

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Literatae Book Group @ Shirley Quisenberry's 103 Strawbridge Ct. <i>The Odd Woman</i> by Gail Godwin 1:00	2 Branch Meeting Ann Houle from The Wage Project 1st Baptist Church 11:30	3	4
5	6 CAB Books <i>The All of It</i> by Jeanette Haien @ Metro Wines on Charlotte St. 4:30	7	8 Reservation Dead-line for Lunch Bunch. Contact Sherry Brown at 357-8455 or Sherrysaerie@gmail.com	9	10 Lunch Bunch Daugherty's American Kitchen @ 2 Gerber Rd. South Asheville Noon	11 International Dining Exotic Vietnam! Contact Karen@Karenohara.com or 231-4863
12	13 Film Buds 5:30	14	15	16 Film Fans Noon	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Tea Time Books <i>Guests on Earth</i> by Lee Smith @ Jane Lance's 301 Timber Trail 4:00	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31  Halloween	



Our first **branch meeting** on Oct. 2nd will feature Anne Houle as our speaker. She is National Director of Campus and Community Initiatives for The WAGE Project whose goal is equal pay for women. The GEM scholarship recipients will also be invited to attend. Hope to see everyone there.

Reservations: Call or email Karen Mauro at ktminnc@gmail.com or 891-5963

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

This year's annual kickoff Pot Luck featured good food prepared by members and enjoyment of the gorgeous home of our generous hosts, B.A. and Gary Schenk. My first talk as president, in the Schenk's living room, was accompanied by lightning flashes and sheets of rain giving me a captive audience. A speaker system brought by Susan and Lowell Grabel made hearing easier. At our webmaster Eleanor Johnson's suggestion, I referred to the myriad sources of information about AAUW goings on available for you to consult including this newsletter and our website.

At home, practicing what I had preached, I read source number one—the Asheville NC Branch Directory 2014-22015—and found In Memoriam, p. 36. Memorials to our members who died this year were on page 36. Helen McClintock--with help from Emily Quinn our membership senior VP—put out the Directory as she has for several years. Helen is a marvel. Now, go look at this year's Directory and see its wonders with your own eyes.

Ann Clarke Snell, ann_clarke_snell@hotmail.com

P.S. Our AAUW checking account currently has \$4,106.79 and the CD balance is \$4,065.60. Both accounts are at Capital Bank. Donations to date for the YWCA Drop-In Day Care are \$220.

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BRANCH MEETING SCHEDULE

AAUW Branch meeting are generally on First Thursday unless otherwise specified at 11:30 am in the large dining room of the First Baptist Church, which is centrally located at Charlotte Street just south of I-240

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October 2, 2014 – Annie Houle – Wage Project

November 6, 2014 – Children First

December 4, 2014 Friendraiser 3-5pm Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain

January 2015 – no meeting

February 5, 2015 – Shona Jason-Miller – Slow Food Asheville

March 5, 2015 – Women's History Month – Betsy Murray (Pack Library)

April 9, 2015 fieldtrip, guided tour of the Arboretum gardens, note this is the 2nd Thursday in April to keep from running into Easter weekend crowds at Arboretum

May 7, 2015 last branch meeting of 2014-2015 year – Connie Mitchell – AVL Architect

June 7, 2015, Sunday, 4-6, GEM Fundraiser, Fernihurst Mansion, A-B Tech

AAUW ASHEVILLE**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](http://asheville-nc.aauw.net)

**This Month's
Member Birthdays —**



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

Portia Alexander - Oct 19
Cathy Battle - Oct 11
Cynthia Earle - Oct 6
Beth Ellers - Oct 25
Barbara Griswold - Oct 27
Wendy Haner - Oct 30
Mary Ellen Lewis - Oct 4
Jennifer Kanton - Oct 25
Marion Mathews - Oct 9
Edith Moubray - Oct 26
Anne Sayers - Oct 10
Norma Snap - Oct 21
Ann Clarke Snell - Oct 10
Juanita Spanogle - Oct 17
Yvette Wessel - Oct 25
Alice Wutschel - Oct 23

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Please welcome this new member who joined since the publication of the last directory. She will be a great new asset to our organization. Please add her contact information to the Members' Directory. We currently have 153 members.



Cindy Berryman-Fink (DOB 9/6) Bridgewater State College BA History
5 Stuart Circle Bowling Green SU MA Communication
Asheville, NC 28804 Bowling Green SU PhD Communication
(C) 828-713-4810
berrymanfink@gmail.com Cindy noted on her application that she's interested
in Programs, Projects, Study Groups, & Public Policy

Directory Change

Laurie Powell's new address is 15 Harrison Hill Rd., Swannanoa, NC 28778
Her phone number and email remain the same

Exotic Vietnam!

