

### CALENDAR

**Global Mamas Open House**  
Tuesday, **November 12**

**Evening at the Williams Center**  
Wednesday, **November 13** at 7 pm

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Friday, **November 15**

**Cabi Clothes House Party**  
Tuesday, **November 19**

**Tumaini Fair Trade Open House**  
Thursday, **November 21**

**Frozen Yogurt Special**  
Monday, **November 25** from 5 – 9 pm  
*Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt*

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*Mark your calendar for all the upcoming events listed here.*

*We don't want you to miss anything!*

## An Evening at The Williams Center

Jazz Masters Series:

Paquito D'Rivera with New York Voices in **Brazilian Dreams**

**Wednesday, November 13 at 8 pm with a pre-concert talk beginning at 7 pm Williams Center for the Arts**

Plans for the AAUW evening at the Williams Center for the Arts are now finalized, and it is sure to be a wonderful and engaging performance. Tickets for the event will cost \$25 with \$7 going to the scholarship fund. Guests are also invited. An added feature will be a preshow with Paquito at 7 pm and all are encouraged to attend to experience his wit and charm.

A decade ago, two of the most charismatic artists in American jazz—**Paquito D'Rivera and New York Voices**—recorded the extraordinary **Brazilian Dreams**, which won the 2003 Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Release.

Both artists, in individual engagements, have thrilled Williams Center audiences over the years. With their lush, stylish vocal arrangements, New York Voices sets new standards for vocal improvisation, and D'Rivera's unrivaled musicianship, melodic flair, and stage presence charms his listeners with tunes that are at once passionate, soulful, and charged with the inner spark of Afro-Cuban swing.

On the occasion of New York Voices' 25th anniversary, the artists have revived this legendary collaboration with new tunes and fresh arrangements, all charged with the double jolt of Afro-Brazilian samba and Cubanismo of D'Rivera's homeland. **The Boston Herald** calls New York Voices "the most exciting vocal ensemble in jazz" and the **Reno Gazette** cites their "sizzling pace that leaves listeners breathless and not quite sure how to assimilate what it is they've heard. Voices takes disciplined uninhibited singing to a new higher level of disjointed unity . . ."

D'Rivera brings vocal fireworks of his own, with virtuosic command of saxophone and clarinet. This legendary jazz statesman captured a slew of major career awards in a three-year span—the NEA Jazz Master award and the National Medal for the Arts (both in 2005), The Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement in Jazz Award (2007), and the President's Award from the International Jazz Educators (2008).

Tickets will be available up to the evening of the show, or e-mail reservation to Nancy at: [mikeornancysek@verizon.net](mailto:mikeornancysek@verizon.net) and give your payment to Nancy the evening of the concert. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Nancy.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the performance.

## From the Presidents' Pens:



We thought October was busy but November seems to be just as busy if not more so. And if it's November, the holidays are not far away.

We are trying several new fundraisers this year and several of them take place in the next few weeks.

Shopping opportunities abound. Fran Kennedy has her Global Mamas items for sale on November 12 and Karen Hickey will be debuting her Cabi Clothes line to branch members and friends on November 19. Colleen Kuschke has a Fair Trade collection with items we haven't seen before and will have an open house on Thursday, November 21.

Our **Evening at the Williams Center is November 13** and there is a program on Violence Against Women, sponsored by AAUW Bethlehem, at Northampton Community College on November 20. See the flyer later in this newsletter. Don't forget our frozen yogurt social at Just A Dream on November 25<sup>th</sup>. This has turned out to be a monthly fundraiser (we earn 25% of total sales) and one where members old and new, come together and socialize.

Our interest groups continue to meet as well. The Easton Branch has members across the age range, from members in their thirties to members in their nineties and, as you can see by our varied activities, we are hoping that everyone finds something of interest. It is a challenge to provide programs and activities that appeal to our multigenerational branch members. When we look at what is planned for November, we hope we are meeting that challenge.

Whenever we come away from a branch meeting, an AAUW program, or a committee meeting, we are stimulated by the breadth of knowledge of our speakers, the enthusiasm of our members, and their willingness to engage in important issues of the day.

Finally, the AAUW Easton Branch was mentioned twice in the Northampton Community College Annual Report, once under Northampton Community College Scholarships and then again under Honor Roll Giving.

