

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



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4	5 CAB Books <i>Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd @ Metro Wines on Charlotte St.	6 Reservation deadline for Lunch Bunch Sherry Brown sherry-saerie@gmail.com 357-8455	7 Literatae Books <i>In the Garden of Beasts</i> by Erik Larson @ Jayne Gallinger's jgallinger@charter.net 1:00	8	9 Lunch Bunch The Chef's Apron Biltmore Park Noon	10
11	12 Film Buds 5:30	13	14	15 Film Fans Noon	16	17
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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the Friend Raiser at Monte Vista. We had over 60 attendees including 12 guests. Also, thanks again to those who contributed the wonderful cookies and snacks.

Our next Branch Meeting will be at the First Baptist Church on Charlotte Street on Thursday, February 5. The speaker is Shona Jason-Miller, President of Slow Food Asheville.

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And thanks to Barbara Robinson, for her help with organizing the information for the newsletter!

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<http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>

This Month's Member Birthdays —



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

Pat Argue	1/22
Alice Doner	1/21
Lina Evans	1/13
Deb Fulton-Helmer	1/29
Lynn Hill	1/23
Pam King	1/8
Fusako Krummel	1/10
Martha McMullen	1/19
Meredith Norwood	1/6
Terry Peters	1/24

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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 Southern Illinois University BS Journalism
 Kim was referred by Ann Snell and is willing to assist the Board occasionally.

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 Central Michigan Univ. M S in Business Admin.
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 Recently moved to Swannanoa, longtime member of AAUW and former Treasurer. Willing to serve on board.

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MEMBERSHIP CONTACT IS CHANGING

Beginning in January, Wendy Haner, Co-VP for Membership, will be responding to, providing information for, and enrolling new members. So, if you have a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance who would like to join AAUW, please contact Wendy (wendyhaner@icloud.com) for all new members after January 1st.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Since my last letter to you, I've been partying. First, there was the Friend Raiser in Black Mountain at the Monte Vista Hotel. Well attended and enjoyed by all, the lively conversation rings in my ears yet. The many cleverly decorated trees continue to dance before my mind's eye. Tasty treats were prepared by the Hotel. All that we brought was books for imprisoned mothers to read to their children and for the children to have as a gift to read along with the recordings of their mothers' reading to them.

On December 18, Cathy Battle, Jeanne Smolkin, and I as well our spouses enjoyed an elegant and delicious French meal—consommé with three cheeses, beef bourguignon, haricots verts, tossed salad, followed by bread and cheese, and finally crème brulee--prepared by Suzanne Harter. We bought this treat at the GEM Fundraiser last June. What a grand way to raise funds for scholarships! Before dinner, Suzanne showed us around her festively decorated home with crafts made by Suzanne and featuring dolls (geezers and giraffes) and painted furniture by Jan Schwartz. I'll be shopping again for special experiences at the GEM fundraiser on June 7, the first Sunday in June) at Fernihurst on the A-B Tech campus. Hope you will, too.

The holiday season was full of family, friends, and fun for me. I hope yours was, too. We will not have a branch meeting in January. Rest up and be ready for our next meeting on February 5, 2015.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AAUW Branch meetings are generally on First Thursday 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

Reservations: Call or email Karen Mauro at ktminnc@gmail.com or 891-5963

January 2015 – no meeting

February 5, 2015 – Shona Jason-Miller – Slow Food Asheville

March 5, 2015 – Women's History Month – Betsy Murray (Pack Library)

March 15, 2015—Pack Tavern—2:00—100th Anniversary Event and Fashion Show

April 9, 2015 fieldtrip, guided tour of the Arboretum gardens, note this is the 2nd Thursday in April to keep from running into Easter weekend crowds at Arboretum

May 7, 2015 last branch meeting of 2014-2015 year – Connie Mitchell – AVL Architect

June 7, 2015, Sunday, 4-6, GEM Fundraiser, Fernihurst Mansion, A-B Tech

AAUW ASHEVILLE 100TH YEAR HISTORY

2015 is our branch's 100th anniversary! We plan to showcase 100 years of contributions to our community with fun events, publicity and publications. Save the date and mark your new calendars for Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 at Pack's Tavern downtown for our fashion show and celebration party.

This is an optional costume party and a fashion show through the decades. Start thinking about what decade you would like to represent. Get into the fun and contact Nini Abbott for information about the fashion show.

niniabbott@gmail.com

We hope you all will join the party!

