

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the world of AAUW after (or not) COVID-19! It is the beginning of AAUW's 140th year. We will have a new national CEO as Kim Church moves onto to become the first woman CEO of the Washington Center. Changes are happening at all levels!

It's been a year of learning experiences as we navigated the world of Zoom, of sheltering and masking. Cindy Donaldson

deserves another round of recognition and appreciation as she guided us through the new paradigm of the COVID world. Thanks to Cindi Spillman we managed to provide training for and to meet every month via ZOOM with relevant

and interesting speakers provided by our Program chairs, Monalin Solan and Cindi Spillman . Six new members joined us and we learned more effective ways to sell books online. We even managed to end the year in the black under the financial leadership of Laura Ledford. A new budget for 2021-22 has been developed and we vote on it at the September meeting.

It has been a rapid learning process for me as I shadowed Cindy in her role – and then stepped into a Book Sale within the first 30 days ~ An interesting way to start!

What I did see was a well-oiled machine that runs on the energy and integrity of many different people who stepped up and followed through throughout the entire year as we moved to support the mission of the

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COMING EVENTS

September 13 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting St. Timothy Methodist Church
September 14 6:00 p.m.	Branch Meeting St. Timothy Methodist Church
September 24 1:00 p.m.	Bridge Group Jackie Shulman's home
October 6 2:00 p.m.	Book Group College Walk Library



BRANCH MEETING

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14
St. Timothy's United Methodist Church

SOCIAL & BROWN-BAG MEAL (Bring Your Own)

**FOLLOWED BY A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING &
ENTERTAINMENT!**

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Brevard AAUW: to advance gender equity through research, education and advocacy by providing scholarships for local girls and women.

The July Book Sale was a resounding success – it enabled us to make our '21 scholarship payments to both Brevard College and to Blue Ridge Community College. Many thanks to all who participated in the set-up, daily operations of sales and cashiering and the take down. From the organization of the Book Nook, the many category chairs and myriad workers who plowed through the drudgery of sorting and pricing a record number of books, the laying of the floor covers, loading and moving of boxes, the shepherding of the boxes in and out of the gym all activities required dedication and hard work throughout the year not only during the sale. Despite the change in timing of the event and having a day less to sell, this was THE most successful event yet thanks to the support of members, friends, and families. There are also 14 new members who joined in July during the sale.

As you may have noticed, the success of our benchmark event is possible only because of the efforts of individuals working to fulfill AAUW's local, state and national mission to provide help and encouragement for the education of young women and to work towards gender equity. Please consider stepping up to participate in any capacity whether you are brand new to the Branch or a long-term member. Some roles are more involved and time consuming, but many are short term and require focus on one project. A variety of skills are required from greeting people, social planning to technical IT and everything in-between and the best part is working with other members and learning the community.

There are many ways to support the goals of our Branch outside of the actual Book Sale, for example: Helping match students to scholarships, working with college students in the IWIL program, the annual Jeopardy elementary program. There are administrative slots and social planning and hospitality. Editing the Directory, editing the monthly newsletter, and sending cards to members as a way of staying in touch are all activities that support the backbone of the organization. We are fortunate to have these positions filled with women who are dedicated to the organization. AAUW is exemplified by women working together toward a common goal and achieving together what is difficult to achieve individually.

One of the wonderful perks of being around so many smart and capable women is finding like minds and interests. There are social opportunities to take advantage of – Tripping Around (local day trips), Book Club, Bridge and more to come. Participation benefits the club and yourself. It is the best way to grow together as we move to complete another Book Sale in June and to expand our horizons!

AAUW Brevard is much more than a Book Sale and as successful as it is in raising money, our mission to work for gender equity for women and girls remains primary. A challenge we face is to build stronger relationships within the community and to have others recognize what it takes to be a "Book Sale Lady". As we create partnerships with other organizations, it is apparent we have a lot to offer. Working with other local and civic groups as AAUW representatives, including the school system and the colleges, is important in advancing our name recognition as a vital part of the professional world in Brevard.