"Every person that you meet knows something you don't; learn from them. *Life's Little Instruction Book On Wisdom.*

Toni and Marian

## Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser



Some members getting into the Halloween spirit at **Just A Dream Frozen Yogurt** on October 28.

*Join us in November!*

Our next Frozen Yogurt gathering is on Monday, Nov. 25 at **Just A Dream Frozen Yogurt** in Forks Township. This event has become a fun tradition for everyone. **AND**, **Just A Dream** donates 25% of sales (to our members, their families and friends) to our branch.

All you need is the following coupon and an appetite for dessert! **Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt** is located in the **Giant Shopping Center** on Sullivan Trail.

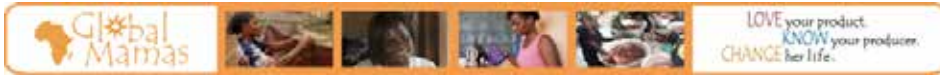
Frozen Yogurt Social

**Just A Dream Frozen Yogurt**  
November 25 from 5 – 9 pm

Benefits AAUW Easton Branch

## Open House Events

### Global Mamas – November 12



The Global Mamas Open House will be held at the home of Fran Kennedy on **November 12** from **2 – 4 pm** and again from **7 – 9 pm**. Please contact Fran for more information.

Come browse and pick out gifts—all handmade Fair Trade products from Ghana. Items included are Batik clothing, home decor, jewelry from recycled glass, shea body butter moisturizers and soap.

### Cabi Clothes House Party – November 19

**Karen Hickey** is hosting a Cabi Clothes House Party on **November 19**, from **5:30 – 8:30 pm**. For more information about this event, please contact Karen. If you'd like to see more about Cabi Clothes, please go to [www.cabicanary.com](http://www.cabicanary.com) and see what they have to offer.

### Tumaini Fair Trade – November 21

Colleen Kuschke will be hosting an Open House on **November 21**, from **12 – 2 pm** and **4 pm – 7 pm** to show her eclectic collection of Fair Trade gifts and accessories.

As some of you know, Colleen is from South Africa and has an almost inborn appreciation for artisan-made items from developing countries; they speak to her heart. All of the items are hand-made by artisan groups in Africa, Central and South America, and Southeast Asia. Most of the artisans are women who depend on the funds generated by their work to support their families. On display will be an assortment of colorful jewelry, silk and cotton scarves, purses and totes, some children's items, home accessories, and gifts for the men in your life. A mini "ethnic" market in her home.

In addition to being hand-made and exhibiting age old hand craft techniques, many of the items are made from recycled and /or sustainable materials.

Colleen will have some South African desserts to tempt your tastebuds while you browse this gift collection. She looks forward to seeing you on November 21.

This event is a fundraiser for AAUW with 15% of purchases by AAUW members being donated to the Branch. In addition, 10% of the total sales from *any* home party hosted by a member will be donated to the Branch.

*These are just a few examples of the items available at the Tumaini Fair Trade Open House:*



## New AAUW–PA Public Policy Priorities

Do you feel strongly about AAUW's public policy priorities? Now is your chance to be part of a team that is going to develop the public policy priorities for AAUW-PA for 2014–2016. Information about joining the committee is below:

**Any member interested in helping to develop AAUW–PA Proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2014–16** should contact **Betty Hooker** at [aauwppp2@gmail.com](mailto:aauwppp2@gmail.com). Most work will be by email. The proposal will then be published in the 2014 Yearbook and submitted for member vote in April.

A statewide Lobby Day will be held on **Wed., December 11**, focusing on:

- legislation to effectively deal with human trafficking and
- asking legislators to provide adequate funding for domestic abuse programs.

If any branch members are interested in going to Harrisburg, they should contact Toni Hoffman.

*Please be there or be virtual!*

Bethlehem Branch Sponsors Cutting Edge Program

# Violence Against Women

What is it? How do I know if it's happening to me?

Where can I seek support?

