



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

Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes

Like the David Bowie song declares, we are making some changes this year. Our focus is “Be the Change” by helping move AAUW into 2018. But some things never change.

- The commitment of our members to empower women and girls.
- The enthusiasm of our members participating in our branch and special interest groups
- The enjoyment our members feel when we are all together.
- Our common thread is our commitment to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

These commitments are reached through our dedicated members who chair the different committees within our branch and our members who are involved in making a change. Our AAUW women members are focusing on issues of importance for all women and are spreading the message. Our upcoming City Council and Mayor race is right around the corner. Remember “It is My Vote: I will be Heard”. Also please help out when asked or join one of our committees to be called to action.

What a great kick off we had with our Potluck Get-together. Over 50 members from our branch came for an afternoon of conversations and great food. Many thanks to our organizer **Hedy Sarbey** for organizing this affair and **Marlene Shaklen** for making it possible to use The Ramble again, what a wonderful facility. New 2017-18 directories were distributed to the attendees. Be sure and attend one of our functions branch or special interest group to receive yours.

AAUW State is planning a regional meeting here in Asheville to work with other branches in WNC. Our state has received a grant from national to help expand our connections with the colleges and universities in our area through Work Smart and Start Smart workshops. We hope this will help all of our branches set local priorities for our direction in the coming year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming branch meeting.

Wendy Haner, President

AAUW October Branch Meeting Susan Gabel and Barbara Robinson

Speaker: Rebecca Chaplin Topic: AARP Issues

Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

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

11:30 Branch Meeting followed by Lunch and Speaker

RSVP: Susan Gabel at: susangabel2@gmail.com

or 828-505-3826 NO LATER THAN October 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.

By popular request - and to further entice new members as well as established ones to join us throughout the winter - Programs has added a branch meeting for January. It is noted on the back of your directory, and will be on Tuesday Jan. 23rd. We hope to see you there.

New Members Linda Beltran

HEARN, Barbara N. 704.560.4209 (C)
 40 Gertrude Place, Apt 6 bnhearn@gmail.com
 Asheville, NC 28806
 Birmingham Southern College BA Music
 UNC-Chapel Hill MA Music

Barbara is rejoining us! Be sure to welcome her back to the Branch!

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 (985 Balboa Avenue, Laguna Beach CA 92651)
 UCLA A.B. Psychology/Math
 University of San Francisco M.A. Secondary Education
 Berne U/U of Vermont Ph.D. Mathematics

Lee is a dual member with her primary branch in Laguna Beach.

Membership is recruiting Volunteer Hostesses to Welcome New and Prospective Members at the Branch Meeting

The first time a person goes to an event in a new organization is hard. She may not know anyone. We want newcomers to feel welcome. We also want them to find out over lunch what goes on in our branch and meet established members. The plan is to have a volunteer hostess greet each one and make sure that she finds a table and is introduced to those already seated.

Michele Nichols has joined the Membership Committee and will coordinate this effort. She has great ideas and is fun to work with.

Being a volunteer hostess is easy! There will be 3 of you at each meeting. You'll take your cue from the Program Chairs who will have a list of attending new and prospective members. This is a small commitment that is rotated among the larger group of Volunteer Hostesses. The Volunteer Hostesses will be scheduled for the upcoming year and asked to participate in at least 2 events. A reminder notice will be sent about 2 weeks ahead of the event.

We are now setting this up for the October Branch Meeting on the 24th. Please contact **Michele Nichols** by email nichols1332@charter.net or phone her at **828-505-1332**.

Membership Committee Welcomes Susan Ikerd and Michele Nichols

Susan Ikerd is our new Co-Vice President of Membership. She's been an Asheville homeowner since 2004 but actually moved here full-time in 2015. She joined our branch early in 2016. Because of her previous work experience in college administration, she is a veritable expert regarding scholarships and has been helping GEM. She volunteers as a Guardian Ad Litem as a child advocate. She's also a member of the Women's Civic Club of Asheville. Susan also consults with "2U" – an educational technology firm that supports online graduate programs. Susan has taken charge of the Prospective Membership effort. Whenever you have somebody who is interested in AAUW, please contact Susan, sandcikerd@gmail.com

Michele Nichols is the Coordinator for the Volunteer Hostess Program. She has been a member since 2011. She's in the Photography, History, and Lunch Bunch SIGs. Michele actually worked in public relations for a nonprofit for years. She speaks Spanish – got her BA from the University of New Hampshire. AND, she's a bird watcher! Michele is organizing and will coordinate the new Volunteer Hostess Program. Her energy and good ideas will make this effort not only welcoming to newcomers but also just plain fun. Check out the article above on the Volunteer Hostesses.

