

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A couple weeks ago Ed and I decided to visit Savannah for a change of scenery. First of all, I have to say it's one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. All the green squares and the varied architectural styles in the different neighborhoods are really impressive. Coincidentally, we were there on Martin Luther King Day and so we witnessed a great parade. There are many celebrations of MLK Day throughout our country, but I doubt there are

any as joyful as Savannah's. This parade lasted well over 2 hours and featured numerous floats and marching bands. And as every participant marched by, they joyfully exclaimed to the crowd, "Happy MLK Day!" or "Happy King Day!" I've never seen so many smiles and so many happy people. Martin Luther King Day is a relatively new holiday in our country and I've always felt saddened by it, having lived through the terrible tragedy on April 4, 1968. Seeing the smiles and feeling the joy of that Savannah parade really changed my perception of this holiday going forward. I realized that for the parade participants MLK Day is a chance to remember how far we've come and to celebrate a great American hero.

Speaking of parades, the Women's March on January 21st turned out to be one of the largest global protests ever, with worldwide participation estimated to be 2 to 3 million. Actual numbers far exceeded anticipated participation all over the world. Washington, D.C. had 500,000 as did LA. Even Asheville – Asheville! – had 6-7,000 participants according to police estimates with observers there claiming 10,000. Everywhere, women, men and children marched to support many AAUW causes including women's rights, gender equality, LGBT

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## COMING EVENTS

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| <b>Feb 1</b><br>2:00 p.m.   | <b>Book Club</b><br>College Walk                              |
| <b>Feb 13</b><br>1:00 p.m.  | <b>Board Meeting</b><br>St. Philip's Episcopal Church         |
| <b>Feb 14</b><br>12:00 noon | <b>Branch Meeting</b><br>Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd |
| <b>Feb 28</b><br>1:00 p.m.  | <b>Bridge Club</b><br>Molly Jenkins' home                     |
| <b>Feb 28</b>               | <b>Nomination Deadline</b><br><b>WWMAD Award</b>              |
| <b>Mar 1</b><br>2:00 p.m.   | <b>Book Club</b><br>College Walk                              |



## BRANCH MEETING

**Tuesday, February 14**  
**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**11:30 Bring a bag lunch**  
**12:00 noon Program**

Women's Heart Health

Rachel Keever, MD, Asheville Cardiology Associates

Hostesses: Maury Bandurraga, Linda Torres & Ellen O'Brien

## FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING PROGRAM



Dr. Rachel Keever of Asheville Cardiology Associates serves patients at all of the hospitals associated with the Mission System, including our own Transylvania Regional Hospital. At our next meeting she will address the differences in heart health between men and women and how symptoms often present quite differently. In addition, Dr. Keever will focus much of her attention to the new technological advances in cardiology treatment, her passion.

"I chose to practice medicine in the field of cardiology because I am drawn to the science and complexity of cases," she has said. "I enjoy the diagnostic challenges of imaging and testing in cardiology and using the information to help patients improve their cardiac health."

Dr. Keever epitomizes the ideal STEM-enthused young woman we, as AAUW members, endeavor to encourage. She received her BS in biochemistry *summa cum laude* and then her medical degree with honors from UNC Medical School at Chapel Hill. Of the numerous awards and honors bestowed on her, one highlight is the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award from the American Medical Women's Association, given to the female graduating with the highest academic standing.

She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiovascular Computed Tomography. Before joining Asheville Cardiology, she worked at the Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute. She was also Associate Professor and Co-Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Studies Program at Gardner-Webb University.

"I express to my patients that I work for them. It is the core of my job to give them clear information about their disease and help them make the best choice possible for long-term cardiac health." And her dedication doesn't stop at the office door. She also works in child advocacy cases as a Guardian Ad Litem in western North Carolina.

*Carole Pohl, Program VP*

## HALF BOXES NEEDED FOR BOOK SALE



We need to cut all the boxes needed to display books before the set-up dates of June 15 and 16. I urge category workers to do this, but anyone in the organization can do it.

Get Laura Lynn milk boxes from the entrance to Ingles and cut them so they are 5 inches high. You can then nest 4 of them into a cube. If everyone who possibly could would cut 12 or 16, we would have plenty. There is room to store some on top of the alcove at the book shed. Toss them on top, and they will be stacked later. Or put them in a corner of your garage. Let me know how many you have cut, and I can announce when I think we have enough.

