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MAY 2020

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AAUW Asheville Branch Board

President	Pat Ashe
Pres. Elect	Leslie Apple
Programs	Johanna Manasse
Membership	Michele Anderson
Treasurer	Susan Ikerd
Secretary	Barbara Robinson
Advocacy /Public Policy	Kitty Schaller & Johanna Manasse
ABTech/UNCA	Jan Huskey
GEM	Alice Doner
SIG Coordinator	Barbara Robinson
Members-at-Large:	
Peg Steiner & Karen Wallace-Meigs	
Newsletter	Lynette Miller
Webmaster	Molly Keeney

From the President

Pat Ashe

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

Unfortunately, as you most likely have anticipated, we are going to have to cancel both our May 5th board meeting and our May 19th branch meeting. Even if the COVID-19 restrictions are eased, I doubt that many of us would feel comfortable convening a group of women, in which some of us are in the higher risk groups. Until our daily activities can be safely moved more into the community, I hope you continue to stay home, stay safe.

April was to be our annual meeting as specified by our Bylaws. There are two tasks that are required annually for a vote by the whole membership: Election to open board positions and approving the budget for 2020-2021. I propose that we do the voting through the use of a brief online survey that will be simple to complete. This will be sent in late May as the Financial Policies require that we give you the budget information at least 30 days in advance of the vote. The board vacancies are due to the completion of the current board members' two year terms.

The Nominating Committee proposes the following nominations:

- President: Leslie Apple
- Executive Vice-President, President Elect: Karen Wallace-Meigs
- Treasurer: Jeanne Smolkin
- Vice-President of Programs: Johanna Mannasse

Please let me know by May 5th if you have additional nominations for any of these positions.

The continuing board members include:

- Secretary: Barbara Robinson
- Vice President, Chair of Membership: Michele Anderson
- Advocacy/Public Policy Co-Chairs: Kitty Schaller and Johanna Manasse
- STEM Chair: Nancy Donnelly
- College/University Relationships Chair: Jan Huskey

- Members at Large: Peg Steiner
- The new GEM board President or her designee
- Ad hoc: Pat Ashe as Immediate Past President

The Bylaws prescribe 13 members, so there are 2 open board positions to be appointed by the board. Please consider being a member of the board (in 2019-2020, we met monthly for 75 minutes). A board planning session will hopefully be possible this summer.

The budget is the guideline for the board to make financial decisions in the upcoming year. In the nonprofit world, income meets expenses so these lines are the same amount. [CLICK HERE to view the 2020-2021 Budget](#)

It has been a privilege to serve as your President this past year. I now know many more of you than before and am so pleased with the levels of commitment and creativity in our membership. Our branch meetings have had great speakers and a very nice venue this past year. The new Directory will be distributed at our year's opening event in September. The first branch monthly meeting will be in October.

Please watch for the online voting tool in late May.

Pat Ashe
828-545-5426

MEMBERSHIP

Michele Anderson

We hope everyone is taking good care and feeling safe in these challenging times, and have missed seeing you all!

We want to give you all an alert now about membership renewal for 2020-21. You should receive an invoice by email for dues for the upcoming year in early May. Annual dues are \$83, which includes branch, state and national dues. Dues are payable by June 30, 2020 for the membership year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021. And don't worry - if you miss the first invoice, you will receive a couple of reminders! The easiest way to pay is online, on the AAUW national website (linked from the invoice). If you would rather write a check, you can mail the check directly to Susan Ikerd, AAUW Asheville Treasurer (7 Lee Avenue, Asheville NC 28804). Please feel free to contact either one of us if you have questions and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Michele Anderson, Membership Chair (michanders1232@gmail.com)

Susan Ikerd, Treasurer (sandcikerd@gmail.com)

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: MARGARET CHASE SMITH By DAVID FRENCH, TIME Magazine Columnist

: 1950, MAINE SENATOR MARGARET CHASE the only woman in the U.S. Senate—stood world’s greatest deliberative body and confronted a Republican,
: Senator Joseph McCarthy, over his destructive witch hunt for American communists.

: Her “Declaration of Conscience” should be remembered as one of the seminal addresses in the history of the Senate.

: Americans, she said, possess “the right to hold unpopular beliefs”. They also have a “right to protest” and a “right of independent thought”. Moreover,
: “The exercise of these rights should not cost one single American citizen his reputation or his right to a livelihood, nor should he be in danger of losing
: his reputation or livelihood merely because he happens to know someone who holds unpopular beliefs.”

