

CALENDAR

AAUW-PA Summer Retreat

Saturday, **July 13**

Let's Read Math

July 15, 16, 18 & 29 at 10:30 am

Book Fair Committee Meeting

Wednesday, **July 31** at 5 pm

Wegman's on 248

Used Book Sale

September 19-28

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2013 Year in Review

As we reflect back on our 2012-2013 AAUW year, we are proud of the contributions of all our branch members.

We began our year at the Potluck Dinner in September with Trisha Moller, a mathematics professor at Moravian College, as our speaker on STEM issues. We viewed *Iron Jawed Angels*, a documentary about women finally getting the vote, in October. November had us at Lafayette College's Williams Center for a fabulous performance by Acoustic Africa. Our holiday celebration, at the lovely home of Joan Kicska, was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We learned about internet security in January and the importance of early childhood education in February. Our branch members were very busy in March attending the Inter Branch Diversity Program, portraying famous Easton women at our Women in History event at the Sigal Museum, and presenting the Gateway to Equity Award to the Easton Area Community Center. We elected officers at our April meeting and Professor Debbie Bryd told us about her mentoring program for teen moms. For the first time, we participated in World Book Night and it was a very rewarding experience. We changed our annual May Dinner and Scholarship Award Program to a Dessert this year. It was most successful.

Along the way, most branch members worked at the Annual Book Fair and many participated in selling nuts to family and friends for fund raising purposes.

We thank all our board members, on and off, and our event coordinators for all their hard work to make this year a success.

We were surprised and overwhelmed to be named Outstanding Women of the Year for the Easton Branch. It has been wonderful being the co-presidents of a branch with such capable and hard working members and we look forward to another exciting year.

See you in September.

Toni and Marian

Summer Retreat Reminder

July 13 in Lewisburg: It's not too late to register for the Summer Retreat in Lewisburg, PA. It will be held at the Best Western Country Cupboard. There will be time for networking and an update on the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans.

The cost of lunch is \$20.00. Online registration is preferred to be sure you get handouts but you may register at the door.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/JulyMeetingRegistration

It's a one-day meeting, an easy drive, and we can car pool. So let Toni know if you are interested in attending.



Mark your calendar for all the upcoming events

Let's Read Math



Do you enjoy working with children?
 Do you like to see them learning?
 Do you enjoy children's story books?
 Are you around this summer? If your answer is YES, you may enjoy working with the Let's Read Math program.

Let's Read Math was begun in 2004 as a community outreach project to address the alarming level of math anxiety existing at all socio-economic levels, particularly among women and girls. At workshops we read light-hearted and engaging children's books and then make painless transitions to doing fun math-related activities. In this way we hope to build positive attitudes towards math.

We presently have 7 programs scheduled in June and July at the 3 Easton Area libraries beginning Monday, June 24 at the Main Easton Library and at Shawnee Elementary School for ProJeCt Easton's Sizzle program for Easton school elementary students recommended for extra summer literacy help. Some programs are on Mondays and others are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

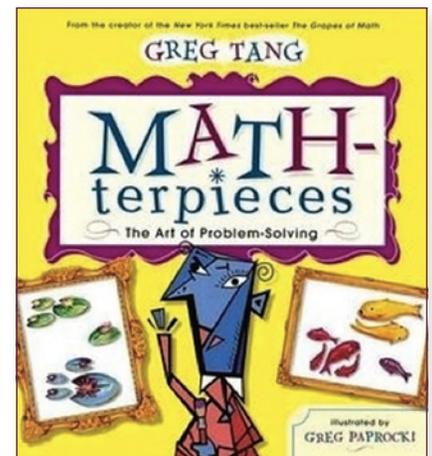
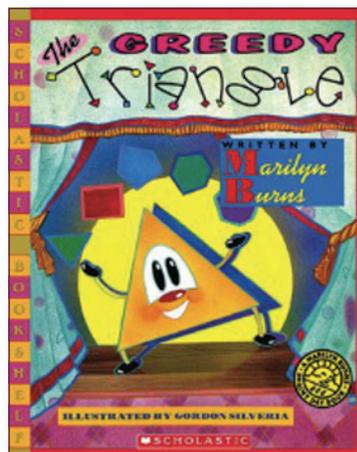
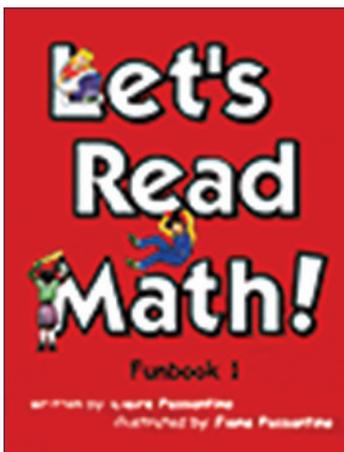
If you enjoy working with young children and are willing to help them with hands on activities one on one, this is a fun activity for you. If you would like to be involved with this project, please call or e-mail **Fran Kennedy**. If you have any questions, please let me know. You would not be committed to all dates, only those that work for you.

