

CALENDAR

Holiday Shopping

Sunday, **November 9**, 1 – 5 pm
10 Thousand Villages

Evening at the Williams Center

Tuesday, **November 11**, 8 pm
Pre-concert talk at 7 pm

Newsletter Deadline November 15

Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser

Monday, **Nov. 24**, 5 – 9 pm
Just A Dream Frozen Yogurt

Holiday Celebration

Sunday, **December 7**, 4 – 8 pm
Home of Colleen Kuschke

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Mark your calendar now.
Don't miss anything!

Evening at the Williams Center

Phil Woods Quintet

Tuesday, November 11, at 8 pm



"The Phil Woods Quintet is a jazz institution, led by a legendary alto saxophonist and NEA Jazz Master. With Brian Lynch on trumpet, Bill Mays on piano, Steve Gilmore on Bass and Bill Goodwin on drums, this is no mere backing band for Phil Woods. Each musician brings his own sensibility and rich musical history to the work, which includes American jazz standards and original pieces composed by members of the quintet."

Wikipedia begins: **Philip Wells Woods** (born November 2, 1931) is an American jazz bebop alto saxophonist, clarinetist, bandleader and composer.

He has performed with greats like Dizzie Gillespie, Quincy Jones, Buddy Rich, and Thelonius Monk, and has won several Grammys.

There will probably be a pre-concert talk at 7 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Please call Marian Cunningham for more information. This concert is probably going to be sold out early so get your tickets now! Check must be received by November 4. \$5.00 from each ticket will go towards our AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Do you need transportation to the Evening at the Williams Center? If night driving or lack of transportation is keeping you from going to this event, let us know and we will try to arrange a ride to and from the event.



Williams Center Reservation Form

Return this form to:
Marian Cunningham

Cost: **\$20**

Deadline: **November 4, 2014**

Make check payable to: **AAUW Easton Branch**

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

No. of Tickets: _____ @ \$20 ea. = \$ _____

From the Presidents' Pens:



AAUW—on Line!

Every member of the AAUW Easton branch receives a newsletter 9 times a year. It is the way we stay connected to our members and inform them of local and district activities. Thanks to Toni Hoffman, our branch also has a Facebook page to provide instant info and pictures. You can share pictures and information with Toni to be posted. If you do not have a Facebook account you can see the postings on our website.

But to keep up with what is going on in the wider world and the impact on women and girls you need to check out aauw.org.

Did you know that the state you live in makes a difference in the gender pay gap between men and women? Much better to be a working woman in Maryland than Wyoming. Also the sector of the economy can make a difference: public vs. private. **Check it out on line!**

AAUW has a long history of funding graduate studies for women. For the 2014-15 year more than \$3.7 million in funding provided more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations. Interested in applying? **Check it out on line!**

Read about the sexist socks and the math teacher who complained and why women should add company Blue Q to their boycott list. And speaking of list, don't forget the Hobby Lobby Decision and the 82 companies that have said they will embrace the Supreme Court decision. **Check it out on line!**

College costs go up every year. Learn why the student debt crisis is a women's issue. Did you know that only 1 in 4 state legislators is a women? The program presented by AAUW called *Elect Her-Campus Women Win* trains college women to run for student government on their campuses. Remember your first job? \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops provide college women the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits. **Check it out on line!**

Our society tells women that they don't belong in science, technology, engineering, and math. Read about the 150 STEM programs in 35 states and 93 congressional districts, that AAUW organized that reached more than 10,000 girls and their families. Want the latest info on women in engineering and computing? A new study, *Moving the Needle: Women in Engineering and Computing* is in the works and will describe the factors behind the underrepresentation of women in the computing and engineering workforce and make evidence-based recommendations for change. For those job hunting, take a look at the listing under the section *Who We Are*.

Keep informed on line!

Three times a year AAUW Outlook magazine presents in-depth coverage of the most pressing issues that women face today. The following topics are covered in the fall 2014 Issue: *The Birth Control Backlash; Contraception/Abortion: How Birth Control Works; Let's Talk About Sex Ed; VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), 20 Years Later; Sexual Assault: An Unspoken Barrier to Higher Ed*. **Read it on Line!**

So remember to check in with aauw.org as they work to advance equity for women and girls. It will be time well spent.

Fran & Nancy

Judith's Reading Room

Dear AAUW Friends!

