



AAUW ASHEVILLE

NEWSLETTER



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

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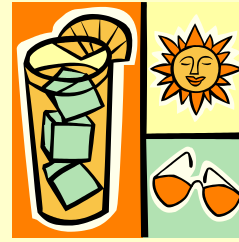
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Standing Study Groups and Activities

☞ 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 leader Fran Myers at 274-0976 or fjgmyers@bellsouth.net.
- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ **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. The group will meet 7 times this year. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net or 692-3620 or Debra Benjamin at debrabenjamin100@gmail.com or 650-0311.
- ◆ **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 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

SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ★ **No Branch Meetings** until September
- ★ **International Dining Group:** **Low Country Feast** at 6 pm on July 13 at the home of B A and Gary Schenk; rsvp to B A at SchreiberE@aol.com or 828-645-9704; **reservation deadline: July 7**
- ★ **Evening Book Group** has changed its name to "**Tea Time Book Group**" and, accordingly, will begin meeting at **4 pm**, starting in June; no meeting in July.
- ★ **CAB:** no meeting in July
- ★ **Film Buds:** will meet the third Monday in July (the 15th) rather than the second; group will resume normal schedule in August
- ★ **World Affairs** group will not meet during the summer months
- ★ **No branch newsletter** until late August

Have a Great Summer!

at 4 pm at the homes of various members; all are welcome; for this month's location or to obtain more information, contact group leader Juanita Spanogle at 258-0096 or jspanogle@aol.com.

- ◆ **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 evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com.



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

The branch meeting on May 15 was well attended and everyone enjoyed the presentation by columnist John Boyle. He talked about his role as “answer man” and had us laughing at some of the strange questions he is asked. He was very entertaining as well as attentive to AAUW issues and announcements. In fact, he took notes about Beth Maczka’s comments on Senate Bill 664 which would drastically reduce services to domestic violence, sexual assault victims/survivors and their children in North Carolina. He was so impressed with the topic that he wrote a column about it in the May 16 issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times. You never know the impact AAUW can have on the community.

Membership

We currently have 167 members, 16 of whom have joined since January. Your efforts to recruit and invite interested women to our branch meetings and December friendraiser have really made a difference. **Now it’s time to renew your membership so please fill out the application you received by email and send it with a check to Emily Quinn by June 15th.**

Reminder: AAUW Voting Is Open Now!

We urge you to vote for **Millie Hoffer-Foushee** for President of the Board. She is from Greensboro, NC and has served as NC President, National VP of Finance and would represent us well.

You can vote online now through June 10. For more information, you will find an instructional video and FAQs online. E-mail connect@aauw.org with any further questions.

GEM Fundraiser

By the time you read this, our June 2 GEM fundraiser at Fernhurst may have already happened and I know it will be/was a big success! Thanks to all who planned, solicited

gifts, designed and sent invitations, contributed sponsorships, donated art, cooked, set up and cleaned up. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work!” **If you read this before June 2 and haven’t reserved your place at this special event, please do so by contacting Helen McClintock at 404-694-3216, GEMfundraiser@gmail.com, or homclintock@gmail.com.** There are more items in the Members’ Boutique and more raffle items than ever! It’s a great party and a chance to support our mission of breaking down educational and economic barriers for women.

Thank You

As this is the last message I’ll write as president of our AAUW branch, I’ll take this opportunity to say thank for your support throughout the past year. It has truly been an honor to serve on the board and to be surrounded by such a caring, competent, dependable and fun group of women.

*Take care,
Molly Keeney*

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UPDATE ON ERA FROM ROBBIE MADDEN

On Thursday, May 9, bipartisan legislation was introduced in both houses of Congress to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Action requested:

- **Please urge Senators Hagan and Burr to cosponsor Senate Joint Resolution 15, introduced by Senators Cardin and Kirk.**
- **Also please urge your House member, McHenry or Meadows, to cosponsor House Joint Resolution 43.**

It’s a free call to the U.S. Capitol: 877-762-8762.

When passed, this legislation will mean that we need only three more states to ratify the ERA, rather than having to start all over. (Few other constitutional amendments have been burdened with a deadline.)

For more information, please see www.era-nc.org and United4Equality.org.





Don't miss this year's GEM Fundraiser party! It's not too late to make your reservations and support scholarships for women.

