

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

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5	6 <u>CAB 4:30</u>	7 Board Mtg 3pm	8 Lunch Bunch reservation deadline, 12pm	9 <u>Film Fans</u> I 2pm	10 <u>Advocacy/PP</u> 9:30 Lunch Bunch 11:30	11
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#### From the Branch President Wendy Haner

Hello Branch Members! Autumn is definitely here with us in beautiful Asheville. As we begin the holiday season, I would like to wish all of you, your families and freinds a very Happy Thanksgiving! This is a time when we gather with those most important to us and reflect on and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in our lives.

AAUW Asheville Branch is certainly a blessing in my life and I would like to give thanks for (1) A branch that is in our 103rd year and is still vibrant and going strong. (2) A strong and motivated board that keeps AAUW focused on its commitments for the coming years. (3) A membership dedicated to our community and service within our organization as we take on important issues from the Equal Rights Amendment, Health Care, and Affordable Child Care. All three of these topics are worthy of our time and as. Time is one way to volunteer but ideas are equally important. energy.

There are many opportunities for individual ,intellectual, and educational growth with our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), support. from Book Clubs, Movie Groups, Photography and History to name a few to keep you informed and connected. We can be proud of our accomplishments as we support the mission of our organization.

Our Branch has several great events coming up in November and December. Read all about them in this Newsletter and plan on attending!! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Currently, the Executive Board is looking at issues such as continued financial strength, organizational infrastructure, and activities to continue to promote our strategic plan. We have a very strong AAUW, thanks to those who have been a part of our 100-year history. We have to build on our history and create our future by advancing equity for women and girls.

Please, as you read through this and future newsletters, identify something that interests you and contribute to the future. Or, give us new ide-

Thank you for continuing to support AAUW. We are rich in history and striving for the future.

All the best, Wendy Haner

The measure of a society is the way it treats its women and girls.—Michelle Obama

AAUW November Branch Meeting Susan Grabel and Barbara Robinson

Speaker: Angie Newsome Topic: Carolina Public Press

Tuesday, November 28th, 2017

First Baptist Church, 5 Oak. St., Asheville, 2880 (3rd Floor Dining Room)

11:30 Branch Meeting followed by Lunch and Speaker

RSVP: Susan Grabel at: susangrabel2@gmail.com

or 828-505-3826 NO LATER THAN November 16th!

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.

## New Members Linda Beltran

DONNELLY, Nancy A. (DOB 01/03) 828-279-4247	CHAMBERS, Barbara (DOB 7/12) 828-777-3528		
14 South College Street <u>nad6558@gmail.com</u>	314 Poplar Drive <u>bchambers@mercyurgentcare.org</u>		
Weaverville, NC 28787	Candler, NC 28715		
Winthrop University BA. Communication	Thiel College BA Communication		
University of South Carolina MPA Public Administration	Liberty University MBA Business, Healthcare		
Nancy has renewed after becoming involved with STEM. She is working full-time and still has found a way to join us and contribute. Welcome back!	Barbara is working at Mercy Urgent Care as Director of Operations. She also adopt ed her daughter two years ago. She's one busy lady and we are grateful she's in- cluded us in her busy schedule.		
Check It Out AAUW ASHEVILLE DIRECTORY ONLINE	This year we would have had to spend \$400 to print and mail directories. This doesn't include the 2-3 weeks time spent by our branch volunteers to prepare the directory for printing. And then have to print monthly inserts		
Our Asheville Directory is available to you 24/7!	The board approved the following recommendations for 2017-2018		
Yes, anytime you want to find the latest branch member or lookup any branch member, check it out online. We know the directory is important to branch members, so we wanted to make it as easy as possible to access the directory online.	<ul> <li>Print directories and distribute them at Branch meetings. If you can't come to a meeting, Susan Grabel will have a few available for pickup at her house. You can contact her at 828-505-3826. <u>susangrabel2@gmail.com</u></li> <li>Mail directories to members without internet access</li> <li>Coach members on how to access the online directory at branch meetings or</li> </ul>		
Here's how:			
Go to your internet browser and type: <u>http://asheville-nc.aauw.net/</u>	<ul> <li>for one on one help you can call Jan Huskey at 828-785-9994</li> <li>Starting with the 2018-2019 directory, it will only be available online. New members joining us going forward will be directed to the website to access the membership list.</li> <li>Still want to a printed copy of the directory?</li> </ul>		
Click on the Members Only Tab			
Click on the Member List link			
The password is: <b>checkit</b>	You can print the online directory, it is 14 pages and they can be folded. This is many pages shorter than our previous directories. Our branch is constantly moving forward, and we want to make sure that all branch members have quick access to in-		
Why move the directory online?			
Our branch membership is at 170 and counting. We have continually increased our budget for printing and mailing directories.	formation. So check it out online. You may find hidden <b>gems</b> of information on the website.		

