



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

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From the Branch President Wendy Haner

Hello Everyone,

Our AAUW is coming to an end with our summer hiatus right around the bend and we all are looking forward to seeing everyone again at our September Pot Luck gathering. As I reflect on this year as president, I've learned so much from this experience and in the process I've met and worked with some remarkable women on many projects and programs. My hat goes off to our committee chairs and the hard work they have put into their groups. This year alone, we were able to create 4 very capable and active committees: Advocacy, STEM, UNC-A, and Diversity.

The first of April, your president elect and I had the pleasure of attending our state convention in Greensboro which included informative presentations about many wonderful activities and events that other branches have embraced throughout our state. We also participated in discussions which focused on leadership roles and experiences at both branch and state levels. A number of Ideas and initiatives were exchanged and I hope that we can embrace some of them for our Asheville branch in the coming year. They will give us valuable information on the pulse of our organization and help guide us in the direction we are going in the next couple of years.

As our AAUW year nears an end, paradoxically, activity seems to be increasing. Our past two meetings inspired a flurry of activity and excellence attendance at our meetings. The word about AAUW Asheville is obviously getting around. A record total of 199 women have become members as of our last board meeting alone. We continue to surpass our membership numbers and hoping to breaking the 200 mark before the start on 2018.

Kudos to all AAUW Asheville members who represent our branch in the best way possible and volunteer to support all our programs and events. It's such a pleasure to work with you and I have enjoyed immensely my term as president of such a fine group of women!

Wendy Haner, President



New State Officers, From left to right: Sherie Wheaton co president from Greensboro, Jane Terwillegar - co Pres from Greensboro, Diane Schneider - advocate from Charlotte, JoAnne Hall - treasurer from Jacksonville, Peg Holmes - secretary from Hendersonville



AAUW BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY, May 23 2017
SPEAKER: Artist & Gallery Owner Connie Vlahoulis
Shares her insights on the River Arts District

First Baptist Church, 5 Oak St., Asheville, 28801
(3rd Floor Dining Room)
11:30 Branch Meeting followed by
Lunch and Speaker

RSVP: Susan Gabel at: susangrabel2@gmail.com
or 828-505-3826 NO LATER THAN May 15!

Please note: You may attend the meeting without having lunch. However, members who reserve lunch, but do not attend, still owe \$12. AAUW is responsible for all ordered lunches.

Membership News Linda Beltran

New Members

MILNES, Karen 828-505-0705 (H)
 1 Ridgeview Drive 408-772-5342 (C)
 Asheville, NC 28804 milnes28804@gmail.com
 Rochester Institute of Technology BFA Communication Design
 Western Carolina University MA Communications Design
 Karen is interested in volunteering to assist the Board occasionally, help with the Newsletter, Membership, Publicity, and the Directory. Judith Hoy referred her to our branch!

VIGELAND, Deborah 817-521-7582 (C)
 46 High Bluff Drive deborah.vigeland@gmail.com
 Weaverville, NC 28787
 Carleton College BA Psychology
 University of Minnesota MBA Accounting/Finance
 Deborah is interested in assisting the Board occasionally, social events, study groups and advocacy! Ann Marie Stuart referred her to our branch!

WILEY, Gail D. 828-380-1376 (C)
 3 Ridgemont Drive 828-484-8188 (H)
 Weaverville, NC 28787 cuscowillagail@gmail.com
 Cornell University BS Child Development
 Vermont College MA Art Education
 University of Georgia PhD Marriage & Family Therapy
 Gail is interested in helping the Board, Programs, Projects, Study groups, and GEM.
 Meredith Miller referred her to our branch!

AAUW-Asheville Branch Member #200!

MEMBERSHIP WELCOMING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to meet and greet new and prospective members at Branch meetings and Special Events, please contact Linda Beltran at linbeltran09@yahoo.com or call 828-575-9964. You will be contacted a day or two before the event to help. It's a fun thing to do!

Time to Renew Branch Dues for 2017-2018!

Membership dues continue to be \$73. The breakdown 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 or 2) by check made payable to AAUW- Asheville and mailed to Linda Beltran at 11 Outlook Circle, Swannanoa, NC 28778, (or handed to her at the Branch Meeting!) **Be sure to check your information in the current online directory and provide any changes to Linda!** linbeltran09@yahoo.com

Here's how you renew online. If you have problems, call the AAUW Member Hotline at (800) 326-2289.

Go online to AAUW's Home Page at www.aauw.org

1. Click "Login" at the top of the page, enter your member id and password. Or click "need to register" if it's your first time logging in to the national website. Registering only takes a few extra steps and you are guided through these. If you regularly use this site, login may be automatic.
2. Click on the Member Services Database (MSD) at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on "Enter the MSD" (green rectangle)
4. Click on "Enter Member Services Database"
5. Click on "Renew My Membership" at the left. You will be asked to pay dues by credit card.