**Come to a free informational panel discussion to get answers.**

**November 20, 2013 at 7 pm**

**Northampton Community College**

**Main Campus, College Center, Room 220**



**Panel of Representatives from:**

Crime Victim's Council • Northampton County Domestic Violence Detective  
Northampton Community College staff • Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley

**Moderated by:**

Dr. Rita Jones, Director of Lehigh University's Women's Center

**Sponsored by the American Association of University Women–Bethlehem**

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since the founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political.



## New Member Spotlight

### Dr. Nandini Sikand



AAUW Easton welcomes Dr. Nandini Sikand as a new member this month. Nandini is Assistant Professor of an interdisciplinary film and media studies program at Lafayette College. Nandini received her Ph.D in Anthropology from CUNY in 2010. Prior to this appointment she has taught at Swarthmore College, Hunter College, CUNY and Hofstra University. Among her most recent

accomplishments, she was awarded an American Association of University Women (AAUW) postdoctoral fellowship towards her book project, *Bodies, Bells and Borders: Choreographing a New Odissi Tradition*.

Nandini's documentary and experimental films have been screened and won awards at over 100 domestic and international film festivals. Her work has aired on PBS and she has been awarded grants from The Jerome Foundation, the Center for Asian American Media, and she is two-time awardee of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). Her films include, *The Bhangra Wrap* (1995), *Don't Fence Me In* (1998),

*Amazonia* (2001), *In Whose Name?* (2004), *Soma Girls* (2009), and *Cranes of Hope* (2011). She also produced the documentary *Mahasweta Devi: Witness, Advocate, Writer* (2001). In television, she has worked as a producer and director on projects for Channel Four: *UK*, *Ovation: the Arts Network*, *HBO*, *Oxygen*, and *The History Channel*. She served on the board of directors of Women Make Movies, a non-profit feminist media distribution organization from 1997 – 2006. She was on the Fulbright IIE National Selection committee for film and video for 2008 – 2011.

Nandini choreographs and performs regularly with her neo-classical Odissi Dance Company, Sakshi Productions ([sakshiproductions.org](http://sakshiproductions.org)). Her dance work has been funded by LMCC (Lower Manhattan Cultural Council), the Asian American Arts Alliance and Joyce Soho and combines the use of film imagery, live music and elements unique to Indian theatre and performance. She is also the Associate Director/Choreographer of Harmattan Theater ([harmattantheater.com](http://harmattantheater.com)), a performance group committed to an environmentally and socially-engaged theater.

Nandini makes her home on College Hill in Easton with her two sons Armaan, age 7, and Manav, age 5. The AAUW Easton welcomes Nandini to our local branch.

## From the LAF Express

### Federal Circuit Rules in Favor of Veterans Seeking Disability Benefits after Sexual Assaults

In an encouraging step for survivors of military sexual assault, a federal appeals court recently ruled that a veteran's failure to report a sexual assault is not evidence that the assault did not occur. In *AZ v. Shinseki* and *AY v. Shinseki*, two veterans sought disability benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder that they said stemmed from sexual assaults they suffered while on active duty. Because the veterans did not file complaints at the time the alleged assaults occurred, their service records did not contain any mention of the assaults. Relying on the veterans' failure to report as evidence that the assaults never occurred, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims denied disability benefits.

On appeal, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that the "VA may not treat a claimant's failure to report an alleged sexual assault to military authorities as pertinent evidence that the sexual assault did not occur." The court recognized that "many service members fear that the act of reporting a rape to military authorities will subject them to personal and professional reprisals." While other courts are not required to follow it, the ruling is promising. The Federal Circuit's ruling recognizes the real barriers to justice faced by survivors of military sexual assault. AAUW is working to break down those barriers by supporting the lawsuits of survivors and supporting legislation to improve the military's handling of sexual assaults.

## Easton Branch Meeting

October 15, 2013 at Lafayette College

Marian Cunningham, Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were nine members and four guests present.

Nancy Berry, Membership VP, introduced a new member in attendance. Her bio will be printed in the newsletter.

The minutes and the financial report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Annette Stody reported that our gross Book Fair proceeds are \$5,026. Expenses thus far are \$255.50.

Marian announced the following Upcoming Events:

- The last Monday of every month Just a Dream Yogurt will donate one fourth of their proceeds to our branch. Notify them you are with the AAUW Easton Branch when you purchase your yogurt. Time: 5 – 9 pm.
- Evening at the Williams Center is November 13. Tickets are \$25. The deadline is Nov. 4.
- New Photography Interest Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 1 pm at Marian's.