We are extremely sorry to have accidently omitted 14 names from the *printed* AAUW-Asheville Directory. This information has been included on the last page of the newsletter. *The online* Directory is complete and up-to-date!

## **Committee News**

## Community Impact Fund Mary Ellen Lewis

A big thank you to all of you who have recently contributed to the Community Impact Fund. I am pleased to report that to date we have collected \$1100. Your contributions of \$5, \$10, \$20, all the way up to\$100 is greatly appreciated. These funds will support our important mission-based AAUW projects such as the Equal Rights Amendment, Women's Health Care, Child Care Issues, YWCA, STEM, Worthy Wage and Start Smart programs that we want to hold for the graduating women of AB-Tech and UNC-A. Our energetic committees are working hard on their projects and will be reported on in the near future.

If every member donates \$20 we will more than exceed our goal of \$3000. It is important for us to inform you that your donations are not tax-deductible. GEM, our scholarship arm, is the only part of our Branch that allows donations to be tax deductible. You may contribute at the monthly Branch meetings or send a check made out to AAUW-Asheville, and mail it to : Jan Schwartz, 32 Craftsman Circle, Asheville NC 28805.

Contact : Mary Ellen Lewis, emmyjoellen3@gmail.com

## UNCA UPDATE Jan Huskey

UNCA has scheduled a number of StartSmart sessions during the fall semester.

### The StartSmart course teaches students:

- About the gender pay gap, including its personal consequences
- How to quantify the market value of their education, skills, and experience
- How to conduct objective market research and determine a fair target salary
- How to create a strategic pitch and respond to salary offers.

### Some exciting news about StartSmart

Wendy Haner hosted a meeting for representatives from WNC Branches and the

2 state CO-Presidents. One major goal for this year is to increase the number of StartSmart and WorkStart sessions held in North Carolina. The state organization is providing funds for 4 sessions of either course. Our branch goal this year is to outreach to colleges throughout our area, such as AB-Tech, Warren Wilson, Montreat, and South College.

If any branch member wants to recommend other schools or has contacts at local schools, please contact me at 8287859994.

For more information on StartSmart or its companion course for working women, WorkStart, click on <u>https://salary.aauw.org</u>

### STEM Cindy Stephens

STEM Lecture Series Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 p.m. Women in Medicine (Amanda Rolling Maxwell, Laura Jones)

Olli at UNC-A 828.251.6140, email olli@unca.edu



Science and everyday life cannot and should not be separated.

— Rosalind Franklin -

British chemist **Rosalind Franklin** is best known for her role in the discovery of the structure of DNA, and for her pioneering use of X-ray diffraction. Without Franklin's permission or knowledge her Photo 51 was shown to competing scientist James Watson, who was working on his own DNA model with Francis Crick at Cambridge. Crick and Watson used what they saw in Photo 51 as the basis for their famous model of DNA, for which they received a Nobel Prize in 1962.

