



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

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From the President

Pat Ashe

The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

If you were unable to attend the December 15th social event, you missed a wonderful time with other AAUW members, spouses, and GEM scholarship award-ees. Many thanks to Johanna Manasse and her assistant Susan Grabel for creating this fun event. Please plan to attend the **next branch meeting on January 28** and experience the camaraderie with your AAUW friends and new colleagues you will meet as well as learn from our very interesting speakers.

Make sure you have **March 27 and 28, 2020**, marked on your calendar to attend the **AAUW NC state meeting and conference at the DoubleTree Hotel**. It will be held from 4:00 p.m. on Friday and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. During the two days you will experience 10 different sessions with speakers and/or panelists on a variety of topics pertinent to **AAUW's mission of "advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy."** There will be an opportunity after dinner on Friday evening to see an original and premier performance montage about the women's suffragist movement. You won't want to miss it.

Our Advocacy/Public Policy Committee is committed for the next few months to informing people about the new state I.D. requirement and how to obtain that for voting purposes. Please step forward to spend an hour or several hours helping our community to be prepared to vote in the March primary and/or the November elections. Contact Kitty Schaller kittyschaller@gmail.com or Johanna Manasse jvm795@gmail.com to see how easy it is for you to be a part of this very important process.

From other Board Committees, you will be hearing in early 2020 about exciting new plans regarding STEM and Work Smart activities. You belong to AAUW because you believe in the mission of the organization and being a part of our AAUW Asheville education and advocacy focuses can be the way you participate in making that mission a reality.

Have a holiday season filled with joy and peace and I'll see you in the New Year.

Pat Ashe, President paashe1950@gmail.com or 828-545-5426

JANUARY BRANCH MEETING: WHAT IS SILSA AND WHY IS IMPORTANT FOR GIRLS?

At our next branch meeting on **January 28, 2020** we welcome Ms. Nicole Cush, principle at the School for Inquiry and Life Sciences at Asheville. She will speak to equity issues within the school setting and beyond, particularly as it relates to girls. Come prepared to ask the hard questions about our Asheville educational system and how we can positively impact our future AAUW members.

As usual we will meet in our new home at **the Goodwill Career Center, Room 207 at 1616 Patton Avenue from 11:30AM to 2:00PM-ish.**

See you there.

Program

Johanna Manasse

We Jingled and Mingled in December!



The Beaverdam Run Clubhouse was the perfect venue for our holiday party where nearly 70 members and friends mingled around overladen tables of nibbles and sweets and sipped bubbly or cider. The conversation was lively and joyful, the seating comfortable, the mood joyous and the gratitude overflowed. Pat Ashe shared the latest news of the Asheville AAUW Branch and Alice Doner illustrated the impact of GEM on educational opportunities we provide for women.

The highlight for most of us (if teary eyes are an indicator) were the poignant stories told by four scholarship recipients who recounted the enormous impact that the scholarships—and our belief in them—have on their future and their vision.



I heard a number of “Let’s do this again next year” comments from the happy partiers. And a huge THANK YOU to Marilyn Kolton for contributing this amazing clubhouse space at no cost to us.

Marilyn, you are amazing!!



READY for ACTION? A &PP has OPTIONS for YOU!

Our small but mighty committee continues to pursue avenues of ADVOCACY and promotion of PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES. Here are four to keep you “in the know.”

1. In North Carolina, we have some current mandates around voting access that we have decided need our attention. You have all received via mail the basic information around the requirements for presenting a permissible Voter ID by the upcoming March primary. And for most of us, we can pass muster with picture IDs already in our possession. But that is not true for all Buncombe County residents. That’s where YOU come in. *Can you identify places and people who may need to have Voter ID pictures made and who need to receive basic information about this Voter ID business? Do you live in a collective or aggregate community or a neighborhood, attend an exercise class, participate in a volunteer capacity somewhere within Buncombe County where you could help arrange a meeting (TWO HOURS AT MOST) sponsored by AAUW who coordinates with the Board of Elections community staff to be there for questions and photos? Can you do that in January or February? Then contact Kitty or Johanna with the particulars.* Last year many of you indicated that you wanted short-term, task specific activities to support our mission. This is a prime opportunity!
2. For those of you who would like to receive the Voter ID training so you can go out and be a personal advocate, the committee is planning such a training session in early January. Sign up with Kitty or Johanna.

