

CALENDAR

Grandparents Day
Sunday, **September 7**

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, **September 15**

Potluck Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, **September 16** at **6 pm**

Annual Book Fair
September 18 – 21 & 25 – 27
See page 2 for details

Rotating Gourmet Punch Party
Sunday, **September 28** at **4:30 pm**
Poswistillo's, 204 N 13th Street

Frozen Yogurt Special
Monday, **September 29** from **5 – 9 pm**
Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt

Board Meeting
Monday, **October 6** at **7 pm**
Home of Toni Hoffman

District Easton Meeting
Saturday, **October 18** at **10 am**
See page 7 for details

Bethlehem Food Co-op
Tuesday, **October 21** at **7 pm**
Palmer Library

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September Potluck Dinner Meeting

Join the Easton Branch AAUW members as we begin another year of programs.



Tuesday, September 16

Downstairs Room of the First Presbyterian Church
(Parking in the rear- enter the meeting room through the rear door)

333 Spring Garden Street, Downtown Easton

Doors Open at 5:45 pm, Potluck begins at 6 pm

Business Meeting at 7 pm

Speaker: The Civil War Lady, what she wore from head to toe.

Join us in enjoying Bonnie Scott's show-and-tell of the clothing worn by the ladies of the Civil War era. Did you know that they wore about 7 layers of clothing under their dress every day?

Please be guided by the first letter of your last name when bringing food to the potluck dinner: **A-K: Salads L-Z: Entrées.** Dessert and coffee will be furnished.

**AAUW Easton Needs Your Help
in Continuing to Grow!**

Do you know of someone who may be interested in joining AAUW, Easton branch? We had a very successful year during 2013 – 2014. We contacted 50 plus potential prospects for membership, hosted two membership recruiting events and socials and for these efforts had a 13% growth in membership. We have also expanded our interest groups and continue to expand to new activities and events such as the successful Photography club and Authors' luncheon this past spring! We need your help to get the word out to new prospects who could enjoy our membership. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining please contact Nancy Berry, Membership Vice-President at **610-252-3332** or **610-216-1588**, or via email at **berry.nancy61@gmail.com**. Nancy is also looking for members who can join her membership committee as we plan for the 2014-2015 year!

Nancy Berry

From the Presidents' Pens:



Welcome back everyone. September is here and brings with it the start of our AAUW year.

It has been a busy summer for your new co-presidents as we learn the ins and outs of our new jobs and plan the calendar for the coming year. One thing we have learned is that September starts with a bang due to our major fund raising activity being held then. The Easton Branch has held a Book Fair for over 70 years to raise money for the scholarships we award to graduating women going on to a four year college. It takes many hours of planning to put together all the details that lead up to the actual selling of books: letters requesting locations, barrels put into place, signing up members to empty them. Crunch time arrives as we move shelves and install them in place, sort books and sign up members to staff the book fair on sale days. The last day arrives. The book fair is over for another year, but we are not quite done. Shelves need to be moved and stored and books packed up so they can be hauled away. Finally we can take a deep breath and add another year to our list.

We have been doing this for a long time and have awarded many scholarships but times are changing. Many of our members work and are also busy raising families. Many also

add graduate school into the mix. Many of our dedicated book fair helpers are moving into their 80's and not sure they have more years to help with the book fair. The 20th and 21st centuries have added computers, e-books, face book and e-mail just to name a few of the inventions that have changed our lives. So the question is...how are we going to move the Easton Branch of AAUW into the future and continue to raise money for scholarships for the future generation of women.

An authors' luncheon was held in the spring. Try something new we thought. A lot of work went into the planning, but did not require the actual physical work that the book fair does. It was a start in trying something new, but did not raise anywhere near the amount of money we made in previous years of the book fairs. The question we asked afterwards was . . . will our members come out and support an authors' lunch next year? Our branch is at a cross road. We need to make a move, but what direction. It is not a decision that the board can make alone.

Please join us at branch meetings, talk to board members, e-mail us . . . let us know your thoughts and ideas as the Easton Branch of AAUW moves forward.

