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MAY 2019

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5	6 C.A.B 4:30	7 Board Mtg 3:30	8 Advocacy/PP 11:30	9 Film Fans 12pm	10 (No Lunch Bunch)	11
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May Branch Sendoff: Museum Photography and Politics with a Twisted Laurel

Our **May 17** adventure to bring closure to the 2018-2019 AAUW Branch meetings is just around the corner, from Pack Square. First we meander through two informative displays at the Black Mountain College Museum (on College Street in Asheville, *not in Black Mountain*) at **11:30AM**. One exhibit features Aaron Siskind as a Painter's Photographer as evidenced in the vintage photographs; the other highlights the role of Politics at Black Mountain College. Check out www.blackmountaincollege.org for more info. We'll have our own tour guide for this.

Then, we walk two doors down to The Twisted Laurel (www.twistedlaurel.com) for a luscious luncheon in the private upstairs dining room. Pencil this into your calendar now and consider *bringing a potential AAUW member* with you. What a great way to engage someone into joining us for the next year! We need at least 30 participants to keep the cost at our usual \$15 cost, so please save the date and plan on being there.

Membership renewal alert!

Membership renewal notices will be sent in mid-May with a **renewal deadline of 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 28803 and communities South (or SE) of Asheville

When: **Thursday May 16**

Time: **2 PM**

Where: Home of Jan Huskey

NOTICE COMING SOON WITH MORE DETAILS

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**

Our A/PP Committee has been busy in March and April — just getting warmed up for May! All four of our focus issues have been in the news at the state or national level. Here's a brief rundown:

- The **ERA** bill was introduced March 5 in the NC General Assembly (If you haven't already, take time NOW to respond to the recent **Public Policy Primer that asked for your action**. *Let's make NC the last state that makes the difference!*)
- *Good news:* The Republicans filed HB655 to **Expand Medicaid** in NC on April 9 in the NC GA. The Democratic bills HB5 & SB3 mirror the 2010 Affordable Care Act, while this new bill adds work requirements. Hoping for NC Medicaid Expansion soon.
- Applicants await exciting results as Buncombe County Commission readies the first ever grant making for **Early Childhood Education**. A reminder: The BC Commission means to allocate \$3.6 million per year to expand child development. This is huge news for Buncombe County!
- The NC (and MD) briefs on **Gerrymandering** were argued before the **US Supreme Court March 26**. They are deciding if state officials played politics too much when redistricting and drew maps that favor one political party at another's expense. *Decision time: June 2019. Stream it here:* https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/audio/2018/18-422 --70 minutes.

Be thinking who you know in other counties across North Carolina. The most important way to take action is to lobby lawmakers beyond Buncombe — that's where it's necessary to build support. Our own representatives usually agree with our positions!

Next A/PP meeting is scheduled for **May 8 at 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the YWCA** - 185 S. French Broad. Please mark your calendars and join us. It takes a village.... We need you to join us when you can - and respond quickly to policy alerts.

Thanks!

Johanna Manasse (708) 224-7199 & Kitty Schaller (828)-777-1370

Equity **Eleanor Lane**

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

A Very Big Thank You to AAUW Asheville Members for Supporting My Sistah Taught Me That (MSTMT)!

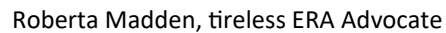
You brought all kinds of office supplies, bags of healthy snacks and a stack of paper plates and napkins, which were delivered on Tuesday to a MSTMT board member. She was most appreciative!

And now MSTMT has a small business printer/copier. AAUW Asheville Community Impact Fund dollars contributed to the purchase of the printer. Leslie Lake was sincerely grateful for our support!

And Another Announcement: The Equity Committee Will Draw to a Close

We are leaving you with two sources of information we haven't highlighted previously:

- The Color of Asheville: A network of connection serving and celebrating Asheville's African American Community: <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=The+Color+of+Asheville&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>
- The Urban News: Gateway to the Multicultural Community: <https://theurbannews.com>



A photograph of four women sitting around a light-colored wooden table in a meeting room. From left to right: the first woman has short grey hair and wears glasses and a teal patterned vest; the second woman has short brown hair and wears glasses and a black vest over a white shirt; the third woman has shoulder-length blonde hair and wears glasses and a purple long-sleeved shirt; the fourth woman has short blonde hair and wears a white jacket over a patterned scarf. They are all looking towards the camera. The table is cluttered with papers, a laptop, a calculator, and other items. In the background, there is a window with a view of trees and a framed picture on the wall.

Robbie Madden , Linda Stover , Pat Ashe & Kitty Schaller planning the ERA postcard blitz at our committee meeting.

G.E.M. Fund Karen Mauro

We are gearing up for our Fundraiser on June 2nd at Fernihurst. Invites should go out shortly. We look forward to seeing all of you. Please know you are encouraged to bring friends and family to the Fundraiser. We welcome all.

We are so impressed by the generosity of the business owners in the Asheville area. We will have a raffle offering tickets to a variety of events, gift certificates for lovely meals, gallery items and so much more.