: This is a statement of true tolerance and resonates with core American principles. Although Smith was hailed in some quarters, McCarthy responded
: with an insult fit for Twitter, calling Smith and her six Republican cosigners “Snow White and the Six Dwarfs”. Ultimately, Smith prevailed.

: Smith did more than merely confront McCarthy. She also defined the GOP as the “champion of unity and prudence”. She placed the party in the lineage
: of Abraham Lincoln. She was a strong Republican, but, she said, “I don’t want to see the Republican Party rise to victory on the four horses of calumny:
: fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear”.

: There are times when victory is not worth the cost.

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: *Submitted by Michele Anderson*
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RE: AAUW Program Notes post Covid-19

I REmember last August when I sent a REquest to Nancy Williams, ACT columnist, to be the speaker for our April 2020 branch meeting. I REcall my enthusiasm when she agreed and RELayed to her my delight. But three weeks ago I REleased Ms. Williams from her commitment, a REconsideration of our new normal in which we are all REvisiting the concept of being homebound. Suggesting then to a RESchedule for the fall, I am REjoicing in a REprieve that will eventually bring a REstoration to possible normalcy and the REward of hearing her speak to us all.

This past month has given us time to REthink and REflect and REconsider how we spend our days, how we prioritize our activities, and how we RETain a semblance of control over the order of our days. We've been forced to RETrench, to RETURN to a quieter time with countless opportunities to consider when and where and how to commit and REcommit to what is significant for each of us. I cannot speak for you. I can only share what I am learning in this new paradigm and how it RELates to my role in AAUW. This year, as Program Chair, I learned to RELy on many of you, experiencing numerous moments of RELief for assistance at our meetings and being REfreshed by

your boundless enthusiasm. Consequently, I now envision that when we RE-enter a world in which we can RE-convene, I will RENew my commitment to AAUW, help REbuild what we have collectively created, RE-double my efforts to promote the passage of the ERA, REunite our branch members with a Nancy Williams presentation, and celebrate our RETURN to a stronger, more rewarding and PRO-active organization.

The 'RE' I so emphasized here REflects a turning back, yet I believe we can only go forward and RE-create a different focus. We can embrace what has been and consider now that we may have a greater calling to PROMote equity and endeavor to speed up that goal. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future, REclaiming our togetherness and PROclaiming that we have much work to do. I'll be there with you.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude for all of you,
Johanna Manasse

Did You Know?

Did you know that our Asheville Branch Directory has a list of names and contact information for our local, state, and national elected officials? See Page 28 of your white Directory. At least until November 3, 2020 when names could change!

GEM Alice Doner

Message from the GEM Board:

In normal times, we would be beginning our annual spring fund drive, culminating in the fundraiser party in June. As we all know, these are far from normal times. Our fundraiser, usually the first Sunday in June, is postponed to a tentative date in October, when, if the universe smiles upon us, we will be closer to "normal." We know everyone is anxious in these difficult times and no one knows how we will be affected health-wise or economy-wise. Because of all the disarray, we will be needing GEM contributions more than ever this year to support higher education for women in need and, if you find that you do have a little extra to give, your donations are accepted any time of year and we will be even more grateful than usual. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be much appreciated; checks, made out to the GEM Fund, can be mailed to our regular address: 4B Long Shoals #135; Arden, NC; 28704. Be safe and try to enjoy what is turning out to be a beautiful spring, even if we can't gather to see it.

Film Fans will meet online via the **Zoom platform on Thursday, May 14** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Since movie theaters are currently closed, we will be discussing a "golden oldie." Our movie for May will be the 1971 film, "Harold and Maude."

