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AAUW Asheville Branch Board

President	Pat Ashe
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GEM	Alice Doner
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Peg Steiner & Karen Wallace-Meigs	
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From the President

Pat Ashe

I'm glad it's spring as we endure this forced isolation; at least the flowers and budding trees provide the promise of new days to come. It's only been a week since we had to cancel the AAUW NC annual meeting and conference. I'm still quite disappointed, yet look at all the positive energy that emerged from so many members in planning and doing tasks that I'm still convinced it would have been a very successful conference. Thirty of you felt the same way as you registered for and planned to attend various parts of the conference.

There are probably a number of SIG and Committee meeting cancellations in this newsletter. While I cancelled the April 7th Board of Directors meeting, let's leave our next branch meeting April 28th still active until closer to the date. Watch for information coming out from Johanna in mid-April. Our April meeting is the annual election of officers and approval of the budget for next year. Please consider adding your talents and enthusiasm for a couple of open leadership opportunities, including Program Co-Chair and Treasurer. Let me know if you're at least interested in talking with me about a position.

Pat Ashe, paashe1950@gmail.com

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ANNOUNCEMENT - A NOTE OF THANKS

The following Asheville AAUW members donated some beautiful arts, crafts and Asheville-centric edible treats that were to be auctioned off at the AAUW-NC State conference at the end of March. Unfortunately the conference was cancelled for the health and safety of all our members. BUT fortunately, the GEM boards accepted the baskets with the plan of using them at the June Fundraiser auction, which we're still hoping will happen. Here's a **big thank you** to the following members who donated, and agreed to leave their donations in the baskets for the GEM auction. Pat Ashe, Linda Beltran, Susan Ikerd, Molly Keeney, Karen Mauro, Verna McGaughey, Barbara Robinson, Kathy Schofield, Eleanor Walther. More donations were promised but we did not feel comfortable accepting them once the conference was cancelled. But we appreciate the good thoughts.

MEMBERSHIP

Michele Anderson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Correct spelling of Esther's
First name is above. Sorry Mayor!

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PROGRAM NEWS Johanna Manasse

Our “Virtual Reality” Activity

In uncertain times, we are challenged to create alternative ways of being amazing AAUW members. As of this moment, we are still holding space for our April 28 branch meeting with Nancy Williams as our guest speaker. That is also the meeting in which the slate of officers and board members is introduced to the general membership for approval. So let's all affirm that by then we may be able to meet together in our happy place at the Goodwill Career Center. Watch for alerts closer to the meeting time.

Meanwhile, out of our presentation with Nicole Cush, Principal at SILSA...

I made a proposal to our board to support the SILSA Faculty by presenting them with a week of 'bennies' during Faculty Appreciation Week, scheduled for May 4-8. I had visions of baked goodies, a catered lunch, massage certificates, movie tickets, self-care products, etc. to greet them throughout that week. Our new reality changes that scenario. We don't know if school will resume in the traditional sense for the remainder of this school year. What we do know is that teachers are continuing their professional commitments via on-line instruction and continuing student contact. So what can we do now to embrace them 'virtually' so they know we acknowledge their Herculean endeavors to pursue their students' education? Perhaps our best task could be two-fold: 1) we can **write letters of gratitude** to each individual faculty and staff member for their commitment, creativity, fortitude and vision [those of us who were teachers no doubt remember those notes of encouragement] and 2) we can enclose gift

cards to grocery stores, Amazon, restaurants, gas stations, etc.

May I suggest that each of us chips in a gift card or whatever amount you are called to contribute and send (the check made out to AAUW) to Johanna Manasse, 220 Forest Knoll Court, Weaverville, NC 28787. I'll coordinate the results, purchase the gift cards from the monies you contribute and ensure that each faculty member receives a just reward. If you would like to write one of the gratitude letters, I can give you the name of an individual teacher and their specialty so you can personalize it. In the interest of privacy, I will deliver the whole care basket directly to Nicole Cush for distribution.

I appreciate each of you, your attendance at the meetings, your encouraging words and your laughter, your abiding commitment to the AAUW.

Respectfully,

Johanna Manasse



A Message From the GEM Board

Alice Doner

A message from the GEM Board —

As you know, our annual Spring Fund Drive would normally be about to commence and we look forward to your participation. This year we are celebrating the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Watch for information on how you can participate in this celebration.



Please know also that, **in light of the national emergency regarding the new coronavirus**, we are closely monitoring the situation here in the Asheville area and will make decisions accordingly. At this point, we plan to postpone the event (usually the first Sunday in June) to sometime in the Fall.. It is a local event with fewer than 100 people in attendance. Should the dangers from the pandemic continue unabated, then we will likely postpone the event until a later date and will notify you accordingly. We will send out invitations later than usual that will include the new date. As plans solidify, we will keep you updated and expect to see a spring “GEM Chips” sometime in late May.

Also, it is possible that our business partners may be less generous this year because of concerns that more people are going to stay home instead of patronizing their businesses. Therefore, it is more imperative than ever that we have a good variety of items open for bid in the **GEM Friends’ Silent Auction**. Please consider hosting one of these experiences or services. We reiterate that these don’t have to be expensive or elaborate. Host a games night, lead a gallery walk, demonstrate a favorite family recipe. Any kind of offering where there is food is always popular! Please get with a friend and think about what you can offer and then contact Susan Grabel at SusanGrabel2@gmail.com. Meanwhile, stay safe.

**Tell your friends
“Happy Birthday”
and honor them with
a gift to GEM**



Marlene Shaklan, 4/1

Jeanne Smolkin, 4/8

Barb Weatherall 4/8

Pat Ashe, 4/10

Helen McClintock, 4/13

Judy Duncan, 4/14

Jill Preyer, 4/14

Amy Barry, 4/19

Linda Fitzhugh, 4/26

Barbara Mayer, 4/27

Sarah Seepe, 4/27

Marcy Woodrow, 4/28

Barbara Robinson, 4/29

*Don't see your name on the
list? Incorrect date? Please
contact Lina Evans,
linalee113@yahoo.com*

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

Date	Book	Location
Mar. 26	The Lost Girls of Paris 2019 368p. Pam Jenoff	CANCELLED
Apr. 23	Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age Mary Piper 2019 272p.	CANCELLED
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

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

APRIL:	THE PARIS ARCHITECT	Susan Gabel
May:	SILVER MUSIC BOX	Linda Farrell
June:	Topic: Aging	Anne Reis
August:	ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTIN	Ann Snell
September:	WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING	Gloria Rabun
October:	THE DUTCH HOUSE	Sharon Kopstein
November:	Topic: Death	Lynn Harmon
December:	DUST TRACKS ON A ROAD	?????

Board Committees

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the committee head. All members are welcome to join a committee and participate in their activities.

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 7 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

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is canceled for April

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International Dining is taking a hiatus until the end of coronavirus, whenever that may be. All scheduled dinners are on hold.

*For more information, contact Helen McClintock,
Chair, International Dining*

*SIG: HOMcClintock@gmail.com or
828 424 8455*

FILM FANS

Our April Film Fans discussion will be cancelled due to the coronavirus. Please take care of yourselves and be safe. For questions contact Beth Johnson.

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World Affairs will not meet in April, but will hope to get together on May 19 to discuss Kashmir. Please contact Eve Miller for additional info

