

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

FEBRUARY 2017

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5 <u>International</u> Dining	6 <u>CAB</u>	7 <u>STEM 4pm</u>	8 *Reservation Deadline for Lunch Bunch	9 <u>Film Fans</u> <u>12pm</u>	10*LunchBunch 11:30am Advocacy 9:30	11
12	13 Film Buds 5:30pm	14	I5 <u>Photo SIG</u> Ipm	16 World Affairs (next meeting March 6)	17 *History RSVP Deadline	18
19	20 March Newsletter Deadline	2 pm	22	23 <u>Teatime</u> Books 2pm	24	25
26	27	28 <u>Branch</u> Meeting 11:30				

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From the Branch President Wendy Haner

February is the month to honor friendship, love, and service. And it is in that spirit that I mention this as we begin to recruit members for the upcoming year to serve on the board. It is in that same spirit of friendship and service that I hope you will say YES when they call on you to help as they search for these positions. We have made some wonderful strides this year and we want to keep the momentum going as we make our branch the best that it can possibly be.

Our Asheville Branch has done a tremendous amount of work to catch us up to meet the goals of AAUW this pass 6 months, but we have new goals to meet and planning to do. Using materials and ideas from the national office, we are working on more goals for the Branch to strive toward in the next two years.

We have created 5 new committees that we are excited about and looking forward to adding more as the year progresses. At the present time, we have added the following with leaders that are strong in these fields. They are:

- Advocacy and Public Policy Ann Sayers and Kitty Schaller
- Diversity Eleanor Lane

- Nominating Committee– Barbara Robinson
- STEM Cindy Stephens
- UNC-A Representative Jan Huskey

We will create a strategic plan for this coming year and after having this approved by the board, our next hope is become an even stronger branch that we all can be proud of. Each of our efforts and goals focuses on helping women and girls to achieve their education, personal and professional aspirations.

We have a couple of great events coming up that I hope you will be able to attend. Our Branch needs the support of all of us in order to be successful so please keep your eye out for these upcoming events in March.

So I wish you a February filled with love, friendship, and continued service to our wonderful organization. I thank you for your continued support for without it, I would not be able to fulfill the duties as your President.

We stand stronger together, Wendy Haner

AAUW February Branch Meeting

Speaker: Mr. Scott Dedman, Executive Director, Mountain Housing OpportunitiesTopic:Affordable Housing in the Asheville Area

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 First Baptist Church, 5 Oak. St., Asheville, 2880 (3rd Floor Dining Room) 11:30 Branch Meeting followed by Lunch and Speaker RSVP: Susan Grabel at: <u>susangrabel2@gmail.com</u> or 828-505-3826 NO LATER THAN Feb. 20th!

Please note: You may attend the meeting without having lunch. However, members who reserve lunch, but do not attend, still owe \$12. AAUW is responsible for all ordered lunches.

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Membership News Linda Beltran & Jan Huskey

Reduced Membership Cost

New Members

Remember that AAUW dues are half price, from January 1st through March 15th — Tell your friends! It's only \$36.50 and this includes membership in National, State and Branch organizations. Contact either co-Vice President of Membership to have information and an application sent to a prospective member!

	DENNETT, Dorothy	828-505-4141	Dorothy joined us via registration online with National AAUW.
	59 Maple Ridge Lane	dorothydennett@gmail.com	She has just moved to our area and is interested in the UNCA
•	Asheville, NC 28806	AAC Dusinger Administration	project, Lunch Bunch and History SIGs. She is another "First
•	Corning Community College	AAS Business Administration	Women" – was hired by Xerox Corporation upon graduation to
•	Cornell University	BS Industrial & Labor Relations	start their first Affirmative Action Program and she also was one
			of the first women vice-presidents for US Home Corporation
			(largest builder of communities back in the 80s).

