



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

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From the President Elect Pat Ashe

AAUW Asheville members should by March 12, 2019, be receiving an emailed copy of the revised AAUW Asheville Bylaws, approved by the Board on February 13. You may access the current Bylaws by going to the Member section of the website asheville-nc.AAUW.net/ . The password is: **checkit**

I have a summary explaining the changes in each Bylaws' Article. Should you want a copy of these explanations, please let me know and I will send to you. Also, if you have questions about the current and/or revised Bylaws, contact me. The Bylaws will be voted on for approval at the March 26th meeting.

Pat Ashe, President-elect
paashe1950@gmail.com

AAUW NC HAS

A NEW WEBSITE! www.aauwnc.org

NOTICE: The ZIP code gathering for 28803 and towns south of Asheville has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, March 6, 2-4pm** Come and meet your AAUW neighbors! RSVP Jan Huskey at 785-9994 or huskeyian1@charter.net

Branch Meeting Tuesday March 26th, 11:30--1pm

We're honored to have a well-known Blue Ridge Public Radio (NPR) speaker for our March program, **Ms. Barbara Sayer**. Many of you will recognize her voice, and know she's a woman of influence at the local NPR station here in western North Carolina. But you may not know she's their Program Director, and makes daily decisions on station content.

Please join us **Tuesday, March 26th, 11:30 AM ---1 PM**, at our new venue the [Famous Toastery Restaurant](#), to hear her talk on "Women's Voices on the Radio". More info [HERE](#)

Please check your email on March 11th for reservation information.

February Branch Mtg Update **Joanna Manasse and Barbara Robinson**

An Equi-Tea to Remember: Title IX, Dr. Moffitt, GEM Scholars and a bit of Rain

For those of you who were unable to attend the Equi-Tea at UNC-A on February 19, you missed a lively, group-participatory discussion lead by Dr. Jill Moffitt and attended by AAUW members, GEM Scholars from AB-Tech and UNC-A, university staff and some interested walk-in students. We were enlightened about the upcoming changes that the USDOE will be initiating next month—placing onus on accusers and giving significant power to the accused—which create difficulties for universities who have carefully nourished a supportive environment for all students. We also learned the variety of definitions of sexual misconduct that fluidly differ among generations and, importantly, we looked at ways we can promote appropriate behavior in all areas of life. The inclusion of GEM Scholars and their contributions to the conversation affirmed the benefits for our continued support in providing scholarships. These young women were articulate, attentive, friendly and engaged. It would behoove us to invite them to more of our branch meetings! And, oh yes, rain didn't deter us from an engaging time.



Interested in helping UNC Asheville Students Succeed? Become a Coach! Contact Jan Huskey,
huskeyjan@charter.net

POLICY POINTERS from FEBRUARY into MARCH

Our February meeting focused on upcoming issues in which we plan to engage the greater branch membership. Kitty Schaller is attending a legislative session in Raleigh to promote the expansion of Medicaid. You can expect a Public Policy Primer with a Call to Action in early March. Roberta Madden encouraged us all to come to Raleigh on **March 5** for advocate for the **passage of the ERA**; the bill will be presented in both House and Senate, followed by a press conference, followed by visits to every legislator in North Carolina. You can do your part by contacting our legislators and voicing your support of passage for the Equal Rights Amendment. Watch for a Public Policy Primer on that one too. You can act on behalf of women everywhere!

We are looking for more committee members, especially those interested in focusing on early childhood education issues and gerrymandering concerns. Join us the second Wednesday of the month in the small conference room of the YWCA. Our next meeting is March 13; we start at 11:30am and finish up at 1:00PM. Bring a bag lunch and join the conversation.

Contact: Johanna Manasse at jvm795@gmail.com or Kitty Schaller at kittyschaller@gmail.com



Women in S.T.E.M



Sometimes trailblazing runs in the family. **Nora Stanton Blatch Barney** was the first American woman to become a civil engineer in 1905. She was the granddaughter of a women's rights icon, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Both Barney and her mother, Harriot Stanton Blatch, followed in Cady Stanton's footsteps, fighting for gender equality.

