



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

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# JANUARY 2018

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## **From the Branch President**     Wendy Haner

Dear Members of Asheville AAUW,

We closed out 2016 with a terrific Holiday Friendraiser at the First Baptist Church where every special interest group was able to give a talk on their committee. We had 3 new members join and are hoping for more after the first of the year. I would like to thank you for your support and commitment to our branch over the past year. As we reflect on our goals and accomplishments, I hope each and every one of you are aware that your participation in our membership meetings, social events, and fundraising initiatives have helped us close out a successful year.

As we bring in 2018, hopefully those of you that make resolutions will include AAUW in your list for the coming year, whether it is attending more general or interest group meetings, or taking part in the leadership of the branch. Do you have ideas for resolutions for our Branch? If you have any thoughts that you would like to share, please pass them on to me. I would love to hear your ideas and thoughts.

We have added a new January meeting this year. There were new members that joined during our Friendraising Event last year and were unaware that we don't have a meeting in January. To address this issue, we have added the January meeting to our agenda and it will be held at UNCA. The date is January 23rd at the regular time. Please keep a watch out for additional information that will be coming. We are all excited about this and hope that you will add this date to your calendar. I want to thank **Jan Huskey, Dr. Jill Moffitt** and **Eleanor Lane** for making this happen along with our Program committee, **Susan Grabel** and **Barbara Robinson**.

In the coming year, I wish each of you good health and happiness, and please know that your continued support of your AAUW branch is greatly appreciated. A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you all!

Wendy Haner, President

### **January Branch Meeting January 23**

**Big change for our January Branch Meeting**, ladies! An interesting program involving prospective-member students will be held on the **UNCA campus at Brown Hall, Rm. 217 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of University Cafeteria) Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:30 until 1 PM.** University students and faculty will be invited to join us for a program by **Ms. Leslie Council**, head of "*My Sistah Taught Me That*", a local organization designed to "develop and encourage inspiration and education for girls from single parent households in western NC. More information can be found on their website : [mysistahtaughtmethat.org](http://mysistahtaughtmethat.org).

To facilitate members' attendance we've arranged for several runs of a shuttle from the Presbyterian Church parking lot directly to Brown Hall starting at 11:15. When you reserve your space, you will be given specific instructions, and shuttle times to choose from.

RSVP reservations for this important meeting about education for local girls by **Tuesday Jan. 16** **Barbara Robinson** at [baritar16@gmail.com](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) or [828-230-7113](tel:828-230-7113) .

*Please note: You may attend the meeting without having lunch. However, members who reserve lunch but do not attend, still owe \$12.*

## New Members     Linda Beltran

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 ST Bonaventure University            BA History/Education  
 SUNY GENESEU                        MLS Information & Library Science  
*Christine joined our branch at the Friend-Raiser and was invited to this function by Barbara Pressman. Christine is interested in Equity, Film Fans, History, Lunch Bunch and Photography!*

**LIEBMAN, Marcia**                      818-606-0331 (C )  
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 Hunter, NYC                              BA Sociology  
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*Marcia also joined our branch at the Friend-Raiser via Bette Feingold! She is interested in occasionally helping the Board, a Film Group, International Dining, and the Tea Time Book Group.*

**WOLLINS, Jacqueline**                      732-406-1606 (C )  
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 New York University                      MA Community Health & Education  
*Jacqueline came to the Friend-raiser and also joined us! She is interested in helping the Board, Social Events, a Film Group, History, International Dining, and Lunch Bunch.*



*If you are interested in being on the Gem Board or a committee for the 2018-2019 year  
 please contact : Carol Smith [828 667 0053](tel:8286670053)    [carolasmith49@gmail.com](mailto:carolasmith49@gmail.com)*



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

### January Birthdays

1/3 Nancy Donnelly  
 1/6 Karen Milnes  
 1/8 Kitty McKeithen  
 1/8 Susan Pierce  
 1/9 Cindy Stephens  
 1/11 Judy Garner  
 1/13 Lina Evans  
 1/17 Rachel Sossoman  
 1/19 Shannon Earle  
 1/21 Alice Donor  
 1/21 Melissa Maranville  
 1/22 Pat Argue  
 1/23 L ynn Hill  
 1/24 Bette Feingold  
 1/24 Linda Fromson  
 1/24 Terry Peters  
 1/26 Bobbi Blake  
 1/29 Debra Fulton-Helmer  
 1/31 Gloria Rabun

## Committee News

### UNC-A STEM Lecture Series

Women in Nursing  
Cindy Stephens Feb. 20

UNC-Asheville Reuter  
Center 4:30-6:00

**ST.E.M. Committee** - January 9, 3:30 pm  
Battery Park Book Exchange, Grove Arcade  
For more info contact Cindy Stephens  
[cstephens30@thefhc.net](mailto:cstephens30@thefhc.net)

## Women in S.T.E.M

[Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II](#) ([public library](#)) Driven partly by patriotism, but mostly by pure love of that singular intersection of mathematics and language where cryptography lives, these "high grade" young women, as the military recruiters called them, came from all over the country and had only one essential thing in common — their answers to two seemingly strange questions: Do you like crossword puzzles, and are you engaged to be married?