Great food and company at Karen O'Hara's home on Saturday evening, October 11. An informal way to meet AAUW members. Bring a dish (Karen will supply recipes), yourself, a spouse or friend. Contact Karen: Karen@Karenohara.com or 231-4863. Bon appetite!

Zentangle Workshop

One of the items up for auction at our June event at Fernihurst was a Zentangle workshop and lunch. Six lucky ladies were treated to a four-hour session, learning step-by-step how to create many different Zentangle patterns, taught by Cathy Battle. Here is an example of what they learned.





GEM NEWS

As announced last month by new GEM Board President LaDean Peterson, the fiscal year 2013-14 was a great year for the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville. Thanks to the enormous generosity of branch members and friends, GEM raised almost \$45,000 last year, including the annual spring fund drive, which brought in over \$20,000. Watch for details, pictures, lists of donors, and the announcement of our 15 scholarship recipients for 2014-15 in the fall edition of "GEM Chips," coming in November.

Meanwhile, Jeanne Smolkin's GEM "Birthday Dollars for Scholars" program remains in full force. In the first six months of 2014, the program brought in over \$4,000. This is a great way to raise money for scholarships, while, at the same time, honoring friends and family. Watch for Jeanne's monthly e-mail containing the link to the site where you can designate birthday honorees.

If you are a new 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.

To find out more or to make a contribution, find us on the branch website under "GEM" at <http://asheville-nc.aauw.net>.

FROM THE ADVOCACY GROUP

The **Advocacy Group of the Asheville AAUW** Branch would like you to know about the many activities we have underway in October and early November as we all prepare for the November mid-term election. AAUW will be co-sponsor, along with other community partners, a Candidate Forum with panelists running for the NC Senate and House, and the statewide judicial races. This will be held at the Wesley Grant Center on October 9th from 6 to 8 pm. More details will be provided in the near future. We will again hold a workshop for "Outside Poll Monitors" to be led by Democracy North Carolina on Saturday, October 11 from 11 to 2 at the YWCA. We are also a co-sponsor for a Voter Guide that will be published by Mountain Express and widely available.

We continue to do voter registration with the YWCA and will be registering voters at the Council on Aging Dining sites that have requested help from community volunteers. We are supporting the "I Pledge to Vote" Campaign being led by the United Way, so look forward to receiving an email giving you the opportunity to commit to vote.

Early Voting goes from October 23rd to November 1st. Go to the Buncombe County Board of Elections website for locations and hours. If you have an interest in being involved contact Anne Sayers at annesayers432@gmail.com.



YWCA Drop In Day Care (Part I)

AAUW has supported this effort over the past few years providing volunteer assistance as well as funds for supplies and snacks. More volunteers are needed to help with the children—it will be worth every minute you spend there.

The YWCA's Drop-In Child Care Center, offers case assistance and high quality child care at no cost to families seeking economic security by pursuing education, job training or accessing vital social services like Work First, substance abuse treatment, or legal matters. Childcare is available 58 hours per week, Monday through Friday, and parents are able to access up to 12 hours of free child-care per week.

In order to help families navigate systems to improve their circumstances Drop-In staff assists clients through the following process:

1. Intake and verification
2. Goal Setting and one-on-one with Program Coordinator
3. Information and Referral as needed
4. Progress check in/elimination of barriers
5. Achievement of goal or reset new goals

Staff also tracks participants' progress towards their goals through follow-up calls and one-on-one meetings.

Over the past three years, the YW has helped 531 families improve economic security. Of those families, 40 secured full time jobs, 95 secured part-time jobs, 22 persons with disabilities secured benefits, 21 enrolled in a four year college, 121 enrolled in community colleges or vocational training, and 40 obtained other training. Further, the Center provided 1,000 children with 15,000 hours of quality care while their parents worked to improve their family's economic situation.

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.

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 Betsy Kirk at kbetsy2@aol.com or 687-1528.

AAUW Upstreamers: a new interest group working with Riverlink to clean up a stream near Woodfin three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at robarb@charter.net 645-2569.

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 Karen Mauro at 891-5963 or ktminnc@gmail.com.

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. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Roach at 828-505-7939 or judyroach2112@yahoo.com or Jan Schwartz at 828-350-9533 or blucottage@bellsouth.net.

Literatae 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 or Shirley Quisenberry, 828-285-2303 or shirleyqberry@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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 evehigginismiller7@gmail.com. or LaDean Peterson, 828-650-3005 or LaDeanJune@charter.net.