Nora got her degree from Cornell, and while at the university served as the manager of the Women's Fencing Club and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She also solved a key problem in hydrodynamics while re-

searching for her thesis, "An Experimental Study of the Flow of Sand and Water in Pipes under Pressure," which probably explains her election to Sigma Xi, an honorary scientific society founded at Cornell in 1886.

Barney was the first woman ever admitted to the American Society of Civil Engineers. She was only allowed to be a junior member at first. When she was denied full asso-

ciate membership, she took the ASCE to court. While she lost the lawsuit reinstatement in court, she was posthumously given ASCE fellow status in 2015.



Equity Committee: Promoting Equity for ALL Women and Girls, especially women and girls with less access to power and resources.

AAUW Asheville Membership—join us in supporting My Sistah Taught Me That (MSTMT)

- Their snack cupboard is almost bare and could use healthy snacks, such as fruit, whole grain chips, pretzels;
- Their meal supplies are low and paper plates and napkins would be wonderful;
- Their office could use desk organizers and office paper;
- And if you happen to have a sturdy table to hold a microwave or a popcorn maker, that would be splendid!!

Please contact Eleanor Lane, see email below, for donating to MSTMT.

Moving Educational Equity Forward: Math Achievement

We've introduced you before to the Marvelous Math Club (MMC) at Pisgah View Apartments: The MMC provides an affirmative and collaborative place for students at Pisgah View to celebrate math and build community. Students, aka "Math Leaders," range from pre-K to middle schoolers; Leaders in upper grades are paired with younger ones so that both get experience in teaching and learning together.

Great News: The preliminary analysis of Math Leaders' quarterly math grades suggests MMC positively impacts scores over time! To see a video of Math Leaders being celebrated for making the AB honor roll at school, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/marvelousmathclub/> and click on videos.

Moving Educational Equity Forward: Children First/Communities in Schools Afterschool Programs

- Safe, free afterschool and summer programming provided for 63 students in Asheville Housing Authority and Section 8 housing communities, including Woodridge, Pisgah View, and Deaverview, and at Eblen Intermediate School in Buncombe County.
- Last year, 100% of the students in the afterschool programs were promoted to the next grade.
- 80.6% of students receiving case-management services met or made progress toward at least one academic goal.

(Source: Children First/Communities in Schools staff)

We'd love for you to join our **next Equity Committee meeting on April 1.**
For more information contact Eleanor Lane,
elane@northstarlane.com.

GEM Fund Karen Mauro

Preparations are well under way for the Fundraiser at Fernhurst on June 2nd. We look forward to seeing everyone there. We are planning a door prize this year and once again we will have raffle items and member services. Any one wishing to offer a class, an adventure, a lesson or a party or other event, please feel free to reach out. Email Karen Mauro at biggy47@att.net and I will answer any questions. Feel free to bring friends and visitors. Tickets are \$50 and we will start taking reservations shortly.

A shout out to Jan Huskey, AAUW Branch College Co-ordinator and Dr. Jill Moffitt, UNCA Title IX Co-ordinator, for a stimulating and very timely presentation at the Equi-Tea held on February 19th on UNCA Campus. The meeting served not only as a thought provoking, interactive study on sexual harassment and U.S. Department of Education's recent changes to harassment laws but allowed for our GEM scholars from both UNCA and AB Tech, UNCA Faculty and AAUW members to get to know one another better. Plus the tea and snacks were delightful. Thank you for organizing this.



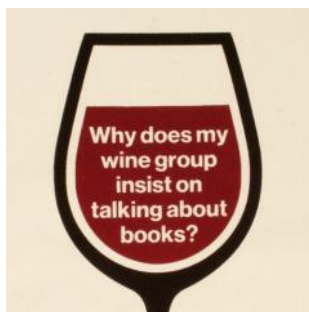
Tell your friends "Happy Birthday" and honor them with a gift to GEM.

