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From the Branch President Wendy Haner

Greetings to all of the AAUW members in our awesome Asheville Branch.

A wonderful thank you to our outgoing board members, **Portia Alexander** - Secretary, **Marlene Shaklen** –Co-VP of Programs and **Eleanor Johnson** - SIG Coordinator and Web Master. They have gone above and beyond to make our branch so successful and we want to send them off with a big Thank You. The new incoming officers have already assumed their leadership roles and are working diligently to make this year a great success.

There are three chair positions on the Board that need to be filled: Treasurer, VP Co-Membership and Publicity. We need three members to step forward and assume these important positions. If you would like serving as a chair, or be on the committee, please call or email me. The board needs all positions filled to achieve a year of excellence. I believe members have their own unique gift and talent to interact and participate, and support our mission. We are privileged to have over 175 members in this branch. Please say "yes" when offered the opportunity to volunteer as I encourage you to contribute to the success of AAUW by participating as much as possible.

This year we have created two new committees for our branch. One is Community Impact Fund, chaired by **Mary Ellen Lewis** and we are looking forward to making a "Change with Change". So when you have a few cents please put in

your Change in our jar which will help with ongoing and new projects that are near and dear to our hearts. The other committee is concentrating on all of our SIG's (Special Interest Groups). **Linda Stover** and **Bette Feingold** who are two outstanding members head this committee up. We are so excited about this new committee and how it will reach out to our members to come full circle so that everyone feels connected to AAUW.

Our next Board meeting will be on September 5th at the Sister of Mercy Urgent Care Board Room at 1201 Patton Avenue, 2nd floor and want to remind you that all members are always welcome.

I am looking forward to our September Pot Luck Kickoff where we will all get to gather for some delicious food and friendship. It will be at the Ramble Clubhouse on September 17th at which time we will hand out our directories so be sure and RSVP.

In closing, I would like to highlight the fact that Asheville AAUW is growing and reaching new heights. I truly hope that our members will embrace where we have been and where we heading in the upcoming year.

As always,

Wendy Haner, President

Equal Means Equal

Film Screening with Panel Discussion

Thu August 31st, 7:30 pm

Warren Wilson College,

701 Warren Wilson Rd,

Swannanoa, NC 28778



Come join your AAUW friends at the Annual September Pot Luck!

Sunday, September 17th 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

"The Living Well Center" at The Ramble 139 Valley Springs Rd, Asheville

Spouses and significant others are welcome

RSVP by September 5th: Hedy Sarbey hbsarbey@gmail.com

Please let Hedy know:

- Number of reservations and names
- Dish or drink you will bring i.e. Main course/ Side Dish/Dessert (A switch may be suggested should we have too much of a particular dish) Iced Sweet or Unsweet Tea, Lemonade, Bottled Water; *** please bring only non-alcoholic beverages no wine or beer is allowed***
- Bring enough for 12 people + a serving utensil
- Don't forget to put your name on your serving pieces!

RSVP asap if you are going to attend so we have an accurate count.

(Space is limited as the room can not exceed 100 people.)

Directions:

The Gate House at the Main Entrance for the Ramble development is 139 Springs Rd., Asheville. The entrance is on Hendersonville Road (Rt 25) just south of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

If your GPS sends you to "Racquet Club Rd" you cannot get in. There is no guard there only a locked gate.

The Guard will give you directions to get to the "Living Well Center". Tell him you are attending the AAUW Event. Once inside the gate, continue on Valley Springs Rd. to Ramble Way, and turn left. Go 8/10th of a mile and go left on Promenade Dr. Make an immediate left into the parking lot for the "Living Well Center".

Call for helpers at the AAUW Potluck Supper on Sep 17

We need a few people to come around 3:30 pm to help with setup, during the dinner, or stay for cleanup.

If you're able to help, please email Hedy at hbsarbey@gmail.com and indicate your preference.

Thankyou!



