

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 CAB Books <i>Wolf Hall</i> Metro Wines on Charlotte St. niniabbott@gmail.com 4:30—6:00	2	3 Literatae Books <i>The Signature of All Things</i> @ Fran Myers 718 Crowfields Lane Asheville figmyers@bellsouth.net 1:00	4	5	6
7	8 Film Buds 5:30	9 AAUW Board Mtg. Atlanta Bread N. Merrimon Ave. 2:00—3:30 &New Member Welcome Coffee 3:30	10 Lunch Bunch RSVP Deadline	11 Film Fans Noon	12 Lunch Bunch Pack's Tavern 20 S. Spruce St. in Asheville sherrysaerie@gmail.com Noon	13
14	15	16	17 Photography Group aauwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com 3:00	18	19 Branch Meeting First Baptist Church 11:30	20
21	22	23	24	25 Tea Time Books <i>The Boys in the Boat</i> @Rosey Bily's 130 Lookout Dr. A'ville robily@att.net 4:00	26	27
28	29					



Branch Meeting—Friday, February 19
First Baptist Church—11:30

**NC Left Me Out! The Affordable Care Act Won't Cover
500,000 North Carolinians. Why Not?**

Come to the Branch Meeting and learn the answers from
AAUW member, Kitty Schaller. See page 3 for more details.

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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>



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

Feb. 4 Lynn Harmon
 Feb. 4 Anne Reis
 Feb. 5 Maria Roloff
 Feb. 7 Fran Myers
 Feb. 8 Nancy Donohue
 Feb. 9 Millie Massey
 Feb. 10 Betty Paine
 Feb. 16 Nini Abbott
 Feb. 18 Betty Letzig
 Feb. 23 Jane Gallinger
 Feb. 24 Molly Keeney
 Feb. 25 Marion Mayfield -

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are extremely happy to announce that we have at the beginning of January 2016, 173 members strong. As of September we have added 13 new members. A big thank you goes out to Anne Reis, Meredith Miller, Betty Paine, Lynne Doebber, Susan Grabel, and Marlene Shaklan for your recruiting efforts. Let's keep our momentum going.

Check out all the current discounts included with your AAUW membership. With each purchase AAUW receives a royalty which is used to support our programs and services, including community programs, leadership development, and Branch resources. Be sure to access the partners' sites from the AAUW page and take advantage of the discount codes offered by some.

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FRIENDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS

We held our annual Friendraiser on December 10th at 10,000 Villages, had a great turnout, and raised money for GEM as a bonus. Sixty-three attended our December function including more than 10 guests. We had food, wine and cider provided by Anne Gibson, a former AB Tech Culinary School Graduate and one of the GEM fund scholars. It was delightful, and our thanks and praise go to Anne for doing such a wonderful job.

We have received a \$342 check for the GEM fund from 10,000 Villages as a result of the 15% pledge of proceeds towards our non-profit. The manager told me this was one of the largest checks they've ever written! That means that our members spent approximately \$2300 in the store! Of course, 10,000 Villages wants us to return in 2016. We also collected 2 boxes of books for the Swannanoa Prison program. It was an all-around success.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Greetings!

At our board meeting on January 12th it was decided that a board retreat will be planned for March. At that time we will review our updated bylaws and formulate long-range goals. It was also agreed that our nominations for the 2016-2017 board and committee members be made soon so that these individuals can be fully trained in their new responsibilities. Portia Alexander will be the board representative to work with the nominating committee (to be announced).

As we look ahead in 2016 I urge you to consider taking a leadership role or, at minimum, a more active role in our branch. In addition to the social aspects of AAUW membership, there are many opportunities for service to the branch and the community. If you wish to become more involved please contact me or any board or committee member to see where you may best contribute your time and talents.

Peace and love, Carolyn (828)545-4466, chwchw365@gmail.com

“Connection gives meaning to our lives. Connection is why we are here.” Rene Brown

p.s. As of 12.31.2015 we have \$4576.80 in our checking account and \$4101.23 in our CD.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AAUW Branch meetings are 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

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

NC LEFT ME OUT! THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WON'T COVER 500,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS. WHY NOT?

Kitty Schaller, an ACA Navigator, will discuss the plight of people who are too poor to qualify for health care coverage - - including 1000 NC people who will die this year without care. What? This law was supposed to cover everyone affordably. Beyond the human tragedy of illness and broken bodies, the state is losing billions of dollars and losing 25,000 jobs all because the NC Legislature decided the ACA would skip most poor people in NC. Come find out what can be done.

Please join us for lunch (cost \$12) and a lively discussion at First Baptist at 5 Oak Street, Asheville. Feel free to bring a guest. If you want to come and not eat lunch, feel free to come to listen and even bring a brown bag.

INTERNATIONAL DINERS GETTING ORGANIZED

**Love travel, adventure and learning about other cultures? Love to cook or organize or entertain? Love getting together with like minded people and sharing a delicious meal and great conversation?
Be part of the International Diners Experience!**

International Diners is a study 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 maybe 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!)

Dinner Schedule for 2016

Early March – Susie Preble & Pat Kutay

Late May - BA Schenk, France

Late July – Available

Mid April – Available

Late June – Alice Doner, Spain

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

THE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MET IN JANUARY



The holiday season presents lots of red opportunities. Color is an important element of composition, and depending on the context within which it is used, it can provoke varied emotional responses. Using a strong color like red can be an effective method of conveying mood in an image. Let's see what we can come up with for this challenge. Red could dominate your photo - or you could use red in a more subtle way to add creative interest to your image. How you interpret the theme Red is up to you.



Photos submitted in response to the December RED challenge above.

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.

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 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

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.

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 or Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or 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 and more information, contact group leader Pat Argue at 828-891-4521 or 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 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 or email Lynette Miller at 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.