At the start of this new year, there continues to be uncertainty in terms of the continuing pandemic. As of this writing we are planning to move forward but with caution. It will be wonderful to see familiar faces and meet new ones as we gather for the opening meeting at St. Timothy's. Consideration of the continuing shadow of COVID will be in place as we carefully monitor the given recommendations. With that in mind, the Board decided it would be best to forego the traditional potluck and celebrate with a Brown-bag meal

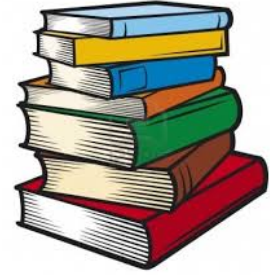
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

During the pandemic last winter AAUW Brevard Branch initiated a puzzle exchange at the nook. This year it is back by popular demand! Puzzles will be on the white book shelf to borrow/exchange so take a puzzle and bring it back when done and take another and repeat all fall/winter as often as you wish.

BOOK SALE UPDATE

The 2021 Book Sale is over, doors are locked, all the books have found new homes and most of us have put our “book sale dreams” to bed. This year’s sale, held at the end of July rather than in mid-June, and a full day shorter in length, was a huge success in so many ways. Our book, puzzle, CD, DVD and LP donations were huge this year, and they all sold extremely well. Attendance at the sale was brisk and steady, and our earnings were extraordinary. Our sale earnings were over \$31,000, Thrift Book sales were over \$1,800, and eBay/Choice Book sales were over \$2,100. Many, many thanks to all who helped or contributed to the book sale effort in any way, before, during or after the sale, with online sales, publicity, membership and the many bits and pieces of the sale process.



At the meeting on August 16th, the Board approved a new committee to study the feasibility of consolidating all Book Sale activities: accepting new books, sorting, and classifying books, storage, online sales, and presenting as a solid presence in the community. The committee, headed by Carrie Clary and Cindi Spillman, will look at the economic impact, the ability to better process and sell online, especially Choice books, the increased credibility of AAUW as a member of the community, and whether it may be easier to better align with the goals of National and State AAUW basing from a “store-front.” Anyone interested in serving on the committee or with input should contact Carrie Clary or Cindi Spillman. They will report their findings no later than the October meeting.

As we take a little time to rest and recover from the efforts of the 2021 sale, it’s already time to begin planning for 2022. We will begin accepting general donations for 2022 sale this fall (at a date yet to be determined). Watch the newsletter and website for more information. For donations of more unique and potentially valuable items, including antique, rare, and collectible books that may be candidates for our eBay site, we accept donations year-round. Please direct any donation inquiries to Kristen Alpert.

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as we did in May. Please bring what you would enjoy – whether it’s cheese and crackers, a full meal or just dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. And a mask - St Timothy’s asks that we do mask up.

Our first meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on September 14th providing time to socialize – A short business meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m., including voting on the 2021-22 budget. Then our membership chairs have some activities in mind they promise you will enjoy!

However, you may want to keep your ZOOM button handy! Remember there is continuing support for accessing ZOOM. You just need to ask or, find a friend with whom you are comfortable who knows how to ZOOM and join in together.

Notification of any changes in schedules will be posted on our updated website, on Facebook, Instagram and sent to you via email. If you haven’t checked out the website or Facebook recently, please do so!

So, we step into the unknown again this year, masked and mostly vaccinated, ready to renew friendships and make new ones. Participation benefits the club and yourself. It is the best way to grow together as we move to complete another Book Sale in June and to expand our horizons! As this new year of opportunities begins, I am looking forward to working and growing with you.

I hope when we look back at 2021 – 2022 that it will be a year full of laughter, fellowship and friendships within our club as we continue along our path of advancing the equity of women through education, research and advocacy both locally and nationally with the commitment that has been a trademark of the Brevard AAUW.

Rhae Mozley, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Teresa Coady and husband Miles, moved to Brevard several years ago, having previously lived in KS, MN and FL. Teresa holds a BS in Horticulture Therapy from Kansas State University and a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University. Teresa, retired now, worked as a Medical Library Director for 34 years! Teresa's hobbies include reading quilting, traveling, hiking and swimming.