Fran & Nancy

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Sorting times for the Book Fair begin Sat., Sept. 6 at 10 am. It will be open daily through Wednesday, Sept. 17. On Sundays the Pool House will be open from 1 – 4 pm. You can sign up for 2 hr shifts. You are also welcome to come help when you have not signed up.

| Sorting and Set-Up Times | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Day | Date | Time |
| Sat | Sept. 6 | 10 am – 4 pm |
| Sun | Sept. 7 | 1 – 4 pm |
| Mon – Sat | Sept. 8 – 13 | 10 am – 4 pm |
| Sun | Sept. 14 | 1 – 4 pm |
| Mon – Wed | Sept. 15 – 17 | 10 am – 4 pm |

We open to sell at 8 am on Thursday, September 18 for the dealers. (\$10 admittance fee). Thursday – Saturday hours will be from 10 am – 4 pm again with 2-hour slots. We should have 3 volunteers for each slot. Sunday, September 21 we will be open from 1 – 4 pm with 1½ hour slots.

Selling and Volunteer Times

| Day | Date | Time |
|------------------|---------------|---|
| Thur: Dealer Day | Sept. 18 | 8 – 10 am ; 10 am – Noon; Noon – 2 pm; 2 – 4 pm |
| Fri – Sat | Sept. 19 & 20 | 10 am – Noon; Noon – 2 pm; 2 – 4 pm |
| Sun | Sept. 21 | 1 – 2:30 pm; 2:30 – 4 pm |
| Thu – Sat | Sept. 25 – 27 | 10 am – Noon; Noon – 2 pm; 2 – 4 pm |
| Sun | Sept. 28 | 1 – 2:30 pm; 2:30 – 4 pm |

Please call or email to sign up with **Peg Opthof** or **Fran Kennedy** before you are called. Thank you for all you do to make this a successful bookfair.

PLEASE Support AAUW

Dear AAUW Members,

I am your new AAUW Funds Chair for the Easton Branch, as Nancy has assumed the Co-Presidency. There is much to learn and as I read over this information, I would like to share some of it with you and encourage you to support these worthy, philanthropic programs with your tax-deductible gift to AAUW Funds. You can send your contribution to a specific fund or program if you so choose:

1. The Legal Advocacy Fund—supports the protection of the legal rights of those facing discrimination. There are various programs under this fund ranging from education, to support for workplace sex discrimination cases, to on campus program grants, just to name a few.
2. The Educational Opportunities Fund—supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities which give women a chance for a lifetime of success. One of the programs, the AAUW Tech Trek educates and inspires 8th grade girls in science, technology, engineering, and math through weeklong camps.
3. The Public Policy Fund—supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. AAUW advocates on Capitol Hill and in the White House when decisions that affect women and girls are made.

4. The Eleaor Roosevelt Fund—supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls.
5. The Leadership Programs Fund—supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in the schools, communities, and country.

Making A Donation:

Please make all checks payable to **AAUW Funds**. If you prefer to restrict your gift to a specific fund, please indicate the name of the fund and mail to **AAUW, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045**. Or you can contribute online using the secure website.

Also, if you would like to share any ideas, or projects for fund raising within the Branch, please let me know.

I look forward to serving you in this capacity.

Sincerely,
Janice Lupackino



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Store Hours

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|------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday – Friday | 12 – 7 pm |
| Saturday | 10 am – 5 pm |
| Sunday/Monday | Closed |

Let's Read Math™ Summer Programs

The Let's Read Math™ program, started in 2004 by **Claire Passantino**, an AAUW Makefield Area branch member, as a community outreach project. Ms. Passantino designed the program to address the alarming level of math anxiety existing at all socio-economic levels, particularly among women and girls. At Let's Read Math™ workshops we began with a student friendly exercise. Next we read together a light-hearted and engaging math-related children's book. We then make a painless transition to doing fun math-related activities. In this way we build positive attitudes towards math. The workshops are geared towards children ages 5 – 12.

This summer thirteen volunteers, led by **Fran Kennedy**, planned and presented eight Let's Read Math™ programs at Easton library branches' Summer Reading Programs and ProJeCt Easton's Sizzle program for Easton Area School District students. A class of 11 children from Spring Garden Children's Center attended the Southside Library branch program in addition to children who signed up for the summer reading program. We used 5 children's books and hands-on activities to introduce counting patterns; spatial geometry with tangrams; 3 dimensional creations using toothpicks and marshmallows; geometric transformations including sliding, rotating, and mirror images; the concept of symmetry; and charts and bar graphs to represent data of results from a cheese tasting.