The books and dates for each are listed below.

Book	Week Day	Date	Location	Time
Grandfather Tang's Story	Monday	July 15	Easton Library	10:30 am
Chrysanthemum	Tuesday	July 16	Shawnee Elementary School	10:00 am
The Greedy Triangle	Thursday	July 18	Southside Branch	10:30 am
The Sundae Scoop	Monday	July 29	Easton Library	10:30 am

I hope to hear from you. Volunteers are needed for all upcoming dates especially those at Shawnee Elementary School.

Fran Kennedy



Notices

Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that she wishes published in the newsletter, please either mail or e-mail the information to **Suzi Campbell**. This would include births, deaths, marriages, happenings at cultural institutions. *This is your newsletter!*

Thanks

Many of our members are involved with some kind of volunteer work, but not many receive a full-page editorial in our local *Express-Times!* To quote, "If there is God's work to be done in our little corner of Earth, it happens weekly at Easton Area Public Library." It has been going on for 18 years.

The name of the program? **Adult Skills Quest**, an agency that assists adults with literacy. And which of our members has been leading this group? **Judy Brunswick**, a long time AAUW Easton Branch member. "She started this program to assist people who wanted to learn but weren't able to complete tests to qualify for a GED diploma. She rounded up tutors, secured donations for teaching materials, and lobbied for grants to help fill other cracks." The salary? Zero.

What a compliment to Judy when Jim Deegan wrote: "We need more of that [volunteer spirit] as society speeds along the freeway, rushing to our next stop between texting and tweeting and updating our statuses." Thanks Mr. Deegan—we need more of these articles informing us about the good things that are happening in our community.

Welcome New Member

Karen Hickey



Karen Hickey is a graduate of Montclair State with a degree in home economics. She recently relocated to Forks Township and is immersed in two businesses. She is a part owner of Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt in the Giant Plaza in Forks Township and is a Cabi consultant. This involves selling women's clothing at home trunk shows.

Karen is active in the College Hill Presbyterian Church and plans to become an active member of AAUW, particularly in the area of fundraising.

She has two stepchildren and four grand stepchildren.

Karen's hobbies include cooking, reading and travelling. Her most recent trip was to Italy, and this November she is off to Spain.

Karen looks forward to meeting and working with the members of the Easton Branch.

Outstanding Women Of The Year

At the Scholarship Dessert Meeting, Claire Degnan, last year's Outstanding Woman of the Year, presented **Marian Cunningham** and **Toni Hoffman** with this year's award. She called them the "Dynamic Duo". Under their three year leadership as co-presidents, a new energy was injected into the Branch with increased membership, new interest groups and a growing collaboration of programs and activities with other AAUW Branches, local colleges, and Easton Hospital. Previously, Toni and Marian had served the local branch in nearly every aspect. Toni is also active on the State level. If that isn't enough, they also give valuable time volunteering in the Easton community and helping their young families. For being such enthusiastic and capable leaders, they were named, Outstanding Women of the Year.



The "Dynamic Duo"
Marian Cunningham (left)
Toni Hoffman (right)

Membership—End of the Year Report

Carolyn Conners hosted a summer brunch and a wine and cheese party to market the value of an AAUW membership. She and Toni Hoffman also met with prospective members at lunch or for coffee and conversation. Members also manned the Community Tent at the Easton Farmer's Market in July.

