

**CALENDAR**

**Afternoon Tea**

Saturday, **February 7**, 2 – 4 pm  
Home of Nancy Butow

**Newsletter Submission Deadline  
February 15**

**Inter-Branch Diversity Program**

Saturday, **March 14**, 9:30 am – noon  
Moravian College Theological Seminary  
Bahnsen Center, 60 Locust Street  
Bethlehem

**A Place At the Table**

Saturday, **March 28**, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Unitarian Universalist Church

**Annual Authors' Luncheon**

Saturday, **April 25**, 11 am – 2 pm  
Hampton Inn, Route 248

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Please Join Us for Afternoon Tea

*Saturday, February 7, 2015*



All members of AAUW, Easton Branch are invited to an afternoon tea party at the **home of Nancy Butow** from **2 – 4 pm**. Enjoy a nice break in the day to relax and visit with friends. Our **guest of honor** will be **Marina Kudasova**, who was awarded an AAUW International Fellowship 2014 to work on her PhD at Lehigh University. Her field of study is Comparative and International Education. Marina is also the president of the Lehigh University UNICEF Club and is the University's Youth Representative to the United Nations. A short business meeting will be held at 2:30.

*Nancy Butow and Annette Stoodly*

AAUW Easton Board Meeting with Lafayette Students Feminist Group

AAUW Easton Board Members Rosemary Baker, Nancy Berry, Toni Hoffman and Fran Kennedy were invited by Lafayette student Heather Hughes, President of the Association of Lafayette Feminists to speak about programs offered by AAUW. Among the topics discussed were the National Student Advisory Council (SAC), Campus Action Projects (CAP), AAUW Student Organizations, and Fellowships and Grants.

Toni Hoffman also encouraged students to go online to the State website to explore the many opportunities for NCCWSL scholarships and Emerging Leader Internships.

We would like to welcome **Victoria Marie Mulligan**, [victoria.mulligan@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.mulligan@gmail.com), who has signed up as a Student Affiliate!

Lafayette students were also encouraged to go online and join the AAUW which is

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## From the Presidents' Pens:



Earth – our home planet is the only planet in our solar system known to harbor life . . . life that is incredibly diverse. It is 4.54 billion years old. The world population was 7,204,987,353 as of November 14, 2014 and there is a birth somewhere in the world every 8 seconds. One-eighth of the surface is suitable for humans to live on, three-quarters is covered by water.

The definition of diversity is the state fact of being different or unlikeness. Plant diversity numbers in the tens of thousands worldwide and is the underpinning of most of our terrestrial ecosystems. It is estimated that there are around 9 or 10 million of species of animals that inhabit the earth. The Class Mammalia includes about 5000 species placed in 26 orders which includes Homo sapiens. Compared to other groups, humans are a very small part of the picture although our impact upon the earth is very great.

When thinking of Homo sapiens some think in terms of a racial classification when discussing human populations. But there is no universally accepted definition for “race.” It is a social constructed term. On that note . . . there are more than 5,000 ethnic groups in the world. Communicating with each other is interesting at times since currently approximately 6900 languages are spoken every day somewhere on earth. Religion is another area of great diversity although the majority fit into 8 different groups: Christianity, Islam, Unaffiliated, Hinduism, Buddhism, Folk religions, Other and Judaism.

Economic inequality is the gap between rich and poor. More than 1 billion people on this earth live in extreme poverty. The three richest people in the world possess more financial assets than the lowest 48 nations combined.

And yet maybe there is hope . . .

*Small as a peanut,  
Big as a giant,  
We're all the same size when we turn off the light.*

*Rich as a sultan,  
Poor as a mite,  
We're all worth the same  
When we turn off the light.*

*Red, black or orange,  
Yellow or white  
We all look the same  
When we turn off the light.*

No Difference by Shel Silverstein

Fran & Nancy

## Inter-branch Diversity Program

March 14, 2015, 9:30 am to noon

**Moravian College Theological Seminary  
Bahnon Center  
60 Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018**

In “Far From the Tree” author Andrew Solomon writes about the diversity of individuals, families, and groups who share profound differences—the differences of deafness, dwarfism, Down syndrome, autism, severe disability, prodigiousness,



and transgenderism. It is a book about endurance, love, imagination, struggles, and resilience, times of despair and times of awe-inspiring triumphs. It is a book that encourages much reflection about human identity.

