



As our year comes to a close, capped, as always by our spectacular book sale, I want to take this opportunity to recognize some of the women who have made a big difference to our organization.

First of all, I salute all those who keep this organization running smoothly, year in and year out. These are members who hold the same position for 2 or more years, in some cases for many, many years. That takes a lot of dedication and we should all honor that. Example #1 – Betty Runion – 18 years (!) as Treasurer - hard to top that. Remember our Special Events Chairs, Ann Grant and Carolyn Van Ness, retiring this May after 9 years of running two fabulous luncheons each year that we’ve all enjoyed. I don’t even know how long Carol Carrano has been sorting thousands of books every year. She started well before I joined in 2010, I’m sure. And she has long assisted Betsy Tibbs, also deserving of recognition, with the Directory. Carol Elliott has been writing terrific articles for the T Times for multiple years. Then we have Pat Hawkins and Pinkie Byrd, inventors of the Book Sale Chair Flip-Flop (LOL), which has worked incredibly well for the last few years and we hope to continue that tradition. If you don’t know what that is, ask Pinkie and Pat. Better yet, ask if you can join in. And thanks to Judy Thomas and Karen Kallio, for serving as Hospitality Chairs at all our regular meetings.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t commend Karla Atkinson’s work on revamping the Bylaws (required by AAUW) and her never-ending dedication to the Public Policy/ Voter Action committee. Fresh ideas and more help are needed (now more than ever) so please think about contributing there. We are all better informed thanks to Liz Bates’ and Dianne Krause’s work on the Newsletter and Website. The accomplishments of Betty Schenfield, Pat Clow, and Roberta Carver on Scholarship, IWIL, and Start Smart are of critical importance to our young women students. (continued on page 3)

**COMING EVENTS**

- April 5**     **Book Group**  
2:00 PM     College Walk
- April 10**   **Board Meeting**  
1:00 PM     St. Philip’s Episcopal Church
- April 11**   **Branch Meeting**  
7:00 PM     Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- April 25**   **Bridge Group**  
1:00 PM     Linda Thompson’s home
- May 2**       **Checks Due for Annual Spring Luncheon**
- May 3**       **Book Group**  
2:00 PM     College Walk

**BRANCH MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 11 - Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - 7:00 PM**

***Living Wage Coalition of Transylvania County***

Vicki Meath, Executive Director – Just Economics of Western North Carolina

Kristine Tuggle, Finance and Operations Manager – Sharing House

Hostesses: Nona Walker and Gypsy Richardson

## APRIL BRANCH MEETING PROGRAM

What is it like to live on a low income? What is the living wage rate for Transylvania County? How would the provision of a living wage impact our community? These are some of the questions our two speakers will address at the April meeting.



Our first speaker, Vicki Meath, Executive Director of Just Economics of Western North Carolina, previously served as a community organizer in Ohio where she worked on environmental, social and economic justice issues. Since 2010 she and her Asheville staff have promoted living wages and a just economy in this part of our state through public policy advocacy, a living wage employer certification program, and grassroots leadership development.

**Vicki Meath**

Our second speaker, Kristine Tuggle, is the Finance and Operations Manager of Brevard's Sharing House. Kristine graduated summa cum laude from Western Carolina University with a BA degree and for the last several years, has been a member with the Living Wage Coalition of Transylvania County.



Come join us at our April meeting to welcome these two speakers and to learn more about their work in improving life in our community.

-- Carole Pohl, Program VP

**Kristine Tuggle**

## NEW MEMBER



**Jill Beach** is a native of Barberton, Ohio. She was graduated from Kent State University with a B. S. degree in Education in 1969. She moved to Atlanta in 1970 to begin her teaching career at D. T. Howard High. Jill left Atlanta in 1976 to move to New Orleans where she attended Tulane University and the University of New Orleans pursuing an additional Bachelor's degree in Geology. She moved back to Atlanta in 1979 and subsequently received her M. Ed. degree in General Science Education in 1990 from Georgia State University. Jill taught Earth and Physical Science at Sutton Middle School before transferring to Rockdale Magnet School for Science & Technology to teach Research and serve as Research Coordinator until retirement in 2012. She returned to education in 2013, working part time as Research Coordinator at Memorial Middle School for two years. In 1992 and then again in 2000 she was listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. In November 2003 she traveled to Antarctica as part of a scientific team studying atmospheric gases and also did research on cold water fish. She moved to Brevard in 2015 and is a volunteer for the Haven, SAFE, and PARI.



## ON THE HORIZON

In addition to legislation intended to “fix” the Affordable Care Act, the following bills have been introduced in Congress.

1. HR 861 Terminate the Environmental Protection Agency
2. HR 610 Vouchers for Public Education
3. HR 899 Terminate the Department of Education
4. HJR 69 Repeal Rule Protecting Wildlife
5. HR 354 Defund Planned Parenthood
6. HR 785 National Right to Work (this one ends unions)
7. HR 83 Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Bill
8. HR 147 Criminalizing Abortion (“Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act”)

Speak up for our rights, health & safety, and the preservation of our beautiful country! Call your senators and representatives to let them know how you feel about each of these bills. If your senators and reps aren't saved in your phone yet, text your zip code to 520-200-2223. You'll get a text back with everyone's contact info in an accurate return text almost immediately. It gives you both Federal and State information.

--Karla Atkinson, Public Policy

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I must thank our officers, especially Past President Linda Thompson who is so much more. Wherever she's needed, that's where you'll find Linda. Working on Bylaws, Jeopardy, Chamber of Commerce, the Nominating Committee, and the Women's History Display – how *does* she find the time? Most of all, Linda was always there for me, acting as a sounding board and making sure I was headed in the right direction. Linda's help and support have made all the difference for me this year.

