

AAUW ASHEVILLE NEWSLETTER

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



SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CAB Books <i>Goldfinch</i> by Donna Tartt @ Metro Wines on Merrimon Ave. 4:30	3 Literatae Book Group <i>The Lady in Gold</i> by Anne Marie O'Connor RSVP to Jayne Gallinger 33 Cedar Ct. 299-3975 jgallinger@charter.net 1:00	4	5	6
7 Pot Luck @ BA Schenck's Details below 4:00—7:00	8 Film Buds 5:30	9	10 Reservation Dead-line for Lunch Bunch. Contact Sherry Brown at 357-8455 or Sherrysaerie@gmail.com	11 Film Fans 12:00	12 Lunch Bunch Red Stag Grill in Grand Bohemian Hotel, Biltmore Village 12:00	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 World Affairs Discuss drones and future plans. RSVP Mary Hyde's 15 Aspen Way 274-9022. 1:30	24	25 Tea Time Books <i>My Beloved World</i> by Sonya Sotomayor @ Jeanne Gochenour's 254-4961 4:00	26	27
28	29	30				



Members, spouses and significant others are invited to

Kickoff Potluck Dinner

Sunday, September 7th - 4:00 to 7:00

Home of BA and Gary Schenk

122 Jump Cove Road, Weaverville

Space is limited so **reply promptly to Karen Mauro, at ktminnc@gmail.com**. Also let her know if you will be bringing a main dish, side dish, appetizer, dessert or wine. This is always a very special event: a chance to reconnect with your AAUW friends and also to hear from our interest groups and their plans for the coming year. Directions to BA's home are on page 5 of this newsletter. Carpools are recommended.

FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Dear AAUW Friends:

Welcome to year 2014-15 from your new President. Last year was full of accomplishments. With your help, the upcoming year will be, too. Among exciting opportunities are two new hands-on Special Interest Groups—

(1)the Advocacy Group working on registering voters and helping them jump hoops in NC law including voter ID required for 2016 and

(2)the Upstreamers cleaning a section of the river with RiverLink.

I hope you will join a special interest group, start a new one, volunteer, attend branch meetings, meet and work with AAUW members in activities that interest you. You will enjoy AAUW more if you are involved. This fine group of smart women committed to values you share will enrich your life. I am looking forward to working with you this year .

Ann Clarke Snell, ann_clarke_snell@hotmail.com

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

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

September 7, Sunday 4-7, Fall Potluck Kickoff Event, BA and Gary Schenk's home....

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 and will start at 10:00 a.m.

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

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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!*

Robin August	9/22
Ann Bonnyman	9/2
Sherry Brown	9/21
Barbara Campbell	9/12
Joyce David	9/30
Maureen Fitzgerald	9/2
Judith Hoy	9/4
Beth Maczka	9/16
Melanie McClure	9/24
Linda McCracken	9/21
Laurie Powell	9/23
Ilona Sena	9/23
Ruth Slawson	9/21
Joanne Swenson	9/28
Carol Taylor	9/16
Teresa Van Duyn	9/21
Jo Yates	9/15

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 152 members.



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(J.8/13/'14) (DOB 2/4)

GEM NEWS

From LaDean Peterson, GEM president

Thanks again to all who participated in the wonderful and successful June 1 Fundraiser. It was exciting and fulfilling to see the way so many people attended, worked, donated in many ways, and enjoyed the event. The party became a celebration really topped off by the presence and inspiring comments of two of our GEM scholars: Markia Brooks and Shaniqua Simuel.

From the GEM Annual Report: "For the 2014-15 academic year, the GEM Board approved fifteen scholarships, increasing A-B Tech recipients to twelve, at \$1,000 each. Also, a one-time \$1,500 member-sponsored, memorial award will be given to a Culinary student, bringing A-B Tech awards to thirteen. The two UNCA scholarships will remain at \$2,000 each."

