



**In the Holiday Spirit
Birthday Party! Whose?**

**We're Having A
Why Ours, Of Course!**

The Hendersonville Branch of AAUW is celebrating its 45th year! In recognition of the event we invite you to come to a very special Birthday Party. We will join together for a buffet luncheon on **Wednesday, December 14, at Seasons At Highland Lake, 86 Lily Pad Lane, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Cost is \$30.00.**

11:30-12 Meet & Mingle

12 Buffet Luncheon

12:40 Program

Our very special guest speakers will be Dr. Laura Leatherwood, President, BRCC who will speak on *The Future of Higher Education* and our scholarship recipient, Heather Anderson. What a great opportunity to enjoy interacting with your AAUW sisters and celebrate our significant Branch accomplishments!

Reservations to Margi Rex, mbkrex@hotmail.com by November 30, please. Your check may be mailed to AAUW's PO Box 2043, Hendersonville, NC 28793, or bring your check and pay at the door. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. **Don't let AAUW be a secret!** Share the fun.



October Meeting Opened Our Eyes to Woman Entrepreneurship



President Sandy Bernard opened the meeting with updates.

On October 27 we had 21 in attendance to hear mother and daughter team Leslie Shipley and Victoria Cummins explain how **The Book and Bee Café** came to be and how they keep it popular! We had three guests. Our membership is increasing with two recent, new members.



Program Chair Carol Walters introduces our speakers.



Victoria and Leslie tell their story.



We Welcome New Members



Judy Rountree-Benedict

Let's give a warm welcome to our new Branch member, **Judy Rountree-Benedict**. Judy joined AAUW to support its work and to meet local women with professional backgrounds who share her interests. After retiring from her position as Clinical Nutrition Manager at the Salt Lake City VA, she and her husband moved to our area. Judy holds an MS from Kansas State University and a BSHE (Behavioral Science and Health Education) from the University of NC at Greensboro. Her interests include flower gardening, travel, photography, reading, and our Explorers of the Arts Interest Group. Judy's contacts are: rcbenedict36@gmail.com, 828-974-1148.

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New member **Mimi Roberts** and her husband retired here about a year ago from southern California where she was a counselor in the Los Angeles Unified School District, working with middle and high school students. She might consider part-time work in her field here. Mimi has three degrees from California State University at San Bernardino: B.A. in Psychology; M.S. in Counseling; and M.A. Administration Education.

Mimi finds our mountain area delightful, and especially enjoys walking in places like Flat Rock Park. She has attended several of our Branch events and is looking forward to becoming more acquainted with our members. Mimi's contacts are: Roberts.olenik@icloud.com, 909-921-3226.

Remember to add our new members to your membership directory and say hello to them when you see them at an upcoming Branch event!

Membership Update

Let's celebrate two new members in the past few weeks. Thanks Elaine Moyzis and Nancy Gorno Voss for bringing your friends to the last meeting. Our best way to gain new members seems to be to "bring a friend". Both new members are newly arrived to the community and will be a great addition to AAUW Hendersonville. Invite a friend to the 45th Birthday Party in December. It will be great fun and maybe we'll gain even more new members. Brochures are available to give away. Email me (fletcherprincess8@gmail.com) and I'll send you some.

Princess Ferguson, Membership Committee

Announcing...

The Leadership Team is pleased to announce **that our branch has been granted 501c.3 tax exempt status from the IRS**. This means that donors can deduct contributions made to us. We're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts.

Under our previous 501c.4 status, a civic organization is not a charitable group under tax law and therefore, donations are not deductible. Only two types of 501c.4 organizations qualify for charitable deductions: veterans organization with 90% war vet membership and volunteer fire departments.

A little background...In 2009, when the AAUW Educational Foundation (now the Funds) was merged with the Association (now National) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (now part of the Funds), the main organization, AAUW, became a 501.c.3 with the AAUW Action Fund staying as a c.4 because of its lobbying. Branches officially became "Affiliates" and had to indicate a c.3 or c.4 status. Our branch indicated c.4 which did not permit tax deductible donations.

This exemption will save us money on our products and programs (food and room rentals are taxed) and will enable members and friends donations to be tax exempt. It will not change our ability to lobby since that is covered by the AAUW Action Fund.

We think it's a win-win for our branch, its members and our community. We thank Wendy Owen for facilitating our application.

Margi Rex,
AAUW Hendersonville Finance Director



Calendar

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Book Group SIG	2 Bridge SIG	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Holiday/ 45th B'day Luncheon	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Special Interest Groups—

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 ma-bents@verizon.net* for the link. This month our discussion is *Memphis* by Tara M. Stringfellow. If you haven't read the book, come and hear us discuss it! January book is *The Boys* by Ron and Clint Howard.

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.*



THANKS

Thanks to

Nancy Gorno and **Elaine Moyzis** for bringing guests to our events.

Carol Walters for a great October luncheon program.

Diana Bagwell for preparing our records for the archives. A BIG job!

Mary Ann Bents, Jan Allen and Princess Ferguson for all of their work on our soon to be re-released dynamic website.

Wendy Owen for facilitating our new 501c.3 tax exempt status. [See article on page 4]

Kudos to

Lisa Adkins for a wonderful Blue Ridge CC scholarship donor/recipient luncheon.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Full plate and full hearts with family and friends. Wishing you all the very best of Thanksgiving.

The AAUW Hendersonville Leadership Team



ABOUT AAUW

"...We are a little troubled at the correlation which exists in some of your minds between lobbying and sin...Lobbying organization? Of course you are a lobbying organization. For what is lobbying but fighting for the thing that you believe to be right? Where did anybody ever teach you that the term 'lobbyist' was a red letter of infamy, when you ought to wear it as the red badge of courage? You know as well as I that there is on the statute books of this country legislation for the good of the children, of the women, for peace, that never would have been there if the American Association of University Women had not been a lobbying organization. And who were the lobbyists? I could call their names and you would recognize them as the heroines of this Association...Those women in their day stood at Armageddon and they battled for the Lord. We in our day are not giants (for they were giants in those days), but we stand, as they did, to lobby for the things in which we believe, and what member of this Association would have us do less?"

--Hallie Farmer, Chairman, Committee on Legislative Program, speech to Association Convention, 1951.

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AAUW—

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Vision: Equity for all.

Values: Non-partisan. Fact based. Principled. Inclusive and intersectional.

Issue Areas: Economic Security, Education and Training, Leadership

\$62.50*

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