They helped with a children's craft activity, advertised the Book Fair, and promoted the Easton Branch's programs and activities. These events, along with the help of some members who provided Carolyn with names to contact, resulted in fourteen new members for the year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Eleven of these members are from Easton, two are from Nazareth, and one is from Hellertown.

A Tea for our Branch's twelve Honorary Life Members was held in May at the home of Carolyn Conners. Toni Hoffman, Susan Brooks, and Fran Kennedy assisted.

Carolyn Conners, Membership VP



(L-R): **Anne Thornton, Carol Cochran, Carolyn Pokrivchak, Eleanor Pinto, Pat Bradt, Marge Smith and Peg Poswistilo**

Honorary Life Members Recognized

As indicated in our AAUW Yearbook, the Easton Branch has twelve members that are Honorary Life Members having been AAUW members 50 years or more. At the Scholarship Dessert Meeting, five of those members were honored for having reached 60 years or more of membership.

They are **Eleanor Pinto**, 69 years; **Connie Krohn**, 62 years; **Mildred Pitoni**, 61 years; **Carolyn Pokrivchak** and **Marge Smith**, both 60 years. These women have added energy to AAUW programs and activities for many years, and we are grateful for their long-term commitment to the mission of AAUW.



Front Row (L-R): **Mildred Pitoni, Carolyn Pokrivchak, Marge Smith**
Back Row (L-R): **Eleanor Pinto, Connie Krohn**

New Membership VP Report:

Nancy Berry would like to ask the general membership to submit any potential new prospects for membership to her at berry.nancy61@gmail.com, **610-216-1588** (c) or **610-252-3332** (h). She would also like to share that on August 3rd, AAUW will have a tent setup at the Easton Farmers Market—so if the Farmers Market is on your schedule that day, please stop by.

There will be games for the children and lots of information about AAUW. We would welcome your support by sharing with potential new members why you belong to the AAUW.

She would also like to remind all members, if you know of someone who has recently joined, to please share your experience within the organization with them, including what interest groups you enjoy and why, and in which volunteer activities you have participated. They may be looking for some guidance, mentoring and encouragement in these areas.

AAUW National Convention— New Orleans

Where to start? NOLA is a happenin' town – music in the streets, bead necklaces floating down from balconies, walking around with a glass of beer in your hand (actually I did not do that), old time trolleys, and listening to the horns of riverboats on the Mississippi – what fun! And that was before the convention began.

I attended every workshop and special interest group that I could fit into the days, did some shopping at Shop AAUW, and met and spoke with many very interesting, passionate, and committed AAUW members from across the country.

I'm looking forward to sharing what I learned about AAUW Funds, Public Policy, STEM, Coalition Building, Fund Raising and more as time goes on.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to become a more effective co-president and allowing me to talk about our branch achievements to AAUW members from all over.

Toni

AAUW National Election Results

AAUW election results are in. Elected for the 2013-15 term are:

Patricia Fae Ho as President, **Julia Brown** as VP, and Directors: **Amy Blackwell, Kathryn Braeman, Sandra Camillo, Malinda Gaul, Charmen Goehring, Eileen Hartmann, David Kirkwood, Betsy McDowell, Pam Thiel,** and **Peggy Ryan Williams.** Thanks to all who voted. The quorum was 5% of members, and fewer than 6% voted.

AAUW members also voted to approve all the proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program, as well as one change to the AAUW Bylaws.

Three additional directors have been appointed, however their names have not yet been posted on the AAUW website.

2013 Used Book Sale

The Easton Branch's 2013 Used Book Sale is still a few months away, but the book sale committee is recruiting help now. Take advantage of this opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with other branch members while volunteering your much-needed assistance!

The committee needs branch members who would be willing to monitor the donation barrels that will be placed at various locations in the greater Easton area beginning August 5th. Barrel monitors would be responsible for visiting their assigned barrel weekly, from August 5 through September 14th, to collect book donations that have accumulated. We have 17 barrels and hope to have one person assigned to monitor each barrel. Please call **Roseanne Herritt** at **610-746-0169** or email her at **herrittfamily@verizon.net** to volunteer as a barrel monitor.

The committee also needs volunteers to help sort books at Eddyside Pool House from Tuesday, Sept. 3 through Wednesday, Sept. 18. Sorting hours will be from 10 am to 2 pm on all days except Sundays, when hours will be from 1-3 pm. Please call **Fran Kennedy** at **610-250-0476** or email her at **frankenn@yahoo.com** to sign up for sorting.

