



*AAUW Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

# DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Teatime Books</u> <u>2pm</u>	2	3
4	5 <u>CAB 4:30</u>	6	7 <u>Literatae 1pm</u> <u>FRIENDRAISER</u> <u>3-5</u>	8	9 (No Lunch Bunch— Resumes 1/13) <u>Advocacy 9:30 am</u>	10
11	12 <u>Film Buds</u> <u>5:30pm</u>	13	14	15 (World Affairs SIG Resumes 1/19 ) <u>Film Fans 12pm</u>	16	17
18	19 <u>International Dining—6pm</u> <u>INFO</u>	20(History SIG Resumes 1/17) January Newsletter Deadline	21 (Photo SIG Resumes 1/18)	22	23	24 
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## AAUW Asheville

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## New Members

<b>SILVERS, Pamela</b> 340 Victoria Road Asheville NC 28806 Western Carolina Univ UNC-Asheville	828-398-7249 (W ) 828-273-8249 (C ) <a href="mailto:pamelajsilvers@abtech.edu">pamelajsilvers@abtech.edu</a> MA Educ-Computer Info BS Management	Pamela is our STEM expert at AB Tech and been in close contact with us! She is coming back to our Branch as a result of our invitation to the National AAUW Members-At-Large.
<b>DAVIDSON, Diana</b> 52 Biltmore Avenue, #400 Asheville, NC 28801 George Washington U. Connecticut College	<a href="tel:828-552-5532">828-552-5532</a> (H) <a href="tel:703-508-9612">703-508-9612</a> (C ) <a href="mailto:dianadavidson25@gmail.com">dianadavidson25@gmail.com</a> MPA Public Management BA Sociology/Asian Studies	Diana is interested in helping the Board occasionally and Public Policy!

### AAUW ASHEVILLE MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - ASHEVILLE

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan Huskey and Linda Beltran, Branch Co-VPs of Membership, met with Dr. Jill Moffitt UNCA Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The meeting resulted from a conversation at the October Branch Meeting. The objectives were to discuss how to develop an AAUW branch presence at UNCA. It was a very positive meeting and UNCA would like to partner with our branch in three areas:

- ♦ Career Counseling, probably related to the Start Smart National AAUW Program. This program is designed to empower women with the skills and confidence to successfully negotiate their salary and benefits packages. By learning strategies and practicing effective language, participants gain valuable skills they can use throughout their lives — well beyond their next negotiation.
- ♦ Sexual Harassment Training, possible be relating to the National AAUW “Ending Campus Sexual Assault Tool Kit.”
- ♦ Establishing an AAUW group at UNCA

This is a great opportunity for our branch. This effort goes beyond membership and will look at several National AAUW programs! There will be a sign-up sheet at the next branch meeting for those interested in helping us build our relationship with UNCA. We can make a difference by bringing our community to the students and faculty/staff at the university!



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

### December Birthdays

- 12/3** Marcia Flinn
- 12/5** Verna McGaughey
- 12/7** Eleanor Johnson
- 12/8** Patsy Beyer
- 12/12** Beverly Briedis
- 12/12** Julie Hettiger-Nelson
- 12/15** Catherine Schaller
- 12/20** Carla Barnard
- 12/20** Marla Drucker
- 12/21** Ellen James
- 12/26** Jane Hatley

AAUW has been at the forefront of research on issues of women and education for decades. As we all know voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. It is now, after this election that our real work will begin in earnest. AAUW will seek to find a common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. We all want progress on issues that affect them and we will be turning to the National AAUW to guide us in this direction. AAUW will continue to be a fair critic and valued ally and they will not hesitate to speak the truth to gain power. We all can stand for what we believe in and continue to have our voices heard. When the world is in chaos, we can still have our own inner peace and maintain a sense of calm in a sea of unrest.

Now to kick off the holiday season!!! Join us on December 7th for annual Friend-raising event at Ten Thousand Villages, where we will celebrate with food, festive ambiance and camaraderie with our members along with an opportunity to purchase gifts for our love ones. Thank you to Barbara Robinson and her committee along with all the fine volunteers who worked hard on preparing for this exciting event. This is

one of our branches major fundraisers and it is fitting that as we give, it is contributing to the overall good by helping worthy women meet their goals of completing a college education.

We can't afford to rest on our laurels through. Next up in March we will require a cadre of volunteers to make the day a success for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls as we offer the STEM Conference with Hanger Hall School for Girls – so help us push full steam ahead in 2017 and you can then relax in the spring. We strive to both ignite the interest of middle school girls in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering and math... as well as raise their awareness of the many opportunities that they have to choose from as they venture into adult workers.