Prompted by the study of this remarkable book, the AAUW Inter-branch Diversity Group invites members of the Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown branches and the public to attend this year’s diversity program. We will hear from a panel of four adults whose lives have been shaped by exceptional difference. The panel will be moderated by **Dana Dunn**, Professor of Psychology, and Assistant Dean for Special Programs at Moravian College. Panelists will share their stories and perspectives on a variety of issues important in their – and our – lives. The panel presentations and discussions will conclude with time for questions and Responses.

This is certain to be a program that will have a profound impact on the way we view our differences. It will educate, inform, and inspire all who attend.

For additional information, please call **610.861.1516** or contact Ruth at [aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com).

## Let's Honor Our Members and Community Volunteers

*It is time to think about candidates for the 2014-15 Outstanding Woman, Branch Spotlight Award and Named Gift Honoree. The criteria for the nominees are as follows:*

### **Branch Spotlight Award:**

This recognition is for a recent-term contribution by an unsung branch hero or a branch member exemplifying the spirit of AAUW. This award honors a member who made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year.

### **Outstanding Woman:**

This award is offered through AAUW-PA, recognizing a branch member who has given meritorious service to the branch and to the community over multiple

years. Please submit nominations to our membership vice president, Nancy Berry.

### **Named Gift Honoree**

For each \$500 donated to AAUW funds, our branch may name an honoree. This is a fantastic way to honor people who give extraordinary gifts of time or money and to reward stalwart, longtime members without whom our state and branch work would not be possible. Please submit any names to our Funds chair, Janice Lupackino.

### **AAUW Recognizes the Community, Too: Gateway to Equity Award**

Each year local branches choose an individual, group, or organization that made a difference to women and girls' success and/or equitable treatment. Please help the committee identify the best candidates possible. Please submit any recommendations to Fran Kennedy and Nancy Butow.

## Thank You Notes from Scholarship Recipients Stephanie Balbuena and Ann Stout

November 3rd, 2014

Stephanie Balbuena  
2034 West Gate Dr apt D11  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Dear AAUW Members,

Thank you for the scholarship I recently received. My name is Stephanie Balbuena and I'm 20 years old. I was born in New York and raised in the Dominican Republic. I'm a Biological Science major and I am pursuing a career in Psychiatry. Currently, I am a member of the Psychology Club and I was placed on the Dean's list for the past two semesters. Also, I volunteer at Manor Care during my spare time.

I value and care a lot about my education. For that reason, I decided to attend NCC. When I graduated from Liberty High School my parents and I couldn't afford the tuition of a state or private school. However, I didn't let the obstacles I had in my way come in between my goals. I know attending Northampton Community College will open many doors for me and lead me towards the road of success. After I transfer from NCC, I'm planning to go to a four year school and obtain my bachelors in Biological Science. Then, I will apply to Medical School's and become the doctor that I have always dreamt to be.

Again, I want to thank you for this amazing opportunity you have given me. This scholarship means a lot, because it will allow me to afford and keep pursuing the career I want to obtain. As the famous pop singer Katy Perry said, "When you believe in something great, you can achieve something great." As much as I believe in myself, I am thankful that you have believed in me too.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Balbuena

Dear AAUW - Easton Branch Scholarship Members:

A gift is given and received this holiday season. I think of the gift of knowing you and of being your first scholarship recipient. It has worked very hard this semester and I believe that it is almost done. As the year ends, we just wanted to express how grateful we are for your generosity. I hope you have a lovely holiday season filled with joy and meaning.