Judith's Reading Room announces our first "Freedom Through Literacy" Award for teachers, librarians, authors, researchers, educators—in a word, an individual who is doing something remarkable in the world of literacy to inspire in others a life long love of reading. The top prize, which will be announced at a banquet at Cedar Crest College in May, 2015, is \$5,000. There will be up to five (5) \$1,000 runner-up awards.

We believe that it is highly likely that someone in AAUW here in the Lehigh Valley knows someone who should win the Award!

The deadline for application submissions (on line at our website) is January 26, 2015.

easton-pa.aauw.net

Holiday Shopping Opportunity

Sunday, November 9, 1 – 5 pm at
10,000 Villages, Lehigh Valley Mall

- 15% of all sales go to the Allentown AAUW
- Money is used to support their book corner at County Welfare Office which is stocked with books children can take home.
- Refreshments to Energize you as you shop

The District East Meeting—An Energizing Day



Four members of our branch (**Fran, Rosemary, Janice, and Toni**) attended the meeting in West Chester on “*Is Public Education Fairly Funded?*” After the drive, cup of coffee, and mingling with members from other branches in the eastern district, we were welcomed by **Martha Czop**, the District East coordinator. **Fran Pierce** from the West Chester branch gave us background on the history of education in the US and in Pennsylvania as it relates to how it is funded. She then introduced us to the panelists, **Susan Gobreski** of *Education Voters PA* and **Ian Gavigan** of the *Education Law Center*. They were passionate and well informed. We will be receiving their

power point presentation. (It will also be available on the aauwpa website.) We received a wealth of information in a short period of time. I am hoping that I will be able to digest the information by looking at the power point. There are many statistics that indicate the need for a fair funding formula.

The issue of charter schools and cyber schools was a big concern for the speakers and the audience. Lobbying and help as to how to lobby was discussed and a coalition to help members prepare to lobby in a *Campaign for Fair Education Funding* is a big take away.

After breaking for lunch **Susan McNamara** and **Toni Hoffman** gave a public policy update. I was surprised to learn that only nine states received the public policy impact grant and this is the third year that Pennsylvania has been included. They told us about the PA conference for women they attended on Thursday and the coalition building opportunities there. They had several resources for us to pick up.

At the end we did go home energized about Education in Pennsylvania and to **GO OUT AND VOTE!!!**

Fran Kennedy

One Perspective on PA Conference for Women

I was quite excited on Thursday the 22nd of October to rise early and get to the 11th Annual Conference at the PA Convention Center to be celebrated and inspired. As I understood, the purpose of the event was to increase our ability to create positive change in our communities (and for networking opportunities with 7999 other interesting women, of course. As a side note, the thing was so huge, I never did find Toni Hoffman, or her booth. And there was another convention there that day as well.)

The theme was “The Power of Us.” I like that.

I should have been half an hour early but, due to a fatality and massive logjam on the Schuylkill Expressway, I was late enough to miss breakfast and the well-known keynote speakers except for Candy Chang. OK, I’m not a celebrity fan usually, so I was not dismayed. I proceeded to join almost 8000 other women in fighting my way to the bathroom (by the end of the day, staff were wise enough to have opened the men’s room, tacking a cardboard “Women” to each.) and to the various meet-ups.

So I push my way past 4589 women to get near the front to hear Candy speak about her new book *Before I Die* and her

Before I Die . . . walls where people wrote their personal aspirations in chalk on a public wall. A very remarkable and simple idea whose time had come.

I then had to go out of the building and across the street to get to my first chosen meet-up on unlocking the power to think differently. I know I think differently already, but I want to think radically differently. Sunni Brown was funny and likeable and she taught us to make smarter decisions in the workplace by doodling. I then fought my way back to the exhibitors’ expo where handouts were starting to dwindle, after learning that bathroom breaks need to be sparse. I thought I’d catch the goodies later (silly me) and pressed on for more personal development. That session was not so good for me so I tried another one in a more crowded room about promoting myself. I like myself and don’t really wish to change my brand so I chatted with the lady beside me. Sitting in the back, having come late, I have the advantage of getting to lunch early. I have one bit of advice. . . don’t order gluten free when there are thousands of women present who like gluten. I waited 20 minutes for the box lunch. A critical note here: The music was so loud I could only hear the young lady lawyer shouting

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next to me. The other 11 women at the table communicated by passing their business cards around. I asked the staff, who already knew me from pestering them for a lunch, to lower the music. They had no authority to do so—all 4 of them—so we just watched each other eat.