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## Advocacy & Public Policy Anne Sayers and Kitty Schaller

Our group is up and running for the year! We have welcomed five new members -and others have expressed interest in our A/PP Committee. We have chosen four issues as our focus for the year after surveying our members. They are:

- Healthcare ACA, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), Community
   Health Center Funding, and Medicare
- Early Care and Education
- Equal Rights for Women ER Amendment and Fair Wage/Pay Gap
- Stand Against Gerrymandering

A/PP will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, November 10 at 9:30 am at the YWCA -- 85 S. French Broad Avenue. We welcome any AAUW members who want to work on these important policy areas.

### New News: Why Was Gerrymandering Added to the A/PP Focus Issues?

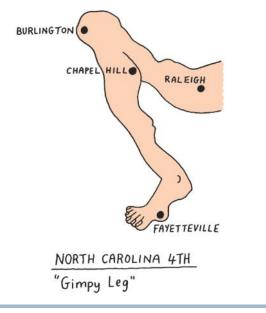
There are two reasons: 1. Because gerrymandering is currently in courts in NC and 2. There is currently no US law to disallow the drawing of electoral districts to unfairly favor one political party over another. Six states already have non-partisan methods for drawing districts, but not North Carolina. By comparison, when you Google "gerrymandering", North Carolina is the *first* example given of extreme gerrymandering! – by race and party.

The A/PP committee felt that we needed to focus on educating AAUW membership on this timely matter and identify actions that we can take to support other groups who are advocating a non-partisan approach for North Carolina. Common Cause, Democracy NC and the League of Women Voters (all non-partisan organizations) are actively supporting non-partisan electoral *and* judicial districts.

<u>Watch for:</u> A lawsuit in the US District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina called <u>Common Cause v.Rucho</u> is currently being heard. Basically, the court is being asked to decide if the legislative districts in NC are unfairly drawn in what amounts to partisan gerrymandering. Another case from Wisconsin, <u>Gill v. Whitford</u>, also deals with partisan gerrymandering. This case is being considered by the US Supreme Court this term.

If you'd like to "stand against gerrymandering", join the League's "Reclaim Your Vote" **5K Walk/Run on November 4 at 1 pm** in West Asheville along the line that divides Congressional Districts 11 & 10.

Info & registration: <a href="https://www.uwa.com/gerrymander-5k">lwvab.org/gerrymander-5k</a>



The <u>YWCA Empowerment Center</u> 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 for pick up. <u>etbucly5@gmail.com</u> The children thank you!



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#### Equity Committee Eleanor Lane

#### Reaching out:

**My Sistah Taught Me That:** committee members are planning to provide a meal for one of the group's meetings and one member is going to give a presentation to the girls.

**MANNA Pop-Up** at Hillcrest Apartments: committee members will provide support at an upcoming food pop-up.

#### Learning more:

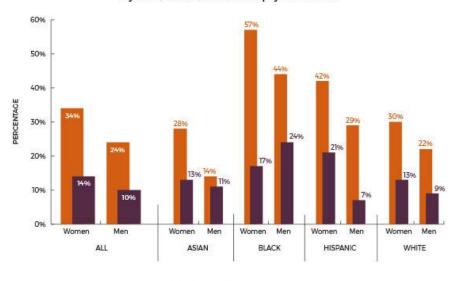
Montford celebrates the diversity of its neighborhood—take a look at the interpretive history panels mounted on bus shelters along Montford Avenue. The panels display scenes of African American heritage and brief histories of the neighborhood. They are displayed in front of the Asheville Chamber Visitors Center and near the corner of Montford and Cullowhee St. (The Urban News, October 2017).

Look for the booklet **Deeper in Debt, Women and Student Loans,** AAUW Executive Summary and Recommendations, at the November meeting.

The next meeting is December 4 at 10am. For more information, contact Eleanor Lane, <u>elane@northstarlane.com</u>



Percent of College Graduates Experiencing Financial Difficulties by Race, Gender, and Loan Repayment Status



#### Repaying Not Repaying

source: AAUW analysis of U.S. Department of Education, institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, Baccoloureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study 2008/21 data. Note: "Not repsying" includes students who never had loans or had completed paying them off. "Depaying" includes only those students who were making payments, not those in Note: "Financial of default. Note: "Financial of fictuly" means that at some time in the past year: the respondent was unable to meet all essential expenses.