Thanks also to Paula Bennett Paddick and Jackie Jenkins, President-Elect and Secretary respectively, for their worthy contributions. Our Membership and Program Vice-Presidents (Kathy Piersol, Leslie Chepenik, Kathleen Milligan, and Carole Pohl) have been extremely successful in growing our branch and providing vital, interesting programs.

Finally, there's the multi-talented Ruth Falck. Upon Betty's retirement, Ruth agreed to become our Treasurer and has done a wonderful job. In addition, and I'll probably miss something, she serves on the following committees - Book Sale, Newsletter, Photography, and Directory, and she recently agreed to be our new Website Manager. Ruth sends out all the email announcements and manages Drop Box (where we now archive our records). And as if that's not enough, Ruth has volunteered to become Special Events Chair along with Judith Johnson now that Ann and Carolyn are retiring. I can't thank Ruth enough for all her work this past year and her willingness to step up and lead wherever she's needed.

Well this sounds like an Oscar speech, and as they always say at the Oscars, I know I've left some people out. But I hear the orchestra playing, so to all those I've failed to mention that have also helped make this past year a success, please forgive my omissions and know that you truly are appreciated. Thank you all.

-- Aleta Tisdale, President

# *New and Prospective Member Reception*

*Please join us to learn more about AAUW*

**Thursday, April 13**

**4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**148 West Probart Street**

All new & recent members, as well as those interested in learning more, are invited. Reduced dues for any who join during this event!

**Call Leslie Chepenik at 877-5721  
to reserve your place.**



## **BOOK SALE**

First and foremost, please be sure you mark the sale dates on your calendars. They are also in our directories, but it was suggested that I post them again, so here they are:



**Wednesday, June 14** - Paper and tarp on the floors, tables moved in.

**Thursday, June 15** - Move-in day. Set up and unpack your categories.

**Friday - June 16** - Finish unpacking and arranging books. Get ready!

**Saturday - June 17** - Sale Opens 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Sunday - June 18** - Sale Opens Noon - 7 p.m.

**Monday - June 19** - Sale Opens 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Tuesday - June 20** - 25% Discount Day - Sale Opens 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday - June 21** - Half Price Day - Sale Opens 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Thursday - June 22** - \$5/Box Day - Sale Opens 10-a.m. - 5 p.m.;  
non-profits 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Friday - June 23** - Move Out/Clean up.

Secondly, are you all saving and cutting half boxes? Even if you cut as many as 12 that will make 4 cubes and it will help. We will not be cutting these at the sale and they will definitely be needed.

I know many of us are getting donation pickup requests. I know this because a lot of books have been showing up at the storage facility. Large donation requests can go to Raoul Gagne or to me.

We are fortunate to have had some volunteers step up including some student volunteers. If someone mentions wanting to help, please have them contact me. We can then discuss the best place for them at the next meeting. We need volunteers of all shapes and sizes as usual, but especially we need people who are able to lift boxes. Many of us either cannot or should not be lifting. If you are inclined, we also need people to price books. This does not require strong backs and, with a lot of us helping, does not require that much time.

-- Pat Hawkins, 2017 Book Sale Chair

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**



**ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON  
"Women Who Make a Difference"**

**When:** TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017  
**Where:** Connestee Falls Overlook Clubhouse  
**Time:** 12:00 – Sparkling punch or cash wine bar  
12:30 – Lunch served  
**Cost:** \$18 inclusive

We are happy to announce that our spring luncheon will be held at the Connestee Falls Clubhouse. Since the complete change in management and staff, the improvement of the entire dining experience has far exceeded expectations! The menu\* will include:

Tomato & Mozzarella with Balsamic Drizzle  
Atlantic Salmon with a Champagne & Dill Sauce  
Saffron Rice Pilaf with Zucchini Provençale  
Fresh Fruit Salad with Lemon Sorbet  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee (Reg. & Decaf.) Hot Tea

\*Vegetarian option available upon request

**\*\*\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS - MAY 2, 2017\*\*\*\*\***

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AAUW BREVARD BRANCH**

Mail to:  
Ann Grant  
**(DO NOT MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ANN)**  
12 Galuyasdi Court  
Brevard, NC 28712-9205

### **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is an arm of National AAUW whose purpose is to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. LAF supports legal cases throughout the nation, fighting unfair pay, sexual harassment, and Title IX violations. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. To learn more about what LAF does and the legal cases AAUW supports, go to:

[www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/)

and you will get to the LAF home page. You'll be proud of what our organization is doing to fight discrimination and sexual harassment.

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

Thank you to Carole Pohl for serving as our Bridge hostess in March and congratulation to Audrey Lavery who had the highest score this month. The AAUW Bridge group will next meet on April 25th at 1:00 p.m. at Linda Thompson's house, 1245 Kentwood Lane, Pisgah Forest. Please contact Linda at 877-2085 or [linda\\_thompson@comporium.net](mailto:linda_thompson@comporium.net) if you have questions or need additional information.

### **BOOK GROUP**

The AAUW book group will discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi on Wed. April 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room at College Walk. *Mary Coin* by Marissa Silver will be discussed on Wed. May 3, 2017. For more information contact Carol Carrano.

## **AAUW BREVARD SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Donations made since March newsletter*

### **Blue Ridge Community College Endowment**

Steven J. Aguilar

In Honor of

Norma Aguilar's Birthday

Carol & John Carrano

In Memory of

Carroll Titemore

### **Brevard College Endowment**

Karla Atkinson

In Memory of

Beth Gash

Carol Carrano

In Memory of

Beth Gash

Grace Roy

In Honor of

Norma Aguilar