

**January is for dreaming;
February is for DOING.**



February General Meeting -

When Did Downsizing Become A Four Letter Word?



How did the process of becoming more orderly and manageable create such anxiety, guilt, and crisis in this generation? Have you read all the how-to books, viewed all the YouTube videos and still find yourself sitting among your prolific possessions with no clue how to begin? Have you heard other people's horror stories and cringe at the thought of strangers going through your stuff? Do you wonder how it ever got this bad?

AAUW Hendersonville's **February 23 meeting** may not answer all your questions, but it will offer reassurance, provide reasons why this process is so difficult to move from concept to implementation, and offer manageable ways to begin—whether you are planning to sell your home of many years or simply want to use your garage for a car again.

Program presenter is Susan Huff, Hendersonville Branch member and newsletter editor. Susan spent nearly a decade in the employment of a Senior Move Manager, assisting families and individuals organize, downsize, and relocate. Since the dissolution of that firm she has been employed by a longstanding local estate sale management firm, engaged in the valuation and sale of individual items in order to downsize or settlement of entire homes. She has seen the best and the worst in people dealing with life-changing transitions, and has watched both delightful and unfortunate outcomes. She will share what she has learned in order to simplify your path to an orderly future.

Hendersonville Co-op Meeting Room—11:30. Reservations to Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net by February 20. Bring your own lunch, buy something at the co-op, or just come!

Are You Interested?

★Would you like to help us explore the possibility of establishing a Student Inclusion Recognition Award? The Award would recognize one Junior from each of our high schools for activities to promote inclusion at school, commendable school involvement, and participation in relevant extracurricular activities at school. This award was initiated by the McLean, Va Area AAUW Branch last year and they are willing to share their input (by zoom) on how we might successfully implement the project here in Hendersonville.

If you're interested, please contact Joen Goodman at jzinni@aol.com

★Could you help distribute AAUW STEMEd program information to local schools this spring? Contact Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net

Special Interest Group (SIGs)

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 *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore. Come and meet Elizabeth Packard, yet one more crusading women we've never heard of. Condemned to a mental institution by a jealous husband on the strength of his word alone, she fights first for her freedom and then for that of her sister inmates. She's someone you'll be glad to know. March selection is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.






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 treetop3136@gmail.com.

Calendar

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesda	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Book Group SIG	3 Bridge SIG	4
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12	13 Leadership Team	14	15	16	17	18
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Join us for a

Valentine's Day Treat

♥ Join Sandy Bernard and Joen Goodman

Friday, February 10 from 2-4 pm for a High Tea at

A Southern Cup Fine Teas

♥ Read more about A Southern Cup and founder Kym Brown in the September 26, 2022 issue of Our State at <https://www.ourstate.com>

♥ To reserve your spot, email Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net by January 30th. Cost is \$26 cash or check at the door. Please advise of any dietary limitations when reserving.

♥ Treat yourself to a great afternoon of wonderful food and camaraderie! And bring a friend!

We Couldn't Do It Without YOU!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Giving to the AAUW Funds

Diana Bagwell
Sue Hammer
Marian Lowry
Virginia Newsom
Cathy Veal
Hendersonville Branch

Giving to the AAUW Hender- sonville Scholarship Fund

Anonymous
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Sandy Bernard
Jane DeMartini
Princess Ferguson
Anne Goff
Joen Goodman in honor of her
mother
Michele Hoyman
Laura Leatherwood
Ann McFadden
Judy McLean
Elaine Moyzis
Margi Rex
Judy Rountree-Benedict

Cathy Veal
Carol Walters

Empowered women empower women. Please join us in building our scholarship fund to empower more young women in our community to reach their educational goals.

To contribute: Bring your tax deductible check, payable to AAUW Hendersonville Scholarship Fund, to a meeting or mail it to AAUW, PO Box 2043, Hendersonville, NC 28793. If the donation is a pledge and/or in memory or honor of an individual, please contact Sandy Bernard at ssmreb@bellsouth.net. Your donor gift is optional. To decline it, note "no gift" in your email or on the check notation line.

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AAUW—

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision: Equity for all.

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

Issue Areas: Economic Security, Education and Training, Leadership

Diversity Statement – United We Stand

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Membership Is Growing!

Celebrate: Wow! Thanks to those members who have brought guests we gained 5 members the last months of 2022:

Heather Anderson (our BRCC scholarship awardee), Pat Argue, Becky Lewis, Mimi Roberts, and Judy Rountree-Benedict.

Help: Diane Bagwell and Barbara Beckerman have served as greeters for years and we thank them so much for serving as the Membership team leaders over the years and continuing to be an integral part of the team. They have handed over the name tags and we are looking for someone to assist Princess Ferguson as a greeter. Welcoming visitors and members is such an important part of making a meeting work. Please consider helping in this way.

Invite: Join those who have invited guests to our meetings and SIGs. It seems to be the optimal way to build our membership and share the joy. Brochures are available with a membership form folded inside. Take one or two at the next meeting. Brochures will be sent to the SIG coordinators for use at their events. If you are willing and able to help with any of these asks, please contact me at fletcherprincess8@gmail.com.
THANK YOU!



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