

AAUW ASHEVILLE

NEWSLETTER



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

NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	CAB <i>No Time Like the Present,</i> Gordimer 4:30—6 at home of Renée Levine rsvp to adoner@frontier.com	 	 Adelante <i>Requiem by Fire,</i> Caldwell, 2 pm, at home of Shirley Quisenberry, rsvp to shirleyqberry@yahoo.com	8	9	10
11	Film Buds Film & Location: TBA 5:30—7 	AAUW Board Meeting 3 pm 	 Reservation deadline for Lunch Bunch; contact Sherry Brown at 357-8455 or sherrysaerie@gmail.com	Film Fans Film & Location: TBA 12—1:30 	 Lunch Bunch 12:00 Black Mt. Bistro 203 E. State St. Black Mt.	17
18	 Save the Date - Sunday, Dec. 2 - for International Dining ; rsvp to Sandy Bernard, ssmrcb@bellsouth.net	20	21		23	24
25	26	World Affairs Various Topics 1:30 pm at home of Luisita Haas, rsvp to 258-8560	28	 Evening <i>Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> , Skloot, 7 pm at home of Marilyn Kolton, rsvp ldwmkd@aol.com	30	1
2 Internatl. Dining TAPAS 	 CAB <i>The Cove,</i> Rash	4	 Fundraiser	6	7	

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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" group meets the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm, at the Battery Park Book Exchange & Champagne Bar in the Grove Arcade, unless specified otherwise. To get more information or add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Alice Doner at adoner@frontier.com.
- ◆ **Evening Book Group:** The book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month 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; 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 group leader Beth Ellers at slark1@att.net.
- ◆ **Film Fans:** This film discussion group meets the first Thursday after the second Monday of each month from noon to 1:30 at the homes of members; film is the same as that discussed by the Monday Film Buds group; members bring their own lunch; open to new members; for the location 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 ssmred@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 at [## No Branch Meeting in November](mailto:sher-

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**Watch for News of the
Annual Friendraiser Luncheon
To Be Held at the
Western Governor's Mansion
Wednesday, December 5**

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*Put in on your calendar and plan to
bring a friend!*

Also, you are requested to bring any blank holiday cards that you might receive from various charitable organizations. Eleanor Johnson will see that incarcerated women receive them to send to their families.

For more information, contact
Andriette Kinsella at andriettek@bellsouth.net

rysaerie@gmail.com or 357-8455 by the **deadline date**.

- ◆ **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 eve@higginsmiller.com



FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

Our first branch meeting was a great success with high energy and good feelings in the room of some 35 members who attended. The speaker, Beth Maczka, the new executive director of the YWCA, was wonderful. She shared some of the early history of the YW (please be sure to add the W when referencing the organization), including the fact that hers was one of the earliest groups to integrate in

Asheville back in the 1950s. The mission of the YW is certainly in sync with that of AAUW which makes our association all the more relevant and Beth agreed to join our ranks as the newest member.

Before Beth spoke, folks at each table exchanged comments about their volunteer opportunities outside of AAUW. I learned that several women volunteer with Room at the Inn which provides temporary overnight accommodations at various churches for homeless women. I learned that one of our members is a foster parent to a 3 year old, the daughter of her guardian ad litem client. And Marilyn Kolton collects unused note cards for the women's prison and used eyeglasses for another charity.

We heard that Sandy Kaplan is dealing with an undiagnosed illness and she would like to hear from members. Her email is s.a.kaplan@att.net. Our AAUW membership is certainly made up of

accomplished, dedicated and fun women. We're all lucky to be part of such an outstanding group.

As promised here's an update of where we regarding board goals and actions:

Membership – As of October 15, we have 137 with members and 6 more pending.

Finances – As of September 30, our AAUW branch has approximately \$1,500 available cash.

I hope to see many of you at our "friendraiser" on December 5th at the Governor's Western Residence from 11:00 to 3:00. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Take care,
Molly Keeney*

mollykeeney@charter.net or 828-337-5044



GEM NEWS

The fall edition of "GEM Chips," the newsletter of the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville, is out!

Please take the time to note the list of tributes, sponsors, and contributors. It is only through the amazing generosity of AAUW/GEM members and friends that GEM, in its tenth anniversary year, was able to award 12 undergraduate scholarships.

If you are a new branch member, please know that "GEM" stands for "Gaining Educational Momentum" and pertains to our branch's unique philanthropic arm, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to support undergraduate scholarships for women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed.

For the rest of the academic year, this newsletter will shine a light on one or more of our GEM scholars, letting you see the real face of

GEM and what your generosity supports. See below:

Angelica Coffey



Angelica is currently enrolled in the RIBN Nursing program at A-B Tech. Upon graduation, Angelica plans to transfer to Western Carolina University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Her

ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a nurse at the Veterans Administration.

"Once I am a licensed nurse, I plan to work at the VA hospital ensuring that the veterans from our community are provided the care that they deserve in thanks and gratitude for the sacrifices they have made so our community members can enjoy their freedom," she said.

