

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I first moved to Transylvania County I saw a sign with the message, "I wasn't born here, but I got here as fast as I could." It made me smile then and it still does. How many of us have moved here from some other state and made the mountains our home? Probably most of us. And from what I see, we don't just live here, we move here and hit the ground running!

As I think about what we do, I am so grateful to our branch. Brevard members help the county's children and their families. Being from somewhere else does not stop us from giving so much of ourselves to our adopted community. That is why I am so proud of our organization and our membership. I have seen members, some brand new to the community, jump right in and volunteer to work as officers and committee chairs. Others organize the Jeopardy games and Women's History Month displays. Some plan our wonderful luncheons. Don't forget those hardworking Public Policy/Facebook folks, as well as those who give time at the drop of a hat to send out email blasts and work on the newsletter to keep us all up to date on what's happening with our branch and membership. The work our IWIL committee does with the Brevard College students is truly making a difference in the lives of young women, I believe. And then, of course, there is the big momma of all our efforts – the Annual Book Sale – which makes the scholarships possible. I think we can all give ourselves a pat on the back for that one! We do many more things than I mentioned above and I appreciate them all, and I thank you all.

My point is, most of us are not FROM here but we ARE here now, and we really make a wonderful, positive difference to our community. As the season of giving approaches we can all reflect on that and feel very good about what we do.

I wish you all happy holidays and a happy, healthy new year.

COMING EVENTS

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| Dec 6
1:00 p.m. | Bridge Club
Sandy Tooman's home |
| Dec 7
2:00 p.m. | Book Club
College Walk |
| Dec 12
1:00 p.m. | Board Meeting
St. Philip's Episcopal Church |
| Dec 13
12:00 noon | Holiday Luncheon
Porter Center, Brevard College |
| Jan 4
2:00 p.m. | Book Club
College Walk |



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 13
Porter Center Lobby, Brevard College

See page 3 for details, including ticket information.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON PROGRAM



Katie Smathers, a Brevard College senior who placed first in auditions sponsored by the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, will sing for us at our December Holiday Luncheon at noon on December 13 at the Porter Center. Many of us will remember Katie as a 2012-2013 AAUW scholarship recipient. Kathy Palmer will accompany her on the piano.

Our own accomplished pianist Annette Blum will be playing holiday music prior to and after Katie's performance. This will be a fabulously festive occasion for all.

This year you may make holiday donations to three different organizations. See more information below on these local organizations.

Be sure to get your luncheon ticket in time. See page 3 for more details.

Kathleen Milligan, Program Vice-President

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CONTRIBUTIONS

The AAUW Branch Board has designated three recipients for contributions collected at the Holiday Lunch. I think you will agree that they are all worthy of our gifts. If you like, you may make a general unspecified donation to be divided equally among the three, or you may designate one or two of the charities to which your gift will be given. Envelopes will be available at the luncheon.

Donate Your Instrument

In November 2015, the Brevard Philharmonic launched the Donate Your Instrument (DYI) drive for the county schools. One year later we are thrilled to report that 36 instruments have been placed in the hands of our young musicians! Most of the instruments needed repairs, which is more expensive than we knew. Fortunately, generous donors have contributed financially, and we were able to cover the repair costs as well. Please bring any band or orchestra instruments you wish to donate to the December luncheon. If you wish to donate cash for repairs, that is also needed. Checks should be made out to **'Brevard Philharmonic'** with **DYI** in the memo line.

Sharing House

Women's education is a lifelong endeavor – one that is especially important for women who were short-changed early on. Anyone who has volunteered at Sharing House can tell you how many of the skills and basic possessions we take for granted are missing from the lives of some of our neediest neighbors. Several times a year Sharing House offers cooking classes for people who lack basic cooking skills and equipment. This January they will offer a one-skillet cooking class. In addition to instruction, participants will receive a skillet, a spatula and a cookbook. These classes are always popular and fill up as soon as registration opens. Checks should be made out to **'Sharing House'** with **Cooking Class** on the memo line.

