




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

JUNE 2017

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11	12 Film Buds 5:30	13 Board Mtg	14	15 Film Fans 12pm	16 Advocacy/PP 9:30	17
18	19 Equity Comm 10am	20 <i>History SIG will resume in September</i>	21 <i>Photo Group will resume in September</i>	22 TeaTime-Books 2pm	23	24
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From the Branch President Wendy Haner

It was so nice to see everyone at our branch meeting with Chief of Police Tammy Hooper on April 25th. It was very informative as we learn about her goals and objectives for the city of Asheville and how she is working with the county as well.

We elected our new board of directors for this coming year and greatly appreciate these women for stepping up to the leadership roles in an organization that is important to all of us.

You should have received by now your renewal to continue your membership and I hope you will be prompt in returning your form with your check, since we must have the money turned in to state and national AAUW by the beginning of the new program year on July 1. That means we need to receive all the renewal checks and process them well in advance of that date.

I hope to see many of you at the GEM fundraising event at Fernihurst on the AB Tech campus on June 4th. It is shaping up to be a really special occasion.

Writing this message for the newsletter has been on my mind for sometime. As it is "Thank You" time, and I have many to thank. To begin, I was blessed to have so many committee chairs agree to stay on another year, leaving fewer to recruit. Plus I don't think anyone refused when I did ask "Would you....?" For that I'm so thankful.

I'm thankful to Linda Beltran for having the answers to the "How do you....?" questions and keeping track of our membership and for hosting the New and Prospective Members reception ; and to Rachel Sossoman for going with me to the state convention and agreeing to be the upcoming President Elect and to

Portia Alexander for her accurate and always on time minutes; and to Laurie Powell for her comprehensive financial reports. To Marlene Shaklan and Susan Gabel for the variety and quality of programs this year.

I must thank Anne Sayers, Jan Huskey, Cindy Stephens and Eleanor Lane for chairing their committees. Their job requires not only a lot of time, but management skills since many of the members are directly involved. We have Lyn Miller to thank for doing a super job on our newsletter and letting everyone know what is going on with each event and all of the SIG offerings. Judith Chitwood stepped up to the plate this year and took on the publicity responsibilities and did a super job. Her article that appeared in WNC Women magazine brought in 5 new members!.

There are over 12 more names on my list so please do not feel slighted if your name is not mentioned here, but know how very much I value your work for AAUW and how appreciative I am for having had the opportunity to work with you. THANK YOU!!!

Now on to an exciting upcoming new year with new committees and new events as we expand our offerings to the greater community of Asheville.

Have a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Potluck event. Until then take care and travel safe.

As always,
Wendy Haner, President of AAUW

What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Whether you're going someplace exotic or staying close to home this summer, send a selfie to be included in the September Newsletter - deadline Aug. 20, lcm353@gmail.com

And thanks to all our photo contributors - the Newsletter looks so much better with your photos!



Save the date:

AAUW POTLUCK SUPPER Sunday, September 17

4:30 pm to 7:00 PM

at The Living Well Center at The Ramble,
139 Valley Springs Rd, Asheville

Contact Hedy Sarbey, hbsarbey@gmail.com

Membership News Linda Beltran

**Have you renewed your
Branch Membership Dues?**

New Members

GARNER, Judy 912.507.7925 (C)
 Winter: 26 Sundew Road 912.598.5321 (H)
 Savannah, GA 31411 judygarner77@gmail.com
 Summer: 102 Timber Drive
 Asheville, NC 28804
 University of Arkansas BA Econ & Gov't
 Georgia State University MEd Sec Ed, Political Science
 Bette Feingold referred her to our branch! Judy divides her time between NC and GA
 and joined our branch since Savannah doesn't have one.

PERRY, Ann 201.401.4091 (C)
 68 Gracelyn Road pondhouse143@aol.com
 Asheville, NC 28804
 College of Mt St. Vincent BA Liberal Arts
 University of Michigan MMP Museum Studies
 New York University MBA Business
 Susan Grabel referred her to our branch! Ann is willing to help the Board occasionally!

MEMBER UPDATES

- ◆ Christina Gallant has a new email: 20burnsvilleoma16@gmail.com
- ◆ Bettie Council has an address correction: 99 Ascension Drive, Apt F101, Asheville, NC 28806.
- ◆ Renee Levine has a new address and phone number: 41 Cobblers Way, Apt 4420, Asheville, NC 28804 and phone number (828) 552-3386.
- ◆ Ann Marie Stuart has a new address: 71 Pine Forest Drive, Weaverville NC 28787.