“Life is short, and it's up to you to make it sweet.” — Sarah (Sadie) Delaney quoted in *Having Our Say; The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, by Amy Hill Hearth (1993). I hope that this season will be sweet for you. See you all at one of our upcoming events.

Wendy Haner

### SHAPE THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN AT FRIEND-RAISER

This national AAUW program helps branches recruit members. New members and students pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW on the spot at a public event. We are having our Shape the Future event at our December Friend-Raiser at 10,000 Villages. This is a WIN-WIN-WIN situation. Those who join get a great discounted membership of \$48.50 versus \$73. The 10,000 Villages organization will have more sales and in turn they will give our branch a percentage of the profits. There's another advantage for the branch as well. For every two new members who join, we will earn one free national membership. Our branch can decide to pay the dues of a current, new or lapsed member or thank a volunteer speaker. This is a great way to celebrate the season! Look for Jan Huskey or Linda Beltran on December 7<sup>th</sup>; they'll be wearing turquoise aprons and have membership information for the guests you bring!

## Advocacy and Public Policy

Eleanor Lane  
Anne Sayers

Did you know that 70% of Buncombe County registered voters voted in the November election and that 50% of registered voters voted early? Buncombe County had one of the highest turnouts in the state of North Carolina. In addition to volunteering to do voter registration and education, we had members who were poll protectors at a number of voting locations on election day.

If you are interested in how public policy affects our lives and want to be involved in advocating in our community to address areas of concern, please plan to join us at our regular meetings on the second Friday at 9:30 at the YWCA.

Over the next couple of months we will be planning our work for 2017.

For more information contact

Anne Sayers at [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com)

or Eleanor Lane at [elaine@northstarlane.com](mailto:elaine@northstarlane.com)

*"We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. "— Malala Yousafzai*



### World Affairs

World Affairs will meet **Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.** (please note time change) at the River Ridge Clubhouse to discuss the International Refugee Crisis. If interested in attending, please email Eve Miller ([evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com)) or call 828-299-8107.

All those interested in world events are welcome.

History SIG at  
Mountain Gateway  
Museum in Old  
Fort 11/15/2016



Wendy Haner and  
Cindy Stephens at  
Hanger Hall for STEM  
Project meeting  
11/15/2016

Film Fans discuss "A Man  
Called Ove" over lunch

11/17/2016





## Standing Interest Groups and Activities

*Please 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 pot-luck, 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 1pm though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website [aauwphotog.weebly.com](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com) or email Lynette Miller at [lmillerstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lmillerstudio@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).

## Cocktails And Books (CAB) Group Selections 2016-2017

This discussion group meets at Metro Wines, 169 Charlotte St. the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm for wine and conversation. For more information or to add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Nini Abbott, [niniabbott@gmail.com](mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com) Beginning in 2017, Anne Reis will be taking over as head of CAB [annereis2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annereis2@sbcglobal.net)

Date	Book
December	<u>The Underground Railroad</u> —Colson Whitehead
January	No Meeting
February	<u>A Land More Kind Than Home</u> —Wiley Cash
March	<u>Here I Am</u> —Jonathan Foer
April	<u>Commonwealth</u> —Ann Patchett
May	<u>Marriage of Opposites</u> —Alice Hoffman
June	<u>The Orphan Master's Son</u> —Adam Johnson

No matter how busy  
you may think you are,  
you must find time  
——— for ———  
**READING**  
——— or ———  
surrender yourself to  
self-chosen ignorance.  
- Confucius



## Literatae Book Selections 2016-2017

NOTE: Meetings are the first Wednesdays of most months, at 1:00. Please RSVP to the host to let her know of your presence or absence. The discussion leader also brings goodies. Contact: Jean Toxen at [jtoxen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net) or 828-891-2864 (H).

Date	Book	Host/Leader	Address
Dec. 7, '16	<u>The New Jim Crow</u> by Michelle Alexander	Donner Lohnes /JudyBalsanek	12 Marlborough Dr 28805
Jan. 4, '17	<u>Marriage of Opposites</u> by Alice Hoffman	Donner Lohnes /JudyBalsanek	12 Marlborough Dr 28805
Feb. 1 '17	<u>The Boys in the Boat</u> by Daniel J. Brown	Mara Pasternack	64 Honey Locust Dr. Mills River 28759
Mar. 1, '17	<u>Between the World and Me</u> by Ta-Nehisi Coates	Marla Drucker	
Apr. 5, '17	<u>The Remains of the Day</u> by Kazuo Ishiguro	Fusako Krummel	146 Hillside #42 28801
May 3, '17	<u>Women of the Smokies</u> by Courtney Lix	Jean Toxen	41 Sourwood Dr. Mills River 28759
June 7, '17	Book Selections	Pat Argue	107 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Mills River 28759

