



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

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# JUNE 2019

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## A Message from the Incoming President Pat Ashe

AAUW Asheville is privileged to have a new STEM Chair, Nancy Donnelly, who works in the Technology industry. She is anxious to collaborate with AAUW members interested in promoting science, technology, engineering and math careers for girls and women as part of the STEM Committee. Please contact her if you are willing to be a part of this exciting and interesting endeavor: Nancy Donnelly <[nad6558@gmail.com](mailto:nad6558@gmail.com)>. Another opportunity exists for an AAUW member interested in becoming more involved in the organization. One of the Board positions, Secretary, is still open. This individual will be an active participant on the Board and will take minutes at the Board meetings. Please contact me with the news you are willing to be a part of the leadership of our organization: [paashe1950@gmail.com](mailto:paashe1950@gmail.com) or 828-545-5426. I am very pleased that you have elected me as your President for the 2019-2020 year, which starts July 1st. I am looking forward to being involved with you in continuing to keep our AAUW branch vibrant and focused on promoting equity for women and girls.

Pat Ashe, Incoming President

### **Membership renewal alert!**

Membership renewal deadline is June 30 for 2019-2020. You are encouraged to renew on line. If you have challenges doing so, or would like to renew by check, please contact Susan Ikerd or Millie Massey directly, and we will be glad to assist you!

### **Zip Code Gatherings Continue**

AAUW neighbors are meeting one another through our Asheville Zip Code Gatherings. PLEASE mark your calendars:

**Zip Code 28805 and communities East of Asheville:**

When: **Tuesday June 25**

Where: Home of Lois Sutton

NOTICE IN JUNE WITH MORE DETAILS

**Zip Code 28806 and 28804 and are works in progress.**

Contact Michele Nichols at 828-545-1232 © if you are interested in hosting.

## Committee News

### **Advocacy & Public Policy**    **Kitty Schaller & Joanna Manasse**

#### **Food, Fun, Friendship and Folderol: June 17 at 11:30 AM**

The A/PP team is inviting all interested advocates and supporters to come for a social potluck and update on our activities at Robbie Madden's house in Black Mountain at 118 Church Street. We figured this was the best way to visit informally, fill you in on all things Medicaid expansion, ERA and gerrymandering, nibble on the variety of goodies that a potluck always ensures and breathe. RSVP to Robbie at 828.419.0730 or 225.315.0303 or to Kitty Schaller at 828.777.1370

#### **KEEPING the ERA ALIVE for 2020**

Confusing as the NC legislative process can be, the two bills promoting ERA passage, SB184 and HB271, could survive the crossover because they are constitutional amendment bills not subject to financing. That means the two bills are still alive—if we can get either the House or the Senate to take action NOW. That means you still have time to contact the House legislators to move HB271 from the Judiciary Committee to the floor for a vote. In the Senate, we can request that SB184 be sent to an appropriate committee from Rules & Operations with a slim chance that it then be brought to the floor for a vote. Contact [Bill.Rabon@ncleg.net](mailto:Bill.Rabon@ncleg.net) for SB184, [Ted.Davis@ncleg.net](mailto:Ted.Davis@ncleg.net) and [Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.net](mailto:Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.net) for HB271. Please do your part every week. The Advocacy/Public Policy Committee is counting on all of you to advocate for equal rights for women!



## Committee News

### **Programs** Barbara Robinson & Joanna Manasse

#### **LOOKING FOR A FEW SMILING FACES-- WITH HELPING HANDS**

The PROGRAMS VP , Johanna Manasse, is looking for some short-term help next year with the monthly branch meetings. No long-term commitment, easy hours, one time only (more if you find it interesting). For new members it's a chance to "meet and greet" and get to know the group, for the established members it's a chance to see friends and put a smile on a new member's face. Once a month is all we ask; you decide the month best suited to your schedule.

For that meeting you may be helping by taking email reservations, or providing hands to set up at the meeting site, perhaps taking some pictures for the newsletter, or handing out name tags as the members enter. All easy, all making YOU a part of the team that produces a branch meeting that teaches or entertains and makes us a cohesive welcoming group.

We already have 3 volunteers, but need more, of course, so if you'd like to take advantage of an easy opportunity to help, and be a member who wants to do more but on a short-term basis, please text Johanna at [jvm795@gmail.com](mailto:jvm795@gmail.com) or call 708-224-7199. "Many hands make light work" ---- you'll see!

#### **PROGRAM INFO**

#### **OH WHAT FUN! BMC Museum and Twisted Laurel**

Our final branch meeting for the year gave us food for thought at the Black Mountain College Museum. I personally had no inkling how significant the college was as a concept brought to reality and how the FBI monitored the staff and students (subversive?)! And then we sauntered to our private dining space at Daphne's at The Twisted Laurel. Their black bean sweet potato burger won raves from several partakers and the service was swift and friendly. We honored Rachel Sossoman for being our President for the year, then voted in the new board. We had plenty of time to visit and to engage with the eight guests who came with us. Needless to say, we encouraged them to join us as members so they can partake of all our planned and unplanned events next year. Thank you from Barb and Johanna for being there with us.

