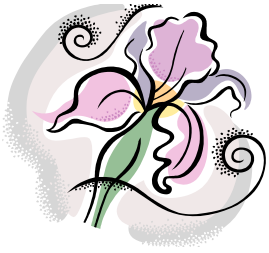


AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER



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

MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adelante The Tiger's Wife, Obrecht; 1:45 at home of Leah Karpen, 400 Charlotte, #803; rsvp to Leah at 254-5489 or lrkarpen@bellsouth.net	2	3	4 International Dining supper celebrating the Kentucky Derby
5	6 CAB Sense of an Ending, Barnes 4:30 at home of Renée Levine; rsvp to Renée at haroldrenee@att.net .	7	8 Reservation Deadline for Lunch Bunch RSVP to sherrysaerie@gmail.com	9	10 Lunch Bunch Noon Chef Mo's 900 Henderson Rd. Branch Meeting Reservation Deadline	11
12 Mom	13 Film Buds, Led by Beth Ellers Film & Location: TBA 5:30 —7 	14	15 Branch Meeting 11:30 Speaker: John Boyle 1st Baptist Church RSVP to Andriette Kinsela by May 10, andriettek@bellsouth.net	16 Film Fans Led by Beth Johnson Film : TBA River Ridge Apt. Club House 12—1:30 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Evening In the Garden of Beasts Larson; 7 pm, at home of Jo Yates; rsvp to Jo at 254-0304 or joyates104@	24	25
Sunday, June 2 GEM Fundraiser Party 4—6 		28 World Affairs Post-Chavez Venezuela 1:30, home of Mary Hyde; rsvp to 274- 9022 or maryjhyde@gmail.com	29 Be sure to make your reservations for the June 2 GEM Fundraiser	30	31	Contents Calendar p. 1 Activities & Events p. 2 President's Message p. 3 Public Policy— ERA p. 4 In Memoriam p. 4 New Members p. 5 Member Birthdays p. 5 Member Announcements p. 5

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.
- ◆ **Evening Book Group:** The book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 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 jspanogle@aol.com or 258-0096.
- ◆ **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.

MAY BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday, May 15

First Baptist Church



Speaker: John Boyle,
Columnist for the
Asheville Citizen-Times

Lunch at 11:30

\$12

RSVP by April 12 to Andriette Kinsella at 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 to contact Sherry Brown by the **deadline date** at sherrysaerie@gmail.com or 357-8455 and to get directions to the restaurant.
- ◆ **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.



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

If you missed the April branch meeting, you missed a wonderful presentation by Laura Collins. We spent time at each table learning about each other. We talked about early memories, school impressions and important women in our lives. During the business part of the meeting, we elected new officers to our branch: President, Cathy Battle; Executive VP, Ann Snell; Secretary, Deb Fulton-Helmer; Treasurer, Laurie Powell; Program VP, Judy Colella; and Membership VP, Mary Ellen Johnson-Lewis.

We also gave special thanks to Susan Grabel for her leadership of the Bling, Bling Bash! sale that raised more than \$3,700 for the GEM fund! Everyone left energized and proud to be part of our AAUW branch.

AAUW North Carolina

The statewide meeting was held on April 12-13 in Burlington. Cathy Battle, Robbie Madden and I attended. It was a worthwhile meeting and we felt proud of branch for its projects, fundraising, newsletter and membership – we are the largest branch in North Carolina. It was interesting hearing about other branches efforts to raise money, support education, and advocate for women's issues. Thanks to a presentation by Robbie Madden, the association voted to sign the ERA resolution and pledged \$500 support for the cause. Finally, we had a workshop on writing letters to the editor.

AAUW National News

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.

Make your voice heard by voting on AAUW's leadership, Public Policy Program, and bylaws. [Vote online](#) now through June 10. For more information, reference the voter guide in your Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook* magazine or the e-mail that you received last week. You will also find [an instructional video](#) and [FAQs online](#). E-mail connect@aauw.org with any further questions.

President Obama, We Can't Wait for Congress. Issue an Executive Order.

As a more immediate step to addressing pay equity,

AAUW is urging the president to implement part of the Paycheck Fairness Act through an [executive order](#). We want an order that would ban federal contractors from firing or retaliating against workers who share salary information or ask about wage practices. Join AAUW, and [urge](#) the president to issue the executive order today.

Make the Most of the Congressional Recess

Your elected officials will be in their home districts April 29–May 3. This is the perfect time to meet with them and discuss AAUW issues. AAUW has a guide on [how to schedule and prepare for a meeting with your elected officials](#). Request a meeting with your members of Congress and contact advocacy@aauw.org for other assistance in preparing for the visit!

¡Adelante! for the Book Lover in You

Do you have a great book you would like to suggest for the 2013–14 ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club? Share your recommendation by May 15, 2013. If your book is selected, you and your branch will be recognized and sent a special gift.

Our next meeting on May 15th will be the last for this membership year. Columnist, John Boyle is scheduled to speak and it's sure to be an informative and entertaining presentation. You will also have a chance to purchase tickets to the GEM Fernhurst event on June 2nd. I hope to see you at both!