We had an interesting talk at lunch soon after everyone arrived by the principal of Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia who radically changed that school by sheer faith and love. Diane Keaton then spoke and read excerpts of her new book.

While I probably should have chosen the session on “Style in the Workplace,” I chose to hear how remarkable women led by Joanna Barsh. She was fresh and honest and the best speaker of the day for me. On the way to the room I was quickly handed a free copy (Compliments of PPL, one of the sponsors) by a smiling youth. Everyone there looked young to me. I remembered to go back for goodies but the pickings were slim and several booths had closed down early. So I went home in almost half the time it took me to get there.

Positives: What a rush of energy from so much estrogen in one place . . . my, my. Also, I was pleased to see how many younger women are interested in empowering themselves. I felt there would be hope for the future if women can take their rightful positions.

Negatives: Too little time for networking and little fostering of that goal. Too few guides to direct disoriented females in the right direction in such a large space. Of course, the bathroom situation. I wish I had taken someone I knew as I was on my own all day besides the occasional tête-à-têtes. With over ten sponsors and \$165 fee, I would spend less money on high profile speakers and more on niceties for the attendees.

Overall, I am glad I went as I learned some things and got a better view on how to organize an event. I was not as impressed as I would have been at age 25 before I learned what I now know. I recommend this to a younger woman who plans her day to get what she wants, wears comfortable shoes and arrives early.

Beverly Hernandez

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.

The Yearbooks are Printed.

Presently several are at the following homes:

- **Nancy Berry**
- **Toni Hoffman**
- **Fran Kennedy**

You can pick one up at any of these places. Otherwise we are handing them out at interest group meetings and to homes near us. Several of you should already have received yours.

If you find any errors other than those mentioned below (particularly in your information), please let us know so that corrections can go out in the next newsletter.

We will be mailing some, but not for another month or so.

Yearbook Correction/Additions

- Our November **Evening at the Williams Center** is **Tuesday, November 11**.
- **Muriel (Iff) Lepley has moved** to Lancaster. Please note that she prefers “Iff” (not Muriel).
- Please add new member **Karol D’Huyvetters** (James). Karol attended Glassboro State and Lehigh.

Imagine
your business card
being here!

New Members Spotlight

Ann Louise Taylor and Karol D'Huyetters



The AAUW Easton branch welcomes **Ann Louise Taylor** to our branch. Ann Louise just moved to Easton from Riegelsville four months ago. She holds a BS in Education from Indiana University with a focus on Library Sciences in her Graduate Work at Simmons College, Massachusetts. Her work and the work of her husband, Art, have brought her to live in a number of different places, including Minnesota, Massachusetts and Indiana while her husband completed his PhD. Her most recent employment was as a Youth Services Librarian from 2001 – 2014 for Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She loves “bringing the world of books to young people as part of this job. She also spent 10 years in the publishing industry as a Sr. Editor for Silver Burdett Ginn publishing from 1987 – 1997. Ann Louise worked as a school librarian from 1980 – 1983. While in Minnesota she also got involved in politics, working for a State Senator. One of her most memorable experiences is a trip she took by herself to Nova Scotia in 1994, staying at a cottage there. She attributes her current passion for journaling to that trip.

Ann Louise has served on two library boards—one in Minnesota and one in Riegelsville—and as a deacon in her church. She has a daughter and son, both living in Pennsylvania and two grandchildren, Dylan, age 12, and Sydney, age 9. Her cousin, Carolyn Conners, first introduced Ann Louise to AAUW, encouraging her to join as she retired. She has already worked at the book fair this year and loved it. She would also enjoy getting involved in the *Let's Read Math* program and the *Authors Luncheon* as well as starting a writing group as an Interest Group in the AAUW Easton Branch.



We also welcome **Karol D'Huyetters** as a new member. She received her BA in Education from Glassboro State (now Rowan University) in New Jersey and her Masters in Education from Lehigh University. Karol just retired from a career in special education, having been most recently employed by the Pen Argyl School District as Supervisor of Special Education from 2007 – 2014. Prior to that she worked for the Northampton School District and Centennial School in Bethlehem. She enjoys various activities with her women's group at the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church. In addition, she is an avid reader, enjoys biking the

Lehigh Valley trails, and traveling. In November she will be traveling with her sister to South Korea to visit her niece who is teaching English as a Second Language there. She and her husband, James, have a son, Ryan, who is the owner and operator of *Kicklines Garage* in Easton. Their other son, Christopher, is now deceased. Karol is excited about joining the AAUW “to continue professional involvement with other women and provide encouragement for professional growth.” Karol would be very interested in joining the *Book Discussion* group, *Out to Lunch* group and the International Relations group, as well as participate in the *Let's Read Math* program.

