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# OCTOBER 2019

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## AAUW Asheville Branch Board

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## From the President

Pat Ashe

October brings with it the beautiful colors of fall and reminds us of yet another year of personal growth and rewarding opportunities to support the mission of AAUW, “advancing gender equity of women and girls through research, education and advocacy.” Especially significant for AAUW Asheville is the Education component, GEM scholarships at AB Tech and UNC Asheville for women whose education has been interrupted or delayed, and our Advocacy/Public Policy Committee, which focuses on issues in our local, state and national spheres that affect females; the committee has room for you. The new 2019-2020 Directory is now available at the branch meetings and many of the SIG’s. I attended recently the Lunch Bunch SIG and the fall picnic, having a great time getting to know members better.

We have some opportunities for you to get more involved in AAUW Asheville: Attend the branch meetings, become a member of the short-term ad hoc Program Committee to choose the AAUW NC state meeting’s topics and speakers, be a member of the STEM Committee, or take on the relatively simple and fun role of Membership Chair. We also need one more Board of Directors member. See, you do have a lot of choices in both contributing to and enjoying more your association with AAUW Asheville. Let me know how you want to help our branch.

Pat Ashe, President. [paashe1950@gmail.com](mailto:paashe1950@gmail.com), 828-545-5426

### **October 22, 2019 AAUW Branch Meeting, 11:30am**

**New Venue: Career Center at Goodwill Industries at 1616 Patton Avenue, Room 207 on the second floor.**

### **PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN: The Guardian-ad-Litem Perspective**

First up for speakers is Sarah Young from the Guardian ad Litem Office of the Courts. Susan Ikerd vouches for Ms. Young as an exemplary advocate for the GAL program. We will learn a bit about the GAL program, with a strong focus on protecting our most vulnerable children. It ties beautifully into the national AAUW emphasis on promoting equity: our youngest need the voice of those who have the strength, wisdom and stamina to advocate for them. Come ready to ask questions and to chat with other members who are already involved in this program.

For lunch we’ll be providing box lunches from Panera Bread; you’ll have three sandwich choices and two salad choices. The options will be listed in the notice that will go out October 7 so you can immediately call in your reservation and food choice. The lunch cost will be \$15 and includes, ice/hot tea, water and coffee.

One more thing: Due to regulations at the Goodwill Center, we are asked to provide your **name and birthdate** for recording in their system. We’ll only ask for this the first time you reserve, so be prepared. (Actually, I think most of us are proud of the years we have attained.)

**Contact: Johanna Manasse, [jvm795@gmail.com](mailto:jvm795@gmail.com)**

## Membership Update

Susan Grogan Ikerd

We have added two new members and one past member has rejoined the branch in the last month: Bonnie Tollefson (Karen Mauro’s sister in law), Michele Hoyman (joint membership with the Chapel Hill branch), and Rudi Simko (so glad you are back, Rudi!) Please join me in welcoming them all to AAUW Asheville.

The 2019-20 directories are in and ready for distribution. The directory will be available at the October branch meeting, for which I am putting in a (shameless) plug. The speaker is Sarah Young, who has been my supervisor with the Buncombe County Guardian ad Litem program. GAL’s support children in situation where there is concern about abuse and neglect, who need an adult whose sole focus is their safety and well-being. I encourage you to come hear Sarah discuss this very important program in our community.

### New Members

<p><b>Bonnie Tollefson</b>                      736 Banks Mountain Rd                      Hendersonville NC 28792  <a href="mailto:bonnietollefson@gmail.com">bonnietollefson@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>214-458-9055                      BA/BS Philosophy&amp;Biology, Newcomb College                      Tulane Univ                      MLS, School Librarianship                      Florida State Univ</p>
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<p><b>Rudi Simko</b>                      35A Larkspur Court                      Asheville NC 28805  <a href="mailto:rms082543@gmail.com">rms082543@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>828-702-03                      AS, Liberal Arts, Green Mountain College                      BA, Communication, Syracuse Univ                      BA, Political Science, Syracuse Univ</p>

Interested in becoming involved in Membership?