Shape the Future Campaign. On December 7th, at our Friendraiser, we had a special membership recruitment that was part of National AAUW's Shape the Future Campaign. We now have 10 new members from that event and National AAUW gave us 5 free memberships, NC AAUW followed suit by waiving State dues and our Branch also waived dues. We wanted to honor special women within our community whom provide examples of empowering women! The following are the selected recipients of full membership for the rest of the year until June 30th, 2017.

Shape the Future Members

EDWARDS, Amanda 340 Victoria Road Asheville, NC 28801 UNC-Asheville University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	828-398-7176 nancyaedwards86@abtech.edu BA Mass Communications MA Public Affairs (NonProfit Mgmt, Fundraising)	Exec Dir, College Advancement, AB Tech Amanda is the Executive Director of College Advancement at AB Tech. She is receiving full AAUW membership in apprecia- tion for her efforts with our GEM program.
WILLIS, Carla 118 W.T. Weaver Blvd Asheville, NC 28804 University of Toledo	828-251-6511 cwillis2@unca.edu BA Interdisciplinary Studies	Carla is the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, UN- CA. She is receiving full AAUW membership in appreciation for her efforts with our GEM program.



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

February Birthdays

2/4	Lynn Harmon
2/4	Anne Reis
2/5	Maria Roloff
2/7	Frances Myers
2/9	Millie Massey
2/10	BettyPaine
2/16	Nini Abbott
2/18	Betty Letzig
2/23	Jayne Gallinger
2/24	Molly Keeney
2/25	Marion Mayfield-
	Johnson

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Shape the Future Members (cont'd)

HOOPER, Tammy PO Box 7148 Asheville, NC 28802 George Mason University University of Virginia	828-259-5813 thooper@ashevillenc.gov BS Administration of Justice MA Criminal Justice Studies	Tammy is the Chief of the Asheville Police Department and our speaker at the May Branch Meeting. She is receiving full AAUW membership in appreciation for her community efforts, especially in her focus on men- toring, training and promoting professional develop- ment and effective leadership.
GRANT, Mary One University Heights Asheville, NC 28804 North Adams State College (MCLA) University of Massachusetts Brandeis University	828-251-6500 chaoffice@unca.edu BA Sociology MA Public Affairs PhD Social Policy	Mary is Chancellor of UNC-Asheville and was our speaker at the October branch meeting. She is receiving full AAUW membership in appreciation for her efforts to connect our branch and UNC-Asheville. As a result of her enthusiasm , our Branch and UNC-Asheville are now combining efforts to provide the Start Smart Workshop to graduating students this April. This brings to our community National AAUW's salary negotiation program that closes the pay gap, one workshop at a time!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Jan Huskey is now the coordinator of the new UNCA Project. Thus, we have an immediate opening for Co-Vice-President of Membership. It's an easy job! It is a fun job! You get to meet new people and send in articles for the newsletter. You are on the Branch Board. You are the first to know everything that happens. You get to play with databases – which are now all automated. Best Part is that for the next months, you can try the position and see if you want to become the official co-VP for the two-year term, starting july 1st! please contact linda Beltran if you can help with membership; linbeltran09@yahoo.com, cell phone 732.233.4902



IN MEMORIAL – EMILY QUINN: With a heavy heart we share with you that our sweet, gentle Emily passed away on January 11, 2017, surrounded by her family. A graveside service for family and friends was held in Charlotte later that week. A celebration of life will be held in Asheville at a future date. (Her full obituary appears on page 5)

"Love of learning is the most necessary passion...in it lies our happiness. It's a sure remedy for what ails us, an unending source of pleasure."

- Gabrielle Émilie Le Tonnelier de Breteuil, Marquise Du Châtelet



Émilie du Châtelet

French natural philosopher, mathematician, physicist, and author during the early 1730s until her untimely death due to childbirth in 1749. Her most recognized achievement is her translation of and commentary on Isaac Newton's book *Principia* containing basic laws of physics.

Emily Quinn

In Memorium



Charlotte - The family of Emily Steifle Quinn in great sadness announces to her friends that she passed away in Charlotte, NC on January 11, 2017 after a sudden illness. Her husband of forty-seven years, David H. Quinn, brother-in-law, Dan Quinn, their two sons, Duncan Quinn, Collin Quinn, and daughter-in-law, Katie Quinn, were by Emily's side.

