



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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT **Leslie Apple**



Devil's Cellar with Lila

As we start the 2020-21 cycle for our AAUW branch, we face a combination of circumstances unlike any other time. Are these obstacles or opportunities? Are we the victims or the villains or the victors? The way forward lies in the choices we make, big and small, every day. How can we respond to each moment, each conversation, each grocery store run with -

- ♦ more generosity, not less
- ♦ more civility, not less
- ♦ more curiosity, not less
- ♦ more creativity, not less
- ♦ more hope, not less
- ♦ more ambition, not less
- ♦ more honesty, not less
- ♦ more compassion, not less
- ♦ more joy, not less

- regardless of who or what we encounter on the way?

This year, we will not pass on the calling of our mission: to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We will have our branch meetings and many SIGs, virtually until it is safe to commune physically. We will have speakers and conversations that will ask us to confront truths in our effort to remove barriers and biases that harm us and our sisters. Our leadership team is bubbling with creative solutions and innovative approaches to push forward.

It is critical that we all do our part, and here's what you can do this month:

Connect with each other – call a member or two you haven't spoken lately or ever before.

Invite other women to join us – it will be easier than ever for them to join our virtual meetings.

Attend meetings and SIGs – again, the virtual meetings will be very convenient.

Have a plan to vote on or before November 3rd – see the newsletter for more information.

Should you have any input, questions, or concerns, please reach out to me, a Board Member or SIG leader. We are all committed to make this year an empowering one!

- Leslie Apple

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

Kitty Schaller & Johanna Manasse

We've been meeting virtually monthly over the summer, dealing with the tumultuous policy challenges of this year. We meet next on **September 9 at 11:30 am**. Contact Kitty at kittyschaller@gmail.com or Johanna at jvm795@gmail.com. To bring you up to date....

Equal Rights Amendment: ERA-NC Alliance has been busy, and Robbie Madden reported at our August meeting about their Candidate Survey. You can go to <https://www.era-nc.org/on-your-ballot-who-supports-the-era/> to see who's on your ballot as US Senate & House candidates and NC Senate and House candidates and how they stand on the ERA. Please decide to support candidates who support the ERA.

Census: Our recent Public Policy Primer urged you to complete your census form online at <https://my2020census.gov/>. For every one of us who submits this 7-minute form means \$1823 in Federal benefits to Buncombe County! But currently the return rate in our county is under 60%, and that could cost us in redistricting for Congressional and NC legislature seats. NC should gain a seat in Congress with our increased population, but not if our statewide Census returns lag behind. Tell 20 people! (Check that website to be *sure* your household's form is in.)

Voting: *Make a PLAN to Vote.* Our Buncombe Election Services staff works hard to make our polling places safe for Early Voting (Oct. 15-31) and Election Day (Nov. 3). Those are still voting options this fall. Our A/PP strongly suggests you consider Absentee Voting, especially because of COVID-19 concerns with in-person voting. A Public Policy Primer emailed Aug. 19 will provide the details you need. Remember you must submit an Absentee Ballot Request Form – do it now! When the ballot comes to your mailbox in September, you can fill it out *quickly* and mail or drop it off at Election Services 77 McDowell St. 28802. (Worries about USPS are mitigated by mailing your ballot *ASAP*.) Having an absentee ballot doesn't mean you must use it. You can save it, and if COVID-19 risks ease, you can still vote in person instead.

We're spreading the word: "Absentee Voting Community Spread Campaign: A/PP Committee has provided our materials to Buncombe County organizations, faith communities, and businesses, requesting they show the videos, distribute the flyers and forms, so thousands will consider Absentee Voting 2020. ***YOU can help us do this*** if you have contacts especially in "organizations or organizations," such as Chamber of Commerce or United Way. Send them now to friends and social media. Contact Kitty or Johanna or come to our meeting September 9.

