



The purpose of the AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



“We are striving to forge our union with purpose.
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters
and conditions of man.
And so we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but what
stands before us.
We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must
first put our differences aside.”

[Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem 'The Hill We Climb' full text \(cnn.com\)](https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/20/politics/gorman-inaugural-poem/index.html)

It is with sadness that we advise that Ruth Bird, Honorary Life Member of AAUW, passed away on December 25, 2020. No additional information is available at this time.

February 12 Meeting: Smart Start North Carolina



Carrie Ann Chandler

Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 12 at 10:00 am** for a ZOOM Hendersonville Branch Meeting. We'll learn about Smart Start Partnership for Children and its programs, including a new one that will focus on maternal health, and hear how the team of women leaders has creatively guided the agency in challenging pandemic times. A ZOOM invitation/link will be sent to all members.

From its website: "Smart Start Partnership for Children provides opportunities children need to be successful in school and life. Our mission is to support, educate and advocate to build a strong foundation for young children in our community."

Our speaker will be Carrie Ann Chandler, communications and development director, who joined Smart Start in December 2019. Carrie Ann has 11 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and holds a Masters degree in Education.



Got Time On Your Hands? Come, Read With Us!

First Thursday Book Group continues to meet for book discussion and general conversation, via ZOOM. Our next meeting is on February 4th at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is *A Midwives Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812* by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich. This book won the 1991 Pulitzer Prize in History. Drawing on the diaries of one woman in eighteenth-century Maine, this intimate history illuminates the medical practices, household economies, religious rivalries, and sexual mores of the New England frontier. Susan Murphy will be our discussion lead.

Books have already been selected for the next several months. Here is the list:

March 4, 2021: *White Houses: A Novel* by Amy Bloom, Anne Hartig discussion lead

April 1, 2021: *Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel* by Celeste Ng, Susan Huff discussion lead

May 6, 2021: *The Mercury 13: the Untold Story of Thirteen American Women and the Dream of Space Flight* by Martha Ackmann and Lynn Sherr, Mary Ann Bents discussion lead

All members are invited to join for one session or as a member of the group. To receive an invitation contact Mary Ann Bents at mabents@verizon.net or (667) 967-0147. If you are unfamiliar with ZOOM, Mary Ann will walk you through the procedure.

AAUW HENDERSONVILLE BRANCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS– December 18, 2020
(via ZOOM)

The December 18, 2020 ZOOM meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 12:30pm by Norma Treadwell, Co-President, who welcomed all who were present and confirmed a quorum. The minutes of the Board meeting held on October 23, 2020 were approved as submitted.

ELECTED OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Co-President Report: Sandi L. thanked Sue Hammer and Princess Ferguson for the informative ZOOM Public Policy Committee meeting. AAUW's Janet Bunger is go-to person for information.

1st Vice President's (Program) Report: Cathy Veal noted that today's ZOOM General Meeting will begin at 2pm today. The program for the meeting will be "Pandemic Curses and Blessings."

2nd Vice President – Membership: Diana Bagwell reported on comments received so far from calls to our membership. Most people enjoyed the contact. Info received so far indicates that 29 of our members (21 members, 8 board members) have been involved. Barb and Diana will look into further contact of members.

Operating Accounts Manager's Report: Margi Rex not present at this meeting. Sandi reported receipt of a check from a former member. Money will be given to Margi.

Fundraising Accounts Manager's Report: Anne Goff reported 25 donations totaling \$3090 were received in the 2020 Matching Challenge, for a total after matching of \$5,110. Sue Hammer moved and Diane Harrison seconded a motion that \$3090 will go to the BRCC Educational Fund. Motion carried. Norma directed Anne to write the check for \$3,090.00 and send to Lisa at BRCC with a letter copying Sandi and herself.

Committee Reports:

Public Policy: Sue Hammer reported her committee had a productive ZOOM meeting. Discussed local schools and what is now going on with the COVID crisis. Many kids will lose a year in terms of effective learning. There is also need for Medicaid expansion. It was suggested that Cong. Cawthorn be informed about AAUW efforts. Sue Hammer attended a state public policy meeting. Dr. Mattox is the chair of the state committee. Nine women attended the meeting from around the state. Sue reported that seven branches in North Carolina are closing, including the branch in Tryon. It was suggested that we should ask members of the Tryon branch to join our branch. Norma will contact them.

Newsletter: Susan Huff noted that the deadline for newsletter entries is 12/28. She said she may mail the newsletter for the first of the year issue to get everyone's attention.

Interest Group Coordinator Barbara Beckerman mentioned increasing book club members. This is the usual time of year to get things started in interest groups.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Endowment interest—Anne Goff will look into what we need to do.

The next ZOOM board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10am.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Harrison (Board Recording Secretary)

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