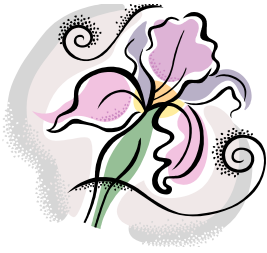


# AAUW ASHEVILLE

## NEWSLETTER



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

# MAY 2014

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			 <b>Happy Hikers</b> Meets each Wednesday at 10:00 For locations in May, contact Andriette Kinsella at andriettek@bellsouth.net or 686-3604.	1 <b>Branch Meeting</b>  <b>Outstanding Asheville Women Business Owners</b> Lunch at 11:30 1st Baptist Church	2	3
4	5 <b>CAB</b>  <b>A Land More Kind than Home</b> , Cash 4:30 at the Weinhaus For more information, contact new group leader Karen Mauro at Biggy47@att.net.	<div>  <b>Reservation Deadline for Lunch Bunch</b>  RSVP to sherrysaerie@gmail.com </div> <div> 7 <b>Adelante</b>   <b>In the Shadow of the Banyan</b>, Ratner;  1:45 at home of Fran Meyers; rsvp to fgmeyers@bellsouth.net </div>		8	9  <b>Lunch Bunch Noon</b> <b>ZIA Tacquria</b> 521 Haywood, West Asheville <b>RSVP to Sherry Brown by 5/7</b>	10
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18	19	20	21	22 <b>Tea Time</b>  <b>Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter</b> Franklin; 4 pm, at home of Sherry Brown; rsvp to sherrysaerie@gmail.com or 357-8455.	23	24
<div> Sunday, June 1  <b>GEM Fundraiser Party</b>  4—6   </div>		27 <b>World Affairs</b>  1:30, home of Mary Hyde; rsvp to 274-9022 or maryjhyde@gmail.com	28  Be sure to make your reservations for the June 1 GEM Fundraiser	29	<div> <b>Contents</b>  Calendar p. 1  Activities &amp; Events p. 2  President's Message p. 3  Early Voting p. 3  ERA p. 4  RiverLink/Upstreamers p. 4  Member News p. 5  New Members p. 5  GEM Fund Drive p. 5 </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](mailto:fjgmyers@bellsouth.net) or Shirley Quisenberry, 828-285-2303 or [shirleyqberry@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:ruthslawson@hotmail.com) or 545-3397.
- ◆ **AAUW Upstreamers:** a new interest group; see p.4 for details.
- ◆ **CAB Book Group:** The "Cocktails and Books" discussion group meets in the downtown vicinity 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 [Biggy47@att.net](mailto:Biggy47@att.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](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).
- ◆ **Happy Hikers:** This group meets weekly to take easy to moderate hikes at various locations in the area, as determined by the members. Day and time, as well as hike locations, are to be determined by the group. Contact Nini Abbott for more information at [niniabbott@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:judyroach2112@yahoo.com) or Andriette Kinsella at 828-686-3604 or [andriettek@bellsouth.net](mailto:andriettek@bellsouth.net).
- ◆ **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

## MAY BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, May 1

First Baptist Church



OUTSTANDING ASHEVILLE  
WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS  
w/ Eموke B'Racz, *Malaprop's* &  
Paula Dawkins, *Jewels that Dance*

11:30 Lunch  
\$12

to contact Sherry Brown by the **deadline date** at [sherryaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherryaerie@gmail.com) or 357-8455 and to 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](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).
- ◆ **Women Who Write (W<sup>3</sup>):** 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 feed-back in a non-threatening positive atmosphere. Group membership is limited to six persons and **membership is currently closed**. For more information, contact new group leader Helen McClintock at [homclintock@gmail.com](mailto:homclintock@gmail.com) or 484-9211.
- ◆ **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](mailto:evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com). or LaDean Peterson, 828-650-3005 or [LaDeanJune@charter.net](mailto:LaDeanJune@charter.net).



## FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

*Dear AAUW Friends:*

*At our April branch meeting, we had a change of pace. We met at Pack Tavern for lunch in the private dining room on the lower floor. The staff was super efficient with our food and individual checks and we arrived at the Asheville Art Museum with time to spare.*

*Pam Meyers, the Executive Director, greeted us and oriented us to the museum. Their collection is of American art, beginning in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, with a focus on art of significance to the Southeast. She also discussed volunteer and docent programs that might interest us. We split into two groups and got a tour of the many rooms (It seemed as though it would be easy to get lost in that maze of interlocking rooms on several floors>). Among the highlights for me were the Black Mountain*

College artists (Josef Albers, Franz Kline, Robert Motherwell, Kenneth Noland, Cy Twombly and others). Also of special interest was a large abstract painting by Zelda Fitzgerald that had been rescued from destruction shortly after her death. Our branch donated \$200 to the museum for our tour (since they waived their usual admission charge).