Nancy Berry

Membership Update

Iff Lepley, a longtime resident of Easton and member of our Branch since 1970, moved in October to Woodcrest Mennonite Village in Lancaster (see Notices on page 4 for contact information). She moved to be closer to family and I am sure she would love to hear from those who know her. During her time in the Easton branch, Iff served in many leadership, as well as service, roles. She was President from 1978 – 1980. She was named Outstanding Woman of the Year in 1997 – 98 and Named Gift Honoree in 1981 – 1982. Iff also served as Treasurer and assisted with the Book Fair for a number of years. She has a B.S. in Education from Capital in Columbus, Ohio and taught Math for 13 years.

Carolyn Conners

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!*

Save the Dates

Inter-Branch Diversity Program

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



Author's Luncheon

April, 2015

In the Planning Stages: Stay Tuned

Inter-Branch Public Policy Program

March 28, 2015

Effects & Causes of Economic Sufficiency
Food scarcity in the Lehigh Valley

Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethlehem
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

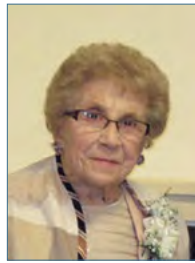
Public Policy

Great news from Washington—campus sexual violence under further attack! The Department of Education has issued its final rules for implementing the campus safety provisions of the 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). These regulations provide for increased on-campus education to help prevent sexual violence and give colleges and universities new tools for implementing effective anti-sexual-violence policies. Additionally, colleges and universities must now provide parents and communities statistics relating to on-campus crimes such as dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Go to the AAUW National Website for more information on these new regulations.

In local news, our branch has partnered with the Bethlehem and Allentown branches to present the forum on hunger and economic insufficiency scheduled for March 28th, 2015. On October 7 our joint planning committee held its first brainstorming session to develop the program. I will keep you posted on program developments in upcoming newsletters. If you would like to work on this committee, please give me a call.

Peg Opthof

Remembering Eleanor Scalora Pinto



It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Eleanor Pinto, an Honorary Life Member. Having joined the Easton Branch in 1944, she was an active member for all of her 70 years serving on many committees and interest groups, and as a member of the Board. She was elected president in 1961 for a two-year term and, in May of 2000, the Easton Branch named her Outstanding Woman of the Year for her contributions to AAUW and her community.

A graduate of Easton High School and Temple University, Eleanor taught English in Wilson and Bangor High Schools and home economics in Kintnersville, PA. While teaching at Bangor she met her future husband, Tony Pinto. Eleanor gave up her teaching career and began a new career as a couturiere, a female tailor. It began in 1960 when, in conjunction with 4H of Warren County, she taught a tailoring class at the Easton YWCA (now known as the Third Street Alliance). From that beginning of eight eager-to-learn students and one exceptional teacher, the Couturiere Workshop was formed in 1966, with the help of Eloise Genter, YWCA Adult Program Director and co-founders Jane Adams and Eleanor Pinto. It still continues today under the name of the Third Street Alliance Sewing Circle. I always think of Eleanor as our local Coco Chanel designing and making exquisite clothing until her death, but that is not where her creativity ends.




In recent years, Eleanor learned punched-needle rug making. A visitor to her home is quick to notice the beautiful and unusual rugs on her floor. Her interests, however, extended beyond creativity. She loved attending the opera, traveling, reading, and this energetic woman always made time for exercise. For years she walked, went to Curves, and swam several times a week. Recently she joined the Wellness Center at Warren Hospital and was preparing to attend her class when she was stricken. She died on September 29, 2014, just ten days after her 92nd birthday celebration. Eleanor was the ultimate AAUW image: energetic, positive, intelligent, creative and joyful, a willingness to teach and learn—she was an inspiration to all.

Carolyn Connors

Putting A “Face” On Your AAUW Educational Funding Contributions

Hello Easton Branch Members,

As you know, the AAUW has a long and reputable history of promoting educational and professional opportunities for women here in the USA as well as in areas surrounding the globe. According to information read in the AAUW website, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2014–15 academic year. Because of generous contributions from members like you, economic and educational opportunities are afforded to a broader community of women. The work of these women is phenomenal in a wide range of disciplines. Below are three fellowship recipients who have attended or are presently attending area Universities. The listing includes their name, Institution, field of study, project name, degree, and year.