Advocacy and Public Policy ZOOM Meeting

September 9, 11:30am

invitation link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4486896645?pwd=Rnk3ZzhEU0Mwc0tpQWFzSDZ1WkVjUT09>

November 3, 2020 ELECTION COUNTDOWN**Days before 2020
Presidential Election
11/3/2020****70****Days before
Early Voting
Begins in NC****51***(as of Tuesday, 8/25/2020)***ABSENTEE VOTING - NOW**

What do you know about mail-in voting? The general election is **70 days away** and our committee is actively engaged in promoting how and when people can plan for their vote. We believe Voting by Mail is the safe, secure and efficient route to voting, especially in light of a continued COVID-19 threat. While the usual NC in-person voting options are still available (Early Voting 10/15-31 and Election Day 11/3), everyone can consider NC No-Excuse Absentee Voting as a great way to stay safe. It is also expedient--no waiting weeks to vote. Once your ballot arrives soon after September 4, you can complete it, follow the instructions precisely and mail it with plenty of time for the USPS to deliver it.

We feel so strongly that we've started an information campaign, along with many other organizations who share similar convictions, to disseminate far and wide the information that asks and answers basic questions and provides links to informational videos and websites. Please share this with everyone you know. And even if you think you prefer to vote in-person, consider having the insurance policy of having a mail-in ballot on hand. Here are the links you need:

1. Watch the [Why Vote Absentee](#) video below (starring Kitty Schaller and Johanna Manasse)

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2_ZQP4v-3NJe6uU2GWAQoMuBqDaaaa8hHQZ-P_cMnk-9M3dVV2q_SkNAFdFZ1pbv

2. Watch the "How to Get an Absentee Ballot request Form" video https://youtu.be/bX_rchGOCNE

3. Open this [Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)—directions included. Mail it back to

Buncombe Co. Election Services PO Box 7468, Asheville 28802

4. [Print this hard copy](#) of the flyer for in-person distribution

**"Someone struggled for
your right to vote. Use it."
- Susan B. Anthony**

PROGRAM Johanna Manasse

Branch Meeting Program Notes: Reconnection, Resilience and Renewal

On the fourth Tuesday in September, we meet again for the first of a series of exceptional experiences, usually referred to as our branch meetings. We enter the Zoom age on **September 22 at noon by Reconnecting** with one another onscreen. It's a blessing that we AAUW women have learned to accommodate numerous changes in our lives (**Resilience**) and that we have adapted to using connection devices once the purview of science fiction stories. So we zoom now, at least through the remainder of 2020, as the way to continue to learn, to act, to support and to advocate. For those of you unfamiliar with zoom, Leslie Apple will host a mini-intro on September 21 at noon. Please call her at **303-946-8141 by September 18** if you would like to participate in this Zoom tutorial.

President Leslie Apple will present her vision statement for this most unusual year and introduce Dr. Gordon Grant, Education Director for Outward Bound School, as our facilitator. He will lead us through community building activities, not only to **connect** us together, but to challenge us to a **Renewal** of our intention and advocacy for women's equity. It promises to be a lively, inclusive, out-of-the-box activity for us all. Don't miss it. Tune in on zoom at noon on 9/22/20. Here's the link:

Time: **Sep 22, 2020 12:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09)

[pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09)

Meeting ID: 856 8371 6050

Passcode: 785741

Phone only? You can attend by phone by calling

+1 929 205 6099 and enter the above Meeting ID and Passcode.

To help us prepare, please email Johanna (jvm795@gmail.com) with your intention to participate so that we have a count—and no lunch selections or collections required!

One more thing: this is a convenient **opportunity for you to invite a non-member or two** to join you on the zoom meeting from the comfort of their own space. Exposing others to the important work we do in the AAUW, especially women who have limited time available for meetings, may create **Renewal** for our organization. I'm thinking especially of younger and working women who can bring new ideas and creative ways of advocating for equity that will engage us all.

More meetings to come which continue those three **R's** will introduce you to dynamo Aisha Adams on Equity for Everyone in October, Nancy Williams (ACT columnist) and her take on gratitude experiences in November, surprises in December, entrepreneur Meg Ragland of Plum Print on manifestations of love in February, and doula Melody LeBaron on creating Conscious Dying practices in March. Then in April, let's explore WorkSmart, the national AAUW program designed to teach women to advocate for themselves in the workplace. While many of us are at the tail end of working, we have daughters and granddaughters, nieces and godchildren who can benefit from our advocating them to partake of this program. A representative from national AAUW will be introducing us to this project.

I can't wait to see you in September!