Thank you to our fantastic team of volunteers including **Jean Riker, Bitsy Jeffers, Toni Hoffman, Janet Heffner, Marian Cunningham, Peg Opthof, Terri Slotterback, Sue Kell, Nancy Berry, Janice Lupackino, Phyllis Finger, and John Kennedy.**

Thanks also to **Audrey Kanter** who talked about our workshops to the branch librarians, **Katie Cardell** at the Main Branch of the Easton Library, **Stephanie Supinski** at the Palmer Branch, **Debbie Osmun** at the Southside Branch, and **Gerry Gotham** at ProJeCt Easton.

Fran Kennedy

The following is the content of a letter that Fran received this summer about the "Let's Read Math" program.

Dear Fran and members of the AAUW,

On behalf of the Palmer Branch of the Easton Area Public Library, I would like to extend my appreciation for your recent program, Let's Read Math at the Palmer Branch. As I watched the children during the program, I could see that they were really interested in tangrams.

Thank you for participating in this year's summer reading program. And thank you for making math so much fun!

Hopefully we will see you next summer for another fun, math program.

Sincerely Yours,

Stephanie Supinski, Branch Manager, Palmer Branch



AAUW Summer Retreat

7/12/14, by Beverly Hernandez

Nearly one hundred AAUW representatives from branches across the state convened at Lewisburg's Country Cupboard Inn to obtain resources and education so as to be able to better empower women as individuals and as a community at the grassroots level. From Easton hailed **Fran Kennedy, Rosemary Baker, Toni Hoffman** and **Beverly Hernandez**.

State President Dot McLane welcomed the attendees and introduced members of the state board that were present. She updated the group on national and state initiatives and policies. Especially interesting are the National STEM Initiative and the College/University Partner Members. Check the website for the programs of *Start Smart* on negotiating initial salary and *Elect Her* which teaches young women to run for office while in school. (Note: In 2012 women working full-time, year round were still paid, on the average, 77 cents for every dollar paid to men. The Fight For Pay Equity still relevant for every woman.)

Laura McNulty Stepp Vice President, National Giving of the AAUW National level, presented on Philanthropy, Fundraising, Policies and Guidelines. The branches would do well to review these. Fran and Beverly have copies for those interested in fundraising guidelines. (Check your "Keystoner" for the link to the Policies and the Blog.) One of the points made was that funds raised specifically for AAUW or an affiliate, **must** go to the expected and intended charity to avoid public mistrust and confusion. Donors have the right to have their philanthropic wishes honored.

The afternoon was spent on public policy. It is notable that AAUW was instrumental in passing the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. Other accomplishments include making the case for increasing emergency contraception across the counter for women of all ages; advocating for establishing means of data collection in the schools on number of students bullied because of sexual orientation; and fighting to include several priorities in the January fiscal cliff deal. Handout available.

Nancy Morrill and Tam St. Claire of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition presented ideas on creating similar countywide coalitions empowering women. As such we may speak as one voice across the Commonwealth since, according to the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Pennsylvania "stands out as one of the states that are among the worst in the nation for women" with a national ranking of 28th in economic security, leadership and health. The fundamentals and model of such a coalition were expanded upon as well as the long-range principles for economic sufficiency by which they operate. (Website is www.bcwac.org) Their list of partner organizations is impressive. What say you about working toward the Northampton County Women's Advocacy Coalition?

AAUW National Staff member Deborah Swerdlow was a young dynamic speaker on identifying coalition partners (See workshops and guide on AAUW site) She gave ideas on how to get out the vote and work with groups on legislation.

Public Policy

Peg Opthof

As the new Public Policy Chair, I am excited about the program opportunities for our branch this upcoming year. Proposed activities include a "Get Out the Vote" drive, home-based forums for understanding Common-Core-Standard issues, and a public education program focusing on economic sufficiency issues. Our Public Policy Committee is currently working to procure an AAUW-PA Public Policy Mini-Grant to help us bring these programs to fruition. For more information on the AAUW-PA Public Policy Impact Grant, see the AAUW-PA Home Page. I will keep you posted on grant and program developments in our next newsletter. If you are interested in and would like to work on public policy issues, consider joining the public policy committee. Please give me a call.