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

- 9/4 Judith Hoy
- 9/5 Betsy Sterling
- 9/6 Cindy Berryman-Fink
- 9/6 Barbara Campbell
- 9/6 Linda Stover
- 9/12 Judy Colella
- 9/14 Caroline Briggs
- 9/15 Diane Mooney
- 9/15 Jo Yates
- 9/16 Beth Maczka
- 9/16 Carol Taylor
- 9/21 Sherry Brown
- 9/21 Ruth Slawson
- 9/21 Linda Sokolski
- 9/21 Terry Van Duyn
- 9/21 Deborah Vigeland
- 9/23 Laurie Powell
- 9/23 Ilona Sena
- 9/24 Melanie McClure
- 9/28 Sarah Humphries
- 9/28 Joan Swenson
- 9/30 Joyce Davis

New Members Linda Beltran

APPLE, Leslie 303.946.8141

256 Pisgah View Road leslie.apple@edwardjones.com

Asheville, NC 28806

Trinity University BA English & Drama

Trinity University MAT Secondary Education

Leslie is a new member because her company listed AAUW as a valuable community asset. She has checked out the National website, was impressed and joined our Branch! She's interested in serving on or helping the Board, programs, and study groups. She'll be reviewing the June Newsletter and checking out our website to learn more!

MANASSE, Johanna 708.224.7199 (C)
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Asheville, NC 28804 jvm795@gmail.com
Southern Illinois University BA English/Education

University of South Florida MEd Educational Admin

Johanna joined online with National AAUW. She wants to be part of a strong women's group!!! She is interested in assisting the Board occasionally, Programs, Projects, Study Groups and Public Policy/Advocacy!

SCHOFIELD, Katherine R 443.691.0131 (C)

60 N Market Street 210 rbrownhouse@msn.com

Asheville, NC 28801

Mount Holyoke College BA Fine Art/Painting/Printmaking

Amos Tuck School (Dartmouth) MBA Business Administration/Marketing

Carroll Community College AA Computer Graphics

Katherine has moved from Maryland and is a dual member in Maryland and here! She has family in the area and is living right downtown! She's interested in helping the Board occasionally, programs, Study Groups, and YWCA Drop-In.

TALBOTT, Leslie E 404.408.6367 (C)

17 Craftsman View Drive leslie.talbott@gmail.com

Asheville, NC 28804

Newton College BA Psychology

Fordham MAT Education

U.S. Carolina PhD Psychology

Leslie has been here for a while and is now being joined by her sister who's moving to Asheville from California. They've been living on opposite coasts for a long time. Both are glad to be closer! Leslie is interested in helping the Board, joining Study Groups, the Newsletter and Advocacy. Her neighbors Meridith Miller and Ann Sayers will be taking her to meetings this summer!



Research has shown that people who are regularly engaged in social interaction maintain their brain vitality.
Staying cognitively active,
- either with intellectual stimulation or staying socially engaged - is linked with a decreased risk of cognitive decline.

AAUW-Asheville is happy to provide a myriad of opportunities for our members to maintain a healthy brain.

Get involved in a Special Interest Group, join a committee, volunteer your expertise, or say "YES" to a nomination committee

Committee News

College/University Partnership with UNCA Jan Huskey

A session of the AAUW salary negotiations course, StartSmart, will be held at UNCA on September 5th. Our branch continues our partnership with UNCA in presenting this course by providing two members to help facilitate sessions. I received many responses to the memo calling for volunteers to become facilitators. I have started a wait list for facilitators for future opportunities. If you want to be placed on the wait list, please let me know.

Jan Huskey, huskey, huskeyjanl@charter.net

Our first members to be trained are Judy Balsanek and Kay Stockdale. Thank you both!