## Your Money Future: Vision. Protect. Invest. Free 3-part series

Mondays, October 30, November 6 & 13 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Upcoming Women's Financial Empowerment Center Classes

Wednesday, November 1 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm & Monday, November 13 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

#### Preventing Identity Theft

Tuesday, November 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm & Thursday, November 30 from 12:00 to 1:30pm

Discover Your Money Vision and Flip Your \$ Switch Monday, December 4 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Pre-registration required. Call OnTrack WNC today at 255-5166 All classes listed are held at OnTrack WNC offices 50 S. French Broad Ave, Second Floor **www.ontrackwnc.org** 

## **Picture Page**



Photo Group visits Greenville 10/18 From L- Michele Nichols, Sherry Brown, Betsy Kirk, Linda Beltran, Barbara Pressman



## "We the People" Constitutional Study

Hosted by League of Women Voters

Co-sponsored by AAUW

Sessions will be held at the YWCA of Asheville, 185 S. French Broad Ave., on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 on November 7 & 14. The course is free to the public; to reserve a space, send name and email address (or phone number) to <u>We.people.us@gmail.com</u>, with the word

**RESERVATION** in the subject line.



Michele Nichols & Sherry Brown contemplate a photo at Southeast Center 4 Photography in Greenville





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

## **November Birthdays**

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- 11/3 Kay Stockdale
- 11/5 Mara Pasternack
- 11/6 Jan Huskey
- 11/8 Mary Hausman
- 11/8 Janet Wright
- 11/9 Roberta Madden
- 11/10 Sandy Bernard
- 11/11 Rebecca Heartz
- 11/12 Monika Schroeder
- 11/15 Beth Johnson
- 11/17 Karen Mauro
- 11/18 Lorraine Poe
- 11/19 Lois Sutton
- 11/26 Barbara Beckerman
- 11/29 Lynda Feldman
- 11/30 Dorothy Dennett
- 11/30 Tina Garrett
- 11/30 Joan Goodman

## Tea Time Book Club 2017-18 Selections 4th Thursdays at 2 Juanita Spanogle

Date	Book	Location
Nov. 16	Small Great Things	Marilyn Kolton, 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804
	Jodi Picoult	259.9461 <u>ldwmkd@aol.com</u>
Jan. 25	The Secret Life of Anna Blanc	Andriette Kinsella, 75 Haywood St. Apt. 713 28801
	Jennifer Kincheloe	c828.243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
Feb. 22	Hillbilly Elegy	Sherry Brown, 295 Ninth St. Black Mt 28711
	J.D. Vance	357.8455, c 828.551.0432 sherrysaerie@gmail.com
Mar. 22	The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story	Rosey Bily, 130 Lookout Dr. 28804
	Diane Ackerman	252.1210 robily@att.net
Apr. 26	Vinegar Girl : the Taming of the Shrew Retold	Jane Lance, 3001 Timber Trail 28804
	Anne Tyler	505.8192, c 208.569.5318 <u>janlance@aol.com</u>
May 24	The Marriage of Opposites a novel based	Jo Yates, 15-H Wesley Drive, 28803
	on the life of Rachel Pizzarro by Alice Hoffmann	c 828.275.49 joyates4@gmail.com
June 28	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804
		258.0096 c 828 425 5385 <u>Jspanogle@aol.com</u>

"A word after a word after a word is power" - Margaret Atwood

CAB Reading List 2017 Selections 1st Monday at 4:30 pm at Metro Wines, Anne Reis

November	Moonglow, Michael Chabon	Hedy Sarbey
December	The Risen, Ron Rash	need discussion leader

## **Board Committees**

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the committee head.

## Advocacy & Public Policy Group

The purpose of the Advocacy & Public Policy Committee is to advance equity for women and girls through education, partnering, advocacy and action. At our monthly meeting (2nd Friday 9:30 am) we focus on increasing awareness and involvement of Branch members on a few issues, including those adopted by National AAUW and those we choose locally. In 2017-18, the A/PP Committee will develop new means of communication to Branch members - both timely and target-ed — to facilitate their attendance at education events and to take action with public officials when advised.