Finally, the committee is seeking **volunteers to work at the sale itself.** Please contact Fran Kennedy if you are interested in working at the sale. Here are the times:

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	Sept. 19	8 am to 6 pm
Friday	Sept. 20	10 am to 2 pm
Saturday	Sept 21	10 am to 2 pm
Sunday	Sept. 22	1 to 6 pm
Thursday	Sept. 26	10 am to 6 pm
Friday	Sept. 27	10 am to 6 pm
Saturday	Sept. 28	10 am to 6 pm

To help with other aspects of the sale, the branch's main fundraising event, please contact **Sharon Trimble**, the event's co-chair, at **610-258-3098** or email her at **strimble@aauweastonpa.org.**

Diversity Wrap-Up

The interbranch interest group DDD or Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue began the year with participation in Dinner Dialogues on “Eliminating Racism: How Far Have We Come.” These were sponsored by the YWCA of Bethlehem. Some discussions revolved around our reading of *Grassroots: A Field Guide For Feminist Activism*. Much of the year was spent preparing for the inter-branch diversity program in March. We reviewed the film *Miss Representation* formed committees, and made plans for discussion as well as some actions people could take after the showing. Packets were also delivered to Bethlehem, Allentown, and Easton schools with the hope that some interested school staff might attend. During discussion after the showing, several recommendations were made to bring the film and curriculum to the community. People signed up if they were interested in follow-up activities. Those who were interested were invited to a meeting held at Moravian. In addition to members of our group, a student from Northampton Community College, two women from Reading, and the Girl Scout leader attended. We decided to focus on contacting counselors with the hope of doing an in service program. The other focus was the PTAs in Bethlehem and Easton school districts. The most positive response so far has been from a counselor for grades 5 & 6 in the Easton School district. We met again before school was out. Her suggestions have been followed through and schools are being contacted to forward a “script” that was developed to PTA officers.

After the March meeting we decided to read *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan as well as journal articles dealing with LGBT issues. A progress report on *Miss Representation* as well as discussion of the readings were the topics at the June meeting.

New members are welcome.

Scholarship Committee Report

The AAUW Easton Branch presented three scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each to the following area high school seniors: Kathryn Free, Amanda Leamon and Shaye Smith (see page 8).

Funding for the scholarships comes from the Annual Book Fair. Applications for the scholarships were sent to the guidance offices of area high schools and were also available on the Branch website. One of the scholarships this year was presented in memory of Margaret Harmon, a longtime Easton Branch member who died this past year. A contribution made by her son in her memory was applied toward the scholarship.

The selection committee consisted of: Toni Hoffman, Marian Cunningham, Annette Stody, Elle Conti, Rosemary Baker and Debbie Ashton-Chase.

Rosemary Baker and Debra Ashton-Chase, Scholarship Co-Chairs

Sarah Palmer Tarbell Scholarship Trust Fund Ends

The Sarah Palmer Tarbell Scholarship Trust Fund, otherwise known as the SPT Fund, has officially ended as all the monies have been disbursed.

The SPT Fund was created on Nov. 15, 1974 as a way for Jack and Margaret Tarbell to honor their daughter who had died in a car accident. AAUW Easton Branch has administered the SPT Trust since its inception.

Six universities received monies every year, these monies to be awarded to physical education majors. Over the years, we have received some lovely thank you notes from the recipients of these scholarships. The six universities involved were:

- Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan
- Bemidji State University
Bemidji, Michigan
- Indiana University at Bloomington
Bloomington, Indiana
- Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York
- University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

The last of the trust fund money was dispersed to the above-named universities at the end of February 2013.

Jeannette Smith
SPT Scholarship Chair

Timely Topics

Timely Topics planning is underway for the fall. There will be information about date, time, and place in the September newsletter. See the list below for what interests you.

September

- Learn about Istanbul from the Great Courses. Perhaps its history will give us a clue to the reasons behind the recent uprising there. Marian's great nephew, there now working for a British newspaper, may be able to be our "eyes on the ground" and give us the most up to date news about the area.

