

# AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



## JUNE 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>Literatae Books</b> <i>Between You and Me,</i> <i>Confessions of a Comma Queen</i> @ Fran Myers 718 Crowfields Ln. Asheville <a href="mailto:fjmyers@bellsouth.net">fjmyers@bellsouth.net</a> 1:00	2	3	4
5 <b>GEM Fundraiser</b> Fernihurst Mansion 4:00—6:00	6 <b>CAB Books</b> <i>American Pastoral</i> Metro Wines on Charlotte St. <a href="mailto:niniabbott@gmail.com">niniabbott@gmail.com</a> 4:30—6:00	7	8	9	10 <b>No Lunch Bunch</b> <b>In June, July or</b> <b>August</b> <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a>	11
12	13 <b>Film Buds</b> 5:00	14	15	16 <b>Film Fans</b> Noon	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <b>Tea Time Books</b> To Choose Books @Kitty McKeithan's 20 Little Cedar Ct. <a href="mailto:kittymckeithan@gmail.com">kittymckeithan@gmail.com</a> 4:00	24	25
26	27	28	30			



**GEM FUNDRAISER**

**“A Celebration in Black & White”**

**Sunday, June 6**

**4 — 6**

At the historic **Fernihurst Mansion** on the  
A-B Tech Campus.  
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**AAUW Asheville  
Branch Board**

President	Carolyn Worthington
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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.

**June Birthdays**

Carolyn Worthington	1
Susan Roderick	2
Patricia Friedrichs	6
Kate Ramsey	11
Judy Handley	7
Dale Poklemba	7
Emily Quinn	15
Diane Fuller	18
Barbara Hern	20
Lynne Doebber	20
BA Schenk	24
Suzanne Harter	30

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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Western Carolina University              MS Human Resources

**NEWS FROM THE UPSTREAMERS**

Our small but intrepid band of volunteers met at Reed Creek on April 21<sup>st</sup> for 2 hours of stream-scouring. The weather was clear and sunny, the water cold but shallow, and our bags did not get too full of debris, so it was a good exercise day sharing some laughter and interesting conversation. Anyone interested in doing a good deed for the French Broad RiverLink organization to keep our waterways clean is invited to join us for either of the other 2 clean-up days scheduled this year for July and October. The AAUW supports RiverLink’s efforts to maintain the local waterways feeding the French Broad River. Contact Barbara Robinson [baritar16@gmail.com](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) for more information. “



## FROM THE INCOMING BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Co-VP of Membership for the past two years as we continue to grow and prosper. Our membership efforts have really paid off with a very successful year. We introduced some new ideas to bring unity to our new members by having a get together every 6 months to inform them of what we have in the way of social, informative and active special interest groups. We have welcomed over 17 new members, plus had 2 returning members this year along with adding two new interest groups. We are hoping to expand our community projects for the upcoming year by getting our book clubs involved with a community project. Our branch is now the largest in the state of NC. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Linda Beltran as our new Co-VP of Membership and to thank her for all of her support this year.

As President elect I look forward to planning for another fantastic year ahead. At the same time, I'd like to thank all previous presidents for their encouragement and support, and in particular, Carolyn Worthington for her guidance. It is this team effort that makes us a great branch.

As always, Wendy Haner, Co-VP of Membership and Incoming President

## AAUW BOARD CANDIDATES 2016–2017

Wendy Haner	President
Linda Devenish	President Elect
Anne Sayers	Advocacy
Eleanor Lane	Public Policy
Linda Beltran	Co-Vice President, Membership
Open	Co-Vice President, Membership
Laurie Powell	Treasurer
Eleanor Johnson	Webmaster-Special Interest Groups
Molly Keeney	Newsletter Editor
Marlene Shaklan	Co-Vice President Programs
Susan Grabel	Co-Vice President Programs
Marilyn Kolton	Gem Representative
Carolyn Worthington	Past President

## A SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 7

AAUW Advocacy wants to make sure you are aware that on June 7, NC will have a second Primary to elect each party's candidates for Congress. In February, the NC Legislature redrew the Congressional Districts as a result of a court finding that the existing Districts were illegally drawn. November will be the final election to determine who represents each of us in congress. Go to Buncombe County Board of Elections web site to learn more about the election and the candidates.



## IT'S TIME TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR THE GEM FUNDRAISER

As you know, the date for our annual GEM fundraiser party is fast approaching -- Sunday, June 5. It's time to make your reservations, if you have not already done so. If you've misplaced your invitation and giving sheet, just contact Helen McClintock to make your reservations: [828-424-8455](tel:828-424-8455) or [homclintock@gmail.com](mailto:homclintock@gmail.com). Be sure to ask friends, neighbors, and family members. This is a public event and the "more the merrier" and the more we hope to raise for scholarships for women. Once again this year, you will be able to purchase raffle tickets for great items and bid in the silent auction of experiences and services offered by some of our members and GEM friends. Below is a preview of this year's lineup. Check it out and be sure not to miss this fun event and an opportunity to change women's lives through education. Remember, "Diamonds aren't a girl's best friend; an education is!"

## AAUW MEMBERS SHARE NEWS & PICTURES

The **GEM Fundraising Committee** will have a Fall fundraising event, an **Upscale Garage Sale**. It will be held at the Beaver Dam Fire Station, 450 Beaver Dam Road on October 15th, 2016. We will be asking for volunteers and, of course, stuff to be placed in the sale. If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Karen Mauro at 828 891 5963 or [ktminnc@gmail.com](mailto:ktminnc@gmail.com).



The History Group met at the Johnson Farm in May



The Photography Group met in Asheville for a photo scavenger hunt & then at the French Broad Chocolate Lounge



It's time to send in your reservation requests for the annual fundraiser party, held by the GEM Fund, our branch's philanthropic organization dedicated to providing undergraduate scholarships for local women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. Join us for good food, wine, and conversation during

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At the historic **Fernihurst Mansion** on the  
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There will be fabulous items for raffle and a silent auction. Join in the fun for a great cause. Admission is \$50 per person. Mail your checks, made out to the GEM Fund, to

**Helen McClintock  
204 Crowfields Drive  
Asheville, NC 28803**

## BIRTHDAY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Ever wonder what to get to celebrate a good friend's birthday? Something that's the perfect size and color? A gift she will really like that says something special about an interest you share? As an AAUW member, education has genuine significance.

Birthday Dollars for Scholars is a GEM scholarship program. You can have a beautifully designed card mailed to your friend and make a donation in her honor. Last year Birthday Dollars gave scholarships to five women at AB Tech – furthering an education, one birthday wish at a time.

A birthday list with the names of that month's AAUW members is sent out monthly on Survey Monkey. Open it, check off the birthday gal's name and click done. It's that simple. A card will be mailed in time for her birthday. A donation of \$10 is requested (mailed to the GEM treasurer), but any amount is accepted. If you have questions, please call or email Jeanne Smolkin, [jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com)

### THE INTERNATIONAL DINING GROUP

INVITES YOU TO A

## *Spanish Dinner*

FEATURING DISHES FROM  
THE REGIONS OF SPAIN

AT 6:30 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26

AT THE HOME OF ALICE & BOB DONER

Limited to 20 "Cooks & Diners"

(Branch Members & 1 guest)

RSVP to Jeanne Smolkin at

[jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto: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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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](mailto:pkutay1@gmail.com) or 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 and more information, contact group leader Pat Argue at 828-891-4521 or [pkargue@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:00 though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website [aauwphotog.weebly.com](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com) or email Lynette Miller at [lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).