

CALENDAR

Authors' Luncheon Planning

Thursday, **July 9**, 6 pm
Home of Karen Hickey

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, **July 15**
Send Submissions to
Nancy Butow and Fran Kennedy

Rotating Gourmet Picnic

Sunday, **July 19**, 2 pm
See page 6 for details

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Our Second Annual Authors' Luncheon

What a fun way to raise money for scholarships!

On a nice Saturday in April, our Easton branch, along with members from the Allentown and Bethlehem AAUW branches and friends, joined together to enjoy our three authors, **Barbara Taylor, Kathryn Craft, and Lee Upton**. The buzz of conversation from authors and guests filled the air. Raffle items and generous donations from members and friends helped increase our scholarship fund. A big thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. We are hoping that many of you will feel moved to help make our third annual authors' luncheon next year even more of a success. (See page 3 to get started.)

Fran and Nancy



Welcome by Nancy Butow



Terry and Barbara



2015

Mark your calendar!



Kathryn Craft



Raffle Prizes



Lee

From the Presidents' Pens:



Are you ready to vote? . . .

. . . because your vote will make a difference.

This year's ballot includes candidates for president, vice president, and the 10 elected directors on the AAUW national board. You will also be voting on proposed 2015 – 17 Public Policy Programs. These programs are adopted every two years by every member vote which decides where AAUW members across the country will focus their advocacy work and guides the work of the national staff. The programs are explained in the AAUW Outlook magazine, spring /summer 2015 starting on page E4. Eleven proposals are listed and explained . . . read them carefully, make decisions, vote.

. . . because your vote will make a difference in the AAUW Bylaws. The first proposed amendment, Proposal 1. Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership is a necessary step forward into the 21st century. Think about this . . . AAUW opened memberships to men in 1987 but this did not significantly change our demographics, but it meant that the men who do join support our mission of advancing equity for woman and girls. We want to break down barriers for all women and girls, but this objective is weakened by maintaining our own barrier to AAUW membership. We need to welcome anyone who supports our mission.

On the AAUW web site under Membership are the following statements:

Our vision is Simple—*We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.*

Our Mission is Sound—*Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

How can we in the 21st century exclude a woman because of a lack of an education? We need to welcome all who support our cause.

Fran & Nancy

Branch Meeting Photos



Carla Hickey, Erin Vermeulen, Nancy Butow and Fran Kennedy next to slide of honorees with President Obama in middle



Carla Hickey and Erin Vermeulen next to slide of honorees and President Obama



(Left to right): Carla Hickey, Nancy Butow, Erin Vermeulen and Fran Kennedy

Hunger/Economic Insufficiency Forum

Our Hunger/Economic Insufficiency Forum, which was held on March 28th at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethlehem, was a resounding success. Over 40 people attended and enthusiastically participated in the “Food Stamp Challenge” and “Anti-Hunger Postcard Campaign” consisting of postcards saying “Don’t cut SNAP” and “Raise the Minimum Wage” which are being sent to Congress.

Our featured documentary, “A Place at the Table,” received outstanding reviews from the attendees for its comprehensive yet “personalized” presentation on the causes of hunger in the United States. Our program concluded with a panel discussion that focused on hunger

issues in the Lehigh Valley. Our panelists included: Arlene Gonzalez, Community School Coordinator at Lincoln Elementary School, Bethlehem; Kelly Allen, developer and coordinator of the NCC East 40 Community Garden; Janet Ney, Coordinator of Advocacy and Outreach for the Second Harvest Food Bank; and Gwyn Jones, a nutritionist who works for the Easton School District under “Chartwells,” a K – 12 food service group.

If you missed our program and are a Netflix member, we encourage you to learn more about hunger in the U.S. by streaming “A Place at the Table” from your home TV.