Items include certificates for 12 Bones, Chestnut, Flat Rock Play House, Asheville Symphony, Donatelli's Bakery, Maya Gallery and a family membership to the Arboretum. Plus we will once again have a silent auction where you can bid on experiences offered by your friends who are members of AAUW.

This is a great way to raise a little money for women's scholarships and to feature things you're good at or just love to do, and, even better, spend some time with other branch members and friends. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, elaborate, or expensive. What do you like to do that you can share with others?

Past offerings have included a wide array: A day "class" in ceramics, papermaking, Zentangle drawing, knitting, photography, and more have been very popular. Several of our members have offered various kinds of "Fun and Games" nights — with simple fare like pizza, wine, and beer. There is really no limit to what you might offer. Consider some of the following:

- ♦ Offer a class in your favorite art form, whether it be watercolors or baking. collage or basket weaving
- ♦ Hostess a party at your home with friends revolving around a theme. Italy night or Kentucky Derby. A chili cookoff?
- ♦ Lead a hike or a float down the river.

Have an idea, feel free to run it by us. We love new and imaginative experiences.

The GEM Friends' Silent Auction is really fun and for a great cause and we are currently in need of additional experiences and services. Please take a moment to consider what you might offer. We are accepting offers now. If you have a idea that you'd like to offer, please contact branch member **Susan Grabel**, at [susangrabel2@gmail](mailto:susangrabel2@gmail.com) or (828) 505-3826.

We will be announcing our officers in May. Enjoy spring and we hope to see you June 2nd.



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

MAY Birthdays

5/1 Marcia Liebman

5/2 Susan Grabel

5/4 Jill Moffitt

5/5 Eleanor Lane

5/7 Francella Poston

5/12 Lauren LaRocca

5/14 Judy Nelson

5/17 Jacqueline Wollins

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

May	THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE, BY LISA SEE	leader Diane Mooney
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 Grabel
November	BECOMING, BY MICHELLE OBAMA	leader Lynn Harmon
December	THE GREAT ALONE, BY KRISTIN HANNAH	?

The unread story is not a story; it is little black marks on wood pulp. The reader, reading it, makes it live: a live thing, a story. — Ursula K. Le Guin

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

Date	Book	Location
May 23	<u><i>Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman's Awakening</i></u> 2017. 304p. Manal Al-Sharif,	Jo Yates 15-H Wesley Drive, 28803 c828.275.4948 joyates4@gmail.com
June 27	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 828 258-0096 jspanogle@aol.com

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

50th 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 203-913-6935

Barbara Burkhardt: barbaraburkhardt@comporium.net 828-885-5311

Women in



Check out these links to learn more about Women in S.T.E.M.:

[10 Women In STEM To Know About](#)

[Advice For The Next Generation Of Women In STEM - Forbes](#)

[The black hole photo is a milestone for women in STEM](#)

[Katie Couric: How We Can Eliminate Bias Against Women in Science](#)

[Women Marginalized in Science: Historian Presents Work](#)

“What’s really holding back women from STEM and leadership positions isn’t biology; it’s bias.”

- Kimberly Churches, CEO, AAUW



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: 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

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 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.

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) for additional information.

Calendar Details

Board Mtg Tuesday May 7 3:30-5, board room at 1201 Patton Avenue on the 2nd floor. Contact Rachel Sossoman, rachelsossoman@gmail.com

No May Lunch Bunch

Postponed 'til June

FILM FANS

Film Fans will meet on **THURSDAY, May 9 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.

No May AAUW Adventure

Postponed 'til June

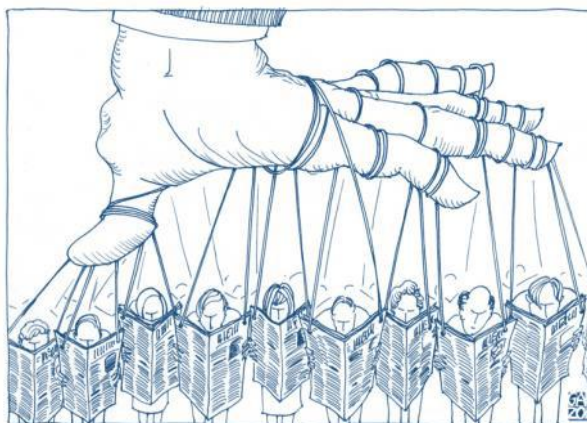
Annual Photo Scavenger Hunt

Wed. May 15 1pm

Charge up your camera and join in the fun! We'll meet in front of [French Broad Chocolate Lounge](#) in Pack Square and return there to share images, stories - and a treat - rain or shine. Parking in the [Aloft Hotel](#) garage.

Interested? Contact

Lynette Miller, LCMillerStudio@gmail.com



World Affairs will meet **Thursday, May 16 at 2 p.m.** at the home of Mary Powell to discuss Propaganda, Truth and the world-wide Information Revolution.

Please let Mary know if you plan to attend at 828-277-7064 or at mlwpowell@webtv.net. If you have questions, call or email Eve Miller (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com).