Family members will hold a graveside service in Charlotte for Emily on Saturday, January 14, and a service of remembrance and celebration will be held at a later date in Asheville. The family expresses sincere gratitude to friends for prayers and comfort during this time in the lives of the Quinn family.

A native of Greensboro, NC, a graduate of Grimsley High School, and a Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wake Forest University,

Emily started her career teaching French at St. Genevieve's School in Asheville. After helping raise their sons, she worked at the Smith-McDowell House, the Thomas Wolf House, and served as an administrative assistant at Warren Wilson College for 20 years, retiring in 2011. David and Emily are active members of the Baha'i Faith. Emily served on the founding Board of WCQS Public Radio and served an additional term as President. A 40-year member of AAUW, she served as President and other positions. Emily served and supported many community volunteer activities since moving to Asheville in 1969. Emily is survived by her husband David in Asheville, sons Duncan and Collin, daughter-in-law Katie, and grandson Cameron Quinn in Charlotte. She is also survived by her sister Jerrine Taylor in Wilmington; mother-in-law Laura Quinn, sisters-in -law Laura (Skip) Ebert, Kathryn (Cookie) Billings, brother-in-laws Dan Quinn, James Quinn in Greensboro; and many loving nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Emily will be interred at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. McEwen Funeral Service is coordinating the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, St Jude's Hospital, the AAUW GEM Fund, Donate Life, or other charities of vour choice.

Asheville AAUW Partners with UNC Asheville

Our branch's 2016 October meeting with UNCA Chancellor Mary Grant has resulted in a partnership between our branch and UNCA. The Membership Co-VPs, Linda Beltran and Jan Huskey, met with Jill Moffitt, UNCA, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Title IX Administrator to develop a plan of how AAUW Asheville can help support the University's female students. This is separate from the great work GEM does with the University.

First on the list is supporting UNCA's Career Center. Up to 40 UNCA female students will be invited to attend a pilot session of AAUW's StartSmart Salary Negotiation Workshop. The workshop is scheduled for April 19, 2017.

To introduce AAUW to the university, Jill Moffitt scheduled two meetings, one for female faculty/ staff and another for female students. The faculty/staff meeting was held on January 18. Our President, Wendy Haner, with the participation of the Membership VPs, gave an overview of AAUW and our branch 's accomplishments. The student session will be held

Look for more information in March's newsletter about how you can support our UNCA partnership. - Jan Huskey, huskeyjan1@charter.net

ASHEVILLE AAUW MARCHES IN WASHINGTON AND DOWNTOWN ASHEVILLE

Four busloads from Asheville, - as well as those who drove - were in Washington on Saturday January 22nd to participate in the March on Washington to express their concerns to the new administration. These ranged from actions by the administration to stop US efforts to address climate change, to reducing access to health care and voting rights , and many more. Up to 15 people from our AAUW branch participated.

Lynette Miller was amazed by the number of children who were there. "Children made their own signs about climate change and being kind to each other. I was inspired by the number of mothers with strollers and front packs with babies and young children. Everyone was helpful. It was so uplifting and inspiring!"

Kitty Schaller said "the huge crowds were electrifying and exhilarating, even as they demonstrated strength and kindness. In the midst of the sweet crush of humanity, women, men, and children continually helped each other over challenging

CLICK HERE for Member Photos of the Women's March in Asheville and Washington, DC

conditions, staying positive but determined. This is what democracy looks like!"

APPLYING

FOR JOBS?

Don't leave money

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on the table.

Attend our AAUW Start

students.

Smart salary negotiation workshop for college

The March on Asheville drew over 7000 people and our AAUW branch was well represented with many who marched. The Asheville March was a Sister March to the March on Washington and one of many held around the world that day. People marched in Asheville wearing pink hats and carrying signs that expressed their fears, concerns and hopes. Linda Beltran, who is new to the area, expressed her gratitude for having moved to this area. "Everyone was so respectful of each other and respectful for the diverse group of speakers. It left me feeling very empowered!"

