

Bright Beginning to Our 46th Year!

The first day of Fall! The beginning of our program year met all expectations. We have a new meeting place, the Hendersonville Co-op Meeting Room. The room certainly met our needs, allowing easy access and parking. For those who ordered lunch, we were invited to enjoy a chicken salad wrap (gluten free and delicious), salad, and a brownie with choice of water or iced tea, all for a reasonable price.



Panelists MaryShell Zaffino, Ruth Birge, and Barbara Volk

The September 22 kick-off program, **“Celebrate Leadership”** consisted of a panel of three prominent Hendersonville women: MaryShell Zaffino, MD, chief medical Officer of Blue Ridge Health; Mayor Barbara Volk; and Ruth Birge, former publisher of the Times-News and subsequently Executive Director of the United Way of Henderson County.

The panelists responded to a series of probing questions posed by moderator, Princess Ferguson. Among the topics to which the women responded were: What obstacles to leadership did you encounter? What is your leadership style (and how does it differ from a man’s)? How have you been able to balance the demands of family and career? and Who was your inspiration/mentor and how do you mentor women coming up? The answers were fascinating in their diversity as each women told her story of coming to a leadership position, finding her stride, and sharing her hard-won knowledge and success with other women.

Following the panel, Hendersonville’s newly named Legacy of Leadership Awards for 2020 and 2021 (awarded at this time due to Covid) were made to Diana Bagwell—2020 and Cathy Veal—2021. The criteria for these awards is “furthering the AAUW mission and making a significant/sustained contribution in support of the program and goals of the branch.” Each woman received a certificate indicating that a contribution had been made in her name to Blue Ridge Community College scholarship fund.



Award winners Diana Bagwell and Cathy Veal

Next General Meeting is October 27!

Return with us to the Hendersonville Co-op Meeting Room for our next general meeting on October 27. Come at 11:30 to socialize and eat lunch, and our program at noon. This month we will meet Lesley Shipley and Victoria Cummins, owner/operators of The Book and Bee Café at the corner of Haywood Road and Mountain Road in Hendersonville. This mother daughter team moved from academic travel to opening Book & Bee, an English themed tea room, in the midst of Covid, with little restaurant experience but tons of imagination from décor to menu. The establishment offers great food, delicious teas, and atmosphere that some have referred to as magical.

The owners and staff strive, on a daily basis, to offer an escape from the troubles outside by drawing in the community to an inviting, fun place, where spirits are lifted as you ascend the book themed stairs. Excitement builds upon entering a place where the experience will leave you feeling special; like you've been in a different world even if for a brief time.



Plan to bring a guest and reserve early! Show others how much you enjoy AAUW.

11:30 LUNCH & CONVERSATION

12:00 CALL TO ACTION

12:15 PROGRAM

TO RESERVE E-mail Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net with attendee(s) names.

When the luncheon menu becomes available, you'll be notified. You can order the lunch, bring your own, or plan to attend without lunch. Space is limited –please reserve by October 20. See you!



✔ If we're into pumpkins, can Santa be far behind? The holiday season is approaching fast! Time to mark your calendar for

Wednesday, December 14
for our

AAUW Hendersonville's Seasonal Gathering and 45th Anniversary Party

✔ Details will be forthcoming, but we want to see you there—no excuses!
✔ (Remember, this is a great event to invite former members and interested friends.)

Celebrating Our 45th Year - Commitment to Equity

Since its inception, the Hendersonville Branch has been recognized for its generosity in funding scholarships for local women. Knowing that **education increases economic security for women**, we've contributed over \$60,000 to Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) students.

In April, 1993 we started the **AAUW Hendersonville Scholarship Restricted Fund** with BRCC with \$500. The Scholarship is awarded to a second-year female student who maintains a 2.5 grade point average and plans to pursue a four-year degree. Financial need is also considered.

In February, 2018, we established the **AAUW Hendersonville Scholarship Endowment** at BRCC with a \$10,000 gift from the Estate of member Helen Somerville. The Endowment has the same criteria as the Scholarship Fund. 4% of the Endowment's assets are awarded yearly as long as the assets are above \$10,000. Since 2019, we have funded 10 students. For 2022-23, \$3500 will be awarded from the combined restricted and endowment funds.

Another source of scholarships from our branch is a Donor Advised Endowment Fund created in May, 1994 with the Community Foundation of Henderson County. With current assets of \$15,201, the purposes of the Fund is "To meet the charitable objectives of the (branch) which includes but is not limited to scholarships." That means, for example, if the branch were to determine a specific project that needed financial support, the Fund could also be used for that purpose.



We also are committed to funding national AAUW programs such as Work Smart, Money Smart, STEMEd for Girls, NCCWSL, Community Action Grants and more.

An annual contribution to AAUW Funds is made possible by the generosity of a past branch president. In April, 1998, the Kathleen L. Ehlers Memorial Fund was established "to provide annual support to the Hendersonville Branch of AAUW to assist the branch in carrying out its obligation to make an annual gift to the Educational Foundation (now AAUW Funds) of the Association (now National). The income from this Fund will be paid in perpetuity to the AAUW Funds. Our contribution for the 2022-23 year was \$625.