Ann Stout

## Save the Dates

### Hunger/Economic Insufficiency

Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown AAUW Inter-branch Forum on Hunger/Economic Insufficiency in the Lehigh Valley

**March 28, 2015, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem (Corner of Center and Wall Streets)



Featuring the documentary: "A Place at the Table"

Join us along with members of the community to learn about the causes and impact of hunger in the Lehigh Valley and the steps we can take to address the issue.

A panel of speakers from the Hunger Coalition, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the academic community is planned. Additionally, you'll get a first-hand experience of shopping for food on a limited budget.

### Author's Luncheon

AAUW Easton Branch presents its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Authors' Luncheon** on **April 25, 2015** from **11 am – 2 pm** at the **Hampton Inn** on Rt. 248 in Easton, PA.

We are actively seeking volunteers to help with the registration, greeting, raffle ticket sales and ticket sales in general. If you are interested in helping out with this event please contact Karen Hickey or Terry Thomas. One way to get involved is to donate a raffle prize. These can be gift certificates, gift baskets, potted plants, tickets to sporting events, cultural events or other entertainment venues.

If you have something to donate, please contact Karen. The planning committee is meeting again on Thursday, March 19, 1:30 pm at Wegman's on Rt. 248. Please join us if you would like to help.

Please watch for more details regarding reservations for this fundraising event.

## Holiday Party 2014



Over the creek and through the fields to Colleen and Neil's home we did go for our annual holiday party.

Decorated with colorful Santas, many poinsettias, wondrous wooden soldiers and fascinating ostrich eggs from South Africa the house was a wonder to behold. Food was plentiful, the conversation was flowing and fun was had by all. A poinsettia raffle was the surprise event of the evening, with the lucky winner heading home with a huge poinsettia and our scholarship fund a little richer.

*Nancy Butow*

## Carolyn Pokrivchak



It is with sadness that we announce the passing away of Easton Honorary Life Member Carolyn May Pokrivchak on November 23, 2014. Carolyn Pokrivchak graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950, entered a career in special education and joined the Bethlehem Branch in 1953. Transferring her membership to Findlay, Ohio, she became an active member of that

Branch for more than 30 years. She transferred her membership once more when she and her husband moved back to Easton in 1995 when she retired. Here she became a member of Beginners Bridge, coordinator of the Opera Group, an enthusiastic sorter of books for our Book Fair and enjoyed participation in the Out To Lunch Group. She moved to the Easton Home in 2013. Carolyn was recently honored last spring as an Honorary Life Member at an Easton Branch event at Carolyn Conners' home. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and is survived by her son Max, of Boston a musician and author who performs under the name Terry Kitchen, her sister Sue Markley Okamoto of Holland, PA and her step-brother John Starkey, of Sebastopol, Ca. Her sister Doris Markley Herb passed away in 1988 and Beverly Markley Johnston in 1998. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852

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free to all Lafayette College students as a College/University partner. The November 13th meeting was held at Farinon Hall and brought many interested participants on a cold wintry night. Dr. Mary Armstrong, who is a member of the Easton branch and the AAUW faculty contact on campus, also encouraged students to join "this vibrant organization" with significant history for women's rights.

*Nancy Berry, Membership Vice President*

## Financial Report January 1, 2015

	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits
<b>AAUW National</b>			
Dues	\$3,332.00		\$2,891.00
AAUW Funds			\$1,398.25
<b>AAUW PA Dues</b>	\$680.00		\$590.00
<b>Banking</b>			
Fees	\$24.00		\$24.00
Interest		\$0.27	
<b>Conferences – 2014</b>	\$1,500.00		\$433.18
<b>Fund Raisers</b>			
Book Fair	\$550.00	\$5,483.85	
Just a Dream			
Nut Sale			
Williams Center			
One-time Events			
<b>Insurance</b>	\$150.00		\$170.00
<b>Membership</b>			
Dues 14/15		\$4,703.00	
Donations		\$198.00	
Expenses			\$95.10
<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>			
Authors Luncheon			
Donations	\$50.00		
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		\$91.75
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00		\$150.00
Mother/Daughter Lunch			
September Hospitality	\$30.00		\$55.37
Scholarship Dessert	\$50.00		
Speaker Gifts	\$35.00		\$46.96
Summer Party			
<b>Publicity</b>	\$75.00		

## AAUW Pennsylvania Women in History

For many years women from the Easton Branch of AAUW have taken the stories of women that have made significant individual, professional, and political contributions to our community through programs at the Sigal Museum and Easton schools in celebration of Women in History in the month of March.