Committee News

UNCA Initiative Update Jan Huskey

On September 6, branch members Kay Stockdale and Leslie Apple joined me to attend StartSmart facilitator training on the campus of UNCA. StartSmart is the AAUW designed course that empowers women with the skills and confidence they need to negotiate their salary and benefits. This course helps to address the wage gap between men and women. To date, women on average only make 80% of what men earn for the same skill set and job position. A number of StartSmart sessions will be presented at UNCA over the next three years. Our branch will be partnering with UNCA staff on presenting this course.

Thanks go to Leslie Apple and Kay Stockdale for attending the facilitator training. Thanks also goes to **Judy Balsanek** and **Molly Keeney** for volunteering for facilitation training. One of our branch's goals for this year is to introduce this course to other area colleges and universities, and we hope Judy and Molly will join our branch's group of facilitators.

MEET THE FACILITATORS

Kay Stockdale - Kay attended Barton College, BA English/Physical Education; University of Alabama MLS Library Information Services; UNC -Greenboro, EdD Education Leadership and Culture. Kay has been a member of AAUW for 50 years. She had a very distinguished education career. She has also been a member of the National Organization of Women. One interesting fact about Kay, when her husband taught at Warren Wilson College, they lived on campus. She certainly understands college students. She is a great example of lifelong learning.



Leslie Apple - Leslie attended Trinity College, BA English and Drama; Trinity College, MAT Secondary Education. -Leslie recently joined AAUW. She spent a number of years teaching. She changed her focus a few years ago, and presently is a financial planner at Edward Jones. One interesting fact, Leslie spent time working for the Outward Bound, who is leading provider of experiential and outdoor education for youth and adults. We look forward to Leslie's 50th anniversary with AAUW.



Equity Committee Eleanor Lane

An Event in Asheville: Robert Shetterly's Americans Who Tell the Truth portraits and narratives highlight citizens who courageously address issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness. The exhibit will be on display in Asheville at the YMI Cultural Center, 39 South Market Street, from Oct. 1-Nov. 19, Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm. The opening is on Sept. 30, 4:30pm.

AAUW research: *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap, 2017*, reveals that black women make only 63 percent of what non-Hispanic white men make. That's an even larger disparity than the national ratio for all women compared to all men — 80 percent — despite black women participating in the workforce at much higher rates than most other women, and also at higher rates than black men. For more information, go to <http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

STEM Cindy Stephens

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

- * **Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m.** Women in STEM (Molly Darr, Pamela Silvers, Joan Kaplan)
- * **Monday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.** Women in Chemistry (Oksana Love, Sally Wasileski)
- * **Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.** Women in Astronomy (Britt Lundgren)
- * **Wednesday, October 18, 4:30 p.m.** Women in Computer Science (Marietta Cameron)
- * **Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 p.m.** Women in Medicine (Amanda Rolling Maxwell, Laura Jones)

Advocacy & Public Policy Anne Sayers and Kitty Schaller

We will meet on October 13 at 9:30 am at the YWCA. You are always welcome to join us. We continue to follow the public policy news of the [ERA, NC's early childhood education, and Healthcare in NC and the US](#). There is much policy activity and now, we urge 3 actions in healthcare – immediately.

AAUW Call to Action Now: Call US Sen. Burr & Tillis with 3 requests (see below – then use the **Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121**; be prepared to enter your zip code – then #1 for Burr #2 for Tillis or #3 for your Representative. You'll need to make 3 calls to do it all.

★ *The Graham –Cassidy Bill.*

The Senate will vote before September 30 on the worst Obamacare repeal bill yet! If it passes, millions of Americans could lose their coverage, insurance companies will be free to hike up premiums, and Obamacare's protections for people with pre-existing conditions could be eliminated. ACA's subsidies would disappear & instead the bill offers block grants to states that would severely cut help to those who need coverage. This is serious and urgent!