TIME TO RENEW !
**National AAUW's deadline to renew
 dues is June 30th, 2017!**



Membership dues continue to be \$73. The break-down of the yearly dues: \$49 goes to National, \$11 to the State and \$13 to our branch. Remember that only **\$46** is tax deductible. Dues for Life Members are \$24 to cover State and Branch dues.

You have two ways to renew:

- 1) Online at www.aauw.org (See the April Newsletter for details) or
- 2) by check, made payable to AAUW- Asheville and mailed to **Linda Beltran at 11 Outlook Circle, Swannanoa, NC 28778.**

Be sure to check your information in the current online branch directory and provide any changes to Linda at email LINBELTRAN09@yahoo.com
 Our branch website is <http://asheville-nc.aauw.net/>



AUCTION/RAFFLE

GEM FUND OF AAUW ASHEVILLE FUNDRAISER PARTY

JUNE 4, 4-6 PM

The GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville 15th anniversary spring fund drive will culminate in the upcoming **June 4 party at the historic Fernihurst mansion on the A-B Tech Campus**. You are cordially encouraged to bring yourself, friends, and family to participate in this great event. Again this year, the event will be wonderfully catered by former A-B Tech Culinary Arts instructor Michelle Kelley. In addition to great food, wine, music, and conversation —attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on exciting items provided by local businesses or by our members and GEM friends. Go together with friends and bid on a brunch, picnic, or other member offering. If you find that you can't attend the event, get a friend to bid in your place. It's great fun, with some great items, and, best of all, proceeds provide college scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. So be as generous as you can afford with your bids.

If you haven't made your reservation already, do so by contacting Helen McClintock at 828-424-8455 or send your reservation/giving card to Helen at 204 Crowfields Drive; Asheville, NC; 28803. Detailed descriptions of silent auction items were e-mailed separately May 19.

RAFFLE

Karen Mauro, Marlene Shaklan, Carol Smith, Millie Massey, and Nini Abbott have lined up some great items for raffle and silent auction. Raffle items are available for lottery at \$5 per raffle ticket or 5 for \$20. You may then place your raffle tickets — as many as you like — in the bags representing the item(s) you'd like to win. There are lots of great items, so your chance of winning is good. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win one or more items.

Please refer to your May 19 email for details!

GEM FRIENDS' SILENT AUCTION

Once again the **"GEM Friends' Silent Auction"** will feature not things but experiences for you and friends. Contributed by branch members or other GEM friends, the auction offers a variety of great experiences and services. Many of our members have commented on the great time they have had in past years, being with friends and meeting new ones, through these shared experiences.

A more detailed description of Silent Auction offerings was emailed May 19

International Dining




THE BEST OF THE USA
Sunday, July 2, 2017 Time: TBA
Home of BA and Gary Schenk
122 Jump Cove Road, Weaverville

*This international dinner will feature regional favorites!
 Bring a US travel story to share – people, places,
 happenings large and small, memorable trips and events
 that make up our personal history and collective heritage.*

*Each member is permitted to bring one guest. Seating is
 limited, so make your reservation quickly.*

*Please contact Jeanne Smolkin (jsmolkin@gmail.com) to reserve your place at the table and for recipes or to discuss
 your suggestion for dish to bring to this exciting dinner.*

Sparkling & still water, tea & a welcome cocktail will be provided. You are welcome to bring additional beverage
People who love to eat are always the best people. - Julia Child



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

June Birthdays

- 6/1 Ann Marie Stuart
- 6/1 Carolyn Worthington
- 6/2 Susan Roderick
- 6/6 Patricia Friedrichs
- 6/7 Judy Handley
- 6/7 Dale Poklemba
- 6/11 Kate Ramsey
- 6/11 Pamela Silvers
- 6/16 Ann Perry
- 6/21 Judy Balsanek
- 6/24 BA Schenk

The **YWCA Empowerment Center** could use puzzles and games for children ages 5-10, child-proof plastic scissors (10-15) , in addition to 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, etbucly5@gmail.com for pick up.

The children thank you!