The Advocacy/Public Policy committee will continue to work to address and support the needs of women and girls. If you are interested in learning more, come to our next meeting on Friday, February 10 at 9:30 at the YWCA or contact Anne Sayers at annesayers432@gmail.com or Eleanor Lane at elane@northstarlane.com

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more!

ask for

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The <u>YWCA Empowerment Center</u> could use Scotch tape, construction paper, paper plates, washable markers, tissue paper, cotton balls, Pompom balls, Elmer's Glue, glitter, foam shapes (sticky backs), foam sheets, coloring books, plastic wrap, sponges, Dawn soap.



Please bring donations to General AAUW meetings, drop off at the Y ,or email Eleanor Walther etbuckly5@gmail.com for pick up. The children thank you!

International Dining

Dinners for International Dining this year will include:

Chinese Lantern Day, Feb 5

Greek Independence Day, Mar 25

144th Kentucky Derby Day, May 6

Best of the USA, July 2

Email announcement is sent out about 3 weeks before the event, with host member providing recipes or suggestions for the potluck. Members may bring one guest. Reservations are taken as received after the email announcement is sent to International Dining members. To join the group, email Jeanne Smolkin, jsmolkin@gmail.com Save the Date: AAUW-Asheville Branch Field TripThursday, March 30, 12pm

Lunch at The Magnolia Room, AB Tech Culinary School followed by a tour of The Smith McDowell House Museum—all on the AB Tech campus

Details and reservations to follow

How many questions can you answer? (answers at the bottom of page)

1) Who was the first woman in space?

A. Sally Ride B. Christa McAuliffe C. Valentina Tereshkova D. Eileen Collins

2) According to a U.S. Commerce Department study, what percentage of Technology and Engineering jobs in the U.S. are held by women?

A. 16% B24% C. 47%

3.) Who was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class, and became the first licensed woman doctor in the US?

A. Victoria Woodhull B. Elizabeth Blackwell C. Sarah Winnemucca

4) Caroline Herschel was the first British woman to be paid for scientific work. What was her area of specialty?

A. Biology B. Physics C. Astronomy



1)C 2)B 3)B 4)C

Book Groups & 2017 Selections

Cocktails And Books (CAB)

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 Anne Reis <u>annereis2@sbcglobal.net</u>

	Date	Book	
	February	A Land More Kind Than Home—Wiley Cash	
March		<u>Here I Am</u> —Jonathan Foer	
	April	<u>Commonwealth</u> —Ann Patchett	
	Мау	Marriage of Opposites—Alice Hoffman	
	June	<u>The Orphan Master's Son</u> —Adam Johnson	

<u>Literatae</u>

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, <u>itoxen@bellsouth.net</u> or 828-891-2864 (H).

Date	Book	Host/Leader	
Feb. 1 '17	<u>The Boys in the Boat</u> by Daniel J. Brown	Marla Drucker 42 Senator Reynolds Rd, Unit 205, 28804.	
Mar. 1 <i>,</i> '17	Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates	Mara Pasternack 64 Honey Locust Dr. Mills River 28759	
Apr. 5, '17	<u>The Remains of the Day</u> by Kazuo Ishiguro	Fusako Krummel 146 Hillside #42 28801	
May 3 <i>, '</i> 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	

Tea Time Books

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 ispanogle@aol.com

Date	Book	Location
Feb. 23	The Nightengale Kristin Hannah	Janet Graham, 25 Wesley Drive, Apt. F 28803 285-2585 dickgjang1@gmail.com
Mar. 23	When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi	ТВА
April 27	Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline	Janet Lance, 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318 janlance@aol.com
May 25	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by 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

GEM Fund's Charity Garage Sale Now Slated for April 8

From February 15 to April 1, GEM volunteers and fellow branch members will be taking donations at various drop-off locations around the Asheville area. The sale will feature gently used items from home and garden, including but not limited to housewares, linens, tableware, kitchen ware, "whatnots," art work, frames, books, CD's and DVD's, etc. — anything, really, that could be found in your home. Items are limited, however, to ones that are small or light enough to be lifted by a single volunteer. Items must be clean, presentable, and, if applicable, in good working order.