	Name	Degree and Field	Institution	Location	Award Year
	Susan K. Nestle	M.A., Pastoral Counseling	Moravian Theological Seminary	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	2011 – 12
	Susan Nestle has worked in business and as a fundraising professional for many years. After suffering a personal/professional crisis, she wanted to help women and girls find balance in their lives, so she enrolled in the pastoral counseling program at Moravian Theological Seminary. Her goal is to bring a feminist perspective to pastoral counseling.				
	Nandini Sikand	Postdoctoral, Anthropology	Lafayette College	Easton, Pennsylvania	2013 – 14
	Project Name: Bodies, Bells, and Borders: Choreographing a New Odissi Tradition Nandini Sikand is an Odissi dancer, filmmaker, and anthropologist. She is the co-founder and co-director of Sakshi Productions and an assistant professor at a Lafayette College interdisciplinary film and media studies program. Sikand is currently working on her book Bodies, Bells and Borders: Choreographing a New Odissi Tradition, a historical ethnography on how Odissi dance has changed from a sacred ritual to a transnational performance.				
	Marina Kudasova	Ph.D., Comparative and International Education	Lehigh University	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Citizenship: Russia	2014 – 15
	Marina Kudasova's work with orphans in Russia as well as drug-addicted and homeless children in Poland and India inspired her to research the challenges that marginalized youth face. She explores the role of education in helping them to succeed and hopes to establish an NGO to improve the lives of children in Russia and other post-Soviet countries. Kudasova will continue her work in academia to inspire students to become agents of social change.				

Thank you for your support of local Branch fund-raising efforts as well as your individual contributions.

Sincerely, Janice Lupackino

Endowment Scholarship Recipient



Almost a year and half ago our branch decided to do more to support local women in furthering their education. On Thursday, October 23, Fran Kennedy and Nancy Butow travelled to NCC to meet **Ann Stout**, who was awarded the first scholarship from this endowment. We had hoped to have Ann attend one of our meetings, but she is a very busy person.

Ann already has a Medical Transcription degree from NCC but is currently working in a data entry position. She would like to get back into the medical field and is taking Medical Administration Assistant courses to update her skills and would like a position in a front office or in health services coding. Ann is in her second semester at NCC and will finish her course work this spring. She has earned thirty-nine credits so far and maintains a 3.66 GPA. Ann says she has a light load this semester since she is only taking 11 credits but that still means 3 classes and 3 different nights she travels to NCC. Ann does not have a computer at home so spends a lot of her time before and after classes and on Sundays at the NCC library. When Ann had spare time, she volunteered for ArtsQuest, Christkindlmarkt and Musikfest. She also has two grown daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Congratulations, Ann. We wish you success in your endeavor.

September 9, 2014

Ann M. Stout
1523 Lehigh Street
Easton, PA 18042

American Association of University Women (AAUW) – Easton Branch Scholarship
C/O Northampton Community College Scholarship Office
3835 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020

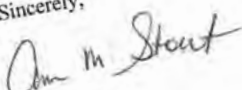
Dear AAUW Members:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for your generous \$600.00 AAUW – Easton Branch Scholarship. I was very thrilled and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I am a Medical Administrative Assistant major and in the Spring of this year have earned a specialized diploma in Medical Billing. I am currently a sophomore carrying 11 units and plan to graduate in the spring of 2015. The financial assistance you have provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying.

Thank you again for your support. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community.

Sincerely,


Ann M. Stout

Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser

Our next Frozen Yogurt gathering is on Monday, **Nov. 24** 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

Nov. 24 from 5 – 9 pm

Benefits AAUW Easton Branch



Global Mamas is Back



I've placed a new order for Global Mamas products. I was excited to attend a conference in Nashville this summer where **Renae Adam** and **Kristin Johnson**, the co-founders received the Sargent Shriver award for Distinguished Community Service.

Many of the same products with new designs and vibrant colors as well as some new items pictured

here. Please call or email if you are interested in making any purchases or just seeing what is available for your holiday shopping.



Women Maxi Skirt—Eyelet: Raspberry and Chevron Blue, fitted at natural waist through hips. Shaped waistband. Invisible back zipper with hook and eye. Side slits. Ankle length. 100% cotton.