*Barbara Weatherall & Sherry Brown  
viewing the exhibit at the Black  
Mountain College Museum Gallery -  
more pix on page*



## Programs Picture Page



*Above - April 23rd AAUW Branch meeting with Director Susan Haldane from Evergreen Charter School;  
Below - May 17 Field Trip to Black Mountain College Museum and Branch meeting at Twisted Laurel*



**G.E.M. Fund Karen Mauro**

The **GEM Fund Fundraiser** is only a week away. Last minute preparations are being made and we are so excited to welcome you to **Fernihurst Mansion on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm.** The Fund was established in 2002 by AAUW Members and has been raising money for women seeking to return to college after an interruption. The women of AAUW have given over \$163,000 in scholarships in the last 17 years. We have also created an endowment fund that is now worth over \$300,000. We will begin distributing funds from this endowment next year.

As you read in GEM Chips sent out May 6th, we are changing lives with these scholarships. Many of the women who receive our scholarship describe how returning to school is a way to inspire their children and to help give back to their community. The support and affirmation we provide through our scholarships allows these women to follow their dreams and improve their lives. We are making such a positive difference in these women's lives, sometimes providing the first encouragement they have ever had. Let's continue our support.

To attend the Fundraiser, please mail a check for \$50 made out to the GEM Fund and mail to Helen McClintock at 204 Crowfields, Asheville, NC 28803. We will have a lovely meal provided by Crackerjack Chef and wine and beer. There will be a silent auction and raffle and we will have some of our GEM Scholars on hand to meet you.

Thank you for all of your past support and we will see you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*SUMMER BIRTHDAYS*



June	July	August
6/1 Caroline Worthington	7/5 Hedy Sarby	8/3 Rosemary Bily
6/2 Susan Roderick	7/5 Brenda Tremoulet	8/7 Judith Chitwood
6/3 Johanna Manasse	7/7 Mary Powell	8/11 Linda Devenish
6/7 Lee Kucera	7/9 Carol Smith	8/11 Mary Lasher
6/11 Pamel Silvers	7/12 Barbara Chambers	8/12 Nancy Stewart
6/20 Barbara Hearn	7/18 Barbara Pressman	8/15 Betsy Kirk
6/21 Judy Balsanek	7/19 Rebecca Bringle	8/19 Susan Ikerd
6/21 Denise Patterson	7/23 Susan Beachum	8/20 LaDean Peterson
6/24 BA Schenk	7/23 Michele Nichols	8/21 Lucy Borland
6/30 Andrea de la Torre	7/25 Bettie Council	8/28 Linda Beltran
	7/27 Andriette Kinsella	8/29 Eve Miller
		8/30 Jane Lance
		8/31 Sandra Abromitis

**Cocktails And Books 1st Mondays at 4:30, Metro Wines, Contact Anne Reis , [annereis2@gmail.com](mailto:annereis2@gmail.com)**

June	WARLIGHT : A NOVEL ,BY MICHAEL ONDATJEE	leader Barbara Hearn
July	No Meeting	
August	COME WITH ME, BY HELEN SCHULMAN	leader Hedy
September	EDUCATED, BY TARA WESTOVER	leader Linda Solalski
October	A WELL BEHAVED WOMAN; A NOVEL OF THE VANDERBILTS, BY THERESE ANNE FOWLER	leader Susan Gabel
November	BECOMING, BY MICHELLE OBAMA	leader Lynn Harmon
December	THE GREAT ALONE, BY KRISTIN HANNAH	?

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

Date	Book	Location
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Book Selection</b>	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 828 258-0096 <a href="mailto:jspanogle@aol.com">jspanogle@aol.com</a>



## S.I.G. Picture Page



Above: On a beautiful spring day in April , **AAUW Adventures** visited the Radio History Museum at AB Tech. Right: Stuart Smolkin enthusiastically shares his knowledge with us.



**Photo Group** visited the Tracy Morgan Gallery in April. (far left)

The Annual Photo Scavenger Hunt finished at the Chocolate Lounge to share photos and fun May 15.

# Annual Brevard AAUW Book Sale

The Brevard Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is sponsoring its 50th Annual Book Sale- dedicated to the memory of Carol Martin Elliott.