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Carol McLimans
- 3/8 Jacque Penick
- 3/11 Janet Graham
- 3/12 Valerie Larrea
- 3/16 Melinda Bolinger
- 3/17 Lynette Miller
- 3/17 Sharon Sandel
- 3/24 Ellen Nutter
- 3/25 Eleanor Walther
- 3/26 Marilyn Kolton
- 3/28 Leslie Apple
- 3/31 Roberta Carney
- 3/31 Sharon Kopstein

More Images from the Equi-Tea held on February 19th on UNCA Campus





Cocktails And Books

**1st Mondays at 4:30, Metro Wines,
Contact Anne Reis , annereis2@gmail.com**

“Salvation is certainly among the reasons I read. Reading and writing have always pulled me out of the darkest experiences in my life. Stories have given me a place in which to lose myself. They have allowed me to remember. They have allowed me to forget. They have allowed me to imagine different endings and better possible worlds.” - Roxane Gay in [*Bad Feminist*](#)

Tea Time Book Club 2018-19 Selections 4th Thursdays at 2 Juanita Spanogle

Date	Book	Location
Mar. 28	<u>Varina.</u> 2018. 368p. Charles Frazier	Jane Lance 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318 janlance@aol.com
Apr. 25	<u>Lab Girl.</u> 2016. 336p. Hope Jahren	Barbara Mayer 100 Wesley Drive, Apt. 706 28803 277.5319 bmayer8804@aol.com
May 23	<u>Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman’s Awakening</u> 2017. 304p. Manal Al-Sharif,	Jo Yates 15-H Wesley Drive, 28803 c828.275.4948 joyates4@gmail.com
June 27	Book Selection	Judy Balsanek 299 Whitfield Lane Weav 28787 c616.510.6073 jbalsanek@sbcglobal.net

Board Committees

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the committee head.

Advocacy & Public Policy Committee

The purpose of the Advocacy & Public Policy Committee is to advance equity for women and girls through education, partnering, advocacy and action. We meet monthly at the YWCA 183 S. French Broad St. – second Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Potential new members, plus those interested in learning more about advocacy and public policy initiatives are welcome to join us.

Contact: Johanna Manasse at jvm795@gmail.com or **Kitty Schaller** at kittyschaller@gmail.com

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

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: Susan Ikerd, sandcikerd@gmail.com

S.T.E.M. (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: Rachel Sossaman rachelmsossoman@gmail.com

Equity Committee

We want to promote equity for ALL women and girls, with a special focus on 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.



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)

Jean Toxen & Linda Stover

Currently AAUW Asheville has 11 SIGS with a wide range of subjects (see details below) and over 100 members participating. Please contact the individual SIG coordinators if you have questions or want to attend a meeting. 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; 404-784-0603) or **Linda Stover** (lindalstover@gmail.com; 704-905-6530)

AAUW Adventures: Planned trips and tours to regional places of interest and fun on the third Tuesday in the months of September, October, February, March, April and May. Locations, times and information will appear each month in the AAUW newsletter. Coordinator: Sherry Brown, sherrysaerie@gmail.com

AAUW Upstreamers: This group works with Riverlink to clean up a stream at Reed Creek Park near UNC-A two 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 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@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 second THURSDAY of each month from 12-1:30 pm, location TBA. 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

Please remember to notify the hostess or group leader if you plan to attend this month's meeting so they can predict attendance

Hiking: A group to enjoy the outdoors meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Hikes are tailored to meet the interests and wishes of the members. Hikes vary in level of difficulty and length. Dogs welcome on most hikes if participants agree. Contact Susan for location and time of hikes. Coordinator: **Susan Beachum**, cabinflats2@gmail.com, 860-912-6789

Financial FUNDamentals: Education & discussion of topics, strategies and current events, to build confidence in your financial know-how and choices. Share what you've learned; understand what's seemed "over your head." Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at 4 Olde Eastwood Village Blvd, Suite #204, Asheville. For questions, contact **Leslie Apple**, lifrey@gmail.com, 303-946-8141

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 lcmlillerstudio@gmail.com.