Equity Committee

Eleanor Lane

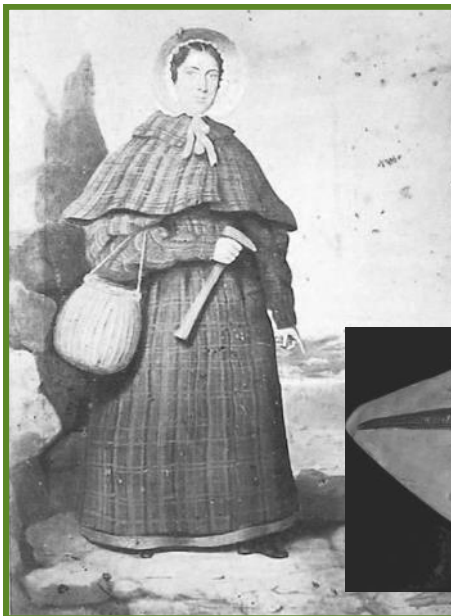
Our committee has changed its name—we’ve moved from “Diversity” to “Equity.” We want to focus the spotlight on all women and girls having the resources and access they need to achieve. In order for all of us to better understand some of the inequities existing in Asheville, consider: “...the Asheville City Schools have the biggest disparity between white and black students’ academic proficiency of any district in the state. Regardless of economic status, about 80 percent of the system’s white students achieve grade-level proficiency; less than 30 percent of black students meet the same benchmark.” (Youth Justice Project quoted in *Mountain Xpress* posted online Mar. 24, 2017.) For more information on other aspects of disparity in our Asheville community, see [State of Black Asheville](#). Our committee continues to explore opportunities to listen to the women and girls in our community regarding action steps we can take. Our next meetings: **June 19 and August 7**. For more information and location of meetings, contact Eleanor Lane, elane@northstarlane.com.



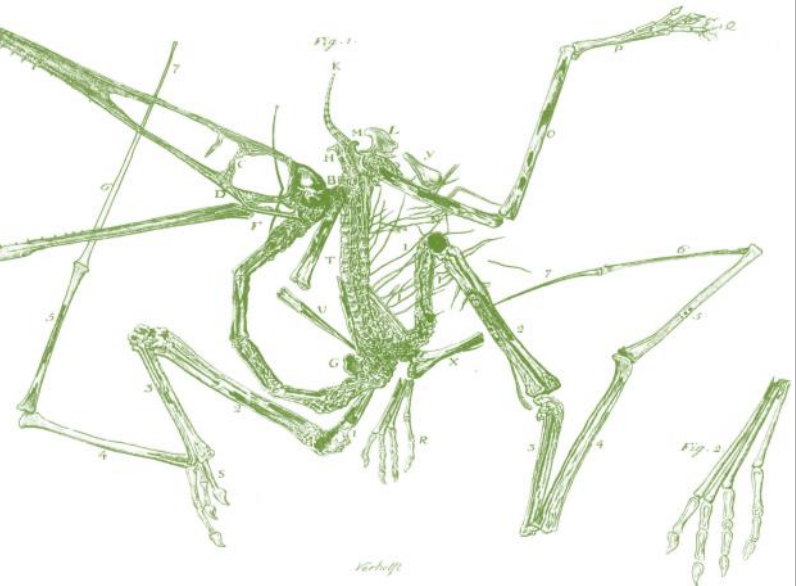
Five AAUW Women You Didn't Know Were on Postage Stamps

TIME TO RENEW Your Membership!

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Mary Anning made a series of revolutionary discoveries in the early 19th century, excavating huge skeletal sections of ichthyosaurs, plesiosaurs, and pterosaurs between 1809 and 1829. Her contributions effectively settled the argument of extinction, and became the founding ideas behind the burgeoning field of paleontology.



AAUW Advocacy & Public Policy Initiative

Anne Sayers & Kitty Schaller

How did it start? About 3 years ago, a small group of members – under Ruth Slawson’s leadership – came together to study and inform Asheville AAUW about current public issues. Largely, they relied on AAUW National positions and materials. Fast forward to 2015, Anne Sayers and Betsy Kirk convened a more action-oriented group – 7 attended that Advocacy/ Public Policy (A/PP) kick-off. Today over 20 women meet monthly to clarify issues, collaborate with other organizations, & take action with the AAUW membership.