1) Tell Sens. Burr & Tillis NO WAY should they support Graham-Cassidy. Period

The clock is ticking: September 30 is the deadline to pass a bill with just 51 votes. After that, Senators leading repeal efforts will need 61 votes – difficult in a narrowly divided Senate.

★ *The Sabotage of Affordable Care Act*

Unable to repeal the ACA through Congress, the Trump administration threatens to destroy it by “1000 cuts”. Especially, uncertainty about cost-sharing subsidies the government pays to insurance companies have driven insurance companies to raise for the insured. Nearly 90% reductions in advertising to inform people about the ACA Marketplace – a lack of information can only “push enrollment down”.

2) Tell Senators – People need the ACA. We want to save it, improve it!

Everyone needs to know ACA is the law of the land – coverage is available for 2018.

★ *Fix the Cliff - Co-Sponsor Community Health Improvement, Modernization & Excellence (CHIME) Act of 2017*

On September 30, community health centers across the country face a 70% funding cut to 330 grants, known as the [Health Center Funding Cliff](#), but Congress can stop it.

Good news: More phone calls have been made to NC's US Senators than any state.

It's working....

3.) Tell Sen. Tillis “Thanks!” for being an advocate for CHCs & for co-signing the CHIME letter! Urge Sen. Burr to do the same immediately. Urge both Senators to VOTE for CHIME!

Also call your US Representative (Meadows or McHenry) – Ask him to co-sponsor HR 3770 CHIME Act of 2017.

If you belong to organizations (civic, school, religious), take an easy, important step: Put a reminder in their November newsletters: Assure everyone “The ACA is still the law of the land. Open enrollment for 2018 ACA Marketplace Coverage runs **November 1 to December 15** – just 45 days. For expert help by Pisgah Legal Services' trained & certified Navigators, call 855-733-3711.



2017 Fall Retreat

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED
TO THE ALLIANCE'S FIRST FALL
RETREAT!

October 14-15 at the beautiful Kanuga Conference
Center More info: www.kanuga.org

EQUAL RIGHTS
FOR ALL
Y'ALL

“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 October 3, 10, 17, 24 and November 7, 14. The course is free to the public; to reserve a space, send name and email address (or phone number) to We.people.us@gmail.com, with the word

RESERVATION in the subject line.

GEM Marilyn Kolton

Two GEM Fund/AAUW scholarship recipients participated in the September potluck social. **Dee Rojas** is the mother of four and a senior at UNCA in elementary education. She will be graduating in December and is looking forward to teaching. **Rebecca Waldrop** is a second year student at AB-Tech and will be graduating in December. She has been accepted at Liberty University where she will major in elementary education. Both thanked AAUW members for their scholarships and expressed how much receiving the scholarship meant to them. Both were enthusiastic about coming to the December fundraiser.

GEM Fund has added a new Legacy member, GEM Board Member, **Bette Feingold**. The Legacy Fund is a means of making a planned gift to GEM either in one's lifetime or as part of one's estate. Gifts can include real estate, stocks, naming GEM as a beneficiary on a life insurance or a bequest in one's will. Thank you, Bette, for helping to guarantee future GEM/AAUW scholarships.

Honor Friends and Loved Ones with a GEM "Birthday Dollars for Scholars" Card

Our branch's GEM Fund is in its fourth year of offering "Birthday Dollars for Scholars," the brainchild of **Jeanne Smolkin**, treasurer for the GEM Board. In this program GEM will send a lovely birthday card to anyone you choose in exchange for a small tax-

exempt contribution to GEM. Each month Jeanne or designee sends out a list of branch members with birthdays that month; all you have to do is check the names of the members to whom you want a card sent and mail in your check. In addition, you can name other persons whom you'd like to receive a card. Each year a one-of-a-kind card is designed, photographed, and printed by branch member Alice Doner.

For those of you new to our branch, please know that the GEM Fund is a philanthropic arm unique to our branch, founded in 2002, by branch members and dedicated to the sole purpose of raising funds to provide undergraduate scholarships to women whose educations have been interrupted or delayed. Starting with a single scholarship of \$500 in 2002, GEM has now awarded 137 scholarships to A-B Tech and UNCA for a total of \$144,400 — all thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our AAUW branch family. For the academic year 2017-18, GEM has awarded a record 25 scholarships.