Peg Ophof

AAUW-PA 86th Annual State Meeting

State College, PA, April 10 – 11, 2015

My trip to the AAUW-PA Annual State Meeting began about noon—car pooling from Bath with three members of the Bethlehem branch. It was a great opportunity to get to know more about the activities of the Bethlehem branch as well as the other women in the car. I enjoyed the car ride, even the gps instructions in a lovely British accent, although our route on the latter part of the trip was unusual. After checking in and getting settled, we all met for a light dinner. We then had a national update from Eileen Hartmann, a member of the AAUW National Board of Directors. This was followed by a student panel presentation from student organizations at C/U partners. I was impressed with their presentations and answers to questions. Moravian was represented by Selena Bennett. We finished off the evening with tours of the campus led by local members and students and a visit to the Berkey Creamery for the largest cones I have had (I couldn’t count the scoops they loaded on).

Saturday was non stop, beginning with a session on human trafficking done by **Shoba Wadhia**, a clinical professor of law at the center for immigrant rights of Penn State and one on voter rights done from an historical perspective. A business meeting including AAUW Funds awards and Gateway to Equity awards followed. Lunch was followed by our keynote speaker, **Susan Russell**, a Penn State laureate and professor at the School of Theatre. The theme was “What’s Your Story”. I was surprised to be asked to tell my story in terms of telling one thing that has had a large impact on my life. This was followed by a panel of Humphrey Fellows speaking on human rights and women’s rights (a program that exists at State College). The chance to network and meet other AAUW members and share in new ideas was just one aspect of the very full day. The ride home with three Bethlehem members was another opportunity to exchange ideas and programs that have worked.

Fran Kennedy

An Invitation

Who

AAUW Easton Members

Why

Be a Part
of the Planning
for the
2016 Authors’ Luncheon

When

July 9, 2015 at 6 pm

Where

Karen Hickey’s Home
884 Iron Lane, Easton

What

A Pizza Night

AAUW Easton Branch Annual Scholarship and Award Dessert



Thirty-two members and guests spent a pleasant evening on May 19, 2015 over coffee and cake (white cake with raspberry filling and lemon curd) while socializing and celebrating the event which is the raison d'être of the organization. For eighty years plus we have awarded scholarships to young women from area high schools planning to attend a four-year accredited college or university. This year a scholarship was also awarded to a young woman whose studies were interrupted and is now continuing her pursuit of a college degree. The awards are based on financial need, and community involvement as well as being in the top twenty per cent of their classes.



Marisa Hoenig from Phillipsburg High School came with her father to be recognized and receive a scholarship that will help her to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology. She said "You must have enthusiasm for what you do to succeed" and she certainly does, as she looks forward to being an engineer.



Ashley Jacobs, from Easton High School, came to the award ceremony with her proud mother and younger sister and plans to study neuroscience at the University of Delaware. Ashley was very involved in many school activities and related that she has 24 cousins yet will be only the second in her family to attend college. Her grandmother came to the US from Jamaica with her family of nine children.



Kailey Goodnuff from Forks Township is working to complete her degree at Cedar Crest College and was accompanied by her mother and boyfriend, Adam. An advisor at Cedar Crest told her about the AAUW scholarship for a woman whose studies have been interrupted and Kailey is pleased to receive this help for her last year of college. Kailey credits the encouragement and support from her family and networks and coworkers for much of her success.

Janice Lupackino presented the named gift honor to **Rosanne Ramunni** in absentia. Rosanne has helped tremendously with both publicity and physically moving around many, many books at the book fair from which much of the scholarship funds are derived.

Nancy Butow gave the *Spotlight Award* to **Karen Hickey**



and **Terry Thomas** who have developed the Authors' luncheon concept as a social event for the public and as a fundraiser. They have done a lovely job for two years in a row.

Eleanor Pinto was honored posthumously with the *Special*



Honoree Award. Her daughter, **Valerie Kriney** accepted the award and spoke of her mother's devotion to AAUW and her positive way of being with everyone she met.

Both Co-Presidents honored the *Publicity Chair*,



Beverly Hernandez for her contribution of getting AAUW information to the community in various media.

Scholarship and Award Dessert (cont.)