STEM Cindy Stephens

STEM Lecture Series, Olli at UNC-A

The theme for the STEM lectures for this year is "Women in STEM." This theme is very important for at least two reasons:

- 1) Women seeking careers in the STEM fields need to be aware of the obstacles and biases to which women are subject and, of course, how to overcome them;
- 2) with the increasing global competition, it is critical not to lose sight of the talent that women have, which is important for our nation. Learn of those many women who have made significant contributions in these areas and the issues surrounding women leaving the STEM fields. Women still face many challenges which are discouraging to them and a great loss to America.



- * 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)
 OLLI, 828.251.6140, email olli@unca.edu

Advocacy & Public Policy Group Anne Sayers, Kitty Schaller

"We the People" Constitutional Study Hosted by League of Women Voters

Co-sponsored by AAUW

(October 3, 10, 17, 24; November 7, 14)

The history and contemporary role of the Constitution of the United States will be the focus of a "We the People" fall study program organized by the League of Women Voters of Asheville-Buncombe County, bringing the principles of this country's founding document forward into 2017.

The six-weeks study will examine such vital contemporary topics as freedom of speech, the right to assemble, executive power, voting rights, and procedural due process. It will also include discussion of judicial interpretation and the continuing impacts of key Supreme Court decisions.

The presentations (with discussion) will be led by Bruce Elmore, Jr., a native of Asheville whose legal career began by watching his first jury trial when he was 10, and starting work in his father's Asheville law office (Bruce Elmore Sr.) when he was 14. A graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, Elmore is a former president of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and current vice president of the NC ACLU Legal Foundation.

Organized by the local LWV, the study course is being co-sponsored by additional nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations including AAUW Asheville, YWCA of Asheville, and the Western NC Chapter of the ACLU of NC.

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.

Equity Committee Eleanor Lane

The Equity Committee is excited about choosing to support a local organization, *My Sistah Taught Me That*, a "developmental program designed to encourage, inspire, educate, and empower young girls ages 11-19 with a special focus on girls growing up in single parent homes without their father." http://www.mysistahtaughtmethat.org

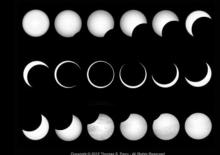


Beth Ellers, Barb Robinson, Deb Helmer, Jeanne Smolkin and Karen Mauro at the ball park! Tickets courtesy of the GEM Fundraiser raffle!

Maria Mitchell (1818-1889) was the first American woman to work as a professional astronomer. In 1865 Mitchell became a faculty member at Vassar College, making her the first female astronomy professor in the United States. She was also appointed director of Vassar College Observatory. After teaching there for some time, she learned that despite her reputation and experience, her salary was less than that of many younger male professors. She insisted on



a salary increase, and got it . In 1878, she and several students traveled two thousand miles to Colorado to witness a total solar eclipse.



International Dining

The list of Dinners for International Dining is almost complete and it looks to be exciting, unique and, as always, delicious!

The theme for the first dinner of this new season will be Monet's Country French Garden, hosted by Alice and Bob Doner. It'll be held Sunday, October 1, 2017 and weather permitting, everyone will get to enjoy the beauty of Alice's fall garden. Later in the year members will host dinners with cuisine from Hungary, Lebanon, Senegal, and Chile. If you haven't joined this wonderful group and would like to be a part of it or learn more about it, call or email Jeanne Smolkin 504-606-3579, ismolkin@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 3rd Thursdays at 2