At Arlington Hall in Virginia, Ann Caracristi (far right), an English major from Russell Sage College, worked on developing an "order of battle" disclosing the location of Japanese troops.

### Equity Committee Eleanor Lane

We were so impressed with **Leslie Council**, her CoreCrew and the girls attending the December 5 My Sistah Taught Me That meeting. We left the meeting believing that this community program represents what our AAUW mission is all about.

**And here is another Asheville program that represents our mission:**

The Youth Environmental Leadership Program (YELP) at Asheville GreenWorks has a mission to inspire, equip and mobilize individuals and communities to take care of the places we love to live. Asheville GreenWorks is building environmental leaders and supporting young women of color from low wealth backgrounds to build employability skills while making connections to our natural environment through outdoor skills and service projects. They will be hiring five young women ages 15 to 18 to be part of a winter paid internship that helps to develop their knowledge and confidence through challenging experiences in the outdoors. These young women will become forces of nature in their own right, leading the way for the next generation of environmental leaders.

Please join us at the next Equity Committee meeting on Monday, **February 5**. For more information, please contact Eleanor Lane, [elane@northstarlane.com](mailto:elane@northstarlane.com)

### #Me Too and Equal Rights: Connecting the Dots"

Speaking of scandals, women are still not in the US Constitution!

The noxious stream of sexual assaults and harassment in the workplace has put a glaring spotlight on widespread gender inequities. It is more urgent than ever to guarantee true equality for women in the Constitution.

AAUW members are invited to a special event on  
**Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 pm** at the **Grail Moviehouse**,  
[45 South French Broad Ave.](#) in Asheville.

The event, "**#Me Too and Equal Rights: Connecting the Dots**," is sponsored by local Action Teams of the ERA-NC Alliance. For more information, go to [robertamadden@yahoo.com](mailto:robertamadden@yahoo.com).

## JANUARY MEETING AT UNCA

As you probably read above, we are holding our January branch meeting on the UNCA campus. This is very exciting, a first for this branch. A thanks to **Jill Moffitt** from UNCA, and branch members **Eleanor Lane**, **Susan Gabel**, **Barbara Robinson** and **Wendy Haner** for all their work on this meeting. I also want to thank our guest speaker **Leslie Council** for her flexibility as we worked to move this meeting.

Continuing our commitment to UNCA female students, branch member **Melissa Maranville**, PhD - Professor of Behavioral Sciences at A-B Tech, will present a seminar on sexual assault titled "A Girl Like Me". Melissa has presented this seminar to many colleges and universities. She will talk about her own experience with sexual assault. The seminar is on February 27, from 6:30 to 8pm.

**Asheville AAUW branch**  
**outreaches to local colleges about [AAUW SmartStart](#) and [WorkSmart](#) programs**



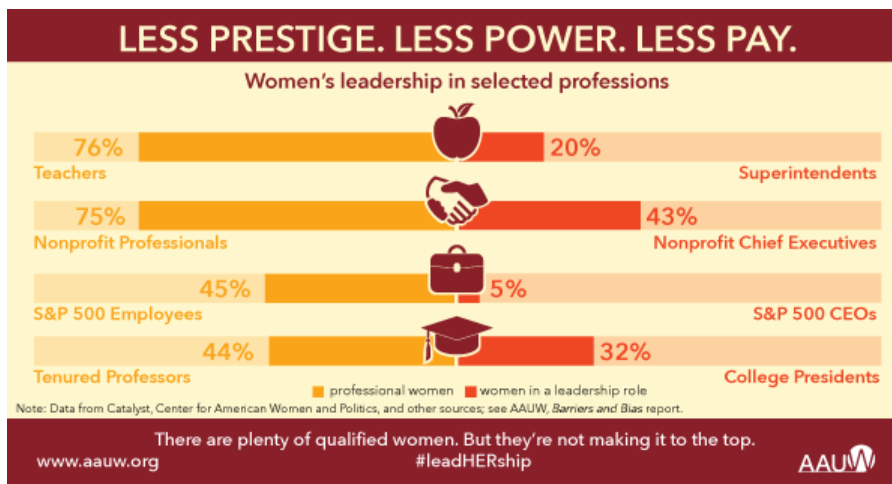
The number of women AAUW trained to negotiate their salary in 2016

Informational meetings have been held with A-B Tech and Warren Wilson to review content on both programs. We are fortunate to have branch member and STEM committee member **Pam Silvers** as our liaison for A-B Tech. Pam is very interested in bringing StartSmart to A-B Tech. We hope to present a session during the spring semester. Pam is an Instructor of Computer Technologies at A-B Tech, as well as overseeing a grant from the National Science Foundation on Advanced Technological Education (ATE) **Kay Stockdale**, lifelong AAUW member, met with Warren Wilson College to review both programs.

