time since 1982, the ERA was introduced in the NC General Assembly this year where it remains stuck in the Senate Rules Committee. More than half of American citizens (women) still do not have constitutionally guaranteed equality.*

*AAUW is committed to passage and ratification of the ERA. Campaigns are active in several states, and Ratify ERA-NC is working to promote grassroots advocacy for ratification. Find out what YOU can do to support equality for women. 92 years is long enough.*

Contact Roberta Madden, co-chair of Ratify ERA-NC and learn more at:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/equal-rights-amendment>

*I hope your holidays this month are happy and memorable, Carolyn, (828)545-4466, [chwchw365@gmail.com](mailto:chwchw365@gmail.com)*

## 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**

Thursday, December 10	10,000 Villages	Friendraiser	3:00—5:00
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	Sierra Nevada Tour	
Tuesday, May 24	First Baptist	Christi Whitworth	Education/STEM
Sunday, June 5	Fernihurst	Fundraiser	

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

Ten Thousand Villages in Asheville is hosting a holiday shopping benefit for local non-profit organizations. From Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, not only will your purchase benefit artisans around the world, it will also help create change right here in Asheville. During those two weeks, mention AAUW at the checkout counter and 15% of your purchase will be donated to us.

Join us as we support our global AND local community; use your purchasing power to change the world through fair

trade! Ten Thousand Villages' mission is to provide vital, fair income to craftspeople in the developing world by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. The sale of these products helps to provide a fair wage for the artisans and enables them to pay for food, education, health care, and housing.

Ten Thousand Villages is located at 10 College Street across from Pritchard Park and next to the restaurant, Tupelo Honey. Their hours are 10-8 Monday-Saturday, and 10-4 on

## PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY REPORT

Have you ever wondered about AAUW's public policy program? There's an easy way to find out. Just go to our branch web page (asheville-nc.aauw.net). At the top of the page select ABOUT, then click on Public Policy line, and all the information on the 2015-17 National Public Policy issues will appear. You can even download the 2015-17 Public Policy brochure which summarizes all the information. For those members who want to get more actively involved in national policy and actions, our web page and the brochures give information on how to subscribe to the "Washington Update" and the AAUW's Action Network featuring the Two-

Minute Activist.

On the state and local level our AAUW Advocacy group, led by Anne Sayers, is focusing on four public policy issues. These include closing the Gender Pay Gap, passing the ERA by the NC legislature, voting rights, and the Affordable Care Act/Medicaid expansion. Anne and I would be delighted to have you join us on the Advocacy Committee as we bring about social change for women and girls.

Betsy Kirk, Public Policy

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## CALLING ALL INTERNATIONAL DINERS

International Diners is a special interest group with an entertaining slant—learning about other countries, customs and cultures through food. Dinners are held about every other month and are potluck, typically served at a member's home. Menus and recipes for dishes may be provided or suggested by the host, but suggestions are always welcome. Along with the country's cuisine, members can discuss history, attractions and travel experiences. Seating is limited and on a first come basis.

Attendees may bring a non-member guest. Members of the International Diners group will be sent an advance email for each dinner and then an announcement will be in the newsletter for the general membership. (Hint: It really makes sense to join the group!)

Late January	Available
Early March	Tentatively reserved, member to confirm
Mid April	Available
Late May	BA Schenk, France
Late June	Alice Doner, Spain
Late July	Tentatively reserved, member to confirm

If you are interested in hosting, want to get more information or wish to be put on the email of diners, please contact Pat Kutay, [pkutay1@gmail.com](mailto:pkutay1@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 [jmolkin@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

**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 [lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com).

**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).



Upstreamers at Work in November!