At our next branch meeting, we will be voting on our new slate of officers.

Ann Snell (Executive V.P) and I represented our branch at the annual NC-AAUW meeting in Burlington at the end of March. We are the largest branch in the state and, unlike several other branches, we continue to enjoy a growing membership. Robbie Madden, one of our members, joined us and discussed updates on ERA legislation.

It is time to think seriously about what you can contribute for our annual fundraiser at Fernihurst. We need your craft and art items for our silent auction (small paintings, jewelry, scarves, cards, handmade books, ceramic pieces, purses, weavings, crochet, knitting, ornaments of all kinds, etc.).

If you are not crafty, perhaps you can create an activity or event that can be part of our silent auction. Last year these "services" were a big hit. Services such as dinners, bird walks, guided hikes, English tea, photography shoot, and massage, were all well received. Can you teach something—ikebana, bread-baking, ravioli, hand made books, jewelry? Do you like art or history? How about arranging an outing that includes gallery hopping or focuses on a history theme? What do you and your friends like to do? Consider arranging an activity based on what you like to do; then each friend can bid on a "place at the table," or a "place in the car."

Since it is our own AAUW members who are doing the bidding, you will have fun while you are helping us raise money for our scholarships. Think about it! This is fun way to share good experiences with friends and raise a little money for scholarships at the same time. If you have an idea for art-work or an experience that you can provide, contact Alice Doner at adoner@frontier.com.

*Take care,  
Cathy Battle*

catherinebattle@earthlink.net  
or 828-348-0505



**Help Support Scholarships for Women at the  
Annual Fundraiser of the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville**

**Sunday, June 1  
4 — 6**

**at the Historic Fernihurst Mansion  
on the A-B Tech Campus**

*Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres*

*Music*

*Silent Auction & Raffle*



*Tickets are \$45 per person; to reserve your space, send a check, made out to the GEM Fund, to*

**GEM Fund Drive;  
2 Nichols Hill Drive Ext; Asheville, 28804;**

*or contact Helen McClintock at 828-424-8455 or  
homeclintock@gmail.com.*



### Primary Election Coming Up: Early Voting Now

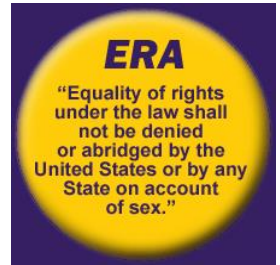
Early voting has begun for the May 6 primary election. Early voting will continue through May 3 at the following locations:

- William H. Stanley Center, 35 Woodfin St.
- North Asheville Library, 1030 Merrimon
- South Buncombe Library, 260 Overlook Rd.
- West Asheville Library,
- 942 Haywood Rd.
- Skyland Fire & Rescue, 9 Miller Rd; Skyland
- Heaven's Cloud Retreat Ctr., 130 Sardis Rd
- Girl Scout Office—Upper Bldg., 64 W T Weaver Blvd.

For times, see <http://www.buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/Election/EarlyVoting.aspx>

## A RADICAL IDEA: EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

by Roberta Madden



The Equal Rights Amendment, written 91 years ago and believed dead in 1982 when the congressionally imposed deadline ran out, is alive and well. The ERA has been a priority for AAUW-NC, which contributed \$500 to RATIFY ERA-NC last year to support the fledgling movement in our state. Bipartisan legislation to eliminate the deadline and make ERA part of the U.S. Constitution after three more states ratify is pending in Congress: SJR 15 and HJR 113. The Senate

measure, featured in a recent briefing, is expected to be heard in the Judiciary Committee soon. Senator Kay Hagan is one of 34 co-sponsors. The House version replaces HJR 43, which was withdrawn when its author resigned from the House. Rep. Jackie Speier of California then introduced HJR 113, which has already attracted 111 co-sponsors.

**Action Needed:** Please call Senator Burr, who has not yet signed on as a

co-sponsor, and your respective member of the U.S. House of Representatives and urge them to cosponsor this legislation. It's a toll-free call to the U.S. Capitol: 1-877-762-8762. Just ask for the office of Senator Burr and then of your Representative in the House. Women have waited too long. It is way past time for full equality to be guaranteed by our Constitution.



Last month our branch formed a new interest group — “AAUW

Upstreamers” — formed in conjunction with RiverLink of Asheville; whose director, Karen Cragnohin, gave us a spirited, inspiring talk at the March branch meeting regarding RiverLink, an organization dedicated to the ecologically sound and user-friendly maintenance of the French Broad and its tributaries.

Group leader Barbara Robinson describes the new group as a Level 2 volunteer group who will do three clean-ups a year of their designated stream, Beaverdam Creek, as well as monitoring the water level and quality. Twenty-two members have joined the group, so far, and Barbara says the group is open to any member who's “willing to get her feet wet, her hands dirty (in gloves, however!), and enjoys being outdoors.” They meet three times a year on dates chosen by the group in early spring. Their first work day occurred, appropriately, on Earth Day, April 22.

