

CALENDAR

Authors' Luncheon
Saturday, **May 3, 11 am**

Global Mamas Open House
Saturday, **May 9, 11 – 1 & 3 – 5**

Tumaini Fair Trade Open House
Saturday, **May 10**

Dessert & Scholarship Awards
Tuesday, **May 20, 7 pm**

Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, **May 27**

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Mark your calendar for all the upcoming events listed here.

May Dessert and Scholarship Awards

Tuesday, May 20 at 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church
333 Spring Garden Street, Easton (parking is available behind the church)

This year's dessert features Profiteroles. These are pastries filled with ice cream and covered with chocolate sauce. Coffee and tea will also be served.

Join us as our branch members and scholarship recipients are honored.

Cost is \$10 per person and a RSVP form can be found on page six.

Please RSVP to Marian Cunningham by May 15.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Heidi Kurter**, our DeSales student affiliate, who received a NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) scholarship from AAUW-PA. We'll look forward to hearing all about Heidi's adventures.

Congratulations to **our new co-presidents, Fran Kennedy and Nancy Butow**. We wish them every success as they embark on their new relationship to each other and to our branch.

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."

Nora Roberts

From the Presidents' Pens:



Attending state and national conventions energizes me, gives me ideas for future branch programs, and reminds me why I joined AAUW—to meet individuals who are committed to making a difference by addressing issues important to women.

Char Rusnak, former NATO Senior Gender Advisor, spoke about comfort zones and pushing yourself to move out of yours, try something new and take a risk. The benefits can be enormous. Over time, we all become comfortable doing what we have always done and that gives our lives a routine and predictability that we seem to need. But do we stop growing when that happens? Do we end up saying “Is that all there is?”

Google “comfort zone and taking risks” and this is what you’ll read: **“There is no room for adventure and excitement in your comfort zone;”** perhaps now is the time to get that

excitement back and find ways to step out of your comfort zone. You can stretch yourself by taking on new challenges, by learning something new, and by deciding to work for change. It’s not only young people who can change the world; as AAUW members, we can too.

Pick your issue, step out, and let’s work together. Excitement and adventure await us!

- Equal Pay
- Get Out The Vote for 2014
- Human and sex trafficking
- Bullying and harassment in schools
- STEM and why so few women in those fields
- Quality public education and how to fund our schools
- Campus safety

Marian and Toni

Global Mamas Open House

May 9, 11 am – 1 pm and 3 – 5 pm

Home of Fran Kennedy

Come browse and pick out gifts—all handmade Fair Trade products from Ghana. Items included are Batik clothing, home decor, jewelry from recycled glass, and shea body butter moisturizers. Perfect gifts for mother’s day, for a new baby, or as a treat for yourself.

Please contact Fran for more information. If the date and times are not good for you, but you are interested, call Fran to make an appointment.

Tidbits from the AAUW-PA Convention

While at the convention, our state social media chair helped me set up a Facebook page as a way to increase our branch visibility. Be sure to visit the page and “like” and “follow” it. And then check periodically for updates on branch activities. This is one more way we are entering the digital age.

Following in national’s footsteps, AAUW-PA instituted an all member online voting procedure. That meant that every AAUW member in Pennsylvania could vote for state officers, even if they were not attending the convention. That is a big difference from several years ago when a member had to be present to vote. Voting is so important that I am surprised by how few AAUW members voted in any of the three ways possible—online, mail in ballot and in person. There were only 92 online votes and 111 paper ballots.

Toni



HEART and SOIL:
Our Farms Our Legacy
Photography by Rick Smith
April 13 - October 13, 2014

SIGAL Museum
*of the Northampton County Historical
& Genealogical Society*
342 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18042
sigalmuseum.org 610.253.1222

AAUW-PA 85th Annual State Meeting

Gettysburg, PA, April 11 – 13, 2014

The Easton & Bethlehem car pool, under the direction of Rosemary Baker, got an early start when they met at the Park & Ride on William Penn Highway on Friday morning. The plan was to arrive in Gettysburg in time to do some sightseeing. After checking in at the Wyndham Hotel, we headed into Gettysburg for a delicious lunch of crab cake sandwiches and fries. Next stop was the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. There we saw the restored Gettysburg Cyclorama, the film, “New Birth of Freedom” and toured the museum. Friday night, the beginning of the AAUW-PA convention, was a low key event with a meet & greet of old and new friends, a town hall meeting and a national update by **Julia Brown**, AAUW Nat’l VP.