3. Join us at our monthly meeting at the YWCA: January 8 at 11:30AM. We will feed you since it’s lunchtime.
4. We have a special speaker lined up for the state AAUW meeting here in March and encourage all of you to attend. Rick Glaizer, the CEO of the North Carolina Justice Center, will be the featured speaker, addressing all issues of equity, health care, women’s rights, and advocacy within our state. It should be an eye-opening session for all of us. March 28 at 10 AM.

One more thing: Would you be interested in viewing the ERA promoting *Equal Means Equal* film in the comfort of your home with a few friends? We have copies to lend out. Maybe we can actually make North Carolina the 39th state to ratify the ERA if we educate enough advocates to sway our legislators.

Submitted by Kitty Schaller (kittyschaller@gmail.com; 828.777.137) and Johanna Manasse (jym795@gmail.com; 708.224.7199)

“All advocacy is, at its core, an exercise in empathy.” - Samantha Power
(served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations from 2013 to 2017)

May Bus Trip to Seneca Falls Wendy Haner

AAUW Asheville along with the state are sponsoring two bus trips going to Seneca Fall, NY to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. **The date is May 8-10, 2020.** The bus will depart Asheville at 6:00 a.m. and arrive in Richmond, VA where we will visit Maggie Walker's home and have lunch in Richmond and then continue on to Seneca Fall, NY. Arriving Friday night. On Saturday we will tour Seneca Falls home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton home, The Women's Right to Vote National Park exhibits and tour and the National Women's History Museum. Around 3:00 p.m. we will depart for Rochester, NY to tour Susan B. Anthony's home. We will spend the night in Rochester and depart on Sunday where we will stop in Gettysburg, PA to tour Jennie Wade's Home and have in Gettysburg. We will then continue on to Asheville arriving here around 10:00p.m.

Prices are: Member – Single room per person is \$818.00

Non- Member Single room is \$868.090

Member – Double room \$568.00

Non-Members – Double room \$618.00

The price covers the following:

- 2 hotel nights with breakfast
- Bus Trip
- Tickets to each site
- Driver Gratuity
- Water on the bus
- Bus entertainment
- **Processing Fees.**

Payment is required in full at time of registration. If we don't have 48 by Feb. 15th then the trip will be cancelled

• Refund policy: Refunds are available until 2/15/20. After this date there are no refunds. Consider purchasing trip insurance.

• Each person will pay for your own lunch, snacks and dinner.

• Members are allowed to reserve 1 additional seat at the member rate. No more than 2 seats per member.

Please contact Wendy Haner, AAUWNC Treasurer for additional information at wendyhaner@icloud.com 336-926-4301.

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**Tell your friends
"Happy Birthday"
and honor them with
a gift to G.E.M.**

January Birthdays

Nancy Donnelly, 1/3

Kitty McKeithen, 1/8

Nancy Stancil, 1/8

Lina Evans, 1/13

Rachel Sossoman, 1/17

Shannon Earle, 1/19

Alice Doner, 1/21

Pat Argue, 1/22

Lynn Hill, 1/23

Bette Feingold, 1/24

Bobbi Blake, 1/26

Deb Fulton-Helmer, 1/29

Gloria Rabun, 1/31

*Don't see your name on the
list? Incorrect date? Please
contact Lina Evans,*

linalee113@yahoo.com

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

Date	Book	Location
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 h. 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

“BOOKS AND DOORS ARE THE SAME THING. YOU OPEN THEM, AND YOU GO THROUGH INTO ANOTHER WORLD.” – JEANETTE WINTERSON

Cocktails And Books 1st Mondays at 4:30, Metro Wines, Contact Anne Reis , annereis2@gmail.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, 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: Michele Anderson, michanders1232@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: Nancy Donnelly , nad6558@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)

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, 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

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

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** (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.

Your S.I.G. Idea
could be here...

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

January 7, 3:45pm

Lunch Bunch will meet at Stony Knob Restaurant

Friday, 11:30, Jan 10, 2020

337 Merrimon Ave.,

Weaverville.

Contact Sherry Brown to be added to the reservation list.

Sherrysaerie@gmail.com

357-8455



FILM FANS

Film Fans will meet on Thursday, January 9 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

World Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 to discuss the World Food Crisis. There are so many aspects of this problem to discuss. No location as yet. Please contact Eve Miller (evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or 828-299-8107) if you are able to attend, and I will send directions and site information.