Participation in this program is open to all AAUW members. The process is simple – select a woman, put together an appropriate “costume” and prop (if appropriate), and be prepared to speak in first person about the woman’s life. You will be provided a biography of the woman of your choice. Your individual presentation should last no more than 5 minutes.

The Women in History presentation uses a Mistress of Ceremony that introduces the women one at a time, and there is a short time for questions.

Local women that have been portrayed include Senator Jeanette Reibman, Elizabeth “Mammy” Morgan, Margaret Junkin Preston, Belle Archer, Elizabeth Wysor, Florence Barbara Seibert, Mildred M. Hicks-Bruun. Easton has produced many talented women, and you can help to keep their stories alive.

The date for the presentation has not yet been selected and it will be determined based upon the availability of the women participating. On the date selected a presentation will be made at the Sigal Museum in the morning, lunch will be provided, and the school presentation will be made in the afternoon. If you want to learn more about being involved in Women in History, please contact **Kim Rose** at **610.253.1222** or **[kim@northamptonctymuseum.org](mailto:kim@northamptonctymuseum.org)**.



Annette Stody as Elizabeth Seibert



Gwen Jacob as Belle Archer

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>** of the current month to be included in the next month’s newsletter. Otherwise it will be in the following month’s newsletter.

### 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!*

### Corrections/Additions

**Susan K. Nenstiel**, your 2011-2012 Fellowship recipient, had her name misspelled in the November newsletter on page 7. Please make note of this correction.

Please **welcome Gretchen Reed** of 175 W North Street, Apt. 518 in Nazareth, PA 18064. Her phone number is **610.746.1128** and her email is **[gwreed2@gmail.com](mailto:gwreed2@gmail.com)**.

*Eras of Elegance 1750 - 1920's*  
Through August 2015



**SIGAL Museum**  
of the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society  
342 Northampton Street Easton PA  
[Sigalmuseum.org](http://Sigalmuseum.org)

## 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



The next meeting is on **Feb. 16** at the home of **Marian Cunningham**. The book is *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. March's book is *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

### 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.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



The next meeting is **Feb. 25** at the home of Toni Hoffman. We are reading: *Losing our Way: Intimate Portrait of a Troubled America* by Bob Herbert.

### Tuesday Evening Bridge Group

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



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

### Photography Group

**Chair:** Janice Lupackino



There is no meeting for February.

### 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



Rotating Gourmet has nothing scheduled at this time. The winter hosts are Elle Conti, Fran Kennedy, Jean Riker and Lois Wildrick. Call Lois if you are interested in attending.

### Tapas

**Chair:** Toni Hoffman



Meets quarterly—there is nothing scheduled at this time.

### Mah Jongg



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman

February gatherings are on **February 9** at the home of **Louise Sipos** and on **February 23** at **Toni Hoffman's**.

### International Relations



**Chair:** Jean Riker

The February topic is Women Leaders in Africa. Location is TBA.

# American Association of University Women

<b>AAUW National</b>	<b>800.326.2289</b>	<b>www.aauw.org</b>
<b>Easton Branch</b>	<b>484.548.0831</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net</b>
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to members to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national orientation, disability, or class.

The AAUW Funds include the Educational Opportunities Funds (formerly a part of the AAUW Educational Foundation) which help us to advance equity for women and girls through programs such as American and International fellowships, and Community Action grants.

AAUW Funds also include the Legal Advocacy Fund which provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination, the Leadership Programs Fund (formerly the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute), the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Public Policy Fund.

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