Fran Kennedy named **Nancy Butow** as the *Outstanding Woman Award*, Easton Branch 2015 for all the work she has done for the community and AAUW. Nancy was quite surprised and Fran was quite pleased she had been able to keep such a secret from her co-president.

The ten-year “Let’s Read Math” program was reviewed and it was noted with applause that our Branch has received a certificate of recognition for our participation in the program. The program is reaching across the country and can now be found as far as New Mexico and Wisconsin. Volunteers have come forward for the upcoming events beginning on June 17.

Remember the retreat for AAUW members at Lewisburg on July 11th, 2015. First two members are free; others simply need to pay \$20 for lunch.

Thanks go to Phyllis Finger for organizing our scholarship and dessert at the *First Presbyterian Church* on Spring Garden Street in downtown Easton. A round of applause was given to the kitchen staff for the delicious dessert and excellent service.



Annette Stody and **Nancy Berry** were installed as co-membership Vice Presidents. Nancy was unable to attend, but Annette was “sworn in”, serving for the next two years. She has been on the board for four years.

Jane Wait STEM Scholarship 2014 – 2015



Trying to get 3 busy ladies together for a meeting can be challenging, especially when one of them is a very busy college student. On Thursday, May 21, Nancy and I meet at NCC with our 2014 – 2015 Jane Wait STEM scholarship recipient, **Stephanie Balbuena**. Our conversation was interesting and lively. Stephanie was born in New York, received her early childhood education in the Dominican Republic where she became bilingual in English and Spanish, and finished her high school years in the Lehigh Valley by graduating from Liberty High School. She currently lives with her Mom, step-Dad and younger siblings in Bethlehem. Stephanie has majored in the biological sciences while at NCC and is hoping to transfer soon to a pre-med program, possibly at West Chester University. Her long-term goal is to become a psychiatrist. This summer Stephanie is shadowing a psychiatrist in south Side Bethlehem and translating for, and to, his patients since he does not speak Spanish. Our scholarship was a big boost to Stephanie not only with the financial aspect but also in the encouragement it gave her that other people also believe in her.

*Congratulations, Stephanie!
We wish you success in your endeavors.
We believe in you.*

An Invitation to all AAUW Members and Guests Rotating Gourmet Summer Picnic

Poolside at the home of Marlou Belyea

1253 Firethorne Drive, Palmer Township

Sunday, July 19, 2015

2 pm—swimming and lounging poolside **4 pm**—picnic

RSVP to Carolyn Conners: **610.253.8575** for menu assignment
(call early for best choice)

*Keep track of your expenses as all costs are totalled
and then split by the number of attendees*

*A few extra lawn chairs will be needed so, if it is convenient, please
bring one or two chairs. Don't forget a bathing suit if you want to take a dip.*

Directions:

From Palmer Park Mall area

Park Ave./Tatamy Rd. N to just beyond

Tracy Elementary School

Right onto **Stocker Mill Rd.**

3rd Right onto **Firethorne Dr.**

From College Hill/Forks area

Bushkill Dr. to **Stocker Mill Rd.**

Left onto bridge; go up the hill

1st Left onto **Firethorne Dr.**

1253 Firethorne is on the Left (crescent-shaped driveway in front of house)

Let's Read Math Planning Meeting Photos



AAUW Easton Branch Meeting

April 21, 2015 at the Palmer Library

Fran Kennedy, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. There were 13 members present.

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

Fran announced that our next meeting is May 19. This is our Annual Awards night. Officers will be installed and scholarship and branch awards will be given. This will be a dessert and will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 7 pm. Cost \$10.

Fran reported on the AAUW PA Annual meeting.

Fran reported that the Scholarship Committee will meet on April 22 to choose the scholarship recipients. They will be presented at our May dessert.

Annette reported for Nancy Berry, Membership that we have one new member, Emma Pilker. She is a Student Affiliate from NCC. Her biography is in the current newsletter.