Date	Book	Location
Aug. 24	Red Brick, Black Mountain, White Clay:	Carol Smith, 42 Sparkle Dun Dr. Biltmore Lake 28715
	Christopher Benfey	667.0053 <u>carolasmith49@gmail.com</u>
Sept. 28	A Fall of Marigolds	Barbara Mayer, 100 Wesley Drive, Apt. 706 28803
	Susan Meissner	277.5319 bmayer8804@aol.com
Oct. 26	Wait Till Next Year A Memoir	Lois Sutton, 638 Upper Grassy Branch Ext. 28805
	Doris Kearns Goodwin	c281.409.6498 doctorlonc@gmail
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 <u>andriettek@bellsouth.net</u>
Feb. 22	Hillbilly Elegy	Sherry Brown, 295 Ninth St. Black Mt 28711
	J.D. Vance	357.8455, c828.551.0432 <u>sherrysaerie@gmail.com</u>
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, c208.569.5318 <u>janlance@aol.com</u>
May 24	The Marriage of Opposites a novel based	Jo Yates, 104 Cambridge Rd. 28804
	on the life of Rachel Pizzarro	254.0304, c828 275 4948 <u>joyates4@gmail.com</u>
	Alice Hoffman	
June 28	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804
		258.0096 c828 425 5385 <u>Jspanogle@aol.com</u>

[&]quot;Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." — Anne Herbert

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

August	A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles	Linda Fromson
September	Nutshell, Ian McEwan	Alice Doner
October	Nightingale, Kristin Hannah	Sharon Kopstein
November	Moonglow, Michael Chabon	Hedy Sarbey
December	The Risen, Ron Rash	need discussion leader

"She reads books as one would breath air, to fill up and live."

- Annie Dillard

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

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 <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, 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 , <u>bettefeingold@gmail.com</u> <u>912-844-9002</u> , or Linda Stover <u>lindalstover@gmail.com</u>; 704-905-6530

<u>AAUW Upstreamers:</u> 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 <u>baritar16@gmail.com</u> 230-7113.

<u>CAB Book Group:</u> 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, <u>annereis2@sbcglobal.net</u>

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.

<u>Film Fans:</u> 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 <u>JOHNSON1ea@earthlink.net</u>

<u>History Study Group:</u> 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 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 potluck, with menu suggestions from the host. Dinners are approximately every other month. For more information, contact Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or ismolkin@gmail.com

<u>Lunch Bunch:</u> 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.

<u>Photography Group:</u> 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 <u>aauwphotog.weebly.com</u> or email Lynette Miller at <u>lcmillerstudio@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Tea Time Book Group:</u> 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 ispanogle@aol.com.

<u>World Affairs Group:</u> A group for study and discussion of world events. Study meetings follow on the third Thursday in January, March and May at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller (<u>evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com</u> or <u>828-299-8107</u>) 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

Friday Sept. 8, 11:30, Chestnut Restaurant, 48 Biltmore Ave., Asheville.

Reservation Deadline - Wed. Sept 6 Noon

Sherry Brown - sherrysaerie@gmail.com, 357-8455



STEM Field Trip

3:30, Asheville Museum of Science

For more info contact Cindy Stephens

cstephens30@thefhc.net

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History Study Group

Tuesday Sept. 19, 11a.m., Shelton House - Museum of N.C. Handicrafts, 49 Shelton St., Waynesville, NC

LIMIT 20 Res.

Reservation Deadline Friday Sept 15 Noon

This is a wonderful tour of the lovely historical Shelton House built in 1875 and the museum of NC handicrafts that it houses. Google Shelton House Waynesville,NC to view pictures and tour information.

Optional lunch reservation at the Sweet Onion Restaurant at 1p.m.

Sherry Brown - sherrysaerie@gmail.com, 357-8455

Photo Group

Will meet Wednesday Sept. 20, 1pm at the North Carolina Arboretum where we'll photographically explore Patterns, Shapes, and Geometry found in Nature. For more info, please contact Lynette Miller, Icmillerstudio@gmail.com

SIG Website: A

AAUWPhotog.weebly.com

Film Fans

Film discussions will be announced about a week before we meet. Since I will be out of town on Sept. 14 (our usual day), the September Film Fans group will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Hope you are able to join us!

Let me know if you want to be added to the Film Fans list - Beth Johnson, johnson1ea@earthlink.net



World Affairs will meet Thursday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at the home of Eve Miller to plan for 2017-2018. Please contact Eve at 828-299-8107 or evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com if you are able to attend, or if you have any questions.