



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

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From the President Pat Ashe

AAUW Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

AAUW Asheville has before us an exciting and meaningful 2019-2020 year designed to help realize the mission of AAUW:

1. We will be hosting the March 27-28, 2020, annual state meeting and convention; there will be many opportunities for you to be involved with planning and hosting this event as well as chances for you to attend the informative sessions;
2. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, and we will have events to celebrate this historic landmark;
3. Branch meeting programs will feature speakers from the community who will inform us about their organizations or focuses;
4. Through considerable searching, Johanna Manasse and Barbara Robinson have located a new venue for branch meetings that will continue to support camaraderie and networking for our members;
5. Our many SIGs are still available to offer you the chance to get to know other members, while enjoying and learning in a smaller group setting.

Many thanks to Susan Ikerd, Kathy Schofield, and Millie Massey for all their hard work creating the new directory of members' contact information. Copies will be first available at the picnic on September 15th and then at branch meetings. You are encouraged to voice any concerns, requests or suggestions that will further enhance relevancy and vibrancy of our branch to any of the board members (all of whom are listed in the directory) or to me. You are also welcome to attend any board meeting. In addition, I would urge you to become involved in one of our board committees: Advocacy/Public Policy, STEM, College/University Partnerships, Membership, and Programs. Please consider helping our branch make a positive impact in our community in areas that reflect the mission of AAUW. I look forward to meeting, working with, and hearing from you. Pat Ashe, President. paashe1950@gmail.com, cell 828-545-5426



SUMPTIOUS SEPTEMBER SOIREE SUPPER

It's time to catch up on our summer adventures and gear up for an amazing AAUW year. We kick off the meeting year with our annual picnic on **Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the West Asheville Park Picnic Shelter from 3-6PM.** The park is the same one as last year, located at 11 Vermont Avenue, and has plenty of parking for us. Because we are under the shelter roof, we'll have the soiree come rain or shine.

At this event you are encouraged to bring your partners/spouses, comfy chairs (those benches get hard after a half hour!) and a dish to pass. If your last name is A-G, please bring a salad or casserole, H-N a dessert or cookies and O-Z an appetizer or nibble. We will provide the drinks, hot dogs/brats and burgers (veggie too) and the grill chef!

Call in your reservations to volunteer **Barb Robinson at baritar16@gmail.com or at her cell 828.230.7113 no later than September 10.** We will send out an email to all the attendees in terms of total number coming to guide you in your food preparation for the picnic. September promises to be the month of abundance as we celebrate the final gifts of summer. Let's celebrate that!

Membership Update Susan Grogan Ikerd

We are very excited to welcome eight new members to the AAUW Asheville branch for 2019-20. Many of them were guests of current members for the May field trip to the Black Mountain College Museum and Arts Center. Thank you to Susan Gabel, Sharon Kopstein, Betty Feingold, Carol Samsky and Judy Collela! Please join us in welcoming our new members at the potluck or at a branch meeting this fall.

Every year brings changes in our membership, and this year is no exception. We've had several members move away (and I thought this was a place that people moved to!), and others found that AAUW didn't fit into their very busy lives at this time. Whatever your level of interest and participation is in AAUW, we appreciate your support and encourage all of you to let us know about women who you think would be interested in AAUW.

Kathy Schofield has graciously agreed to responsibility for membership for the coming year while I assume the treasurer's role. Kathy was membership chair and executive vice president with the Howard County, MD branch before moving to Asheville. She has also been instrumental in producing the directory this summer, along with Millie Massey, Alice Doner, Linda Stover, and Kitty Schaller. And we could not have managed the membership renewal cycle without Millie's willingness to make reminder calls. Thank you, Millie!

New members thru 8/25/19

Barbara Davidow 111 Gracelyn Road Asheville NC 28804	917-885-9918 barbdavidow@aol.com	AAS, Business Monmouth College
Jenny Gordon 243 Westover Aly Asheville NC 28801	240-994-8614 runswithsunny@gmail.com	BS, Sociology/Psychology Presbyterian College MA, Counseling Psychology Bowie State Univ MSW Univ of Maryland
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Judith Selz 183 Treetops Lane Asheville NC 28803	954-559-7279 judyselez@bellsouth.net	BS Nursing Mt Holyoke/Cornell – New York Hospital MSW Barry University PhD, Social Work Barry University
Sue Wilson 4 Hickory Forest Rd Asheville NC 28805	(828) 299-0529 suewil1621@aol.com	BS, Deaf Education Trinity University, TX Med Learning Disabilities Univ of Missouri – Columbia MA, Marriage & Family Therapy East Carolina Univ
Cathy Crook 244 Courtland Blvd ccrook@students.abtech.edu Hendersonville NC 28791	828-329-2926	(N/A)
Leslie Mackinnon 232 Montford Ave Asheville NC 28801	404-452-6963 clanmack@bellsouth.net	BS, Social Work MSW Univ of Georgia Tulane Univ
Karen Wallace-Meigs 208 Riva Ridge Dr Fairview NC 28730	828-337-3528 kmeigs2@gmail.com	BA, Middle Grades Ed, Science & Social Studies UNC Charlotte

Committee News

Program Joanna Manasse

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Last October, after a program on engaging in action, many of you indicated that you wanted to be of service for our branch, but were not ready to take on a full-time gig for the AAUW. You also indicated interest in task-specific, time-specific volunteer opportunities.