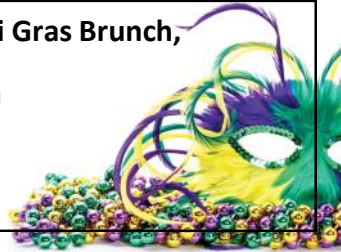
Tea Time Book Group: This book discussion group meets the **fourth Thursday of each month at 2 pm** at the homes of various members. All are welcome; for this month's book and location or to obtain more information, contact group leader **Juanita Spanogle** at 258-0096 or jspanogle@aol.com.

World Affairs Group: A group to study and discuss events across the globe. In 2018-19, meetings are scheduled for **Oct., Jan. March & May** at 2 p.m. Please contact **Eve Miller** (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.

Calendar Details

International Dining - New Orleans Mardi Gras Brunch,

Sunday, March 3. Contact Jeanne Smolkin
jsmolkin@gmail.com



Board Mtg Tuesday March 5, 3:30-5, board room at 1201 Patton Avenue on the 2nd floor. Contact Rachel Sossoman,
rachelsossoman@gmail.com



LUNCH BUNCH - CARMEL'S Kitchen

1 Page Ave., the Grove Arcade, Asheville
Friday March 8, 11:30am

Deadline for reservations noon Wed. March 6
Contact Sherry Brown, 828-357-8455 or
sherrysaerie@gmail.com

FILM FANS

Please note that our Film Fans discussions have been changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Therefore, Film Fans will meet on **THURSDAY, MARCH 14 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Famous Toastery**, an eatery across from the Asheville Mall and around the corner from Whole Foods. They have a private room in the back which is perfect for us. Please plan to buy lunch. For questions contact

Beth Johnson johnson1ea@earthlink.net.



Financial FUNdamentals

Contact Leslie Apple, lifrey@gmail.com,
303-946-8141

Photo Group Returns!

To learn more, contact Lynette Miller,
LCMillerStudio@gmail.com or

Visit our [Photo Group Website](#)

AAUW Adventures

[All Souls Cathedral Episcopal Church](#) Docent Tour
Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 pm,

9 Swan St. Biltmore Village
Reservation deadline Friday March 15.
Contact Sherry Brown - sherrysaerie@gmail.com
357-8455

Also can meet in Biltmore Village prior to tour for lunch if you care to.



Next World Affairs

World Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. on **March 21** at the home of Lynn Hill to discuss Migration. Please

contact Lynn at (828) 298-4431 or via email at JBWH31@gmail.com to let her know if you will be there. Other questions to Eve Miller, evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com.

2019 AAUW Branch Meeting Programs

Branch Meeting--New Venue

We've found a new venue offering meal choices, ambiance, and plenty of parking! Though the First Baptist Church was centrally located, we listened to many members who felt parking was inadequate and wanted more choice of meals. So please join us for the March 26 and April 23rd branch meetings to see for yourself. Our new meeting location is the [Famous Toastery Restaurant](#), 4 South Tunnel Rd., across from the Asheville Mall. It's at the opposite end of the Whole Foods Market; turn left when you get into the shopping area, and you'll see the the Famous Toastery Restaurant down at the end of the strip.

March 26, '19 BPR/WCQS speaker Barbara Sayer, Program Director, on "Womens' Voices on the Radio"

April 23, '19 Elections to board and speaker from WNC Women magazine, editor Sandi Tomlin-Sutker on "Women in Business"

May 17, '19 Field Trip Surprise----lunch at local restaurant and visit-location to be announced Feb. 2019