TC Arts

Contributions to Transylvania Community Arts Council (TC Arts) go directly to pay for art supplies for their very valuable Arts-in-Schools program. Your donation helps TC Arts to create personal and memorable art experiences for the students. This year, TC Arts celebrates 31 years of Arts-in-Schools with an annual schedule of performances, study guides, artist residencies, Take Art to Heart visual arts program and the Transylvania County Student Art Show. TC Arts makes more than 13,000 contacts among 4,000+ public school students annually through Arts-in-Schools. Checks should be made out to **'TC Arts'** with **Arts-in-Schools** in the memo line.

Aleta Tisdale, President

Bridge Club

Congratulations to Betty Schenfield who had the top score at the Oct. 25 AAUW bridge session. Way to go, Betty! The next AAUW bridge session will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tue., Dec. 6 at Sandy Tooman's home. Call Linda Thompson for more information.

Book Group

AAUW book group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 7, at College Walk to discuss *The Warden* by Anthony Trollope. On Wed., Jan. 4, we will discuss *Tinkers* by Paul Harding. For further information call Carol Carrano.

'TIS THE SEASON... TO REMEMBER AND GIVE

The holidays are here! What a perfect time to remember family members and friends by contributing to the Blue Ridge Community College or the Brevard College endowment.

By giving a gift to these endowments, you are playing an active role in providing scholarships every year to Transylvania County women. It's also a most thoughtful way to honor a friend, honor a special occasion of a friend, colleague or family member, or make a memorial contribution.

The process is easy. Go to our website - brevard-nc.aauw.net and click on "Projects". Each endowment has its own link. Make a selection and follow the instructions. Paper copies of each endowment's form will be available at the holiday luncheon if you prefer that method. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please see me or a member of the Scholarship Committee representing Brevard College (Geri Hambley and Judith Johnson) or BRCC (Sandy Tooman and Edna Rogger).

Betty Schenfield, Scholarship Chair



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

12 Noon, Tuesday, December 13
Porter Center Foyer – Brevard College
Hot mulled cider at noon
Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

MENU

Spinach Salad with Apples
& Apple Cider Vinaigrette
Champagne Chicken Garnished with
Mandarin Orange & Grapes
Sautéed Vegetables, Wild Rice
Assorted Rolls – Whipped Butter
Assorted Cheese Cakes: Tuxedo, Chocolate
Chip, Raspberry Swirl & New York
Coffee / Tea

Please submit a check for \$20.00 payable to
AAUW Brevard Branch
to Ann Grant,
12 Galuyasdi Court, Brevard 28712,
by Tuesday, December 6.

AAUW BREVARD SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations made since the November newsletter

Blue Ridge Community College Endowment

Donors: Carol & John Carrano
In Memory of: Carroll Hughes

Brevard College Endowment

Donors:	In Memory of:	Donors:	In Honor of:
Annette Blum	Carroll Hughes	Grace Roy	Jack Powers' Birthday
Judy A. Thomas	Pauline Alt & Mary T. Gilcrest		

Ann Chipley Endowment (NC AAUW)

Donor: Aleta Tisdale
In Memory of: Carroll Hughes

NEW MEMBERS

Ann Arnold is originally from PA and graduated in 1981 from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Her first teaching assignment was in Korea, working for Westinghouse, where she met her husband, Bill. Ann and her husband continued to teach overseas, joining DoDDS, the school system for military children. They spent almost 30 years in Germany, teaching, raising their two children and experiencing the European culture. Ann and Bill have been in Brevard a little over a year. They enjoy hiking and visiting all the waterfalls.