Johanna Manasse, VP for Program

PROGRAM NEWS

Johanna Manasse

ZOOM PRACTICE TUTORIAL with LESLIE APPLE:Topic: **Asheville Meeting**Time: **Sep 21, 2020 12:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142488361?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142488361?pwd=VEJ5NXFadmQ5dmh4NXE3Tk5SSDh4dz09)
[pwd=VEJ5NXFadmQ5dmh4NXE3Tk5SSDh4dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142488361?pwd=VEJ5NXFadmQ5dmh4NXE3Tk5SSDh4dz09)

Meeting ID: 821 4248 8361**Passcode: 441047** Phone only: +1 929 205 6099***BRANCH MEETING KICK-OFF EVENT ZOOM LINK:***Topic: **Asheville Meeting**Time: **Sep 22, 2020 12:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09)
[pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683716050?pwd=Ym4xK20yaXdvRmFSUFUwMGNOWUpjQT09)

Meeting ID: 856 8371 6050**Passcode: 785741** Phone Only: +1 929 205 6099

**“At the end of the day, we can endure much more
than we think we can.”**

– Frida Kahlo, 20th-century Mexican painter

The SILSA Project, Update

Like so many events and plans, the SILSA Project, a vision to present faculty members with appreciation and pampering via small gifts and homemade goodies, is a victim of the pandemic. The current uncertainty about everything having to do with schooling makes it difficult to plan anything in detail. In June (see the June Newsletter) we were challenged to begin gathering gifts and gift cards and to get them to me over the course of the summer. To date I haven't received anything. I propose we return to the original idea: to celebrate the SILSA faculty next spring during Teacher Appreciation Week. That gives us time to gather goodies while the circumstances of 'virtual versus actual' are resolved and proximity is less of an issue. I do hope we rally to this cause—we know how valuable our teachers are and how underappreciated they have been in the past. We can do better.

Respectfully,
Johanna Manasse

BRANCH NEWS

CANDIDATES SURVEYED ON THEIR ERA POSITIONS

- Roberta Madden

This summer several local AAUW members pitched in to conduct a survey on the Equal Rights Amendment. We mailed a letter and a stamped return postcard to every NC candidate running for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and NC General Assembly—nearly 400 in all. The biennial survey is a project of the ERA-NC Alliance, of which AAUW of NC is a lead organization.

With Virginia's ratification early this year, the required 38 states have now ratified the ERA. However, its certification has been delayed by lawsuits concerning the 1982 deadline. One remedy would be for Congress to pass a measure to lift the deadline, which would allow the National Archivist to certify Virginia's ratification. Legislation to do that has passed the U.S. House, but is stalled in the U.S. Senate.

We asked NC's congressional candidates, "If elected, will you cosponsor and vote for the measure to eliminate the deadline and put the Equal Rights Amendment into the US Constitution?" (One candidate sent back the postcard, unsigned, with this message: "We get our rights from God—not government!")

Regardless of action by Congress or the courts, the ERA will be introduced again in next year's NC General Assembly in an effort to make our state the 39th to ratify. We asked all 352 legislative candidates, "If elected, will you cosponsor and vote for the resolution to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?" Most of those responding said yes.

The deadline to return the postcards was July 15, but responses continue to trickle in. Currently nearly 40 percent of the legislative candidates have responded. To see the responses, visit the Alliance website:

<https://www.era-nc.org/>

NOTABLE WOMEN: Women In STEM - Submitted by Linda Beltran



Frances Allen, a former high school math teacher who became one of the leading computer scientists of her generation died in Schenectady, N.Y., on Aug. 4, her 88th birthday. In 2006, she was the first woman to win the A.M. Turing Award, considered the Nobel Prize in computing, [Read More...](#)



**Photos: The 19th Amendment and
women fighting for equality**

BRANCH NEWS

Dear Members of the ERA-NC Alliance:

In advance of our Annual Meeting on October 17, the **Nominating Committee of the Alliance is seeking candidates for Directors and Officers for the 2021-2022 term** (2 years). Any Individual Member or member of Lead Organizations who is in Good Standing according to the Bylaws may be eligible to be nominated as an Officer or Director.