October

- Reta Howell will be facilitating a DVD showing of the opera *Carmen*. This will be a brown bag event at the home of Amy Phillips (Marian's daughter).
- Howard McGinn will lead a walking tour of several art galleries in downtown Easton; the tour will include a stop for lunch.

November

- Start your holiday shopping early as Fran Kennedy displays her "Global Mama" articles from around the world. These are items hand made by women trying to improve their way of life for themselves and their villages.
- Trunk Show put on by Karen Hickey at her home.

December

- Listen to the story of a woman who has the BRCA1/BRCA2 mutation and follow her decision making process as she wrestles with the possibility of having breast cancer.

Do you have ideas for Timely Topics? Something you want to talk or learn about? Are you willing to host a Timely Topic? Get in touch with Marian if you answered yes to these questions.

MahJongg Anyone?

Are you intrigued by Mahjongg? Have you wanted to play but don't know how? Now is your chance to learn the game.

We are forming a new MahJongg interest group to begin in the fall. The day and time will depend on branch member's schedules.

Contact **Toni Hoffman** if you are interested.



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2013 Scholarship and Award Recipients

Scholarship Recipients

Shaye Smith

Shaye is a Wilson High School senior who will be attending Misericordia University where she will study nursing.

Amanda Leamon

Amanda is a Wilson High School senior who will be attending Bloomsburg University to study education.

Kathryn Free

Kathryn is an Easton High School senior who will be attending Boston College and she hopes to become a nurse practitioner.



Named Gift Honoree

This year's Named Gift Honoree is Nancy Berry.



Presidents' Award

The Presidents' Award was given to Fran Kennedy for outstanding contributions to the branch.



The Teal Award

The Teal Award is recognition for a recent-term contribution by an unsung branch hero or a branch member exemplifying the spirit of AAUW. This award honors a member who made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. This year's recipients were **Lois Fowler**, pictured, and **Pat Lucey**.



Interest Groups

The Easton Branch has several interest groups created to stimulate discussions, encourage networking and support the community. If you have ideas for additional groups, let us know. Every group looks forward to new participants. Call if you are interested in joining a group.

Book Discussion



Group meets the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **September 16** at the home of **Rosemary Baker**. The book is *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.

International Relations



Group meets at 1:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on **September 24** at the home of **Jean Riker**. *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care* by T. R. Reid.

Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue



The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **July 24** at the home of **Randi Blauth** where we will continue to learn about LGBT issues.

Tapas



There is no Tapas group scheduled for the summer.

Out to Lunch



Group meets the **first Wednesday of the month**, weather and holidays permitting. **Janet Heffner**, **Shirley Schwarzbach**, and **Claire Degnan** are in charge of arrangements.

Rotating Gourmet



This group is open to all AAUW members and their spouses. If you'd like more information, please contact **Zoe Roble**. It's a fun and delicious way to become better acquainted with members of the Easton Branch.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Group



Group meets **every Wednesday evening**. Call **Rosemary Baker** for more information.

Timely Topics



One time informal discussions on a topic of your choice. Call Marian Cunningham if you have an idea for a topic or for more information. The next meeting will be a **DVD and Discussion on Istanbul** at the home of **Marian Cunningham**.



American Association Of University Women
Easton Branch Dues

Please indicate any changes or corrections in your name or address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual dues include:

Association	\$ 49.00	
PA State	\$ 10.00	
Easton Branch	\$ 10.00	
Total Dues		\$ 69.00

I would like to make an additional contribution(s) to:

AAUW Educational Foundation	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Memorial Fund	\$ _____
General Operating Fund	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

Life members and college/university representatives pay state and branch dues only (\$20.00). A Life Membership costs \$980.00. Undergraduate affiliates pay \$27.00. Honorary Life Members pay no dues.

Contributions to the American Association of University Women are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. \$46.00 of the membership dues are considered a contribution and are tax deductible. Dues payments may be deducted by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

Make checks payable (and mail) to:

AAUW Easton Branch
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Easton Edition	Suzi Campbell	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to members to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national orientation, disability, or class.

The AAUW Funds include the Educational Opportunities Funds (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) which help us to advance equity for women and girls through programs such as American and International fellowships, and Community Action grants.

AAUW Funds also include the Legal Advocacy Fund which provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination, the Leadership Programs Fund (formerly the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute), the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Public Policy Fund.



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