

AAUW ASHEVILLE

NEWSLETTER

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



JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  No Adelante in Jan.	2  No Branch Meeting in January	3	4
5	<div><div>CAB Benediction, Haruf 4:30— 6 at home of Renée Levine rsvp to Renée at haroldrenee@att.net.</div><div>Jan. 6 Advocacy Group "Voting Rights, Then & Now" 2 pm, YWCA Rsvp to Eleanor Walther at etbuckly5@gmail.com</div></div>		8  Reservation deadline for Lunch Bunch ; contact Sherry Brown at 357-8455 or sherrysaerie@gmail.com	9	10  Lunch Bunch Noon Corner Kitchen 3 Boston Way, Biltmore Village Rsvp by noon on 1/8	11
12	13 Film Buds , Led by Beth Ellers Film & Location: TBA 5:30—7 	14	15  Happy Hikers TBA Contact Nini Abbott for days & location at niniabbot@gmail.com	<div><div>Jan. 16 Film Fans Led by Beth Johnson Film : TBA River Ridge Apt. Club House 12—1:30</div><div>Women Who Write 9:30 — 12 At home of Judith Hoy</div></div>		18
19	20 	21	22	23 Tea Time  The Orchardist , Coplin, 4 pm, at home of Ro Bily; rsvp to Ro at robily@att.net or 252-1210	24	25
26	27	28 World Affairs  Topic: Brazil 1:30, in Crafts Room of Asbury Commons at Givens Estate; rsvp to Barbara Mayer at 277-5319	29	30	31	<div>Contents Calendar p. 1 Activities & Events p. 2 President's Message p. 3 GEM News p. 3 Member News p. 4 Member Birthdays p. 4</div>

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 shirleyqberry@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

You Are Invited!

by the Branch
Advocacy Special Interest Group



To 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

Note: no branch meeting in January

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 evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com. or LaDean Peterson, 828-650-3005 or LaDeanJune@charter.net.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT



Dear AAUW Friends:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and you've made some reasonable New Year's resolutions. Our Friendraiser in December was a huge success. Approximately seventy people attended, including 15 guests. Best of all, two new members joined after the event. Their names and information will be included in next month's newsletter. The event was possible with the coordination of B.A. Schenck and many of you, who brought the delicious food, and Susan Grabel, who organized the program. Thank you all for your generosity of time and spirit. There were many new faces and potential new members who were invited. The setting, the decorations, and the good company all made for a wonderful party.

We will not have a Branch meeting in January but will see you again on February 6th, when our program will feature "Handmade in America."

*Take care,
Cathy Battle*

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GEM NEWS

Technology Grant

In the Fall, our GEM Scholars attending A-B Tech received technology items of their choice, funded by the second year of a grant made possible by the Kathryn Preyer Foundation, in conjunction with the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville. Items included tablets, laptop computers, and other pieces of technology that the recipients felt would best help them in their studies.

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 under-graduate scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. 2013



Sue Olesiuk, Executive Director of the A-B Tech Foundation, presents technology items to Regina Hill and the other GEM Scholars as part of the GEM Fund/Preyer Foundation Technology Grant at Fernihurst on the A-B Tech Campus.



Charmane Cox and her daughter are happy to have a tablet to help with Mom's education.



Markia Brooks knows that her new technology will help her achieve her educational goals

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.

GEM Tributes in the Last Month

- ☞ A generous gift from the Louis and Marilyn Foundation of the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

Branch Board

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Vice-President	Ann Clarke-Snell
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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!**

Lillian Alexander	1/13
Pat Argue	1/22
Bobbi Blake	1/26
Alice Doner	1/21
Lina Evans	1/13
Deb Fulton-Helmer	1/29
Jocelyn Hill	1/23
Pam King	1/8
Fusako Krummel	1/10
Martha McMullen	1/19
Meredith Norwood	1/6
Terry Peters	1/24
Nancy Stancil	1/18
Jane White	1/8

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.



◆ Pat B. Kutay —

Pat earned a BA in French, English, Speech, and Theatre from Ouachita Baptist University. She also earned a MA in Speech and Theatre and a PhD in Theatre and Dramatic Literature from Louisiana State University. You can reach her at

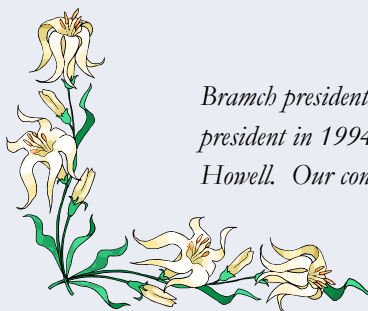
68 Brookwood; Asheville, 28804
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pkutay1@gmail.com

Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to your directory:

- ◆ New e-mail address for Pat Hammond:
phammond6420@att.net
- ◆ New phone number for Joanne Swenson: 828-418-3122

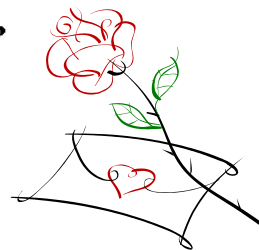
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In Memorium

Branch president Cathy Battle tells us that Grace Walker, branch president in 1994-95, passed away peacefully on November 19 at Brooks-Howell. Our condolences to friends and family.

Introducing "Birthday Dollars for Scholars"



Beginning in January, it will be even easier to honor the birthdays of friends and family with a gift to the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville. Each month GEM Board treasurer Jeanne Smolkin will send out an e-mail containing a link to a survey site listing all the branch members who have an imminent birthday and where you can designate those branch members that you would like to honor with a gift to GEM. For each designee, Jeanne will send out a specially made birthday card listing all those members who have made a gift to GEM in honor of their birthday. Once you've marked the members you are honoring, just click "Done." Then make out your check to the GEM Fund and mail it to

Jeanne Smolkin
66 Crestwood Road
Asheville, NC 28804

This is a wonderful gift that not only expresses your birthday greeting but also helps fund undergraduate scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. A minimum contribution of \$10 is suggested and, of course, more would be most welcome.