Attached you will find the Elections Process along with a Membership form in case you need to update your membership status. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Denny McGuire, VP Membership at jmcguire11@nc.rr.com. Please review these documents, share with anyone else who may be interested, and consider the following:

1. Would you like to be part of the ERA-NC leadership that is building upon the national momentum and working to make North Carolina the 39th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?
2. Are you willing to represent the ERA-NC Alliance, be visible in your community and in the state as an advocate for equal rights regardless of sex, and urge the NC General Assembly to ratify the ERA?
3. Are you willing to participate in monthly Executive Committee (Officers) and Board of Director meetings conference calls, serve on committees as possible, promote the purposes and objectives of the Alliance and help manage the business, property and affairs of the Alliance?
4. Officer positions eligible for election are: Co-Presidents (2); Vice-President, Fundraising; Vice-President, Public Relations; Vice-President, Membership; Vice-President, Legislation; Secretary; and Treasurer.
5. If you are willing to put your name in nomination for a Director or Officer, please submit a brief bio with a photo, indicating which position you are running for to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Linda Stover (lindalstover@gmail.com) by September 12.

Thank you so much for your membership with the Alliance. We are only as strong as the number of people willing to speak up and advocate for equal rights. 2021 will build on the momentum we have built in 2020 for the Equal Rights Amendment. We need significant energy and commitment to make the ERA a reality!

Linda Stover, Nominating Committee Chair
704-905-6530

As the philanthropic arm of AAUW Asheville, The GEM Fund is a very important part of our branch. The GEM Fund (Gaining Educational Momentum) exists to provide scholarships to local women who are enrolled at AB-Tech or UNC Asheville. Criteria for selection to receive a GEM scholarship, which is administered through the Financial Aid Offices of each school, are that only women whose education has been interrupted or delayed are considered. This current school year, The GEM Fund contributed over \$33,000, which resulted in the two schools awarding 15 scholarships. This was a milestone year as it was the first time that interest from the endowment fund was able to add \$10,000 to last year's fundraising efforts.

This summer brought another first of its kind—a “virtual” fundraiser for The GEM Fund for 2021-2022 scholarships. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to have the traditional June fundraising and scholarship recipient recognition event. Instead invitations to donate to The GEM Fund were mailed to AAUW Asheville branch members and others who have contributed in the past. Because of your largesse, over \$25,000 was raised. The GEM Fund Board, wisely using funds raised with this event and other donations, will be contributing nearly \$35,000 for the 2021-2022 scholarships. One of those “other donations” is through recognizing someone special to you on their birthday. Watch monthly for the birthday list of names and make someone's day extra special by honoring them with a GEM donation.

We are all AAUW members, committed to the mission of advancing gender equity through research, education and advocacy. Helping support the education of women who then have the opportunity to reach some of their life goals is truly worthy of our support.

Pat Ashe, The GEM Fund President

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.” — Abigail Adams

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

Meta Laabs, 9/4

Diane Mooney, 9/5

Barbara Campbell, 9/6

Linda Lindsay Stover, 9/9

Judy Colella, 9/12

Jo Yates, 9/15

Sherry Brown, 9/21

Linda Farrell, 9/21

Sarah Frey, 9/21

Linda McCracken, 9/21

Linda Sokalski, 9/21

Terry Van Duyn, 9/21

Ilona Sena, 9/23

M. Joanne Swenson, 9/28

Please email corrections to Lina Evans,

linalee113@yahoo.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

International Dining will be quarantined for the next few months at least. None of us wants to get together maskless in a large group around a dinner table. So instead, we will put together a recipe book of sorts, with members supplying their favorites. Let's see how it goes!

- Helen McClintock



This girl who showed up in my garage. Couple days later. Lower right: On a railing and Beaverdam brown, our paint color. Other side of house — same praying mantis? — Juanita Spanogle

DIRECTORY IS COMING, DIRECTORY IS COMING!

It's true. The 2020-2021 AAUW-Asheville Directory will arrive via USPS during the month of September. Let Michele, VP of Membership, know if you have not received it by October (michanders1232@gmail.com).

Change in your Profile?

Email any change to Michele, your VP of Membership, at michanders1232@gmail.com. Changes are published each month in the newsletter.