The next 100th anniversary planning meeting will be Thursday, January 8 at 10:30 at Susan Grabel's home, 115 Gracelyn Rd.

Please feel free to join our planners.



THE STORY CONTINUES

The story continues..... Last month we learned that the Asheville branch of AAUW can trace its history from March 27, 1915 when 16 women college graduates in the community met and organized the branch.

In the early years of the new branch, members worked to improve standards in colleges for women, establishing night schools. The branch helped in setting up a juvenile court system and an improved probation system. They helped establish the Detention Home for delinquent children. Another project to benefit children was the School Art Exhibit, which annually displayed several thousand items of arts and crafts by elementary school students. The summer preschool kindergartens were first sponsored by our branch. In 1926, the branch had 70 active members and worked to support higher education. In 1928, the branch established a revolving loan schol-

arship fund to aid high school graduates in continuing their education. Years later the fund was phased out and replaced by the granting of \$200 per year, for four years, to both UNC Asheville and Warren Wilson College.

Education and literacy of adults and children in the community have always been a branch priority. In the 1930's branch members helped men and women in learning to read and write. During this time 40 members completed special training in working on literacy in the community.

Another outstanding program that the branch started was the Refugee Shop, organized on August 1, 1940 to aid the refugees of WWII beginning to send relief to British women in need. Tune in for more information on how our branch helped with worthy causes in Europe after WWII. Amazing!!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP POSSIBILITIES

Our Special Interest Groups (SIG) is a community of women within the AAUW organization. Being a member of a SIG allows women to develop life-long friendships that are built on trust and understanding. It opens new horizons as you explore enriching experiences and opportunities to meet new people. Each group of women has a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge. Whether it is through learning together, hiking or enjoying each other company. Each member is invited to participate, communicate, meet, and organize together. At the present time we offer 9 different SIG and activities groups and would like to expand the offering to include 4 additional programs. Some suggestions follow:

Antiques / Collectibles / Art Appreciate - Offers an array of activities ranging from touring showcase homes, visiting antique venues, and art galleries and visiting artists.

Gardening - Many garden topics could be presented such as: plant care, pest control, garden projects, decorating with plants and flowers, and field trips. A plant exchange could be included along with special guests and opportunities to visit gardens in our surrounding area.

History - Local history group that arranges activities within our local area of WNC. Participants will be exploring local history by taking trips to places of historic interest that include talks from speakers who discuss the particular topics that are being explored.

Games - Participants would meet once a month at either the host's home or a public venue, such as Atlanta Bread. Members could take turns hosting. The host/co-hostess would call or e-mail members and help provide tallies, cards, game boards along with light refreshment. All levels of players are welcome, as well as those who want to learn a new game. The offering of different games could be Bridge, Scrabble and Poker.

A successful Special Interest Group (SIG) does require passionate, dedicated volunteer leaders. Steps for having a successful group is to allow everyone to discuss their ideas and experiences with a few current SIG chairs persons. At this time a discussion will cover responsibilities and how to make it successful for everyone.

If you are interested in being a part of one of the new SIG groups please contact: Wendy Haner, wendyhaner@icloud.com. 828-252-5334 and please

AB-TECH STUDENTS SAY THANKS FOR THEIR GEM SCHOLARSHIPS



AB Tech has recognized the 12 students who received GEM Fund scholarships and the students have written thank you letters showing their appreciation. Some of the comments are:

"It means the world to my family and me to know that you saw potential in me enough to invest in my education."

"It is an honor to receive a scholarship[award from a society that values women achieving higher education and opportunities."

"It warms my heart to know there are people out there that care if I succeed."

"Being acknowledged by AAUW gives me the confidence to make my dreams come true"

"I want to tell you from the bottom of my heart thank you so much for the prestigious gift."

"The values set forth by AAUW closely align with my own and I am looking forward to being a part of this organization."

"I am sincerely appreciative that your group has chosen to help support me in pursuit of achieving my dreams and helping others."

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: a new interest group working with Riverlink to clean up a stream near Woodfin three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at robarb@charter.net 645-2569.

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 Karen Mauro at 891-5963 or ktminnc@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 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 Jan Schwartz at 828-350-9533 or blucottage@bellsouth.net.

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.

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.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A NEW INTEREST GROUP?

Contact Wendy Haner,
wendyhaner@icloud.com or
828-252-5334 and please include your
email and phone number.