We’re looking for YOU! Contact Pat Ashe,

[paashe1950@gmail.com](mailto:paashe1950@gmail.com), 828-545-5426

## Committee News

### **Advocacy/Public Policy**     **Kitty Schaller & Johanna Manasse**

We are a small but mighty group who have decided to focus on two BIG items this year. One is to do all we can to get the **ERA ratified** in the state of North Carolina. The other is to provide “hands-on” services in conjunction with other community organizations to ensure that everyone in our county has the **required Voter ID** before the March 2020 primary. Be prepared to help. Committee members will be asking you face-to-face or via phone call to contribute an hour or two over the coming months for specific tasks to make that happen.

In the meantime, Letters to the Editor, phone calls to your friends in outlying counties, and phone calls to your legislators about the ERA and the passage of the proposed Medicaid Expansion Bill are greatly appreciated and powerful. One vote, one voice: that makes a difference! So does joining our committee **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the YWCA at 11:30AM.**

### **Program**     **Johanna Manasse**

#### **COME CELEBRATE THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT**

Did you know Asheville is the place where the Suffrage movement in North Carolina began? Have you heard of Helen Morris Lewis and Martha Patton? Come to the Patton-Parker House (95 Charlotte Street, across from Fuddruckers) on **Sunday, October 13 from 2:00-5:00PM** to find out about the historical connection of these women and the Patton House and the suffrage movement.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, this free event is open to everyone. Tour the house to view exhibits on our local suffrage history, including the overlooked African-American suffragettes, and a fabulous hat display. Enjoy the grounds and nibbles, ice cream and croquet. You are even encouraged to dress in period costume. Parking is available in the large lot next door.

#### **AAUW Ask: Still Need Program Team Help**

Would you like to be the "foodie" helper at the October 22 branch meeting? How about the "go-fer" who helps set up the room, decor and cleanup afterward? Or maybe you really like to greet everyone who comes in? If you are interested in one of these roles, please call Johanna Manasse quickly at 708.224.7199. She's still believing in the team approach!!



#### **October Birthdays**

Arlene Christiansen, 10/4

Mary Ellen Lewis, 10/4

Juanita Wagner, 10/4

Christine Dowd, 10/7

Ann Clarke Snell, 10/7

Anne Sayers, 10/10

Leslie E. Talbott, 10/10

Cathy Battle, 10/11

Marianne Mooney, 10/17

Juanita Spanogle, 10/17

Katherine R. Schofield, 10/18

Meridith Miller, 10/20

Norma Snap, 10/21

Christina H. Gallant, 10/24

Gail D. Wiley, 10/24

Beth Ellers, 10/25

Barbara Griswold, 10/27

Wendy Haner, 10/30

## Committee News

### G.E.M. Fund News

Alice Donor

- ◆ For the current 2019-20 academic year, GEM has awarded funds sufficient for 15 scholarships, eight to UNCA and seven to A-B Tech
- ◆ The Annual Report of the GEM Fund of AAUW Asheville is now posted on the branch website
- ◆ The next GEM Board meeting will be held on October 30 at UNCA.
- ◆ For more information, contact board president Alice Doner at [aadoner@gmail.com](mailto:aadoner@gmail.com).



#### Meet Your AAUW Neighbors

Throughout the year, we are coordinating Asheville gatherings for the downtown, north, south, east, and west areas and surrounding towns to facilitate members meeting members and forming new friendships and connections. If you are interested in hosting in your area, please contact the coordinator **Michele Anderson** at **828-545-1232** or [michanders1232@gmail.com](mailto:michanders1232@gmail.com). Details for November gatherings will be forthcoming!