SIGs go ZOOM----or on hiatus

Two SIGs (Special Interest Groups) will be doing ZOOM meetings this year on their usual schedule. Beth Johnson's [Film Fans](#) group, and Eve Miller's [World Affairs](#) group will be holding ZOOM meetings, and each leader will let her group know dates, times, etc. YOU are invited to join either group; just give Eve or Beth a call or an email. The other SIGs have decided to wait until early 2021 to decide how to proceed. Stay cocooned at home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

- Barbara Robinson, SIG coordinator

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

AAUW Thursday • *Tea Time Book Club* 2020-21

Date	Book	2:00	ZOOM	Location
Aug. 27	Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister 2019 374p J. Chang		Judy Balsanek 680.1256	jbalsanek@sbcglobal.net
Sept. 24	Library at the Edge of the World 2017 340 Felicity Hayes-McCoy		Sherry Brown h.357.8455 c828.551.0432	sherrysaerie@gmail.com
Oct. 22	Deacon King Kong2020 417p James McBride		Lois Sutton c281.409.6498	doctorlonc@gmail.com
Dec. 3	The Genius of Women: 2020 334p Janice Kaplan		Marilyn Kolton 259.9461	ldwmkd@aol.com
Jan. 28	The Dutch House 2019 337p Ann Patchett		Marcia Liebman 818.606.0331	PAN4T8@yahoo.com
Feb. 25	Before We Were Yours 2017 342p Lisa Wingate		Carol Smith 828-6670053	carolasmith49@gmail.com
Mar. 25	The Night Watchman 2020 451p Louise Erdrich		Jane Lance 828-505-8192 c208-569-5318	janelance48@gmail.com
Apr. 22	A Woman of No Importance 2019 352p S. Purnell		Jo Yates c828.275.4948	joyates4@gmail.com
May 27	A Long Petal of the Sea 318p 2020 Isabel Allende		Barbara Mayer 277.5319	bmayer8804@aol.com
June 24	Book Selection		Juanita Spanogle 258.0096	jspanogle@aol.com

**CAB is currently not meeting due to the pandemic. There are no plans at this point for a re-start.
Once the virus has died down and groups can meet we will begin again.**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

No Lunch Bunch in September

- Sherry Brown

World Affairs will gather remotely at 2 p.m. Sept. 22

for a Zoom planning session of discussion topics for the year.

Please contact Eve Miller evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com or

LaDean Peterson (ldjp704@gmail.com) for additional information.

Film Fans will meet online via the Zoom platform on Thursday, September 10 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Since movie theaters are currently closed, we will be discussing a “golden oldie.” Our movie for September will be the 1956 Alfred Hitchcock film, **“The Man Who Knew Too Much”** with James Stewart and Doris Day. Be sure to get the 1956 film. Hitchcock did a film using the same name in 1934, but with a different plot.

I’ll be sending out a Zoom invitation to the Film Fans discussion sometime during the first week of September. 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.

Zoom is requiring that everyone using Zoom join and download an update. This is due to some concerns over safety issues with the Zoom platform. In order to do so, go to zoom.com/download. You will need to click to agree to this. There is no charge either to join Zoom or for the update.

Our successful meetings all summer on Zoom afforded us the opportunity not only to discuss a film, but to catch up with each other – what we’d been doing since the great shut-in. I look forward to “seeing” you on **September 10**.

Contact Beth Johnson if you want to be added to the Film Fans email list. johnson1ea@earthlink.net

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 ZOOM monthly on 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

WorkSmart Committee

WorkSmart is an AAUW salary negotiation course designed to help women better their financial future.

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. 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!



How to Request an Absentee Ballot

Receiving an Absentee Ballot gives you the option to mail in your ballot OR to vote-in-person at the polls during Early Voting or Election Day. Request your absentee ballot NOW. Ballots will be sent out starting September 4th.

- 1 Complete a Request for an Absentee Ballot by going to the NC State Board of Elections website [HERE](#).
- 2 Mail, drop off, fax, or scan/email your Request for an Absentee Ballot form to Election services in your county.

Information for Buncombe County

Mail: Election Services, PO Box 7468, Asheville NC 28802
Drop off: 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28802
Fax Number: (828) 250-6262
Scan/Email: election.forms@buncombecounty.org
Phone Number: (828) 250-4200

- 3 You must be a registered NC voter to request an Absentee Ballot. You can check your registration by going [HERE](#).
- 4 If you are not registered, download the Voter Registration Application [HERE](#) and mail or drop off to Election Services (See #2 for the address).

Provided by the **AAUW Asheville Advocacy/Public Policy Committee** <https://asheville-nc.aauw.net/>

Please share this information with your
friends and contacts!