Laura Cunningham received her B.A. in English from Denison University and her M.A. in English from Ohio State University. She spent her junior year at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, and summer at Oxford while working on her masters. Laura had a career in marketing at advertising agencies, the *Palm Beach Post* newspaper and retired as Marketing Director of a division of Cox Enterprises in Atlanta. She has a history of volunteer service in both her community and church. Laura is married to Tom, and they have one son, Andrew, age 23. Laura and Tom moved to Brevard this fall with their golden retriever. She enjoys reading, taking classes in art history, religion and literature, and travel.

Sara Constance Donaldson earned a B.A. in English from the University of South Florida, an M.S. in Library Science from Florida State University and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of North Florida. She was a librarian in several Florida public library systems and a counselor and therapist in a variety of venues. Connie developed the Wild Woman Weekend retreats – doesn't that sound like a perfect fit for our group! She is a published author, illustrator and editor, and an artist and art teacher. She loves art, painting, helping others develop their creativity and helping others self-publish. A southwest Virginia native, Connie and her husband, Wharton, moved to Brevard in January of 2016 after 30 plus years in Florida. They have one daughter and two granddaughters who live in Florida. Connie and Wharton spend the summer months in their cottage in Downeast Maine, but find Brevard calling to them while they are away.



Millie McKenzie Hyman took an associate's degree in Physical Therapy. She later attended Western Carolina University where she received a B.S. in Nursing and an M.S. in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner. She is a retired Family Nurse Practitioner. Millie has been married to D. Wayne Hyman for 34 years. They have two adult sons. Millie grew up in Mooresville, NC, and has lived in WNC since 1971. She moved to Brevard in 1982. She enjoys hiking, camping, foraging for food and identifying wildflowers. Retirement has allowed Millie to adopt Libby, a small female Chihuahua-Papillion mix.

Dayna Pollett was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. She graduated from Methodist College, Fayetteville, NC, with a B.A. in Elementary Education and from George Mason University with a M.Ed. in Learning and Emotional Differences. Dayna and her husband Carroll Franklin Pollett raised two sons, Derek and Brian. Dayna lived in nine different states, due to various military assignments during her husband's 39-year career. Nine of those years were spent at Fort Bragg, NC, during which their family took vacations to western part of the state. They spent seven years stationed in Germany between 1982 and 2005. For their 25th move, she and her husband arrived in Brevard in 2011. Dayna taught school in West Germany, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia, from kindergarten to high school. Dayna enjoys reading, gardening, hiking, genealogy, quilting and traveling.



Kathy Piersol, Membership Vice-President

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD 2017

Have you noticed a woman who is or has been 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 women for outstanding work in any of the areas specified in the mission of the organization. The following are types of activities that might prompt a nomination:

- 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 for submission is available on the AAUW Brevard web site at <http://brevard-nc.aauw.net/>. Click on Projects and then on the link to view and/or print the application.

February 28, is the deadline for applications for the 2017 award which will be presented at the spring luncheon in May. Please contact me with any questions about the process.

Amye McCallie, WWMAD Committee

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

YELLOW BOX COMMITTEE

The Yellow Box Committee is looking for someone to join for the 2017 book sale season to learn the procedures and eventually move into the leadership role. The responsibilities for this position are to prepare the yellow book collection boxes for distribution to merchants, solicit members to be box monitors and match them with collection sites, organize the boxes for distribution to box monitors and collect the boxes from the monitors in June. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Kathy Piersol or Judy Thomas.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

We have an opening for the AAUW Branch Parliamentary Officer. Please consider the role description below, and let me know if you are interested in this position.

A Parliamentarian is an expert in rules of order and the proper procedures for the conduct of meetings of deliberative assemblies. Parliamentarians assist organizations in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and rules of order, and the planning and conduct of meetings.

Aleta Tisdale, President

LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

The current members will be retiring from this committee in 2017. They are looking for someone to join them now to continue into 2018 and beyond. The responsibilities for this position are to locate a venue for the May and December luncheons, meet with the manager or arrange a caterer to determine a menu, negotiate the contract, submit that information to the Board for approval and then to collect tickets fees from the membership. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Judith Johnson.