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Community Events of Interest



25th Anniversary Concert

"Sing My Sister Sing!"

November 10, 7 pm

November 11, 3 pm

Diane Wortham Theatre



Ron Rash Reading & Signing
Friday, November 9 at 7:00 pm

CAB December Book Selection
Author at **Malaprop's** Nov. 9

Branch Board

President	Molly Keeney
Vice-President	Catherine Battle
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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!**

Debra Benjamin	11/29
Sandy Bernard	11/10
Edith Bryan	11/30
Lynda Feldman	11/29
Joel Goodman	11/30
Rebecca Hartz	11/11
Sandy Kaplan	11/6
Karen Mauro	11/17
Roberta Madden	11/9
Rudi Simko	11/25
Elizabeth Johnson	11/15
Kay Stockdale	11/3

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 names and contact information to your branch directory.


◆ Rebecca Hartz

Rebecca graduated from Georgia State University with a BA in English/Education and from East Carolina University with a MA ed in Guidance and Counseling. You can reach her at 15-G Lees Creek Road, Asheville, 28806; 509-546-1441; rgh@heartzlink.net.

◆ Pat Howell —

Pat graduated from Queens University with BS in Spanish. She can be reached at 3 Fern Cove Road, Asheville, 28804; 828-645-7957 or 828-242-8204; phh@charter.net.

◆ Beth Maczka —

Beth is the new Executive Director of the YWCA and spoke at the October branch meeting. She graduated from Davidson College with a BA in Studies of Social Change in Developing Countries. You may reach her at 12 Melrose Avenue, Asheville, 28804; 828-273-1688; beth.maczka@ywcaofasheville.org.

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Julia Consadine-Heck

Julia is currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree program at A-B Tech. Upon graduation, Julia plans to transfer to a four year university to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy.



"It is my goal to open a physical therapy clinic in Asheville that offers affordable care to both the insured and uninsured. I will utilize the successful model that is currently being implemented at Integrative Family Medicine of Asheville," she said.

Julia's interests are running, yoga and chi kung.

To find out more or to make a contribution, find us on the branch website under "Scholarships" at <http://asheville-nc.aauw.net> or contact Alice Doner at adoner@frontier.com.

Or just make out a check to the GEM Fund and mail it to **GEM** at

**4B Long Shoals Road, #135,
Arden, NC. 28704.**

Contributions to GEM are entirely tax-deductible.

GEM Tributes in the Last Month

- ☞ In memory of Susan Grabel's mother-in-law — Alice Doner
- ☞ In honor of Beth Eller's birthday — Jeanne Smolkin, Edith Moubray, Mary Lasher, Jan Schwartz, Jill Preyer, Alice Doner, and Betsy Kirk

Happy Birthday, Beth!

From Karen Rubin, Chairperson for Public Policy —



Vampires, Werewolves, and the Wage Gap, Oh My!

We're Trick-or-Treating for #FairPay this Halloween Week

AAUW is braced to talk about some scary stuff during Halloween week, and we dare you to join us. From 1 to 2 p.m. ET October 29 through 31, the Fair Pay Coalition, which is chaired by AAUW, will host a Twitter campaign to raise awareness about the need to close the gender wage gap. We'll use the hashtag #RU4FairPay to ask candidates and members of Congress about their support for legislation to address the wage gap and to make fair pay a trending topic on Twitter.

1. Read [this blog post](#) explaining the campaign and post it to Facebook!
2. Get in the holiday spirit by sending an equal pay [e-card](#) to your friends, family, colleagues, and members of Congress. Download and share via e-mail, Facebook, or Twitter.
3. Use this tweet to target current senators, representatives, and candidates in some marquee races between 1 and 2 p.m. ET each day Monday, October 29, through Wednesday, October 31: **Dear [insert Twitter handle(s)]: We're trick-or-treating 4 #fairpay this Halloween. #RU4fairpay? <http://bit.ly/RuKBjn>.** You can find a list of Twitter handles in [our blog post](#).

You'll find us tweeting at [@AAUWPolicy](#) and [@AAUWActionFund](#). This Twitter effort is part of AAUW's non-partisan get-out-the-vote campaign, *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard*. The nationwide effort continues to inform women about the critical issues at stake in the 2012 election, including the [gender wage gap](#).

This Halloween, don't say boo. Say #RU4FairPay?

Join the [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign](#) to help get millennial women to the polls this Election Day!

[Follow AAUW on Twitter](#), and read our **award-winning [AAUW Dialog Blog](#)** for discussion, information, and advocacy for women and girls!

Take the next step to break through barriers for women and girls: Become part of the AAUW national community! [Join](#) or [donate](#) today!

Have general questions about AAUW? Please contact connect@aauw.org or call 800/326-2289 between 10 am and 5 pm Eastern, Monday through Friday.



And don't forget to vote on Tuesday, if you have not already done so!