If you do not know what this is all about but feel you could cut some, I will be happy to show you how to do it. You can use a table saw, jigsaw or a box cutter. We WILL NOT cut boxes at the sale. There will be box cutters there so you can cut them if needed, but we cannot cut up all our full boxes and not have enough to pack the leftover books for moving out. I realize not everyone can do this but urge those who can to do some.

*Carol Carrano*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The May Luncheon will be held at Connestee Falls Overlook Clubhouse on May 9, 2017. Look for further details in the March Newsletter.



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rights and equal pay, among other issues. And the best part – all the marches were peaceful.

And now for something somewhat different: Have you ever heard of AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund, called LAF for short? LAF is an arm of National AAUW and its 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. If you wish to learn more about what LAF does or the legal cases AAUW supports, just 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. I promise you, you'll be proud of what our organization is doing to fight discrimination and sexual harassment.

*Aleta Tisdale*

### Bridge Club

Thank you to Pat Clow, our hostess in January, and congratulations to Betty Schenfield who had the highest score.

AAUW bridge group will meet on Feb. 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Molly Jenkins's house, 148 W. Probart Street, Brevard. Call Linda Thompson for more information.

### Book Group

AAUW book group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 1, to discuss *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro. On Mar. 1, we will discuss *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante. For further information, call Carol Carrano.

## JEOPARDY

For all you Jeopardy fans, game time is fast approaching! For our new members, AAUW presents a Jeopardy game for fifth-graders to highlight Women's History Month. All 5th grade teachers in the county have been contacted, and we hope that many of them will participate in this program.



It is a lot of fun, and we hope that you will sign up to help. Three volunteers are needed for each group: a score keeper, a moderator and someone to handle the computer. We are in the classroom for approximately 75 minutes, so it is not a large commitment of your time. A training session will be scheduled, most likely in a Brevard Elementary classroom, before the actual games begin for everyone who has not participated before, and for those who would like a refresher course.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting which will have the dates and times of the scheduled games. Please bring your personal calendar and sign up for this fun, rewarding experience!

*Treese Lawlis, Jeopardy Chair*

## AAUW BREVARD SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

*Donations made since the December newsletter*

### Blue Ridge Community College Endowment

<b>Donors:</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>	<b>Donors:</b>	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Betty Schenfield	Mary Beatrice Knopp, her mother	Books for Good Francis A. Aguilar	Norma & James Aguilar at Christmas
Carol & John Carrano	Joy Richardson		

### Brevard College Endowment

<b>Donors:</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>	<b>Donors:</b>	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Karla Atkinson Jill Roberts	Joy Richardson Carroll Hughes	AAUW Bridge Group	Friendship

## NEW MEMBERS



**Erica Erickson** graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with Bachelors of Applied Science and of Arts degrees, majoring in Psychology, Political Science and Spanish. She worked in non-profits for people with mental disabilities before getting her law degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, MN. She is now an attorney at Strauss Attorneys, specializing in estate planning and elder law. Erica works in Brevard, Hendersonville and the surrounding areas. She is an avid animal lover, dedicated to helping a variety of animal welfare-related causes. She is President and founder of Transylvania Animal Welfare Coalition. Erica and her husband, Ben Erickson, live on a 30-acre farm in Pisgah Forest with a house full of rescue kittens and dogs.

**Cathy Haker** graduated from the Kantonal Kunstgewerbe Schule, Zurich, Switzerland and had a 3-year apprenticeship (in the German language) as a Couturiere – Women’s fashion design and construction. She practiced her profession in Switzerland for 10 years, where she was the co-owner and operator of a boutique in the historic district of Zurich. The shop created and sold one-of-a-kind designs and stylish Italian fashions. Cathy met and married her American/Swiss husband and returned to the US in 1994. In Brevard, she had a business as a custom clothier and alterations specialist. She retired in 2013 after 18 years of successful practice. Cathy is a passionate motorcyclist. She likes to hike, practice yoga, read and dabble in quilting and hand crafts.



**Sue Hyde** joins us as a transfer from the Polk County, Texas, branch where she served as president for 4 years. She grew up in Michigan and has lived in several states in the Midwest and Texas. Sue graduated from Alma College in Michigan as a Mathematics major and from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa. She taught math in Michigan public schools for 20 years and served as pastor or co-pastor of several small churches with her husband and independently. She also served as President of the Polk County Emergency Health Board. Sue was widowed in 2001 when her husband of 46 years, a Presbyterian Minister, passed away. Sue has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 5 (about to be 7) great-grandchildren and moved to Brevard in 2016. When she’s not traveling, Sue enjoys concerts, theater, reading and walking her dog.