Saturday was busy with the usual meetings, speakers, updates and panels. All were interesting, but several were outstanding. Char Rusnak, former NATO Senior Gender Advisor, kept us glued to our seats as she presented her personal perspectives on Afghanistan. An interesting side event was the burqa that floated around later in the day. Of course, one knew that there was a woman underneath all that material; but being covered from head to toe, including the eyes does not let much, if any, of the person come through. A presentation on STEM initiatives was done by AAUW West Chester-Chester. They have developed a new program, Parents- Educators Exploring Tomorrow’s Technology (PETT), which provides parents and educators with resources to help create a supportive, nurturing environment for girls in grades 6-12 who are interested in STEM.

PETT expands upon the one-day girls Stem event **Girls Exploring Tomorrow’s Technology (GETT)** held every March in Chester County for girls in grades 6-12. What an exciting program! Session III featured a College Student Panel which discussed AAUW college campus programs. Their enthusiasm and passion came through in each presentation. Janet Gillespie from Lafayette was one of the speakers.

Saturday night ended with an interesting talk by Jill Oglie Titus, Associate Director Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, on *The Cold War & Civil Rights Movement in Gettysburg*. It made all of us stop and think about what has happened in the past, how far we have come, yet how far we need still need to travel for equality for all.

Sunday morning saw the presentation of Branch and AAUW Funds Awards. It was nice to hear our Easton Branch mentioned. At the end of the annual meeting, the E & B carpool loaded up and was ready to hit the road. But first we had one more stop. After getting lost in Gettysburg, which is not a big town, we found Seminary Ridge Avenue and started our auto tour of the battlefield. Our trip to the cyclorama and museum had been time well spent since it helped us understand the three days of combat when we toured the battlefield.

Our excursion completed—it was time to head home.

Nancy Butow



Dot McLane, AAUW-PA State President and **Michele Buford**, AAUW-PA Program VP



AAUW Funds, **Top Ten Branches in Total Giving**



Three members attended the convention: **Rosemary Baker**, **Toni Hoffman** & **Nancy Butow**

You are invited . . .

Tumaini Open House

in support of
World Fair Trade Day

Saturday May 10
 12 noon – 5.30 pm
 122 Mill Race Drive, Easton

Colleen Kuschke is hosting an **Open House at her home** to showcase and support the exceptional skill and artistry of Fair Trade artisans in Africa, Central and South America and southern Asia.

The majority of Fair Trade artisans are women who are trying to better their lives, provide for their families and educate their children.

The Tumaini collection includes jewelry, purses and totes, scarves, serving items, gifts and children's items.



Stop by and browse the collection.
 Order your summer gifts or treat yourself.

Member Spotlight

Jan Marie Schwartz

I'm happy to announce my new position as Lehigh Valley Regional Coordinator for Pre-K for PA. The Pre-K for PA issue campaign is working to ensure that all Pennsylvania children are ready to succeed. Our vision is that every 3- and 4-year-old in the commonwealth has access to high-quality pre-kindergarten.

Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn, strengthens our schools and communities. The campaign is nonpartisan: we neither support nor oppose candidates.

I want to ask your help in joining us to grow the campaign.

Pre-K for PA invites citizens, parents, educators, as well as business and community leaders to join us in making high-quality pre-k a visible issue during this critical election year and beyond. We will be a regular source for pre-k information and will conduct outreach in the local community, at public forums, and in the media to spread the word.

This initiative was launched by a statewide coalition including: Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children, Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Mission: Readiness, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, Pennsylvania Head Start Association, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Pittsburgh Area Association for the Education of Young Children, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

You can sign up at www.prekforpa.org, like us at [facebook.com/prekforpa](https://www.facebook.com/prekforpa), or follow [@prek4pa](https://twitter.com/prek4pa).

Jan Marie Schwartz

The Membership Dues Form
 is included in this newsletter.

Please return it ASAP.

All members will be receiving an invoice in the mail and an email reminder. Please note that the annual yearbook, distributed in the fall, will only include active members.

AAUW Easton Branch Meeting

April 22, 2014 at the Palmer Library

Toni Hoffman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Nancy Butow and Debbie Byrd introduced their guests.

Nancy Berry, introduced two new members in attendance this evening. She reported we have twelve new members so far this year. A Spring Social was held. We had three members join from the social. We have 4 student affiliates, three of whom are from Lafayette. The Lafayette students conducted a Start Smart Workshop.

The minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter. The financial report was approved as published in the April newsletter.

Marian announced that our next meeting is May 20. This is our Annual Awards night. Officers will be installed and branch awards given. This will be a dessert and will be held at First Presbyterian Church.

Nancy Butow, announced that the Easton Branch received the following awards at our AAUW -PA State Convention: First in amount given to the Public Policy Fund and we were in the top ten in total annual contributions.

Rosemary Baker reported that the Scholarship Committee has met and chosen three scholarship recipients. Scholarships are \$1500 each. They will be presented at our May dessert.