Brenda Doroski, retired to Brevard in 2020 after a stellar career of Federal service. After obtaining a BS in Biology from Virginia Tech, she served in the US Peace Corp for 2 years in rural



Guatemala. She then spent 33 years with the US EPA developing and leading worldwide health and environmental programs, International and Tribal Affairs engagements in Asia Pacific and Europe. Brenda's activities include gardening, yoga and hiking. She also serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Susan Eleazer, and husband, Michael, live in Lexington SC! She is an Alumni Board Member of Brevard College (10yrs) and joined our Brevard branch at the Book Sale "knowing how much you all have done for our Women in Leadership program". She supports our branch by collecting and donating books and spreading the word as an Alumni member. Susan holds an AA in Religion, from Brevard College and a BA in Human Relations from High Point College. Susan has worked extensively in South Carolina with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in training and leadership positions.



Catherine Findley and husband Harry, live in Atlanta but have had a vacation home in Glen Cannon for 20 years. As preparation for a teaching career, she obtained a BA at Mary Washington University in Social Studies and Economics, a Masters of Education from University of Virginia and a Reynolds Economics



Fellowship from UNC. Catherine's hobbies include bridge, reading and gardening!



Marcy Heath moved to Connetsee Falls in June, 2021. She was granted a BA in Elementary Education and a MS in Special Education from West Virginia University. Marcy was a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependent

Schools in West Virginia, Illinois, Spain, Belgium and Germany! Her hobbies include hiking, traveling, yoga, swimming and music.

Gretchen Herbert and husband Roger, live in Brevard. She has a BS in Geology from University of Rochester, a MS in Space Systems from Naval Postgraduate School and a MS in Military Studies from US Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Gretchen was a Naval Officer for 30 years and retired as a Rear Admiral!





Marie Jones and husband Davis Smith live in Brevard where Marie has been Library Director at Brevard College since 2014. She holds a BA in English and Secondary Education from Capital University, a Master's of Library Science from Kent State and a

Doctorate of Education from East Tennessee State University. She is the founder of Messy Desk Consulting, visit MessyDeskConsulting.com, for more

Kathy Klepfer retired to Brevard from Colorado Springs, CO last March with her husband Karl.



Kathy graduated in 1982 from Virginia Tech with a BS in Animal Science. After a long and stellar career within Monsanto, an Agricultural company, Kathy has continued with volunteer work for community organizations, land conservation and Guardian Ad Litem. Her hobbies include hiking, cycling and reading.

Sara Lynch moved to Brevard with her husband in 2020. After attending Northern Illinois University for undergraduate and



graduate degrees in Education, Special Education and Education Administration, she worked as a teacher and administrator in Chicago Public Schools. Sara's hobbies include cycling, hiking, ceramics and pickle ball!

Cindie Marx and her husband, Jim, moved to Brevard a year ago. She holds a BA in English from Washington University, St Louis, and completed half of a MA at California State Long Beach prior to a job transfer. Cindie and her husband are massive travelers throughout the USA and abroad. Her hobbies include gardening, photography, reading, writing poetry and playing bocce!



Susan McAuley moved permanently to Brevard in 2017, having previously lived in Alexandria VA and Howell NJ. Susan received her RN in 1969, followed by a JD in 1990! She is now retired, having worked with the Social Security Administration. Susan's hobbies include traveling, reading and crocheting.



Stephanie Myrick and her husband moved to Brevard in 2020 from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She retired from the US Naval Research Laboratory, especially enjoying process improvement and interface design. Stephanie received a BS in Microbiology from University of Georgia and a MS in Computer Science from University of Southern Mississippi. Her hobbies include hiking, cycling, swimming, travel and cooking!



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Susan Riley and husband Tom Hunter moved to Brevard March 2020. Susan holds a BA in



English from New York University, Masters in Library Science from Queens College and a post Master's certificate in Public Library Administration from Long Island University. She has been reviewing professional books for 34 years! Susan's

hobbies include pickleball, knitting, hiking, kayaking, yoga and reading.

Susan Shaw most recently lived in Black Mountain for 11 years and moved to Connestee 2 years ago.



She holds a BA in English & Library Science from University of South Carolina (where incidentally she was helped along with an AAUW Scholarship!). Susan also received a MA at Emory Librarianship and a PhD back at USC in Early Childhood Education. Now retired, her work included librarian, puppeteer and SC Dept Social Services. As an artist, Susan also enjoys reading, gardening and playing cards.