For more information, contact Anne Sayers at <u>annesayers432@gmail.com</u> or Kitty Schaller at <u>kittyschaller@gmail.com</u> New members are always welcome.

## **College/University Partnership with UNCA**

Our objective is to provide women students with advisers, mentors and supporters from all walks of life to help them hone life and career skills. Our goals with UNCA include offering programs on salary negotiation, how to build leadership skills, and how to advocate on key issues impacting women today. **Contact Jan Huskey, huskeyjanl@charter.net** 

## **Community Impact Fund**

The 2017/2018 mission of the Community Impact Fund is to raise dollars to support STEM, UNCA, YWCA, Equity, Public Policy and any other committees that meet the mission of AAUW-Asheville. **Contact Mary Ellen Lewis**, <u>emmyjoellen3@gmail.com</u>



## Membership Committee

Membership has two basic goals: Recruitment and Retention - by maintaining databases and general membership information, writing newsletter articles and initiating special membership campaigns, and most importantly - making new people feel welcomed and integrated in our branch.

Contact Linda Beltran at linbeltran09@yahoo.com or call 828-575-9964.

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Committee

This committee is engaged in promoting STEM for women and girls by providing fieldtrip experiences, expert panels, parent programs (in development) and mentoring opportunities.

Contact: Cindy Stephens DNP, RN, FNP-BC <u>cstephens30@thefhc.net</u> Cell: 828-337-3011

## **Equity Committee**

We want to promote equity for ALL women and girls, with a special focus on those women and girls who have less access to power and resources. Our approach is two -fold: 1- education, bringing information to our members about disparities in Ashe-ville and Buncombe County and issues of inequity researched by our national AAUW, 2- direct action in our community, supporting local organizations that address the development of women and girls to increase access to power and resources. Please join us at our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at 10:00am.

Contact Eleanor Lane, <u>elane@northstarlane.com</u>, for more information.

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## **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**New SIG Co-Chair Announced:** Jean Toxen has joined the SIG program as the new Co-Chair. We welcome Jean to the group and appreciate her willingness to volunteer.

Below is a list of the 9 SIG groups. Please contact the SIG Coordinator listed for each group if you have questions or would like to attend one of the meetings.

If you have any questions about the overall SIG Program or if you would like to establish a new SIG, please contact either Jean Toxen, jtoxen@bellsouth.net, 404-784-0603 or Linda Stover, lindalstover@gmail.com, 704-905-6530.

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 at 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. (evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com or 828-299-8107) for additional information. 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

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 potluck, 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

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 sherrysaerie@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 Icmillerstudio@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 Thursdays at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller

Please remember to notify the hostess or group leader if you plan to attend this month's meeting so they can predict attendance and you can be apprised of any last-minute changes!

## **Calendar Details**

AAUW Equity Committee Meeting Next meeting 10AM Dec. 4 For more info Contact Eleanor Lane, elane@northstarlane.com.



## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet Friday, Nov. 10, 11:30 am P.F.Chang's, 26 Schenck Pkwy. Biltmore Park, Asheville



*Reservation Deadline Wednesday, Nov 8, Noon* Sherry Brown <u>sherrysaerie@gmail.com</u> 357-8455

> "When you're through changing, you're through." - Martha Stewart

## Photo Group

Wednesday, November 15, A photo hike to Max Patch!

For more info, please contact Lynette Miller,

lcmillerstudio@gmail.com

(and if it looks like this, we have an alternative plan) To learn more about the group, Visit our Photo Group Website: <u>AAUWPhotog.weebly.com</u>

## **Film Fans**

See the designated film at your leisure, bring your lunch, engage in lively discussion. If you would like to be added to the Film Fans notification list - or for more info - contact Beth Johnson, johnson1ea@earthlink.net

Hope you are able to join us!

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