## Spreading the knowledge on Women's Pay Gap

Branch member **Leslie Apple**, who is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, is working with the developer of WorkSmart, **Dorrie Sieburg**, to bring this course to the Asheville business community. They have started to outreach to female professional organizations. They have a save the date for the session, March 8. This coin-

cides with International Women's Day. And they have a corporate sponsor, Lunabars. Much more to come as to this event in January. But if you know of any professional organization who might be interested in this program, please contact Leslie at 828-628-1546.



The **YWCA Empowerment Center** could use Plants for the classrooms for science observations, Beta Fish (8-10) for classrooms, Heating Pads, Breast Feeding body support pillows, High chair with straps



Please bring donations to  
General AAUW meetings,  
drop off at the Y, or email  
**Eleanor Walther** for pick up.  
[etbucly5@gmail.com](mailto:etbucly5@gmail.com)

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan. 25	<u>The Secret Life of Anna Blanc</u> Jennifer Kincheloe	Andriette Kinsella, 75 Haywood St. Apt. 713 28801 c828.243-1996 <a href="mailto:andriettek@bellsouth.net">andriettek@bellsouth.net</a>
Feb. 22	<u>Hillbilly Elegy</u> J.D. Vance	Sherry Brown, 295 Ninth St. Black Mt 28711 357.8455, c 828.551.0432 <a href="mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com">sherrysaerie@gmail.com</a>
Mar. 22	<u>The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story</u> Diane Ackerman	Rosey Bily, 130 Lookout Dr. 28804 252.1210 <a href="mailto:robily@att.net">robily@att.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:janlance@aol.com">janlance@aol.com</a>
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 828.275.4948 <a href="mailto:joyates4@gmail.com">joyates4@gmail.com</a>
June 28	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 c 828 425 5385 <a href="mailto:jspanogle@aol.com">jspanogle@aol.com</a>

## **CAB Reading List 2018 Selections coming soon**

**1st Monday at 4:30 pm at Metro Wines, Contact Anne Reis , [annereis2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annereis2@sbcglobal.net)**



## December FriendRaiser by Barbara Robinson

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual FriendRaiser to recruit new members for our mission to empower and educate women as individuals and for our community here in western North Carolina. Despite the impending snow, we had a nice group of ladies join together for coffee, desserts, and some lively conversation. Each of the SIG leaders gave presentations about their activities, such as movie discussion group, registering voters, and communicating concerns to our local representatives. The event was attended by members and prospective member guests, three of which joined our chapter. We are so grateful for everyone who participated, and hope to continue to improve our attendance and outreach in future years.



## **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 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](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com) or Kitty Schaller at [kittyschaller@gmail.com](mailto: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, [huskeyjanl@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:elane@northstarlane.com), for more information.

#### **AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

*In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*



## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Currently we have 9 SIGS with over 100 AAUW members participating. The SIG group topics include 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 **Jean Toxen** ([jtoxen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net); 404-784-0603) or **Linda Stover** ([lindalstover@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Ann Reis, [annereis2@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com) or email Lynette Miller at [lcmlerstudio@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).

**World Affairs Group:** A group to study and discuss events across the globe. In 2018, meetings are scheduled for Jan. 18, March 15 and May 17 at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller ([evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com) or 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

### S.T.E.M. Meeting

Jan 9th 3:30pm-4:30pm ,  
[Battery Park Book Exchange](#)

For more info contact Cindy Stephens  
[cstephens30@thefhc.net](mailto:cstephens30@thefhc.net)



### 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](mailto:johnson1ea@earthlink.net)



### Photo Group Meets on Wed. January 17

*New members always welcome!*

*We'll meet at 1pm at [LCMillerStudio](#) in Black Mountain and take a look at the January Challenge results.*

*To learn more, Visit our Photo Group Website:*

[AAUWPhotog.weebly.com](http://AAUWPhotog.weebly.com) or contact  
Lynette Miller, [LCMillerStudio@gmail.com](mailto:LCMillerStudio@gmail.com)



**World Affairs will meet Thursday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m.** at the home of Barbara Mayer at Givens Estates. Discussion topic is The Growth of Nationalism.

Please contact Eve Miller ([828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107) or [evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com))



### Lunch Bunch

Meet Friday Jan. 12, 11:30, Tupelo Honey South, 1829 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville

Reservation deadline Wed. Jan 10, noon  
Sherry Brown ,  
[sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com) or 357-8455



### AAUW Equity Committee Meeting

(Next meeting in FEBRUARY 5)  
For more info Contact Eleanor Lane,  
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