To reserve your space, just contact Helen McClintock at 404-694-3216 or GEMfundraiser@gmail.com or homclintock@gmail.com. **You may pay at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person.**

May GEM Tributes

Tributes

- ☞ In honor of the birthday of her mother, Renée Levine — Jill Preyer
- ☞ In honor of the birthday of Jeanne Smolkin — Jan Schwartz
- ☞ In honor of Pat Argue and Marilyn Kolton — Bev Briedis
- ☞ In honor of Nora Stanistreet — Barbara Robinson
- ☞ In honor of Molly Keeney — Eleanor Johnson
- ☞ In honor of the birthdays of Susan Grabel and Renée Levine — Alice Doner
- ☞ In honor of Barbara Robinson — Emily Quinn
- ☞ In honor of Margaret Claire Tollefson — Karen Mauro
- ☞ In honor of Olan Broward Batten — Michael Siegendorf
- ☞ In honor of Connie MacDonald — Sue Reynolds
- ☞ In honor of Beth Ellers — Ann Snell
- ☞ In honor of Bobby Carney — Helen McClintock
- ☞ In honor of Fran Myers — Ellen Deloyce

Sponsorships

We currently have received 5 Diamond Sponsorships, one Ruby Sponsorship, and 17 Sapphire Sponsorships. The names of sponsors will be noted at the June 2 fundraiser party. Please consider adding your name to this list of special GEM friends.



MEMBERS' BOUTIQUE & RAFFLE

This year's GEM fundraiser party will feature a silent auction of fine arts and crafts created by AAUW Asheville members and GEM scholars. The Members' Boutique will also offer services to be rendered by branch members. In addition, party participants will be able to buy **raffle tickets** to try their luck at winning their selection(s) from a number of great prizes. See below for details.



MEMBERS' BOUTIQUE OFFERINGS

- ◆ Several paintings
- ◆ Watercolor
- ◆ Several photographs
- ◆ Several sets of photographic note cards
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Painted furniture
- ◆ Scarves
- ◆ Stained glass ornaments
- ◆ Ceramics
- ◆ Sculpture
- ◆ English Tea for 8
- ◆ Vietnamese dinner for 6 to 8
- ◆ Gallon of gumbo to go
- ◆ New Orleans dinner for 6
- ◆ Photographic house portrait with set of note cards
- ◆ Bird Walk
- ◆ Massage

RAFFLE ITEMS

- ◆ Gift Card to **12 Bones Barbecue**
- ◆ Gift Card to **Avenue M**
- ◆ Cooking Class at **Dough**
- ◆ Gift Cards from the **Center for Holistic Medicine** for an acupuncture session, two one-hour massages, and one cranio-sacral session
- ◆ Gift Card for stone fusion manicure at **L'Eau de Vie Salon**
- ◆ Two theatre tickets to **North Carolina Stage Company**
- ◆ Jewelry from the **"AAUW Collection"** — redesigned vintage jewelry (made from pieces of some of the best jewelry from the "Bling" event) from local designer **Shelley Johnston**
- ◆ Bottle of wine from the **Metro Wine Shop**
- ◆ Necklace from **Susan Marie Designs Fine Jewelry**
- ◆ Lunch for Two at **Chestnut Café**
- ◆ Two gift cards for haircuts at the **Middy Salon**
- ◆ Dinner for Six, prepared by the **Chef's Table**
- ◆ One year's household membership at the **North Carolina Arboretum**

Branch Board

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Study Group Chair	Eleanor Johnson
Past President	Jeanne Smolkin

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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!

Margaret Coopey	6/16
Suzanne Harter	6/30
Lee Kucera	6/7
Emily Quinn	6/15
B A Schenk	6/24
Nancy Schuman	6/23
Carolyn Worthington	6/1

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. Please add their contact information to the Members' Directory. **Our branch is the largest in North Carolina at 167 members. Keep up the good work!**



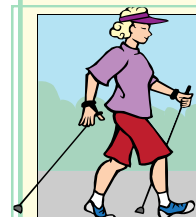
◆ **Sarah Sands White —**

Sarah earned a BA in English at Carnegie Mellon University and an MBA in Finance at the University of Minnesota.

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Calling for Members Interested in Hiking



Recent new member Nini Abbott is interested in talking with any other branch members who would like to get together on a

regular basis to engage in some easy to moderate hiking. Nini is willing to host and organize the group and then group members can decide when, where, etc. If you are interested in some fun exercise and good conversation with other members, please contact Nini at 828-658-4195 or niniabbott@gmail.com.

It's Time to Renew your Membership!

A special "Thank You!" to each one of our members who has sent in her membership renewal form and check. We still have a ways to go and would like to be able to get all your checks to our wonderful treasurer, Laurie Powell, just as soon as possible. Laurie will then be able to complete the forms that National requires and send in our branch information and dues.

If you haven't yet sent your renewal, please refer to the email that Eleanor Johnson sent on May 14th. Be sure to print and complete the Renewal Form and enclose it with your check.

Standard dues for the coming year are \$73.00, with \$46 being tax deductible.

Dues for Life Members are \$24.00

Dues for Honorary Life Members (50 yrs. of membership) are waived.

New Members who joined after March 16 do not have to pay dues again.

Please send your dues to: Emily Quinn, 112 Ballantree Dr., Asheville, NC 28803-2022

Many thanks for your cooperation, and I absolutely plan to hear from everyone!

Warmest regards,

Emily Quinn

Co-VP for Membership

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