That charge is \$73.

National AAUW's deadline to renew dues is June 30th, 2017



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Save the date:

☆☆ **AAUW potluck supper Sunday, September 17** ☆☆

☆☆ 4:30 pm to 7:30 PM ☆☆

☆☆ at The Living Well Center at The Ramble, ☆☆

☆☆ 139 Valley Springs Rd, Asheville ☆☆

☆☆ Contact Hedy Sarbey, hbsarbey@gmail.com ☆☆

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Diversity

Our newly-formed committee is focusing on the AAUW mission with an emphasis on equity and ensuring that all women and girls in our community are included in this mission. We're identifying relevant events occurring in our area and planning to explore collaborations with diverse groups in Asheville and the surrounding area and to reach out to our UNCA members.

Our next meeting is May 1 at 10am. For more information, contact Eleanor Lane, elane@northstarlane.com.

We're just getting started, so please join us in this exciting new effort.



Jane Hirshfield's Magnificent Poem
Against the Silencing of Science and
the Assault on Nature

[Click here to listen](#) (1:22)



Upstreamers Jean Bailey, Barbara Robinson, Sherry Brown and Susan Ikerd make spring fashion statements at Reed Creek Cleanup 4/21

The YWCA Empowerment Center

could use puzzles and games for children ages 5-10, Classroom plants for science observations, 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
etbuckly5@gmail.com
for pick up.

The children thank you!

UNCA Initiative Update Jan Huskey

AAUW was in the room where it happened:

Pilot of the AAUW Salary Negotiations program called Start Smart was held on April 19 at UNC-A. Eighteen students attended the session.

The four strategies of negotiation are:

- Know Your Value
- Benchmark Your Salary and Benefits
- Know Your Strategy
- Practice, Practice, Practice!

A highlight of the session was having the students pair up and practice negotiating a salary. The session was facilitated by AAUW National Start Smart Program Manager, Dorrie Sieburg. Our branch is so fortunate that Dorrie lives in Asheville and was willing to facilitate the program.

We partnered with the UNC-A Career Center and Student Affairs to bring this program to UNC-A. Our thanks to Marlane Mowitz, Chris Hegg and David Earnhardt from the Career Center for their support in attending the session.

Feedback from the students was positive. All said they were very likely to use the skills they learned. One big aha was, it is okay to negotiate a salary!



Jan Huskey and UNCA student Shannon Hallowell

We have three new branch members from the UNC-Asheville community. AAUW was asked to participate in a Social Justice coffee hour held on March 21. We were asked to talk about Women's Rights in the Workplace. With Robbie Madden's help, Jan Huskey was able to talk about the ERA. Three students are becoming AAUW e-Affiliates as a result of this meeting.

First meeting on starting a student branch was held on April 20. Linda Beltran, Susan Grabel and Jan Huskey met with students interested in starting a AAUW chapter at UNC-A. We gave the students an overview of the branch's initiatives and special interest groups.

Right - Linda Beltran and Susan Grabel with the prospective leaders of the chapter, Kiersten Thiel and Shannon Hallowell. You may see Kiersten and Shannon at upcoming meetings.



Call for GEM Friends' Silent Auction

Services & Experiences

The annual GEM fundraiser event is coming up soon — as always, the first Sunday in June, which, this year, is June 4. For several years now, the event has included a **GEM Friends' Silent Auction**, in which our branch members and friends may offer experiences or services for silent auction. This is a great way to raise a little money for women's scholarships and to feature things you're good at or just love to do, and, even better, spend some time with other branch members and friends. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. What do you like to do that you can share with others?

Past offerings have included a wide array. A day "class" in ceramics, papermaking, Zentangle drawing, knitting, photography, and more have been very popular. Several of our members have offered various kinds of "Fun and Games" nights — with simple fare like pizza, wine, and



beer. Others have offered elegant dinners or lunches. For two years now our caterer, Michelle Kelly, has catered a romantic dinner for two in the winning bidder's home. GEM Board president Marilyn Kolton usually offers a nature and bird hike which so many of our winning bidders have enjoyed. One year branch member Peg Steiner and her husband Bill, an Audubon expert, offered a tour of their amazing Audubon collection, including a print to take home. Other members have offered dog sitting, movie critic studies, massage therapy, picnics, and more. There is really no limit to what you might offer.



The GEM Friends' Silent Auction is really fun and for a great cause. **Please take a moment to consider what you might offer. We are accepting offers now. If you have a idea that you'd like to offer, please contact branch member and GEM Vice President, Alice Doner, at aadoner@gmail.com or 645-9922.**



Pictures of recent A B Tech scholarship luncheon, 3/14/17



Invitations are in the Mail!