I'll be sending out a Zoom invitation to the discussion meeting sometime during the first week of May. The invitation will have an embedded URL. In order to access the meeting, simply click on the URL. From there, you will be led to join the meeting. It may be helpful to sign up for Zoom before joining the meeting. The sign up process is easy, and there is no cost to join. Contact Beth Johnson, johnson1ea@earthlink.net

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



MAY Birthdays

Marcella Leibman 5/1

Susan Grabel 5/2

Jill Moffitt 5/4

Francella Poston 5/7

Jenny Gordon 5/15

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
May 28	American Wolf : a true story of survival and obsession in the West 2017 300p. Nate Blakeslee	Cancelled
June 25	Book Selection	Juanita Spanogle 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 jspanogle@aol.com

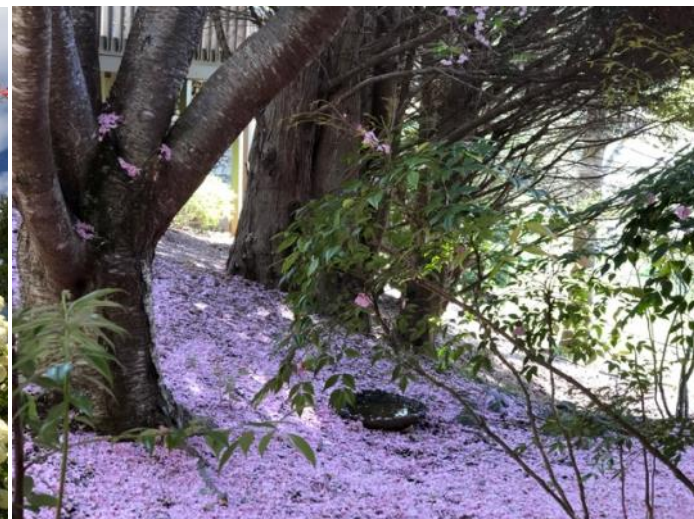
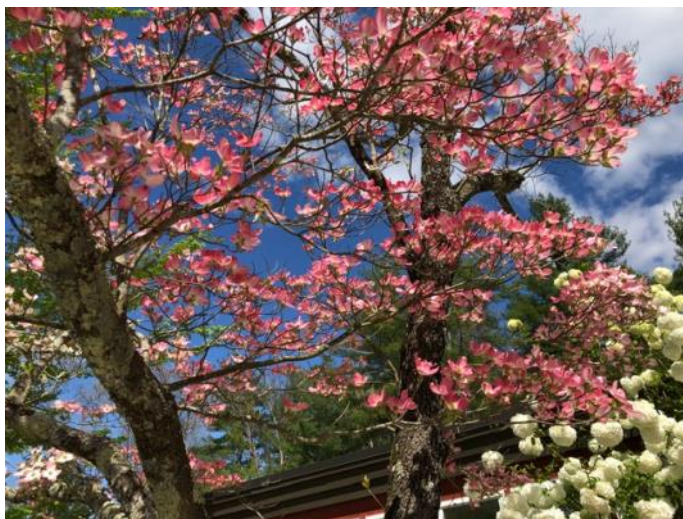
"There are uses to adversity, and they don't reveal themselves until tested. Whether it's serious illness, financial hardship, or the simple constraint of parents who speak limited English, difficulty can tap unexpected strengths."

-Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

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

May:	SILVER MUSIC BOX	Cancelled
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	?????

AND A LITTLE DIVERSION...



We may all be stuck at home, but how lucky are we to be in Western NC in the springtime -

Thank you Juanita Spanogle!

From Brainpickings:

[Spring in a Pandemic: Mary Shelley on What Makes Life Worth Living and Nature's Beauty as a Lifeline to Regaining Sanity](#)

"There is but one solution to the intricate riddle of life; to improve ourselves, and contribute to the happiness of others." - Mary Shelley



To see more **Famous Art Posters Adjusted To Quarantine,**

[CLICK HERE](#)

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 opportunities to engage in summer workshops. Our committee has a project underway to enhance our local chapter website to provide useful hints and tips for all ages. We welcome all who would like to join our committee! information.

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!

AAUW Asheville 2020-21 budget

INCOME			Projected
135 @\$13.00 per member			\$1,755.00
Interest			\$40.00
Total Income			\$1,795.00
Expenses			Projected
fixed	Insurance	Liability	\$185.00
fixed		D&O	\$337.00
	Program Committee		\$250.00
speaker meals	Guest Speakers		\$150.00
	Life Members (10)		\$130.00
	Printing		\$350.00
	Postage		\$60.00
branch only	Honorary Membership		\$13.00
	Publicity		\$50.00
	Work Smart		\$170.00
	New Initiative		\$100.00
Total Expenses			\$1,795.00
Community Impact Fund (Commingle funds)			
Description		Available	Balance
unspent from 2019-20	College/Univ Partnership	\$211.00	\$211.00
unspent from 2019-20	STEM	\$211.00	\$211.00
Total			\$422.00