Nancy Butow reported on the AAUW PA Convention that was held in Gettysburg.

Nancy Berry, presented the slate for Co-Presidents: Nancy Butow and Fran Kennedy. Nancy made a motion seconded by Rosemary to accept the slate. Motion carried.

Congratulations, Fran and Nancy!

Toni announced that the AAUW- PA is applying for a National Public Policy grant. The state board wants to see what our primary and secondary interest is. Toni will send us the link and asks that we indicate our interest.

Authors Luncheon is May 3 at NCC. Brochures are available. We hope to make this an annual Fundraiser.

Debbie Byrd(Lafayette) announced that she and Terry Roman (EANC) had applied for a Community Action grant and they are on the wait list.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm and Marian introduced our speaker Kim Kmetz .

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

Financial Report May 1, 2014

	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits
AAUW National			
Dues	\$3,332.00		\$882.00
AAUW Funds			\$1,398.25
AAUW PA Dues	\$680.00		\$180.00
Banking			
Fees	\$24.00		\$20.00
Interest		\$1.40	
Conferences	\$1,500.00		\$433.18
Fund Raisers			
Book Fair	\$550.00	\$5,093.35	\$395.00
Just a Dream		\$118.66	
Nut Sale		\$91.51	
Williams Center		\$525.00	\$378.00
One-time Events		\$179.20	
Insurance	\$150.00		\$170.00
Membership			
Dues 14/15		\$1,242.00	
Donations		\$480.00	
Newsletter	\$200.00		
Advertisements		\$45.00	
Officers' Expenses			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$25.00		
Postal Expenses			
Box	\$62.00		\$78.00
Postage	\$130.00		
Programs			
Donations	\$50.00		\$100.00
Equal Pay			
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		\$91.75
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00		\$150.00
Mother/Daughter Lunch		\$840.00	\$937.97
September Hospitality	\$30.00		\$55.37
Scholarship Dessert	\$50.00		
Speaker Gifts	\$35.00		\$25.00
Summer Party			\$31.00
Publicity	\$75.00		\$269.51

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 15th** 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 15th, please let Suzi know *by* the 15th 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!

Newsletter Ads

Please note the following procedure:

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. Please **send payment to Annette Stody. She will then inform the newsletter editor, Suzi Campbell,**

who will, in turn, place your ad in the newsletter. 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. Please make the following changes in your 2014 Yearbook: **Pat Hunter's** new e-mail address: **phunter@springgardenchildrenscenter.org**.

New member:

Wendy Wilson-Fall, 519 high street, Easton, PA 18042, 610.438.3949, **wilsonfw@lafayette.edu**

Membership

If you know anyone that is, or may be, interested in joining or having more information about AAUW, please contact **Nancy Berry**. She and her committee will be happy to contact them.

Newsletter and Personal Information

Please refer to your AAUW Yearbook if you need to find additional contact information for members. Thank you.

Scholarship Awards and Dessert RSVP

First Presbyterian Church of Easton, May 20, 2014 at 7 pm

For reservations:

Return this registration form **by May 15** with check for **\$10** made out to **AAUW–Easton Branch**

Mail to: Marian Cunningham, 380 Wedgewood Drive, Easton, PA 18045

Name (please print): _____

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: Toni Hoffman
Group meets the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **May 19** at the **home of Sue Kell**. The selection is *The Circle* by Dave Eggers.

International Relations



Chair: Jean Riker
The International Relations group is having a planning meeting on **May 27** at **Jean's home**.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



Chair: Ruth Skoglund
During the April meeting we will continue to discuss *Far From the Tree* by Andrew Solomon. On **May 28** at **7 pm** we will discuss the chapter on Disability. For more information, please call or send an email to Ruth.

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
Mah Jongg will be on **May 12** at **10:30 am** at the **home of Lois Wildrick**.

Out to Lunch



Chair: Janet Heffner
The Out to Lunch group is meeting on **May 7**. The restaurant is yet to be decided. Please contact Janet for information.

Rotating Gourmet



Chair: Zoe Roble
Save The Date . . . for a Summer Picnic on **Saturday, July 19** at **4 pm** at the home of Marlou Belyea. Bring your swim suit and towel. Please RSVP to Marlou.

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 is meeting on **May 22** at **3 pm** at **home of Janice Lupackino**.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Group



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



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 Funds	\$ _____
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 student affiliates and 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
P.O. Box 1464
Easton, PA 18044-1464

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800-326-2289	www.aauw.org
Easton Branch	610-504-5861	easton-pa.aauw.net
Co-Presidents	Toni Hoffman, Marian Cunningham	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/
Membership	Nancy Berry	easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/
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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