Invitations for this year's GEM Fund annual fundraiser are in the mail. Please watch for it and get your reservations in early. It's always a great event, raising funds for local undergraduate scholarships for women and also thanking our branch members and friends for their generosity and enthusiasm in supporting women's causes. 2017 marks GEM's fifteenth anniversary and, just as with its very first year of its existence, GEM salutes the "Magic Lily" — an apt symbol for the heart of what GEM is all about. We provide seed money for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed, and like the lily, lives blossom later on. If you cannot attend or parties aren't your thing, there are lots of other ways to give. The spring GEM Fund newsletter, "GEM Chips," has been emailed and it describes the many ways to participate in the spring fund drive, as well as outlining the details of the upcoming event.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Join us</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">as the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrates the Magic Lily and 15 Years of</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supporting Higher Education for Women</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, JUNE 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 — 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At the Historic Fernhurst Mansion on the A-B Tech Campus</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>In honor of the Magic Lily, guests are encouraged to wear pink, green, or white, or, of course, any color you like. Just join us in the celebration!</i></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>19th Century Ambiance —</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supporting 21st Century Educations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Share good food, wine, and conversation — featuring the culinary skills of Michelle Kelley, former instructor in the Culinary Arts Department at A-B Tech ♦ Browse the GEM Friends' Silent Auction, featuring services and experiences provided by AAUW/GEM members and friends ♦ Try your luck at raffle prizes — theatre tickets, gift cards for restaurants, gift items, and more ♦ Meet some of our GEM Scholars <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Reservations: \$50 per person</p> <p>Reservations are limited, so reserve early by sending your check (made out to the GEM Fund) to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helen McClintock 204 Crowfields Drive Asheville, NC 28803</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information, contact Helen at 828-424-8455.</p>
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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
May	<u>Marriage of Opposites</u> —Alice Hoffman
June	<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
May 3, '17	<u>Women of the Smokies</u> by Courtney Lix	Jean Toxen 41 Sourwood Dr. Mills River 28759
June 7, '17	Book Selections	Pat Argue 107 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Mills River 28759

*Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey.
They are home. - Anna Quindlen*

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

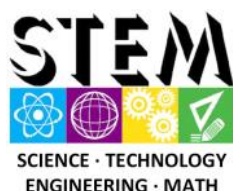
Date	Book	Location
May 25	<u>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</u> by Rachel Joyce	Andriette Kinsella, 75 Haywood St. # 713 Asheville 28801 243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
June 22	Book Selections	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com

Calendar Details

AAUW Diversity Committee Meeting

Monday, May 1 at 10:00am at
201 Cumberland Ave., Asheville 28801

Contact Eleanor Lane,
elane@northstarlane.com.



STEM Meeting Tuesday May 9, 2pm

at the home of Cindy Stephens

39 Sherwood RD AVL, 28803

cstephens30@thefhc.net

Film Fans will meet on Thursday, May 11, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

How to get involved: 1. Contact **Beth Johnson**
(johnson1ea@earthlink.net) to be put on the list;
2. Go to the selected movie on your own;
3. Come to the discussion (bring your own lunch if you wish).
Join our lively discussion group. All AAUW members are welcome.



Lunch Bunch - Friday, May 12, 11:30a.m.

Tupelo Honey SOUTH,

1829 Hendersonville Rd. Asheville

Reservation Deadline Wed. May 10, 12 noon.

Contact **Sherry Brown** - sherrysaerie@gmail.com

or 828-357-8455

History Study Group - Tuesday May 16 (Rescheduled)

We will take a Spring Field Trip to the Cradle of Forestry in the Pisgah Forest off the Blue Ridge Parkway at **1p.m.** The 6500 acre Cradle of Forestry Historic Site was founded in 1898 by Dr. Carl Schenck, chief forester for Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate. This was the very 1st forestry school in America. We will visit the Discovery Center and walk a beautiful and paved trail to historical buildings.

Optional lunch at the Pisgah Inn Restaurant on the parkway 11:15a.m.

RSVP **Sherry Brown**. Sherrysaerie@gmail.com



Photo Group May 17, 1pm

Join us for our End of the year Photo Scavenger Hunt! We'll meet at Pack Square, have 1 hour to shoot our list, then rendezvous at French Broad Chocolate to view results, share experiences, and possibly indulge in a little treat...

Contact **Lynette Miller**, LCMillerStudio@gmail.com
aauwphotog.weebly.com

World Affairs - Thursday May 18

World Affairs will meet at 2 p.m.

at the home of Jan Schwartz.

Jean Toxen will share her photos and travel experiences from Nepal and India. Please email **Eve Miller** at vehohio@yahoo.com for additional information.



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 JOHN-SON1ea@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. sherryaerie@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 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 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 sherryaerie@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 lcmlerstudio@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](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.