Fran Kennedy



Button Basket:
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Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday/Monday Closed

AAUW Easton Branch Meeting

October 21, 2014 at Palmer Library

Fran Kennedy, Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

There were ten members and one guest 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.

Fran announced the following Upcoming Events:

- October 22—Third Street Alliance from 6 – 7:30 pm.
Promise Neighborhood is holding a Town Hall meeting. They wish to expand into Easton and are looking for input.
- October 23 Fran and Nancy will meet with Ann Stout at NCC. She is our first endowment scholarship recipient.
- October 28—Meet and Greet Your Candidates at NCC from 6 – 8 pm.
- The last Monday of every month—Just a Dream Frozen Yogurt will donate 25% of its proceeds to our branch. Notify the cashier you are with the AAUW Easton Branch when you purchase your yogurt. Time: 5 – 9 pm. Next Frozen Yogurt Social is Monday, October 27
- November 11—Evening at the Williams Center: Phil Woods Quintet. Tickets are \$20.00 with \$5.00 going to the branch. Deadline for registration November 4. Send your registration form to Marian Cunningham. There may be a pre-concert talk at 7 pm.
- December 7—Holiday Party at the home of Colleen Kuschke from 4 – 7 pm.
- February 7, 2015—Nancy Butow announced she will hold a Meet And Greet Tea at her home from 2 – 4 pm with a short business meeting at 2:30 pm.

Fran announced that our branch has received a Public Policy Mini grant from AAUW-PA. Our branch has already conducted Get Out the Vote (GOTV). We are planning house meetings on Common Core and a Forum in March on Economic Insufficiency that will involve the film A Place at the Table.

Yearbooks are now available.

Toni reported on Keystone Progress as an online progressive action network. They would like to get young women to the polls. If anyone is interested in phone banking for the upcoming election, contact Toni.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Fran introduced our Speaker-Jon Soden, Treasurer of the Bethlehem Food Co-op. He spoke to us about the start up of the co-op.

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

Financial Report November 1, 2014

	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits
AAUW National			
Dues	\$3,332.00		\$3,528.00
AAUW Funds			
AAUW PA Dues	\$680.00		\$540.00
Banking			
Fees	\$24.00		\$6.00
Interest		\$0.33	
Conferences – 2014	\$1,500.00	\$10.00	\$445.74
Fund Raisers			
Book Fair	\$550.00	\$5,503.85	\$300.00
Just a Dream		\$30.68	
Williams Center			
One-time Events			
Insurance	\$150.00		\$175.00
Membership			
Dues 14/15		\$5,019.00	
Donations		\$198.00	
Expenses			\$95.10
Newsletter	\$200.00		
Advertisements		\$10.00	
Officers' Expenses			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$25.00		
Postal Expenses			
Box	\$62.00		\$80.00
Postage	\$130.00		
Programs			
Authors Luncheon			
Donations	\$50.00		
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Misc. (Presidents' gifts)			\$97.58
Mother/Daughter Lunch			
September Hospitality	\$30.00		
Scholarship Dessert	\$50.00		
Speaker Gifts	\$35.00		\$46.96
Publicity	\$75.00		\$307.43

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

This group meets on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is on **Nov. 17** at the home of **Martha Barnett**. The book is *The Dept. of Speculation* by Jennie Offill.

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 November.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



We will meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm** at the home of **Froy Thompson**. The topic will be *Far From the Tree*, last two chapters on Transgender and Fathers.

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 is on **Monday, Nov. 10 at 3:10**, at **Janice Lupackino's**. We will be sharing pictures from recent photoshoot at Easton Cemetery. Please bring any ideas for a group project or other suggestions.

Out to Lunch



Chair: Janet Heffner

November's lunch will be at the **Star Café** in Bethlehem. **Contact Janet Heffner** if you plan to come so she can have an accurate count for the reservation.

Rotating Gourmet



Chair: Carolyn Conners

Rotating Gourmet has nothing scheduled at this time.

Tapas



Chair: Toni Hoffman

Meets quarterly—schedule to be announced

Mah Jongg



Chair: Toni Hoffman

We meet at **10:30 am** on **Nov. 10** at the **home of Colleen Kuschke** and on **Nov. 24** at the home of **Lois Wildrick**.

International Relations



Chair: Jean Riker

Will meet on **Tuesday, Nov. 25** at the **home of Jean Riker**. The topic will be "*Madame President . . .*" *Latin America*. New members are welcome; contact Jean.

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