- Art Tour led by Howard McGinn will be Friday, October 25. Tour will begin at 10:30 am at the Crayola entrance. The deadline to RSVP is Oct. 21. Notify Marian if you wish to attend.
- Opera Group is Wed. Oct.23 at 10 am. The opera is *Carman*. Bring a brown bag lunch.
- November will be Global Mamas. Host is Fran Kennedy.
- November 19 will be In-home Cabi Clothing Trunk Show. Host is Karen Hickey

Toni announced that she still has Nuts—Cinnamon Glazed Pecans. Contact Toni if you wish to purchase any.

A Nominating Committee needs to be formed.

The PA Eastern District Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26 at Doylestown Hospital. The topic will be Human Trafficking.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Marian introduced our Speaker, **Bonnie Winfield**. She spoke on Women Behind Bars and Their Journey Back to the Community.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemary Baker



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## Notices

### Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that she wishes to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to **Suzi Campbell**. This would include births, deaths, marriages, happenings at cultural institutions. We also encourage submissions of photos of events and anything that you think may be of interest to other members.

Please note, however, that the **deadline for submissions is always the 15<sup>th</sup>** of the current month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. If you know that you have something but don't have all the details by the 15<sup>th</sup>, please let Suzi know *by* the 15<sup>th</sup> so she can hold space for a couple of days. Otherwise it will be in the following month's newsletter.

*This is your newsletter and your feedback is important!*

### Change in the newsletter schedule!

**This year, for the first time, we will have a December/January newsletter and not the usual November/December one. Please make note of this so you are not expecting a newsletter in January.**

### Newsletter Ads

*Do you have a business or service that you would like to promote?* Ads are being accepted for inclusion in the newsletter. The charge for including an ad will be only **\$5 for each issue**

in which it appears. This helps defray the cost of the newsletter and serves as a way for members to advertise. We had several ads placed last year and would encourage you to submit yours. They should be no larger than business card size and they must come from members. Ads will be accepted by email or delivered to the newsletter editor, Suzi Campbell. If you need help with the ad, contact Suzi. *Don't let the design keep you from getting your message out!*

### Yearbook Corrections and Additions

Please check your information for accuracy in the new yearbook. Let Suzi Campbell know if something needs to be changed. Here are some corrections and additions to note:

#### New Member

**Aaliyah O. Kee**

**Nandini Sikand**

#### Membership

**Nancy Berry** has been doing a great job in as Membership Chair. If you know anyone that is, or may be, interested in joining or having more information about AAUW, please contact her or **Bernadette Fennimore**. They will be happy to reach out and "do their thing!"



*A glimpse of some of the smiling faces on the Art Gallery Walking Tour. If you didn't make it, you missed a great event.*

## 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



**Chair:** Helen Pearson

Group meets the third Monday of the month. Our next meeting is on Monday, **November 18 at 7 pm** at the **home of Martha Barnett**. The book is ***Calico Joe*** by John Grisham.

### International Relations



**Chair:** Jean Riker

Group meets at **1:30 pm** on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on **November 26** at the **home of Fran Kennedy**. The topic will be Alternative Medicine.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Ruth Skoglund

This group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at **7 pm**. The November meeting has been changed to meet on **December 4** at the home of **Randi Blauth**.

Topic: *Far From the Tree, Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* by Andrew Solomon, chapters 1 and 2.

### Mah Jongg



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman

Mah Jongg Group will be meeting at Toni's home on Nov. 25 at 10:30 pm.

### Out to Lunch



**Chair:** Janet Heffner

The December meeting is at **Hanoverville Road House** on first Wednesday, Dec. 4.

### Rotating Gourmet



**Chair:** Zoe Roble

There is no gathering for the month of November.

### Wednesday Evening Bridge Group



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker

This group meets **every Wednesday evening**. Call **Rosemary** for more information.

### Photography Group



**Chair:** Janice Lupackino

The Photography group will tentatively be meeting Dec. 5 at the home of Janice Lupackino. We encourage new members with photo expertise or a new interest to join us. Please contact Janice if interested in attending.



# American Association of University Women

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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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