*Take care,
Molly Keeney*

mollykeeney@charter.net
828-337-5044



AAUW Pledges Support of ERA at State Meeting

The Equal Rights Amendment won unanimous support from participants at the AAUW state meeting in Burlington

April 12-13. Roberta Madden, a member of the Asheville branch, presented a resolution to endorse the renewed efforts to make the ERA part of the Constitution.

She explained that joint resolutions will be introduced next month in both houses of Congress to eliminate the ERA deadline and to make it part of the Constitution after three more states ratify it. She encouraged members to contact Senators Hagan and Burr and their respective House members and urge them to cosponsor the resolutions, which will be similar to HJR 47 and SJR 39 in the previous Congress. Senator Ben Cardin (MD) and Rep. Robert Andrews (NJ) will introduce the legislation in May.

After a lively discussion, participants voted to declare AAUW-NC's support of *RATIFY ERA-NC*, and to pledge the active engagement of its members with members of Congress so as to clear the way for a robust campaign in North Carolina in the next General Assembly. They also voted to set aside \$500 to support the work of *RATIFY ERA-NC*, which is applying for nonprofit corporation status and is launching a statewide educational campaign on the ERA.

For more information, contact Roberta Madden, co-director of *RATIFY ERA-NC*, at robertamadden@era-nc.org or 419-0730. The organization's website is www.era-nc.org.



In Memoriam

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Karen O'Hara Rubin's husband Steve on April 9. Karen was kind enough to write to our members the following:

Dear Friends,

I am so very sad to tell you that Steve died peacefully in his sleep early this evening. In his last days, he slept most of the time and his face was peaceful. He seemed to recognize me and hear shared intimacies I spoke to him. Knowing your love and concern, I passed along your messages as his waning strength permitted. He didn't talk at all as the hours of his passing approached. It was as though he had one foot in this world and one in whatever is to come. His death was gentle. I don't know how to even begin to express my thanks to you for all your love and support. And aren't we glad we had a chance to celebrate Steve's vibrant life while he was still with us and able to participate! Steve could never be accused of "simply having visited this world."

Steve's Epitaph

*When I die
Give what's left of me away
To children
And old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
Cry for your brother
Walking the street beside you.
And when you need me,
Put your arms
Around anyone
And give them
What you need to give to me.*

*I want to leave you something,
Something better
Than words
Or sounds.

Look for me
In the people I've known
Or loved,
And if you cannot give me away,
At least let me live on your eyes
And not on your mind.

You can love me most*

*By letting
Hands touch hands,
By letting
Bodies touch bodies,
And by letting go
Of children
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die,
People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love,
Give me away*

— Anonymous

Should you wish to honor Steve, here is the contact information where contributions can be sent: Council on Aging, Buncombe County, 46 Sheffield Cr., Asheville, NC 28803 Tel: (828) 277-8288 Fax: (828) 277-8299 Email: info@coabc.org

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**This Month's
Member Birthdays —**

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

Ann Anderson	5/6
Peggy Dutton	5/29
Jeanne Gochenour	5/8
Susan Grabel	5/2
Babs Guardenier	5/8
Pat Hammond	5/10
Renée Levine	5/25
Francella Poston	5/7
Shirley Quisenberry	5/12

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 166 members. Keep up the good work!**

◆ **Anne Blanchard —**

Anne is a returning member. She earned a BA in history at Wesleyan College.

400 Wesley Drive; #74; Asheville, 28803
(H) 828-285-2375

◆ **Joyce Davis —**

Joyce received a BA in psychology at Queens College, a JD in law from Florida State, and then earned an LLM in Feminist Legal Theory from Columbia Law School.

34 Sourwood Drive; Mills River, 28759
(H) 828-891-2099; [C] 828-279-2456
Jd2d@bellsouth.net

◆ **Sharon Kopstein —**

Sharon attended State University of New York where she earned a BS in Elementary Education. She also did graduate work in Elementary

and Special Education at Leslie College and Trinity College.

245 Westover Alley; Asheville, 28801
[C] 410-271-3422
SharonKopstein@hotmail.com

◆ **Joanne Swenson —**

Joanne received a BS in education from SUNY at Brookport and an MA in education and administration at SUNY at Oswego.

114 Cranbrook Drive; Arden, 28704
(H) 585-424-1833; [C] 585-208-9224

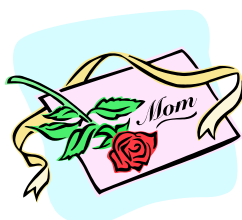
◆ **Marlene Shaklan —**

Marlene earned an AAS in Arts and Sciences from the Fashion Institute of Technology.

105 Onyx Drive; Fairview, 28730
(H) 828-628-2300; [C] 828-505-5572
betsybauer31@gmail.com

***Mother's Day Is May 12 —
Honor Her with a Gift to GEM***

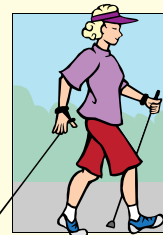
Mother's Day would be a great occasion to honor your mother or other woman who has greatly influenced you with a gift in her honor to the GEM Fund. Remember that tributes can be combined with sponsor-



ships and other contributions of any amount. This is a wonderful way to honor this

person and help other women at the same time.

**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. 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.