In addition to "Birthday Dollars," GEM accepts contributions throughout the year — including contributions in the form of tributes and memorials — and runs a spring fund drive culminating in the annual fundraiser party the first Sunday in June. GEM is a 501(c)3 entity and, accordingly, all contributions to GEM are tax exempt; all contributions are gratefully accepted and acknowledged. For more information about GEM, contact GEM Board president Marilyn Kolton at LDWMKD@aol.com or 828-259-9461.

Please watch for the GEM Birthday Dollars communication each month (It says it's from Survey Monkey, but don't worry: it's not a survey.) and mark the names of people you'd like to honor with a GEM birthday card. Friends love getting the cards and you'll be helping another woman fulfill her academic dreams. What could be more in keeping with AAUW's mission of breaking down economic and educational barriers for women and girls?



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

October Birthdays

- 10/4 Mary Ellen Lewis
- 10/4 Juanita Wagner
- 10/7 Ann Clarke Snell
- 10/10 Anne Sayers
- 10/10 Leslie Talbott
- 10/11 Cathy Battle
- 10/17 Marianne Mooney
- 10/17 Juanita Spanogle
- 10/18 Katherine Schofield
- 10/19 Portia Alexander
- 10/20 Meridith Miller
- 10/21 Norma Snap
- 10/24 Christiana Gallant
- 10/24 Gail Wiley
- 10/25 Beth Ellers
- 10/25 Kathleen Mainardi
- 10/27 Barbara Griswold
- 10/30 Wendy Haner

Women In STEM

Kate Gleason (1865-1933)

became the first woman engineering student to enroll in the Mechanical Arts program at Cornell University, and the first female member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Along with her brothers, she took her father's machine shop to the next level of business, a step toward making Gleason Corp. what it is today. The company is one of the world's top providers of the machines, tooling, and technologies needed to produce gears found in everything from vehicles to airplanes, wind turbines to power tools.



Lillian Evelyn Moller Gilbreth (1878

–1972) was an American psychologist and industrial engineer. She was described in the 1940s as “a genius in the art of living.” She and her husband were efficiency experts who contributed to the study of industrial engineering in fields such as motion study and human factors. The book *Cheaper by the Dozen* tells the story of their family life with their twelve children, and describes how they applied their interest in time and motion study to the organization and daily activities of such a large family.

Upstreamers Barbara Robinson

The AAUW UPSTREAMERS will be heading out to tidy up Reed Creek in late October for the last clean-up of the year. With it being so dry the last few weeks, it's expected we won't need big boots to stay dry, but will look our best in orange vests and heavy gloves as we bag up whatever trash we find. It's an hour or two of easy work that gives us time to talk and laugh and exchange “What I did for fun this summer” stories.

We're looking for new members for this 3 -events -a -year SIG, so if you're outdoors inclined and environmentally conscious give me a call and we'll welcome you with open arms and your very own orange vest.

Contact Barbara Robinson 828-230-7113 or baritar16@gmail.com

The YWCA Empowerment Center 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.

etbucly5@gmail.com

The children thank you!