"I like best to have one book in my hand, and a stack of others  
on the floor beside me." —Dorothy Parker, *The Collected Dorothy Parker*

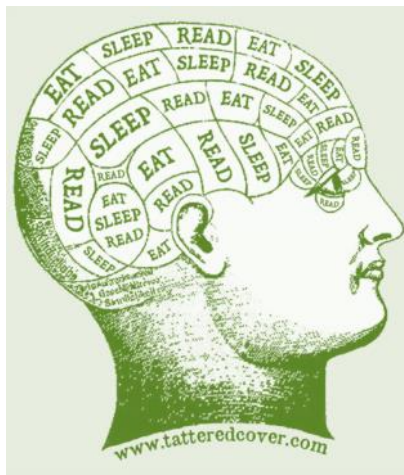
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ONE MUST ALWAYS BE  
CAREFUL OF BOOKS and  
WHAT IS INSIDE THEM, for  
{ WORDS HAVE THE }  
power to change us

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Date	Book	Location
Dec. 1	<u>Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and...</u> Linda Hirshman	Marilyn Kolton 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804 259.9461 ldwmkd@aol.com
Jan. 26	<u>No Second Chance</u> Harlan Coben	Rosey Bily 130 Lookout Dr. 28804 252.1210 robily@att.net
Feb. 23	<u>The Nightengale</u> Kristin Hannah	Janet Graham 25 Wesley Drive, Apt. F 28803 285-2585 dickgjang1@gmail.com
Mar. 23	<u>When Breath Becomes Air</u> Paul Kalanithi	Emily Quinn 112 Ballantree Dr. 28803 274.0716 daveandem.quinn@gmail.com
April 27	<u>Orphan Train</u> Christine Baker Kline	Janet Lance 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318
May 25	<u>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</u> Rachel Joyce	Andriette Kinsella 75 Haywood St. # 713 Asheville 28801 243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
June 22	Book Selections	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com



# Friend Raiser for AAUW Asheville Wednesday, December 7, 2016

**\*\*\*3-5 pm\*\*\***

**10,000 Villages in Downtown Asheville**  
**10 College Street**

Across from Pritchard Park and next to Tupelo Honey

This is a perfect opportunity to introduce potential members to our organization and to enjoy the company of current members.

Food and wine catered by  
Anne Gibson, a former GEM Scholar from AB Tech Culinary School.

Cost is \$10 at door (exact change appreciated) for members, with *one prospective guest-member at no charge*. Additional guests and spouses are \$10 each.

15% of any items purchased from Nov. 28 to Dec. 9th will be donated to GEM during this holiday shopping benefit. Please mention AAUW/GEM at checkout.

RSVP to Barbara Robinson  
[baritar16@gmail.com](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) or call [828-230-7113](tel:828-230-7113) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27th!

*Don't forget to bring a children's book for the Mothers' Reading Program at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. Call Marilyn Kolton at [828-259-9461](tel:828-259-9461) [LDWMKD@aol.com](mailto:LDWMKD@aol.com) for further information.*



## ***AAUW International Dining Presents***

### ***A Sunday Night at the Pub!***

***December 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm***

***Home of Wendy & Max Haner***

***5 Kimberly Avenue, Asheville***

***Warm your body and spirit this special winter evening with great friends and enjoy a fabulous selection of English Pub specialties: Beef tenderloin, Yorkshire pudding, meat and fish pies and sticky toffee, just to name a few.***

***Each member is permitted to bring one guest. Seating is limited, so make your reservation quickly.***

***Please contact Wendy ([wendyhaner@icloud.com](mailto:wendyhaner@icloud.com)) for recipes or your suggestion for dish to bring to this exciting international dinner. Contact Jeanne Smolkin ([jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com)) to reserve your place at the Pub.***

***Here is a sample menu:***

#### ***Appetizers***

***Sausage appetizers with mustards***

***Plowman – selection of cheese, Branston pickles, chutney, bread***

***Smoked Fish with crème fresh & lemon***

#### ***Soup Course***

***Tomato Soup with croutons***

#### ***Buffet***

***Beef Tenderloin & Rolls***

***Garden Salad with fresh poppy seed dressing***

***Braised Brussels Sprouts, Roasted Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding***

***Cornish Pasties, Chicken Tika Marsala, Shepard's Pie, Fish Pie***

#### ***Dessert***

***Spotted Dick, Sticky Toffee Pudding, Trifle***

***Sparkling & still water, tea & a welcome cocktail. You are welcome to bring additional beverages.***