What issues does A/PP consider? In late 2015, the group (then a SIG) considered a range of concerns – and selected priorities based on our personal commitments and actionable policy – ones we believed our AAUW membership might support. In each case, there were local, state, and national implications. Our choices: **Health Care** (in all its pieces & parts); **Early Childhood Learning/Care** (its importance, barriers – subsidy shortage) and **Equal Rights Amendment** (the ‘why’ of ERA in 2017 & urgency in NC). Priority issues will change over time, based on needs, policy relevance, and members’ interests. (National AAUW issues will always inform our choices and, of course, we will align with National if they take a policy position on our choices.)



Ruth Slawson



AAUW represented at the Women’s March in Asheville 1/21/17

What’s Next for A/PP? YOU! Our priority is to inspire members to join advocacy and policy initiatives -- to learn together and take action! Action will often entail a quick, easy call/fax/email to lawmakers or administration in Raleigh or Washington DC. We also will collaborate with other advocates across WNC to add vital perspective and power to our efforts.

What Can YOU Do? Join us -- A/PP meets monthly on 2nd Friday at 9:30 am at the YWCA -185 S. French Broad. Watch for A/PP’s **Action Alerts and Backgrounders** by email. **Get ready:** Follow *lawmakers’ contacts* to find phones, faxes, & addresses of key representatives. Put them In your Personal Directory—all set to take action. We promise to make action easy & quick! Call with questions & ideas: Anne Sayers annesayers432@gmail.com (919-302-0084) & Kitty Schaller (828-777-1370)

“I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.” - Rosa Parks

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT NEWS Roberta Madden

S.85 and H.102, bills to ratify the ERA, were introduced in the respective chambers of the NC General Assembly on February 14. The bills were referred to the Rules Committee in each house, sometimes called "the committee where bills go to die." Neither committee has even scheduled a hearing on the ERA. **Unless either the House or the Senate passes the ERA before adjournment this summer, the issue will be dead until the next long session in 2019.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO: [Click on this link](#) to send messages to all the committee members!

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Above: Handmade Paper Workshop hosted by Catherine Battle on April 28. They used kitchen blenders, recycled junk mail, and dried flower petals and other additions to make their unique papers. **Above, Right:** From left to right: Nancy Stewart, B.A. Schenck, Ellen Nutter, Judith Chitwood, and Portia Alexander admiring some of the papers they made.

Below, Left: Jean Bailey and Lyn Miller examine pinhole Images April 30 (Jean's image below came out quite well!)
Lower Right: Photo Group Scavenger Hunters rendezvous at the Chocolate Lounge, from Left Barbara Pressman, Sherry Brown, Mary Ellen Lewis, Molly Keeney, Eleanor Johnson, (standing) Wendy Haner, May 17



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 annereis2@sbcglobal.net

Date	Book
June 5	<u>The Orphan Master's Son</u> —Adam Johnson

Literatae

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, jtoxen@bellsouth.net or 828-891-2864 (H).

Date	Book	Host/Leader
June 7, '17	Book Selections	Pat Argue South Buncombe Library 260 Overlook Rd. Asheville, 28803

“Reading is everything. Reading makes me feel like I’ve accomplished something, learned something, become a better person. Reading makes me smarter. Reading gives me something to talk about later on. Reading is the unbelievably healthy way my attention deficit disorder medicates itself. Reading is escape, and the opposite of escape; it’s a way to make contact with reality after a day of making things up, and it’s a way of making contact with someone else’s imagination after a day that’s all too real. Reading is grist. Reading is bliss.” — Nora Ephron

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 jspanogle@aol.com

Date	Book	Location
June 22	Book Selections	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com

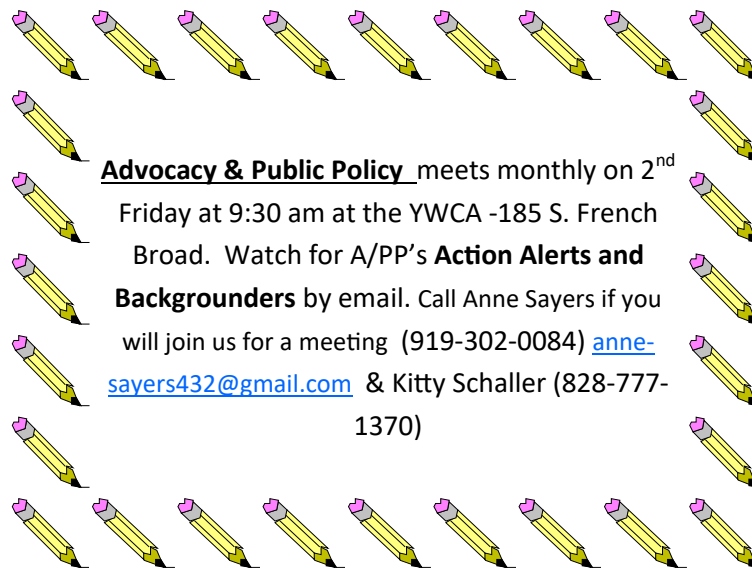
Tea Time Book Group will be meeting on Aug. 24 at 2:00 p.m. Location TBA