Tea Time Book Group

Thursday, Aug. 28—4:00

Caleb's Crossing by Sue Monk Kidd

Carol Smith's, 42 Sparkle Dun Dr. Biltmore Lake

667-0053 carolasmith49@gmail.com



Rest in Peace

Joyce Boehlen, AAUW Asheville

Vice President for Membership,

died on August 5, 2014, after losing her short battle with pancreatic cancer. Joyce was a generous and outgoing woman, whom we will miss very much.

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 Anne Sayers at 919-302-0084 or Anne299@earthlink.net

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 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 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 and new members are welcome. For the film selection of this month's meeting or to get more information, contact group leader Beth Johnson at JOHNSON1ea@earthlink.net.

Happy Hikers: This group meets weekly to take easy to moderate hikes at various locations in the area, as determined by the members. Day and time, as well as hike locations, are to be determined by the group. Contact Nini Abbott for more information at niniabbott@gmail.com or 828-658-4195.

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 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 Pat Argue at 891-4521 or pkargue@gmail.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 evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or LaDean Peterson, 828-650-3005 or LaDeanJune@charter.net.

Directions to: Gary and B.A. Schenk

Phone: 828-645-9704

Cell: 828-337-6890

Pelican Springs Lodge. 122 Jump Cove Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

We are north of Asheville off I 26, (also called Rt. 19 & 23) or off Ox Creek from the Parkway.

If you are coming up I 26 (west) from down town:

Get off I 26 at the New Stock Road exit (Exit 21) a few miles north of Asheville.

Take an immediate right at the bottom of the ramp (light), and then a left at the next light (50 feet) onto Weaverville Rd., also called Merrimon Ave.

Go about 1/2 mi. to Reems Creek Road (1st stop light) and turn right.

(Road is not well marked. Watch for the signs to the “Vance Birthplace” and turn there. At the stop light there is a short right hand turn lane and yield sign for those turning.)

Go 4 miles on Reems Creek and turn right on Ox Creek (note sign for Blue Ridge Parkway at the turn). The turn is the second street past the fire station.

Go 2 miles on Ox Creek Rd. and turn right on Jump Cove Road.

(There is a small sign at the turn that says “Mountain Shadows Farm”.)

Go 1 mile to the end of Jump Cove and that is us – road dead ends – dark green house.

The road turns to gravel as you go, keep going, then it turns back to asphalt. House is up the hill as you come out of the “Rhododendron tunnel”. Go up past garage, to front door area to park.

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If you are coming from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Take exit for Bull Gap, Weaverville (N. of Asheville a few miles).

Go about ½ mile uphill on a very curvy road to a Y in the road.

Go right onto Ox Creek Road. (Elk Mtn Rd is the one to the left here.)

Follow this for about 2 miles downhill and curvy - to Jump Cove Road and turn left.

(There is a small church on the right side with a large oak tree out front. After this the road makes a sharp right turn. Don’t make this turn. Jump Cove is on the left before the turn)

Go 1 mile to the end of Jump Cove and that is us – road dead ends – dark green house.

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From Elk Mountain Scenic Hwy. – just go onto Ox Creek (straight ahead) instead of turning right to go to the Blue Ridge Parkway, and follow

Volunteers needed for YWCA Drop-In Center

I'm sending out an urgent PLEA for volunteers for the YWCA Drop in Center. The rewards that you gain for one or two hours a week, or every other week from the suggested hours of 10-12, are immeasurable! I always leave with a smile on my face as the kids are so entertaining.

Some background information on the Drop-In: several AAUW members approached the then-director, Holly Jones, about extending the day-care hours as the mothers had classes at various times during the day, and the Center was only open a few hours during the day. We (the AAUW) vowed to give some volunteer time, playtime supplies, and snack food donations to allow them to stay open more hours. The Center has extended its hours, but we are lacking in volunteers for that 10AM-12N slot, and the donations as we'd promised. So.....please contact me so I can schedule a time slot for the most fun you'll have in the week. Jan Schwartz 350-9533 or blucottage@bellsouth.net.