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

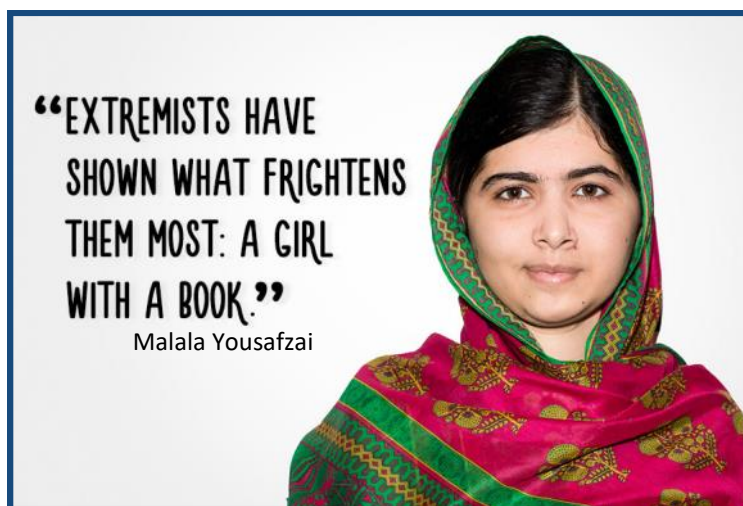
Date	Book	Location
Sept. 28	<u>A Fall of Marigolds</u> Susan Meissner	Barbara Mayer, 100 Wesley Drive, Apt. 706 28803 277.5319 bmayer8804@aol.com
Oct. 26	<u>Wait Till Next Year A Memoir</u> Doris Kearns Goodwin	Lois Sutton, 638 Upper Grassy Branch Ext. 28805 c 281.409.6498 doctorlonc@gmail
Nov. 16	<u>Small Great Things</u> Jodi Picoult	Marilyn Kolton, 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804 259.9461 ldwmkd@aol.com
Jan. 25	<u>The Secret Life of Anna Blanc</u> Jennifer Kincheloe	Andriette Kinsella, 75 Haywood St. Apt. 713 28801 c828.243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
Feb. 22	<u>Hillbilly Elegy</u> J.D. Vance	Sherry Brown, 295 Ninth St. Black Mt 28711 357.8455, c 828.551.0432 sherrysaerie@gmail.com
Mar. 22	<u>The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story</u> Diane Ackerman	Rosey Bily, 130 Lookout Dr. 28804 252.1210 robily@att.net
Apr. 26	<u>Vinegar Girl : the taming of the shrew retold</u> Anne Tyler	Jane Lance, 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192, c 208.569.5318 janlance@aol.com
May 24	<u>The Marriage of Opposites</u> a novel based on the life of Rachel Pizarro by Alice Hoffmann	Jo Yates, 15-H Wesley Drive, 28803 c 828.275.49 joyates4@gmail.com
June 28	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 c 828 425 5385 jspanogle@aol.com

“She is too fond of books, and it has turned her brain .” - Louisa May Alcott

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

Cocktails and Books is open to new members.
We meet the first Monday at Metro Wines on Charlotte St at 4:30.
Contact Anne Reis, annereis2@sbcglobal.net

<i>September</i>	<i>Nutshell, Ian McEwan</i>	Alice Doner
<i>October</i>	<i>Nightingale, Kristin Hannah</i>	Sharon Kopstein
<i>November</i>	<i>Moonglow, Michael Chabon</i>	Hedy Sarbey
<i>December</i>	<i>The Risen, Ron Rash</i>	need discussion leader



Board Committees

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 targeted — to facilitate their attendance at education events and to take action with public officials when advised.

For more information, **contact Anne Sayers at annesayers432@gmail.com or Kitty Schaller at kittyschaller@gmail.com** 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, huskeyjan@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, emmyjoellen3@gmail.com

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 cstephens30@thefhc.net
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 Asheville 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, elane@northstarlane.com, for more information.



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Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Currently we have 10 SIG groups with over 80 AAUW members participating. The SIG group topics include history, international dining, photography, world affairs, film, clean streams, book clubs and local restaurants (see below for full description of each). 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

Bette Feingold , bettefeingold@gmail.com 912-844-9002 , 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 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 JOHNSON1ea@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. sherrysaerie@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

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 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 Thursdays at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.

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 **Oct.2, 10AM,**
 Black Mountain
 For more info Contact **Eleanor Lane,**
elane@northstarlane.com.



Lunch Bunch
 Lunch Bunch will meet Friday, Oct 13,
 11:30, at the Twisted Laurel
 Restaurant, 10A South Main St.,
 Weaverville.

*Reservation Deadline Wednesday Oct.
 11, Noon*

Contact **Sherry Brown** - sherrysaerie@gmail.com - 357-8455



World Affairs

World Affairs will meet **Oct. 18,** Jan. 18, March 21
 and May 16 at 2 p.m. Topics for discussion are
 North Korea, the growth of Nationalism, Saudi
 Arabia and the middle east and Venezuela and its
 neighbors. Please contact **Eve Miller**
evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or **828-299-8107**
 for additional information and locations of the
 discussions.

Photo Group Wednesday October 18

Field Trip to [SE Center for Photography](#) in Greenville, SC to see
 the current exhibition, Other Worlds.

For more info, please contact Lynette Miller,
lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com

To learn more about the group,

Visit our Photo Group Website: AAUWPhotog.weebly.com

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!

