

## CALENDAR

### Newsletter Deadline

Friday, **January 15**

### Photography Group

Monday, **December 23** at **11 am**

### Out to Lunch

Wednesday, **January 8** at **12:30 am**

### Representative Bob Freeman

Saturday, **January 18**

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

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

## Holiday Party

The Home of Lois and Ken Wildrick

**Sunday, December 15, 2013, 5 to 8 pm**

**RSVP to Lois**

We will be celebrating the holidays with our annual Holiday Party. This is a time when we get to meet the "other half" of our members. Come by yourself or come with your spouse or partner and join the fun.

We use this opportunity to donate **canned goods** to our local food bank which is having a particularly hard time servicing its clients. We also distribute **small bottles of toiletries** (that we've picked up from our hotel stays) and **used back-packs** to Safe Harbor so declutter your closets and bring those as well.

We hope to see you all there so we can say "**Happy Holidays**" in person. If members need a ride to our holiday party, one will be provided. If you need a ride, please call Toni Hoffman.

Turkey and ham will be provided and we ask that you bring one of the following:

**A – H:** Desserts    **I – P:** Entrees    **Q – Z:** Hors d'oeuvres

### Directions to the Wildricks

**Coming from the Palmer Mall and going north toward Nazareth on 248**

- Turn **Right onto Crest Blvd** (there is a light) and **go 3 blocks**.
- Turn **left onto Central Drive**
- At the **second intersection go halfway around the circle and continue on Central**
- **Drive 2 more blocks** to the next circle.
- The **house will be on your right** at the beginning of this circle. It's a **white brick and stucco house**.

## Representative Bob Freeman

**Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 10 am**



Easton Area Branch Library, Main Branch  
Catherine Drake Room (downstairs)

We are pleased to welcome Representative Bob Freeman (D-Northampton) who will give a Pennsylvania Update. This event will be open to the public.

Bob Freeman was born in Easton, PA on March 9, 1956 and is the son of Joyce Styers Freeman and the late Jacob B. Freeman. He graduated from Easton Area High School in 1975. He then received his bachelor's degree in

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## From the Presidents' Pens:



This is the last Presidents' Pen of 2013. We want to take this opportunity to thank Fran Kennedy, Karen Hickey, and Colleen Kuschke for giving us the opportunity to shop in a more personal way as well as enjoy delicious treats, including South African desserts.

Because this is a combined December-January newsletter, we also want to thank Lois and Ken Wildrick for opening their home for what we know will be a lively and entertaining Holiday Party.

We are looking forward to several terrific program in 2014, beginning with Representative Freeman on January 18 and a Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter luncheon on February 15. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these two programs.

After three plus years of Presidents' Pens, we decided to make this one short.

May your holiday season be filled with good food, good conversations, and good friends.

Toni and Marian

## Cabi Clothing Trunk Show

A terrific shopping experience was had by everyone who came to the Cabi Clothing Trunk Show at the home of our own Karen Hickey.

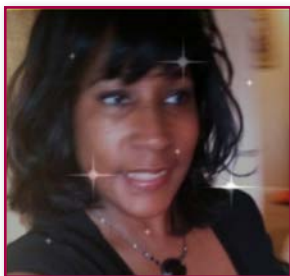


## Financial Report December 1, 2013

	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits
<b>AAUW National</b>			
Dues	\$3,332.00		\$3773.00
AAUW Funds			
<b>AAUW PA Dues</b>	\$680.00		\$620.00
<b>Banking</b>			
Fees	\$24.00		\$10.00
Interest		\$.62	
<b>Conferences</b>	\$1,500.00		\$684.32
<b>Fund Raisers</b>			
Book Fair	\$550.00	\$5056.35	\$395.00
Just a Dream		\$85.26	
Nut Sale		\$77.00	
Williams Center		\$525.00	\$378.00
<b>Insurance</b>	\$150.00		\$170.00
<b>Membership</b>			
Dues 13/14		\$5,553.00	
Donations		\$363.00	
Expenses			
<b>Newsletter</b>	\$200.00		
Advertisements		\$45.00	
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$25.00		
<b>Postal Expenses</b>			
Box	\$62.00		\$78.00
Postage	\$130.00		
<b>Programs</b>			
Donations	\$50.00		\$50.00
Equal Pay			
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00		\$75.00
September Hospitality	\$30.00		\$41.06
Scholarship Dessert	\$50.00		
Speaker Gifts	\$35.00		\$25.00
Summer Party			\$31.00
<b>Publicity</b>	\$75.00		

## New Member Spotlight

### Aaliyah O. Kee



AAUW welcomes **Aaliyah O. Kee**, who recently relocated from Houston, Texas. Aaliyah is excited to join the Easton Branch “in order to unite with women who give back to the community and to network in kind.” Upon arrival she opened an art studio in downtown Easton at the Studios

at 22 South 3rd doing fine art with an emphasis on portraits that incorporate things that people enjoy in their lives which makes the artwork truly unique.

She and her husband, Vincent, have been very busy with a nonprofit they started, the *Lehigh Valley Youth Theater & Orchestra*. They have already sponsored events with this youth group at several local events including the Garlic Fest in Easton. As a couple they bring multitalented gifts for this group, Vincent as a writer and producer of plays and Aaliyah as an artist. Vincent is currently doing casting calls for his play *Angie Jackson . . . The Musical* that will be performed locally with plans to show in London April, 2014.