**Margaret (Peggy) McGoldrick** got her degree in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. She attended Women Officers Training Class in the US Marine Corps and served two years active duty during the Korean War. Peggy is married with 6 children. She lived in Chatham, NJ, and Darien, CT, before retiring to Brevard in 1986. Over the years, she has been active in the League of Women Voters, a volunteer probation officer, helped manage a drug rehab program and was part-owner of an art gallery. At age 90, she continues to stay active playing tennis, painting, mentoring a succession of local teenagers and maintaining a garden. She rode horseback weekly until her horse died in 2016.

Peggy and her husband, Jack, try to spend a month a year in Puerto Rico.



**Jackie Shulman** received a BS in accounting from Ithaca College. She entered college as an adult, when her children were in elementary school. She worked as a CPA for two years before joining the New York State Electric & Gas Corporation where she began as a tax accountant and retired as Manager of the Pricing and Economic Department. Before moving to Brevard 3 years ago, she lived in Ithaca, NY, and Port St. Lucie, FL. Jackie and her husband have two adult sons. She enjoys sewing, quilting and golf.

### IWIL PROGRAM STUDENT SURVEY

A summary of the Brevard College IWIL students’ responses to a survey on the October AAUW program they attended is available on our website at <http://brevard-nc.aauw.net/files/2012/05/October-Meeting-IWIL-Survey-Results.pdf>

Questions included: “What did you like about the joint meeting? If this or a similar activity were repeated in the future, would you be interested in participating? What suggestion do you have for enhancing or improving a future joint AAUW-IWIL meeting?”

## RADICAL RESULTS FROM RALEIGH



A number of organizations and stakeholders anticipate litigation arising from a surprise General Assembly special session held in December. The redesign of the state education system, in which the legislature transferred power from the state school board to the state superintendent, is already being challenged in court, as is Governor Cooper's effort to expand

Medicaid in North Carolina.

Other major shifts in the design of government "business" included legislators' intent to:

- Make gubernatorial Cabinet appointments subject to Senate approval;
- Reduce the number of gubernatorial appointments to UNC boards of trustees and the state Board of Education;
- Divide election boards evenly between the two major political parties, ending majority by the governor's party. Parties would alternate the chair of the state board, with Republicans holding the chair in even (election) years. County elections boards with three current members would grow to four-members with an equal partisan split;
- Cut the number of employees who serve at the governor's pleasure from 1,500 to 300;
- Remove the right to make a constitutional challenge in a direct appeal to the state Supreme Court from Superior Court. Cases would have to be first heard by all 15 members of the Court of Appeals before the state's highest court could review the challenge —rather than by a Court of Appeals panel;
- Merge the State Board of Elections with the State Ethics Commission into an independent, quasi-judicial, regulatory agency with the authority to issue subpoenas and compel witnesses to testify. The commission would be run by an executive director and overseen by an eight-member board, evenly divided along party lines;
- Require that political party affiliation be listed on the ballot for Supreme Court candidates.

A bright note from a federal Court of Appeals in July 2016 was its decision to strike down North Carolina's voter suppression law. However, that decision is also being appealed to the Supreme Court, in effect almost extinguishing the possibility of a March 2017 election.

*Karla Atkinson, Public Policy Committee*

## WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Have you noticed a woman making a special contribution to our community? We are accepting applications for the AAUW Brevard Branch Women Who Make a Difference Award. Nominations should focus on areas that specifically relate to the mission of AAUW: "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Brevard Branch has presented this award to recognize the contributions of women to our community every spring since 1996.

Please consider nominating a woman for the following types of activities:

- Promoting the education of young women in science, technology and mathematics (STEM);
- Empowering girls or women (example: IWIL);
- Advocating for causes that improve the lives of women or girls;
- Developing a system to sponsor educational or other programs whose mission is to enhance some aspect of women's/girl's lives;
- Organizing a network/mechanism to promote or sponsor legislation on issues of importance to women;
- Working toward equity in positions and pay for women.

While only one award will be given each year, ideally over time, several areas that support the mission will be highlighted. The application with instructions is on our web site at <http://brevard-nc.aauw.net/>. Click on Projects and then on the link to view or print the application.

February 28 is the deadline for applications. The award will be presented at the May luncheon. Please contact me with any questions about the process.

*Amye McCallie, WWMAD Committee*