HAVE I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

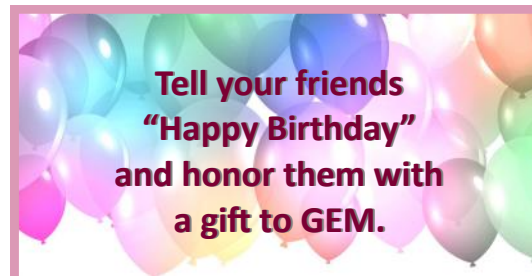
As Program VP, I would like to recruit you. I am in need of a small back-up team for each branch meeting—that's a commitment to assist for only one month. I'd like

- a reservationist who takes names and food orders via email and/or phone
- a greeter who hands out badges and checks off the names on the roster,
- a payment collector (who works in tandem with the greeter,)
- a set-up specialist who helps arrange the room, places the décor, assists with take down and cleanup
- a 'foodie' who works with me ahead of time to select the lunch options and possibly pick up from the vendor
- a personal attendant for each speaker we have lined up
- a 'can-do' dynamo who fills in for whatever needs to happen.

That sounds like a lot, I know, but each activity is short, sweet, and superbly executed with working together to ensure a great meeting for us all. I'll have a sign up sheet at each meeting for those who would like to take on a specific component. If you have suggestions, ideas or questions call me at 708.224.7199 or email jvm795@gmail.com. I will so appreciate your help this year.

With gratitude,

Johanna Manasse



September Birthdays

- 9/4 Meta Labs
- 9/6 Cindy Berryman-Fink
- 9/6 Barbara E. Campbell
- 9/9 Linda Lindsay Stover
- 9/15 Diane Mooney
- 9/15 Josephine (Jo) Yates
- 9/16 Beth Maczka
- 9/16 Carol M. Taylor
- 9/21 Sherry Brown
- 9/21 Sarah Frey
- 9/21 Linda McCracken
- 9/21 Linda Sokalski
- 9/21 Terry Van Duyn
- 9/23 Ilona Sena
- 9/28 M. Joanne Swenson

Committee News

Program Joanna Manasse

WE HAVE A MEETING VENUE!

We began the summer with notification that The Famous Toastery was closed, which initiated a mad scramble to find a viable alternative. Keeping in mind location, parking availability, food access, acoustics and minimal occupancy requirements, a team of AAUW sleuths (Kitty Schaller, Barb Robinson, Pat Ashe and me) scoured the city. We talked to restaurants, churches, businesses, friends, and lots of people in the know. We discovered that tourist prices, rental fees and food costs have increased significantly and caused some sticker shock. BUT...

Would you believe that **Goodwill** has a beautifully equipped, spacious room with really comfortable chairs, with an attached kitchen and ample parking, all free of charge? We are thrilled and relieved to know that we will all be gathering in this well-appointed place for our branch meetings. It is located at **1616 Patton Avenue**, central for our north, east, west and south members to access. Barb and I drove from Weaverville to the Goodwill in 22 minutes! Since we meet in the middle of the day, we avoid the busier traffic times and potential delays. With our Zip Code groups in place, you might decide to carpool, too.

If you have never ventured into this particular Goodwill, the meeting building is the one on the left, **the Career Center**. Right by the Receptionist Desk is the elevator to the second floor **to Room 207** where we will be meeting. Do take time to explore the Goodwill Outlet on the far right of the complex. You'll be amazed at the treasures you can find there.

One thing we do have to provide for their record-keeping purposes is the name and birthdate of each attendee so be prepared to provide your DOB when you call in to make your reservation. We will only ask you that the first time since we'll create a master roster for subsequent meetings.

Women In S.T.E.M.

Why So Few? Women in Science,
Technology,
Engineering, and
Mathematics

AAUW RESEARCH



Advocacy & Public Policy Kitty Schaller & Joanna Manasse &

Advocacy & Public Policy Committee Report

The A/PP held its first committee meeting of the year on August 14 with three attendees. We anticipate a *plethora* of attendees at the next scheduled meeting on **September 11 at the YWCA, 2nd** floor conference room. **Will you be there?** If advocacy for equity is a primary purpose for AAUW's existence, then how can we engage you in making that a vibrant, active, viable component of our local branch? Come to our next meeting and engage with us in planning and creating acts of advocacy this year.