Aaliyah obtained her Bachelors degree in Advertising Graphics from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Aaliyah is also an Army Reserves Veteran, having served in the military Armed Forces for six years. She also works at the Easton Children’s Home helping and encouraging young minds. We welcome Aaliyah to the Easton Branch of the AAUW and look forward to her participation in local events as well as sharing the exciting events she and her husband are currently planning through their nonprofit.

## Save the Dates

### AAUW Easton Branch Authors’ Luncheon

Our first ever AAUW Easton Branch Authors’ Luncheon will be held on May 3, 2014 at Northampton Area Community College. This fund raising event is the first of what we hope will be an annual event. Details to follow in the coming months.

### Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter Luncheon

February 15, 2014

## Membership Event at Women’s Feminist Meeting at Lafayette College

The AAUW Membership Committee was invited to Lafayette College on Thursday, November 14th to talk to the “Women’s Feminist Group” about the AAUW Student Affiliate Program. A group of about twenty female and male students attended the meeting and demonstrated active interest in both joining AAUW and taking part in programs aligned with their needs.

One such program discussed is a “\$mart \$tart Workshop.” AAUW attendees at the meeting Rosemary Baker, Bernadette Fennimore and Nancy Berry are very excited about this opportunity and hope to join with the students in planning this workshop. Three students signed up on the spot.

**Welcome Rebecca Miller, Julia Guarch and Nicole Harrison.** We hope more interested students will become students members of AAUW.

If any member has referrals for new members, please contact either Nancy Berry or Bernadette Fennimore.

## Congratulations

Two of our members, Cathy Lieber and Judy Brunswick, were featured in the December 1 media—Cathy, in **The Morning Call**, for her ongoing work with *Judith’s Reading Room*, and Judy, in **Lehigh Valley Live**, for her *Arts Skills Quest* program at the Easton Library. *Well-deserved praise!*

*“The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself.”*

*Anna Quindlen*

## 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, added or deleted.

### Membership

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

### Newsletter and Personal Information

Not all phone numbers, email and personal addresses are posted in the newsletter for privacy concerns. Please refer to your AAUW Yearbook if you need to find additional contact information for members. Thank you.

## Representative Bob Freeman (continued from page 1)

history and political science from Moravian College, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1978. He earned his Masters degree in history from Lehigh University in 1984.

Freeman was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1982 and served six two-year terms before leaving as the result of an unsuccessful bid for the State Senate in 1994.

From 1995 – 97 he served as executive director of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee and as Democratic executive director of the Senate Local Government Committee from 1997 – 98. He returned to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1998 and has been re-elected ever since.

He is a former shop steward and member of the UFCW union. He is a recipient of the Elton Stone Award and the Moravian College History Prize. He authored the article "Light Rail and

the Lehigh Valley," which appeared in the *New Valley Press* in 1981.

During his previous 12 years in the House, Freeman served as chairman of the House Select Committee on Land Use and Growth Management (1991 – 92), which recommended ways to improve growth management and reduce sprawl. He was one of the leaders in revising the Municipalities Planning Code in 2000 and authored the Elm Street Program designed to revitalize older residential neighborhoods. The Elm Street legislation was signed into law in February, 2004.

Freeman is the chairman of the House Local Government Committee. He has served on the committees of Labor Relations, Local Government, Environmental Resources and Energy, and State Government.

Freeman, who resides in Easton, is married to Terri Arshan Freeman and has two stepchildren.



## 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. This month's meeting is at the home of **Zoe Roble**. The book is **Lies You Wanted To Hear** by James Whitfield Thomson.

### International Relations



**Chair:** Jean Riker  
Group meets at **1:30 pm** on the fourth Tuesday of the month. No meetings are scheduled for December or January.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Ruth Skoglund  
This group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at **7 pm**. The next meeting is **January 22** at **home of Toni Hoffman**. The topic is **Far From the Tree**, chapters 1 and 3.

### Timely Topic



**Chair:** Marian Cunningham  
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.

### Mah Jongg



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman  
The next Mah Jongg dates are **January 13** and **27, 2014**.

### Out to Lunch



**Chair:** Janet Heffner  
We will be meeting at **12:30 pm** on **Wed., January 8** at the **The Blue**. Please **RSVP to Shirley Schwartzbach by the end of December** if you would like to join us.

### Rotating Gourmet



**Chair:** Zoe Roble  
There is no gathering scheduled for the month of December or January.

### Tapas



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman  
The Tapas Group meets quarterly. There is no meeting scheduled at this time.

### Photography Group



**Chair:** Janice Lupackino  
The Photography group will be meeting on Monday, **Dec. 23** at **11 am** at the **home of Colleen Kuschke**. Her daughter will be answering questions and offering expertise on all things photographic. Questions encouraged. Please contact Janice if you are interested in attending. Happy Holidays!

### Wednesday Evening Bridge Group



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

# American Association of University Women

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<b>Co-Presidents</b>	<b>Toni Hoffman, Marian Cunningham</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</b>
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<b>Easton Edition</b>	<b>Suzi Campbell</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</b>

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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