Essence of Elegance

Fashions of the Late Victorian to Late 20th Century

Sunday, September 21, 2014
2pm

\$25 per person includes refreshments and door prizes
Tickets are available for purchase at the Museum Admission Desk

SIGAL Museum of the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society
342 Northampton St. Easton, PA 18042 sigalmuseum.org 610.255.1222



Get Out the Vote

IT'S MY VOTE



Did you know that September 23 is National Voter Registration Day? As part of our Get Out the Vote efforts we will be having a table at NCC for voter registration forms and one for AAUW information. We will be there from 10-2. We should have 2 people there. If people did 2 hour shifts we could use 4 people. We will also be doing a table at the Fowler Campus from 8:30-12:30. This will be on September 22. We are also hoping to have a table at Lafayette College. Help is needed to be at these tables.

Other locations for our Get Out the Vote campaign include the Easton Area Neighborhood Center on September 26 from 9 am - 12 noon. Tentatively we will also be at the Family Easton Y on September 24 and ProJeCt of Easton on September 22. We need you! Research has shown that if young people register to vote, they are more likely to continue voting in their lifetime.



A committee meeting for Get Out the Vote with Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown representation. From Easton are **Toni Hoffman, Nancy Butow, Beverly Hernandez, and Fran Kennedy.**

Please call or email Peg Opthof, Toni Hoffman, or Fran Kennedy if you can help. This is also a good chance to get out information about AAUW and sign up any people interested in AAUW.

Fran Kennedy

Fundraiser for September

Our Frozen Yogurt Socials are back now that the freezing winter and pleasant summer are over. This is an easy and delicious opportunity to raise money for the branch. On the last Monday of September, Just A Dream Frozen Yogurt will donate 25% of their yogurt sales to branch members, their families and friends, to our branch. Bring your friends and family. Last year Fran brought her 3 grandsons, their parents, and in-laws. A fun way to raise funds!

Everyone had a great time in August! **Print out the coupon below** and bring it in with you for the discount. Fran and Nancy will be there to thank you for your support. **Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt** is located in the **Giant Shopping Center** on Sullivan Trail. The next event will take place on Monday, September 29.

Looking forward to seeing you, your family and friends!

Frozen Yogurt Social
Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt
September 29 from 5 – 9 pm

Benefits AAUW Easton Branch

Save the Dates

Inter-Branch Diversity Program

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14, 2015

Far From the Family Tree but Close to Home:

What some see as disability, I know as my life

Moravian College 9:30 am – 12 pm



District East Meeting

October 18, 2014, 10 am to 2 pm

West Chester Branch, Uwchlan Meeting House

Topic: Common Core Curriculum: good or bad???

For Lunch and Reservation information contact Fran Kennedy or Nancy Butow.

Author's Luncheon

Planning is underway for our **Annual Authors' Luncheon**, slated for either the weekend of April 18th or 25th, 2015.

SAVE THOSE DATES! The inaugural event was a great success and we look forward to even greater attendance and participation in 2015. **Karen Hickey** and **Terry Thomas** will once again co-chair this event. They are actively seeking volunteers to help make the luncheon one of our premier fund raisers. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please email Karen at soputtogether@gmail.com or Terry at terryathomas@earthlink.net. Meetings set to begin in October.

Grandparents Day

Attention All Grandparents:

You're invited to Celebrate Grandparents' Day

Where: Sigal Museum

342 Northampton Street, Easton

When: Sunday, September 7, 2014 from noon – 4 pm

SENIORS RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION

Rotating Gourmet Interest Group

Punch Party At The Poswistilo's

204 N 13th Street, Easton

Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 4:30 pm

After receiving your menus and recipes in early September, choose what you would like to make and call **Carolyn Conners** with your choice, but also call her if you cannot attend.

Remember, the earliest calls get first pick. Also, please keep track of the cost of your ingredients, since the cost of the food is equally shared by everyone.