### Women In S.T.E.M.

#### 19 Things You Might Not Know Were Invented by Women:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Paper Bag            | 8. Liquid Paper                  | 15. Folding Cabinet Bed |
| 2. Kevlar                   | 9. Alphabet Blocks               | 16. The Solar House     |
| 3. The Foot-Pedal Trash Can | 10. The Apgar Score              | 17. Scotchgard          |
| 4. Monopoly                 | 11. Marine Signal Flares         | 18. Invisible Glass     |
| 5. Windshield Wipers        | 12. The Circular Saw             | 19. Computers           |
| 6. Disposable Diapers       | 13. Retractable Dog Leash        |                         |
| 7. The Dishwasher           | 14. Submarine Telescope and Lamp |                         |

Learn the details - [CLICK HERE](#)

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

Date	Book	Location
Oct. 24	The Muralist. 2015. 352p B.A. Shapiro	Carol Smith 42 Sparkle Dun Dr. Biltmore Lake 28715 667.0053 <a href="mailto:carolasmith49@gmail.com">carolasmith49@gmail.com</a>
Nov. 21	The Chaperone. 2012. 384p Moriarty, Laura	Marilyn Kolton 18 Ridgeview Drive 28804 259.9461 <a href="mailto:ldwmkd@aol.com">ldwmkd@aol.com</a>
Jan. 23	The Ninth Hour 2017 256p Alice McDermott	Marcia Liebman 16 Park Ave. 28803 818.606.0331 <a href="mailto:PAN4T8@yahoo.com">PAN4T8@yahoo.com</a>
Feb. 27	Where the Crawdads Sing 2018. 384p Owens, Delia	Jane Lance 3001 Timber Trail 28804 h. 505.8192 c208.569.5318 <a href="mailto:janlance@aol.com">janlance@aol.com</a>
Mar. 26	The Lost Girls of Paris 2019 368p. Pam Jenoff	Judy Balsanek 299 Whitfield Lane Weav 28787 c616.510.6073 <a href="mailto:jbalsanek@sbcglobal.net">jbalsanek@sbcglobal.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:joyates4@gmail.com">joyates4@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:bmayer8804@aol.com">bmayer8804@aol.com</a>
June 25	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 <a href="mailto:jspanogle@aol.com">jspanogle@aol.com</a>

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

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	Leader, Juanita Wagner

## AAUW KICK-OFF PICNIC Johanna Manasse

We were graced with sunshine, birdsong and a plethora of luscious food to experience the jumpstart for our AAUW branch year. The West Asheville Picnic Shelter reverberated with laughter and greetings and lots of smiles among the 30 or so attendees. President Pat Ashe greeted us all and raised our enthusiasm for the events of the year, highlighting that the Asheville Branch will host the AAUW-NC State Meeting in March. Then she urged us to dig in for burgers and hot dogs and appetizers and casserole and desserts, (oh my, the desserts were fabulous, especially the strawberry rhubarb pie!) We feasted and celebrated seeing each other again, welcomed some potential members and made



plans for going to some new SIGs this year to connect a bit better. You who missed this really enjoyable afternoon might want to jot a selfie-note not to miss next year's get-together. Many thanks to Barb Robinson for serving as reservationist, detail reminder and all-around back-up supporter.

The biggest 'oops' was that I forgot to take pictures so you'll have to take our word for how much we enjoyed the afternoon.

"Every constitution written since the end of World War II includes a provision that men and women are citizens of equal stature. Ours does not." - Ruth Bader Ginsberg





## 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: Pat Ashe

### 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 10 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](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) , cell **828.230.7113**

**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)

**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 **Helen McClintock** 828 424 8455 or [HOMcClintock@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

*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

**Monday October 1, 4pm**

in the UNCA building at 118 WT Weaver  
Boulevard

### Lunch Bunch

Friday Oct 11, 11:30, The Glass Onion,  
18 N. Main St., Weaverville

Contact: Sherry Brown,  
[sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com)  
357-8455, cell 551-0432

*Reservation deadline: Wed.,  
October 9, Noon*



## FILM FANS

**Film Fans will meet on Thursday, October 10 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.** This month we will 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](mailto:johnson1ea@earthlink.net)



### World Affairs

World Affairs **will meet Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.** at the home of Eve Miller to discuss *Problems and Solutions to Migration Around the World*. Please contact Eve at 828-299-8107 or [evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evehigginsmiller7@gmail.com) for additional information and directions.