Annette reported that the branch board voted to have book fair this year provided that we can get committed volunteers. The following volunteers are needed: Barrel person, Publicity, Community Resource person, person to schedule sorters and sellers and of course, volunteers to sort and sell. Contact Annette to volunteer.

Fran made everyone aware that our current AAUW Outlook has the updated Public Policy and Bylaw changes. It also advises one how to vote online or how to request a paper ballot. Your member id and voter pin is on the back of the Outlook. This will be needed for voting.

Fran, reporting for the Nominating Committee presented the following slate: Co-Membership Vice Presidents: Nancy Berry and Annette Stody. Finance Vice-President: Colleen Kuschke. Carolyn Conners made a motion seconded by Rosemary to accept the slate. Motion carried. Congratulations to our officers!

Fran is having a luncheon at her home on May 5 for the LRM volunteers to organize and coordinate the upcoming summer LRM events.

Authors Luncheon is April 25 at the Hampton Inn.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Nancy Butow introduced our speakers from the Girl Scouts Carla Hickey and Erin Vermeulen.

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

AAUW Easton Branch Annual Scholarship and Award Dessert

May 19, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church

A delicious dessert preceded our meeting and awards presentation.

Fran Kennedy, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 22 members, two guests and three scholarship recipients and their families present.

Debra Ashton Chase presented the Scholarship awards to Marisa Hoenig (Phillipsburg High School), Ashley Jacobs (Easton High School) and Kailey Goodnuff (Cedar Crest College). Kailey is our Memorial Fund Scholarship recipient. They were each awarded a \$1500 scholarship.

Janice Lupackino, AAUW Funds Chair, announced the Name Gift Honoree is Rosanne Ramunni.

Nancy Butow presented the Spotlight award to Karen Hickey and Terry Thomas.

Fran announced the Special Honoree award has been awarded posthumously to Eleanor Pinto. Eleanor's daughter, Valerie accepted the award and spoke of her mother.

Nancy and Fran presented the Presidents' Award to Beverly Hernandez.

Fran presented the Outstanding Woman of the Year award to Nancy Butow.

Nancy and Fran installed our incoming Membership Co-President, Annette Stody.

Fran thanked the volunteers that responded for Let's Read Math. Three members attended the Let's Read Math 10th anniversary tea party celebration on May 16. Easton received a certificate of recognition for our participation.

Fran and Nancy thanked all members of the board and special event chairs.

Fran announced that there are still board positions to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the board contact Fran or Nancy.

AAUW PA Summer Retreat will be held on July 11 in Lewisburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

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. 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!*

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!*

Financial Report June 1, 2015

	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits
AAUW National			
Dues 15/16	\$3,332.00		
AAUW Funds			
AAUW PA Dues 15/16	\$680.00		
Banking			
Fees/Interest	\$24.00	\$1.40	\$22.00
Conferences – 2015	\$1,500.00		\$1,364.75
Fund Raisers			
Book Fair	\$550.00		
Just a Dream		\$43.63	
Williams Center		\$470.00	\$345.00
Authors Luncheon		\$2,692.00	\$1,691.00
Insurance (2 years)	\$150.00		\$507.00
Membership			
Dues 15/16		\$1,790.00	
Donations		\$151.00	
Expenses			
Newsletter	\$200.00		\$259.92
Advertisements			
Officers' Expenses			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$25.00		
Miscellaneous			\$239.83
Postal Expenses			
Box	\$76.00		\$80.00
Postage	\$130.00		
Programs			
Donations	\$50.00		
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		
Inter-branch Lunch			\$125.00
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00		\$150.00
Presidents' Gifts			
September Hospitality	\$30.00		
Scholarship Dessert	\$50.00	\$260.00	\$264.00
Speaker Gifts	\$35.00		
Publicity	\$75.00		\$38.82



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:

AAUWEducational Foundation	\$ _____
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 affiliates pay \$27.00. 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

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Membership	Nancy Berry	easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/
Easton Edition	Suzi Campbell	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/

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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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