*Do you have a service or
business that you would
like to promote to your
fellow members?*

*For \$5, this space could
be yours!*

Easton School Board Meeting

May 21, 2014

The Easton Area School Board voted to approve an agreement with the teacher's union and passed the 2014-15 budget. The contract was passed by a 8-1 vote. Kerri Leonard Ellison cast the dissenting vote. The board also passed a 136 million dollar 2014-15 budget which included a 4% tax hike. This was passed by a 7-2 vote with two board members dissenting.

The new proposal included a group of veteran teachers who offered to retire at 57 and above with an incentive which would provide health coverage until age 65. Anybody above 65 would get a \$5000 stipend which would be deposited in a 403(b) account. 66% of the teachers approved this plan.

Robert Horvath came to the podium and gave his reasons for opposing the tax hike which he felt hurt those on strict budgets. He presented a list of 101 signatures of like-minded citizens. He also questioned whether a 4% tax hike could be passed without a referendum. The response was that a district may apply to the state for up to a 4% hike. Anything above this amount would need a referendum to pass.

School board President Frank Pintabone said the district has been raising taxes for the last 20 years without a plan for the future. This new two year plan will give the district a chance to move forward both educationally and financially.

Janet Heffner

2014 Convention Photos



Night at the Races *by Debbie Byrd*

We all know how difficult it is to raise funds for a worthy cause. In fact, we are involved with fundraising right now as we get ready for our annual book fair.

The Easton Area Neighborhood Center, our 2014 Gateway to Equity honoree, is as dependent on fundraising activities as we are in order to accomplish its goals. The main fundraiser for EANC is a Night at the Races which takes place this year on Friday, October 17th from 7 to 10 pm at the Holiday Inn Express on Kunkle Drive in Easton.

Tickets purchased by October 15th are \$25 per person or \$45 for 2 people. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30 per person. Wine, beer, soda, and appetizers are included in the ticket price as is some "funny money" for betting purposes. Baskets will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

Even if you are unable to attend this event, consider buying and naming a horse (\$25) to run in the race. If your horse wins its race, you win \$75 (in real money!).

Here is what your contribution can provide:

- A \$25 donation provides a teen mom or dad with a one-week supply of diapers or baby formula.
- A \$50 gift provides a weekly financial advising session for a community resident who has a diagnosed psychiatric disorder.
- A \$75 donation provides nine meals for a five-person low-income family using the agency's food pantry.
- A \$100 gift provides low-income parents with parenting or children's books.
- By donating \$250, you make it possible for a child residing at our homeless shelter to attend a fun and educational summer camp.

For more information, or to buy tickets, contact **Debbie Byrd**, byrdd@lafayette.edu, or call **484-903-2687**.

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| Elected Officers | |
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| Co-Presidents | Nancy Butow Fran Kennedy |
| Finance Officer | Annette Stoodly |
| Membership Vice President | Nancy Berry |
| Appointed Officers/Positions | |
| AAUW Funds | Janice Lupackino |
| Book Fair | Sharon Trimble Annette Stoodly |
| C/U Liaison | Toni Hoffman |
| Diversity | Rosemary Baker |
| Education | Janet Heffner |
| Historian | Pat Lucey |
| Interest Group- Coordinator | Becky Goldenberg |
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| Scholarship | Debra Ashton-Chase Louise Sipos |
| Secretary | Rosemary Baker |
| Website/Facebook Manager | Toni Hoffman |
| Yearbook | Suzi Campbell |
| Event Coordinators | |
| Evening at Williams Center | Marian Cunningham |
| Gateway to Equity | |
| Holiday Party | Colleen Kuschke |
| Let's Read Math | Nancy Berry |
| Phone Committee | Martha Barnett |
| September Pot Luck Dinner | Sue Kell Phyllis Finger |
| Women in History | Kim Rose |