Calendar Details

AAUW Equity Committee Meeting

Friday, June 19 at 10:00am
Next meeting Aug. 7

Contact **Eleanor Lane**,
elane@northstarlane.com.

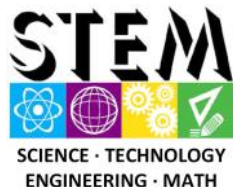


Advocacy & Public Policy meets monthly on 2nd Friday at 9:30 am at the YWCA -185 S. French Broad. Watch for A/PP's **Action Alerts and Backgrounders** by email. Call Anne Sayers if you will join us for a meeting (919-302-0084) anne-sayers432@gmail.com & Kitty Schaller (828-777-1370)

Film Fans will be meeting through the summer!

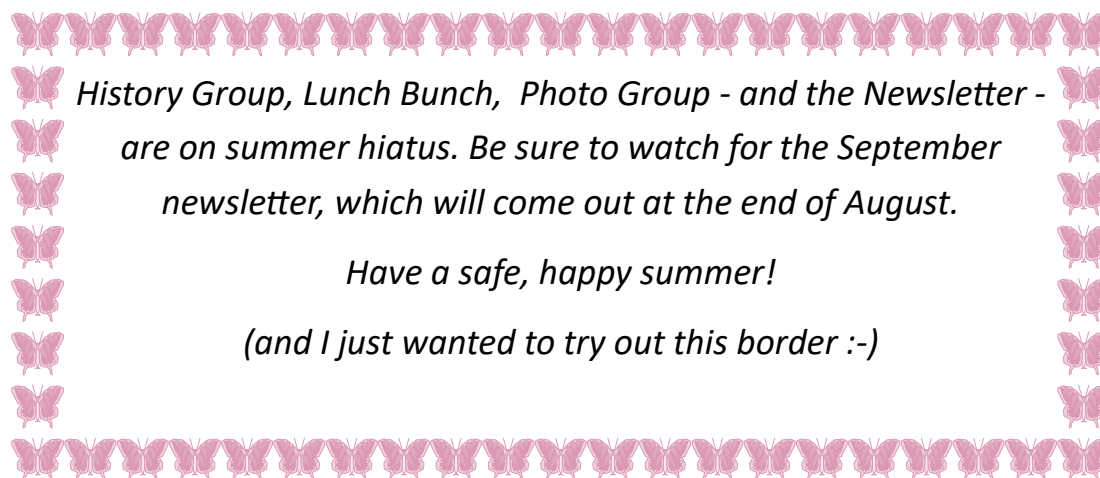
Our film discussions will be held on the second Thursday of each month, namely **June 8, July 13, and August 10**. The films to be discussed will be announced about a week before we meet.

Hope you are able to join us. Let me know if you want to be added to the Film Fans list - Beth Johnson,
johnson1ea@earthlink.net



STEM

cstephens30@thefhc.net



History Group, Lunch Bunch, Photo Group - and the Newsletter - are on summer hiatus. Be sure to watch for the September newsletter, which will come out at the end of August.

Have a safe, happy summer!

(and I just wanted to try out this border :-)

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 annesayers432@gmail.com or Eleanor Lane at elane42@charter.net. 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 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 Ann Reis, annereis2@sbcglobal.net

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 **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 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 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meeting times will be variable based on tour and/or speaker schedules. Contact Sherry Brown of information and reservations. sherryrsaerie@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 pot-luck, with menu suggestions from the host. Dinners are approximately every other month. For more information, contact Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or jmolkin@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 Jean Toxen at jtoxen@bellsouth.net 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 by noon the Wednesday before at 828-357-8455 or sherryrsaerie@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 3rd Wednesday at 1pm though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website aauwphotog.weebly.com or email Lynette Miller at lmillerstudio@gmail.com.

Tea Time Book Group: 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 jspanogle@aol.com.

World Affairs Group: 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 (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or 828-299-8107) for additional information.