Charlene Stark and husband Ken moved to Brevard from Jonesboro, NC in 2009. Charlene holds a Commercial Art Associate degree from Atlanta Area Tech and a BS in Nursing from Georgia State University. As a retired RN, Charlene enjoys exploring genealogy, reading, sewing, quilting and knitting!

BOOK GROUP

The AAUW book group will **not** be meeting in September. We will meet in the activity room at College Walk at 2 PM on Wednesday, October 6 to discuss ***A Burning*** by Megha Majumdar. For further information contact Carol Carrano.

BRIDGE GROUP

The AAUW Bridge group is scheduled to play at 1:00 p.m. on September 24 at Jackie Shulman's home. If this plan is updated due to a continuing COVID-19 surge, we will contact all regular members of our group. If you are interested in playing bridge and would like to join our group, we welcome you. Please contact Linda Thompson.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Social media has proven to be a great way to share information and the Brevard Branch of AAUW is moving to embrace sharing more of our events and information on our social media outlets. If you are not connected to our current Facebook page we would encourage you to connect with us there. To access our page simply go to <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Brevard.NC>. Make sure you like the page to keep the posts coming up in your newsfeed. This year we will be making a concerted effort to post more information about upcoming meetings, events, as well as other items of interest to our members. Any meeting cancellations or changes will also be posted on our Facebook page as well.

We also have recently started an Instagram account and will be posting on Instagram as well. If you are on Instagram please follow AAUWBrevardNC (<https://www.instagram.com/aauibrevardnc/>).

If you have any suggestions of things that would be good to share on our social media accounts please contact Beth Ann Chiles or Liz Bates with that information.

AAUW BREVARD CONTRIBUTIONS

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If you and/or a family member are looking for a gift idea, please consider a gift to the College Endowment at either Brevard College or Blue Ridge Community College. You can link to the endowment forms at: <https://brevard-nc.aauw.net/donate/>.

AAUW Brevard Branch Proposed Budget 2021-2022

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Proposed Budget
Income:			
Book Sale Revenues			28,000
Book Sale Net Online Revenues	3,000	3,991	4,000
Carryover from 2020 + Surplus Funds	19,500	19,500	
Carryover from 2021			11,000
Branch Dues	1,200	1,180	1,200
Interest Income	10	3	5
Donations to Branch	790	1,589	155
Total Income	24,500	26,263	44,360
Expense:			
Book Sale:			
Permits	300	0	300
Insurance	190	196	210
Publicity	1,700	87	2,950
Book Sale Site Facility Fee	400	400	400
Book Nook/Storage Unit	6,700	6,686	7,200
Supplies	750	287	1,250
Miscellaneous	620	0	1,250
Scholarships/Funds Donations:			
Brevard College Scholarship Fund	2,500	0	9,000
Blue Ridge Community College Scholarship Fund	2,500	0	9,000
AAUW National Fund TBD	0	0	500
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund	250	0	0
High School Science Program	1,000	1,000	1,000
Green River Preserve Science Camp	0	0	2,000
WISE Clemson Univ Science-Math Camp	3,240	0	3,500
Community/Education:			
Women in History/Jeopardy/WWMD	150	0	75
IWIL Brevard College/NCCWSL Conference	2,000	0	2,250
Get Out the Vote	100	0	500
Administration:			
Officers	300	150	500
Supplies/Postage	200	110	250
Branch Development Activities:			
Newsletter	75	0	75
Membership			75
Directory	435	290	400
Hospitality	50	0	100
Program	50	0	100
Events/Meetings:			
New Members Reception	75	0	100
December meeting (net)	100	0	125
May meeting (net)	100	100	125
Donations:			
Chamber of Commerce	115	115	125
Donations/St. Timothy	300	200	500
Miscellaneous Expenses	300	89	500
Total Expenses	24,500	9,710	44,360
Surplus/(Deficient)	0	16,553	0
Cash in accounts:	6/30/20	6/30/21	
Total	22,969	21,517	
Checking	6,910	7,455	
Money market	16,059	14,062	