Money Smart The AAUW Money Smart program is aimed at providing all women with the personal finance information they need to ensure their own economic security.

Work Smart This program focuses on how to negotiate for a new job, pay raise or promotion.

STEMEd for Girls is a series of lively, informative and engaging virtual workshops that will pave the way for success as girls move through high school, into college, and eventually on to their careers.

NCCWSL (say nic whistle) Each year, hundreds of college women from around the country come together for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Be proud of the impact your financial generosity has made on the lives of women and girls for 45 years!

Sandy Bernard, President

This article is the first in a series celebrating the branch's 45th anniversary.

Welcome

Welcome to our newest member, **Pat Argue!** Pat is no stranger to AAUW. Moving to the mountains in 1996 after retirement, she joined the Asheville Branch where she served as branch president and as GEM Fund President. Her exceptional leadership provided the groundwork for success of both organizations.

She and her husband live in Lake Pointe Landing. They've traveled extensively and have a special place in their hearts for summer programs at The Chautauqua Institute.

Pat has a BA in English from William Smith and a Masters in Education from Long Island University.

Please add her to your directory.
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\$62.50*

*The price of membership for
NEW MEMBERS ONLY
Now is time to join, bring your
friends into AAUW or give a gift
of AAUW.*

**Includes local, state and national dues for the
22-23 year. This is a special opportunity offered
by national to brand new and lapsed members (2
years+) only. To join, send your check, payable to
AAUW-Hendersonville, for \$62.50 to
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September 22 "Celebrate Leadership" Photo Gallery



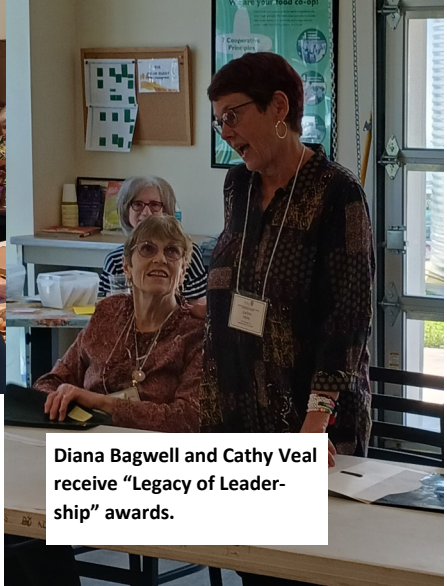
Welcome Table: Diana Bagwell and Barbara Beckerman



President Sandy Bernard



Princess Ferguson and Joen Goodman are recognized for organizing the meeting .



Diana Bagwell and Cathy Veal receive "Legacy of Leadership" awards.

Special Interest Groups—

to Enhance Your Every Pastime

Explorers of the Arts met on Friday, September 23rd, at Art on 7th Fine Arts Gallery in Hendersonville. Julie, the co-owner, led us on a tour. She did a great job of giving us information and answering questions. The gallery is described as “Presenting fine contemporary art in a variety of styles.” It is located at 330 7th Ave. E. We are fortunate to have such an impressive art collection in Hendersonville. Next meeting is at Saluda Moon Glass Art Studio (Demonstration and hands on experience) - Saluda on Monday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. (lunch to follow)



New members are always welcome! Questions -- *Please contact Cathleen Yordi clyordi@aol.com.*

Book Group

We meet the first Thursday of the month at 1:30. If joining in person, the location is Church of Christ Annex at 1975 Haywood Road. To join via ZOOM, *contact Mary Ann Bents at 667 967-0147 or mabents@verizon.net* for the link. This month our discussion is *Grace After Henry* by Eithne Shortall. This is imaginative fiction at its best. Suppose the love of your life died and you could have him back — almost. If you haven't read the book, come and listen! For November our book will be *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder and Karen White.

Bridge Group

Bridge is open to new players! The group meets to play the first Friday afternoon each month at Marjean Smith's home in Hendersonville. *Contact Cecille Masters-Webb at 828 693-4081 or treetop336@gmail.com.*

Equity/Public Policy Group is looking to expand to new members. Come join us for lunch at Sol y Luna in Laurel Park on October 13 and discuss the many pressing needs for our involvement. Reservation is required. Text your name to or leave a voice mail at (210) 842-2673 (Debbie Cope.)



AAUW-NC will be hosting a Zoom event featuring the female NC judicial candidates in the upcoming elections. Please mark your calendars and feel free to spread the word. The event will be held via Zoom on Sunday, October 16 from 3-4 p.m. Zoom link to follow!

Calendar

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Thanks!

Our branch is lucky to have so many talented, dedicated women contributing to our success. Special thanks to...

Mary Scott for publishing a terrific Interim Directory.

Margi Rex for securing our first-ever PO Box.

Jan Allen for having served as our webmaster since 2017 and who now will be our assistant webmaster.

Mary Ann Bents who is our new webmaster and is working with Jan to redesign our website.

Princess Ferguson for designing a new, vibrant branch brochure and join form and accepting the Leadership Team position of Membership Director.

Susan Huff for continuing to provide us with a wonderful newsletter.

Lisa Adkins for her careful oversight of our scholarship funds at BRCC.

Barbara Beckerman, who is retiring from her outstanding service as our Membership VP but continuing as a member of the branch Leadership Team!

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