Next week you will receive further communication from GEM regarding the sale, including specific drop-off locations and more information about items to be included.



This lovely card was designed by Alice Doner for Birthday Dollars for Scholars - a program for our members to send birthday wishes to friends and family AND to provide scholarship funds for local women whose education has been interrupted. Last year, our birthday wishes provided scholarships for five deserving birthdays and follow the instructions, or email Jeanne Smolkin at jsmolkin@gmail.com.

Treasures from the Attic An "Upscale" Charity Garage Sale Benefitting the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville -Local College Scholarships for Women Saturday, April 8 10 - 3Lake Louise **Community Center** at Lake Louise Park 60 Lake Louise Drive. Just off Merrimon, one mile south of Weaverville Town Center

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 <u>annesayers432@gmail.com</u> or Eleanor Lane at <u>elane42@charter.net</u>. 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 <u>baritar16@gmail.com</u> 230-7113.

<u>CAB Book Group</u>: 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 Ann Reis, <u>annereis2@sbcglobal.net</u>

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 <u>slark1@att.net</u>. Participants bring pot-luck supper.

Film Fans: This film discussion group meets the **second** Thursday of each month from 12-1:30 pm 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 <u>JOHN-SON1ea@earthlink.net</u>.

<u>History Study Group</u>: 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 be variable based on tour and/or speaker schedules. Contact Sherry Brown of information and reservations. <u>sherrysaerie@gmail.com</u>

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 Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or jsmol-kin@gmail.com.

<u>Literatae Book Group</u>: The book study group meets the first Wednesday of every month at homes of members; for this month's location Jean Toxen at <u>itoxen@bellsouth.net</u> 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 bynoon the Wednesday before at 828-357-8455 or <u>sherrysaerie@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>aauwphotog.weebly.com</u> or email Lynette Miller at <u>lcmillerstu-</u><u>dio@gmail.com</u>.

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<u>World Affairs Group</u>: A group for study and discussion of world events. Study meetings follow on the third Thursday in January, March and May at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller (<u>evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com</u> or <u>828-299-8107</u>) for additional information.

February Calendar Details



Stem Committee Meeting - February 7

4pm at 39 Sherwood Rd, Asheville 28803

Contact Cindy Stephens, cstephens30@thefhc.net

Lunch Bunch - Friday February 10

11:30a.m., Red Stag Grill, 11 Boston Way, The Grand Bohemian Hotel, Biltmore Village. Valet parking, or park across the street in Biltmore Village Contact Sherry Brown for reservations. Sherrysaerie@gmail.com



Reservation Deadline: Wednesday Feb. 8, noon.



Photography - Field Trip to Black Mountain College Museum February 15

1pm—meet at BMC Museum, 56 Broadway, Asheville, Exhibition is Begin to See: The Photographers of Black Mountain College

Contact Lyn Miller Icmillerstudio@gmail.com or our website: aauwphotog.weebly.com

Photo: Beaumont Newhall and Barbara Morgan by Nancy Newhall

History Study Group - Tuesday February 21 at 2p.m.

The program for the February History Study Group will be presented by David Madden who is an expert historian of the Spanish architect Rafael Guastavino who in 1905 designed the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville. Guastavino's patented "Tile Arch System" can be found in prominent landmarks and buildings across the U.S. He retired to Black Mountain where the ruins of his estate still stand. If time and weather permit we may visit the estate site. I plan to follow up in March with a tour of the Basilica of St. Lawrence. Contact Sherry Brown for reservations. Sherrysaerie@gmail.com

We will meet at my home in Black Mountain, 295 Ninth St. Please RSVP by Friday Feb 17.