Our issue areas are on the hot burner this fall and throughout the year. The ERA is receiving a huge push in North Carolina to advocate our state as #38, THE one to push us over the ratification requirement and make equal rights under the law a reality. We'll have lots of short-term activities to pursue in conjunction with the ERA-NC Coalition. Are you talking to your friends in other counties and encouraging them to contact their legislators?

Medicaid Expansion through the Governor's budget negotiations could actually happen so stay tuned to how you can impact that decision. Fair Vote is winding its way through the NC Supreme Court and may actually create an avenue for re-arranging voting boundaries. These all will require our advocacy with our state legislators, with our friends in other districts, with our Letters to the Editor of our newspapers and our gently vocal encouragement for opportunities for everyone.

We do have a significant idea for our committee in creating a forum that focuses on the progress for Early Childhood Education in our greater community. Our thoughts so far:

- Invite the entire AAUW membership, League of Women Voters, and the general public
- Focus on the huge turnaround at the County Commission which had begun to grant \$3.6 million for ECE
- Emphasize the absolute necessity of shaping young lives in their first 2000 days, when the vast majority of brain development occurs
- Demonstrate the terrible income disparity for ECE teachers and other factors that make it so hard to get and keep affordable slots for young children in Buncombe County
- Consider solutions and begin to advocate for those solutions.

We're hoping some of you have an interest, a concern, a heart for this issue and will join us in making that forum happen.

And if that's not of interest, propose your ideas, your passion and your commitment to something we can all join in together. The possibilities are infinite, but our time together is finite. Let's make it worthwhile! Let's do it now.

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

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	?

Tea Time Book Club 2019-2020 Selections 4th Thursdays at 2 Juanita Spanogle

Date	Book	Location
Aug. 22	Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" 2018 208p. Hurston, Zora Neale	Lois Sutton 638 Upper Grassy Branch Ext. 28805 c281.409.6498 doctorlonc@gmail.com
Sept. 26	The Island of Sea Women 2019 384p. Lisa See	Sherry Brown 295 Ninth St. Black Mt 28711 357.8455 c828.551.0432 sherrysaerie@gmail.com
Oct. 24	The Muralist. 2015. 352p B.A. Shapiro	Carol Smith 42 Sparkle Dun Dr. Biltmore Lake 28715 667.0053 carolasmith49@gmail.com
Nov. 21	The Chaperone. 2012. 384p Moriarty, Laura	Marilyn Kolton 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804 259.9461 ldwmkd@aol.com
Jan. 23	The Ninth Hour 2017 256p Alice McDermott	Marcia Liebman 16 Park Ave. 28803 818.606.0331 PAN4T8@yahoo.com
Feb. 27	Where the Crawdads Sing 2018. 384p Owens, Delia	Jane Lance 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318 janlance@aol.com
Mar. 26	The Lost Girls of Paris 2019 368p. Pam Jenoff	Judy Balsanek 299 Whitfield Lane Weav 28787 c616.510.6073 jbalsanek@sbcglobal.net
Apr. 23	Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age Mary Piper 2019 272p.	Jo Yates 15-H Wesley Drive, 28803 c828.275.4948 joyates4@gmail.com
May 28	American Wolf : a true story of survival and obsession in the West 2017 300p. Nate Blakeslee	Barbara Mayer 100 Wesley Drive, Apt. 706 28803 277.5319 bmayer8804@aol.com
June 25	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com

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, 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: Kathy Schofield

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: Nancy Donnelly



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)

Barbara Robinson

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 **Barbara Robinson** at baritar16@gmail.com , cell **828.230.7113**

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

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, 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 **Helen McClintock** 828 424 8455 or HOMcClintock@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.

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** (evhigginismiller7@gmail.com or [828-299-8107](tel: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

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 3rd at 3:45

in the UNCA building at 118 WT Weaver
Boulevard

Lunch Bunch will meet

Friday, September 13, 11:30am

Haywood Common Restaurant,
507 Haywood Rd., West Asheville
Reservation deadline: Wed., Sept.

11, Noon

Contact: Sherry Brown,

sherrysaerie@gmail.com

357-8455, cell 551-0432



FILM FANS

Film Fans will meet on Thursday, September 12 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. We are continuing to look for a new permanent location. This month we meet at the Ingles that is right by the tunnel on Tunnel Road. There is a large eating area with tables and chairs right in the front of the store by the produce department. This is a central location with plenty of parking and a variety of food. In consideration of the fact that we are using their space, you might plan to buy lunch. For questions contact **Beth Johnson** johnson1ea@earthlink.net.



World Affairs

To learn more about Brexit, winding up the 18-year war in Afghanistan, the fate of Jammu and Kashmir, the crisis facing the world's agriculture or the nuclear arms race, join like-minded people at our World Affairs group to plan our topics of discussion for 2019-2020. We will meet **Tuesday, September 17 at 2 p.m.** at the Hawthorne community clubhouse in Haw Creek. Please contact Eve Miller at 828-299-8107 or evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com for directions and to let her know you are coming. All are welcome.