Financial Report August 1, 2014

| | Budgeted Cost | Credits | Debits |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| AAUW National | | | |
| Dues | \$3,332.00 | | \$2,891.00 |
| AAUW Funds | | | \$1,398.25 |
| AAUW PA Dues | \$680.00 | | \$590.00 |
| Banking | | | |
| Fees | \$24.00 | | \$24.00 |
| Interest | | \$1.60 | |
| Conferences – 2014 | \$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 | | \$3,944.00 | |
| Donations | | \$480.00 | |
| Expenses | | | \$95.10 |
| 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 | | | |
| Authors Luncheon | | \$1,163.00 | \$623.00 |
| Donations | \$50.00 | | \$100.00 |
| 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 | \$290.00 | \$272.00 |
| Speaker Gifts | \$35.00 | | \$46.96 |
| Summer Party | | | \$31.00 |
| Publicity | \$75.00 | | \$269.51 |

Easton Branch Programs

| Date Time | Program | Location |
|---|--|--|
| Tuesday Sept. 16 6 pm | Pot Luck Dinner The Civil War Lady: What She Wore From Head to Toe | First Presbyterian Church of Easton |
| Tuesday Oct. 21 7 pm | Bethlehem Food Co-op What is a Food Co-op? | Palmer Library |
| Wednesday Nov. 11 8 pm | Evening at the Williams Center Phil Woods Jazz Quintet | Lafayette College Easton |
| Sunday Dec. 7 4 – 8 pm | Holiday Celebration | Home of The Kuschke's |
| February | TBA | TBA |
| Saturday Mar. 14 9:30 am – 12:30 pm | Interbranch Diversity Program Far From the Family Tree but Close to Home: What some see as disability, I know as my life | Moravian College, Theological Seminary |
| Saturday Apr. 21 7 pm | Annual Business Meeting Carla Hickey Girl Scouts and STEM | TBA |
| Tuesday May. 19 7 pm | Dessert and Scholarship Awards | First Presbyterian Church of Easton |

Do you have news to share with your fellow members?

Do you have ideas for interest groups?

Do you want to have more input into your newsletter?

Submit your photos, articles and/or ads today to enhance *your newsletter!*

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 **submissions must be in by the 15th** of the current month to be included 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!

Insurance Notification

On the advice of legal counsel, AAUW has cancelled the Automobile Insurance Policy. Please be informed that there is no implied or expressed authority for an AAUW member to use a member's car for AAUW business. The Easton Branch assumes no responsibility for any member using a car for this purpose.

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. They should be no larger than business card size and they must come from members. Payment for ads should be made to Annette Stody and she will notify the newsletter editor, Suzi Campbell, that the ad is ready to be placed. If you need help with the ad, contact Suzi.

Don't let the design keep you from getting your message out!

Newsletter Costs

I'll bet that many of you do not realize that the branch dues of \$10 per year does not cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. As officers of the branch, your board is concerned with the rising cost of printing and postage and what it does to our bottom line. If you have computer access, please consider receiving our newsletter via email.

It saves the branch money and saves trees too!

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 **September 15** at the home of **Rosemary Baker**. The book is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett.

Timely Topics



Chair: Marian Cunningham
Members meet at individual members' homes to discuss topics of interest. Is there something you would like to discuss? Call Marian to schedule. There will be no meeting in September.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



Chair: Rosemary Baker
The next meeting will be **Oct. 1** at **7 pm** at the **home of Norma Ferguson**. Chapter 10 from "Far from the Tree": by Andrew Solomon will be discussed.

Tuesday Evening Bridge Group



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

Photography Group



Chair: Janice Lupackino
The next meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 10** at **9 am**. It will be a nature walk and photo op in Old Orchard focusing on composition. Let Janice Lupackino know if you are coming.

Out to Lunch



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

Rotating Gourmet



Chair: Carolyn Conners
A committee has been formed. There will be a punch party at the **Poswistilo's** on **Sunday, Sept. 28** at **4:30 pm**

Tapas



Chair: Toni Hoffman
Meets quarterly—schedule to be announced

Mah Jongg



Chair: Toni Hoffman
Dates for September will be **Sept. 9** and **Sept. 29**. Check the website for times and locations.

International Relations



Chair: Jean Riker
Will meet on **September 23rd** at **Barbara Bauer's home**. The topic will be "*Madame President...*" in Europe, the first in a series on women who are, or have been, presidents. New members are welcome; contact Jean.

American Association of University Women

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| AAUW National | 800.326.2289 | www.aauw.org |
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