Of this event, Barbara writes:

*Ladies---We were an intrepid band of 7 today, and filled up 11 bags of trash---plus assorted goodies such as old boxes, car parts, & blobs of carpet. AND---we resembled goats in our climbing abilities, hanging onto roots, rocks and each other. But it was a pretty day, and I personally came home smiling & feeling gratified about*

## AAUW ASHEVILLE NEW INTEREST GROUP “UPSTREAMERS” GOING STRONG

*my good deed for Mother Earth. I hope my 6 BFF today did too.*

*Some lessons learned-----wear rubber boots or old sneakers with good treads 'cause you'll probably get your feet wet, and have to climb up hill & down dale! RiverLink provided picker-uppers which were very handy, but Iris & Eleanor had a long-handled garden tool with a pick on the end that came in very handy. The creek isn't very wide or deep, & the water is clear, but the fallen trees, shrubs, & vines made it challenging to get to the actual creek bed. We worked about 2 hours today, and with all the climbing & hauling bags that we did, that seemed like a good period of time. We walked the road downstream a ways & the land we'll do in July is flatter and almost park-like in appearance (never mind the trash in the creek!).*

*As an added inducement for additional volunteers in July---there's a beach ball, fully inflated, waiting for the lucky woman who wades into the water for it! Or, if you'd prefer, there's also an orange street sign in the creek.*

*So look at your calendars & hopefully we can come up with another intrepid ---and larger---band July 15th or 17th. Many hands make light work, as our Moms always said.*

To join the group and lend a hand, contact Barbara Robinson at [robarb@charter.net](mailto:robarb@charter.net) or 645-2569.



## Branch Board

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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!*

Ann Anderson	5/6
Joyce Boehlen	5/14
Jeanne Gochenour	5/8
Susan Grabel	5/2
Pat Hammond	5/10
Renée Levine	5/25
Jansen McCreary	5/16
Judy Nelson	5/14
Francella Poston	5/7
Shirley Quisenberry	5/12

## MEMBER NEWS



- Wendy Haner wrote to tell us the great news that AAUW Asheville member Terry Van Duyn has won the position of state senator for Western North Carolina District 49. She will be a good advocate for women's issues, Wendy says, as she understands the equal pay for all women issue, along with other issues that will be addressed in the assembly. Please congratulate her on this wonderful win.
- Shirley Quisenberry's husband let us know that Shirley suffered a fall and broke her pelvis. As of the last week in April, she was recuperating at the Givens Health Center. You might want to send healing thoughts Shirley's way and let her know you're thinking of her.

## 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. Keep up the good work!**

## ◆ Jo Ann Horton —

Jo Ann earned a BS in Education from the University of North Texas and an MS in Education from Texas A & M University.

52 Mountain Circle; Weaverville, 28787  
(H) 828-484-9599; [C] 817-507-6319  
Hortonjoann@sbcglobal.net

## ◆ Penny Sandonato —

Penny received a BS in Home Economics/Education at College Misericordia and an MA in Counseling at the College of New Jersey.

56 Mountain Meadow Circle; Weaverville, 28787; (H) 828-645-8313  
pennysandonato@charter.net

### THE GEM FUND CELEBRATES 12 YEARS OF SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

You should have received an e-mail copy of the spring edition of "GEM Chips," the bi-annual newsletter of our branch's charitable organization, the GEM Fund, created in 2002 by branch members and friends. If you did not receive a copy, please contact newsletter editor Alice Doner at [adoner@frontier.com](mailto:adoner@frontier.com).

In the current edition of "GEM Chips" you will find details about this spring's fund drive and all the ways that you can participate. If you have not already done so, please take the time to check it out.

The GEM's Fund's sole purpose is to raise funds to provide undergraduate college scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. Since its inception, the GEM Fund has awarded 58 scholarships, totaling \$54,500. The fund

began with a single scholarship of \$500 donated by the branch. For the past three years, the fund has awarded over 12 scholarships each year, ten to A-B Tech and two to UNCA. Please check out the ways you can participate. It's great fun, with great women, and completely in support of our mission of breaking down economic and educational barriers for women.

Don't wait to make your reservation for the June 1 party or to make commitments for the Members' Boutique or for sponsorship. Spring is here and it's time to celebrate our GEM scholars and make sure that we have many more in the future.



### Mother's Day Is May 11—

### Honor Her with a Gift to GEM

Mother's Day would be a great occasion to honor your mother or other woman who has greatly influenced you with a gift in her honor to the GEM Fund. Remember that tributes can be combined with sponsorships and other contributions of any amount. This is a wonderful way to honor this person and help other women at the same time.