**June 15-20, 2019**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Annual Brevard AAUW Book Sale

**Brevard College- Boshamer Gym**

**1 Brevard College Drive, Brevard NC 28712**

Opening day: Sat. June 15 (10am – 7pm)

Sun. June 16 (12pm – 7pm)

Mon. & Tues. June 17 & 18 (10am – 7pm)

Wed. June 19 (10am – 7pm) Half price day

Thurs. June 20 (10am – 5pm) Fill a box for \$5 day

*\*Thurs. June 20 Non-Profits only from 5:15-6:15 pm Free*

30,000 sorted books in all genres with expanded Choice Books section with rare and collectible books. Printed music, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs. No restrictions, dealers welcome. Prices range from 25 cents and up. **No debit or credit cards- CASH or CHECKS (with ID) ONLY.** Free admission, ample parking. Proceeds provide scholarships and educational support for young local women. Remaining books are made available at no charge to nonprofits, churches, schools and camps, after sale closes to the public on the last day, June 20 from 5:15-6:15 pm.

URL: <https://brevard-nc.aauw.net> Other: <https://brevard-nc.aauw.net/booksale/>

Facebook: AAUW Brevard NC Branch

Contacts: Kristen Alpert [Kristen.alpert@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.alpert@gmail.com) 203-913-6935

Barbara Burkhardt: [barbaraburkhardt@comporium.net](mailto:barbaraburkhardt@comporium.net) 828-885-5311

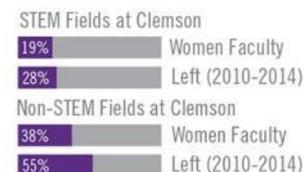
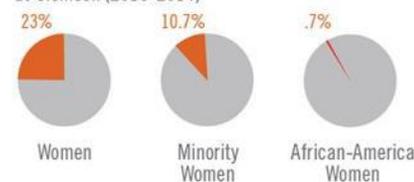
## Women in



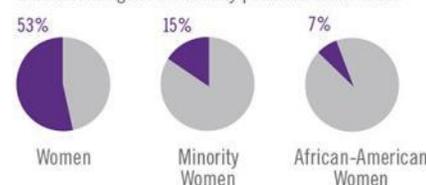
And here is some S.T.E.M. news close to home: Clemson has launched an initiative funded by a \$3.4 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to create an inclusive academic culture so women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to enter and remain in academia.

## Women in STEM Data

Applicants for all assistant professor positions at Clemson (2010-2014)



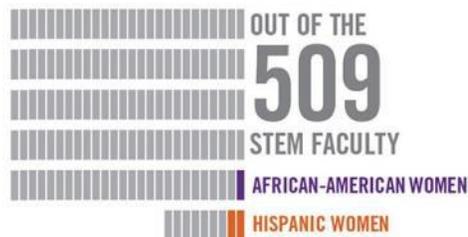
Graduates eligible for faculty positions Nationwide



WOMEN OCCUPY ONLY



PERMANENT CHAIR / DIRECTOR POSITIONS



## 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](mailto:jvm795@gmail.com) or Kitty Schaller at [kittyschaller@gmail.com](mailto: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, [huskeyjan@charter.net](mailto:huskeyjan@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](mailto: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](mailto:rachelmsossoman@gmail.com)



#### 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](mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net); 404-784-0603) or **Linda Stover** ([lindalstover@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:slark1@att.net). Participants bring pot-luck supper.

**Film Fans:** Film Fans: This film discussion group meets the second THURSDAY of each month from 12-1:30 pm, location TBA. Film is often but not always the same as that discussed by the Monday Film Buds group. Film Fans is 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)

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

### **Financial FUNDamentals: (On maternity leave - Congratulations Leslie!)**

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**, [ljfrey@gmail.com](mailto:ljfrey@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](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 [lcmlisterstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlisterstudio@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 2018-19, meetings are scheduled for **Oct., Jan. March & May** at 2 p.m. Please contact **Eve Miller** ([evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com) or [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.

## Calendar Details

**Board Mtg Tuesday June 4, 3:30-5**, board room at 1201 Patton Avenue on the 2nd floor. Contact Rachel Sossoman, [rachelsossoman@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsossoman@gmail.com)



### Lunch Bunch:

Friday, June 14, 11:30, Black Mountain Bistro, 203 E. State St., Black Mountain.

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday June 12, noon  
Contact: Sherry Brown, [Sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:Sherrysaerie@gmail.com), 551-0432

### AAUW ADVENTURES

Linville Caverns N.C.

**Tuesday, June 18, 1p.m**

Come escape the heat for a guided tour in beautiful Linville Caverns, NC  
Meet at 11a.m. Black Mtn. Bistro for Lunch - optional

Meet at Noon for carpool/caravan to Linville Caverns in the Public Parking lot Black Mountain, State St. East.

*Reservation deadline for lunch and/or tour of Linville Caverns Saturday June 15.*

Sherry Brown, [sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com), 551-0432



## FILM FANS

Film Fans will meet on the following **THURSDAYS this summer, June 13, July 11, and August 8** 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. We meet in the back room.  
Please plan to buy lunch.

For questions contact Beth Johnson [johnson1ea@earthlink.net](mailto:johnson1ea@earthlink.net)

**World Affairs** will meet to plan for the coming year's topics on Tuesday, September 10, at 2 p.m.

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

