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Presidents' Year-end Report

A Successful Year



As we look back at our 2011-2012 AAUW year, we are proud of the programs and accomplishments of our branch.

Our September Potluck Dinner, always a time to catch up after the summer hiatus, was enhanced by our dynamic speaker, Dr. Mary Armstrong, Director of Gender and Women's Studies at Lafayette College. Almost all of our members worked on the Book Fair, either sorting or selling books or both. We learned how to stay "Fit for Life" at our October meeting, led by Jen Fortner, and enjoyed an engaging dance performance at the Williams Center in November. Joan Kicska graciously opened her home for our Holiday Party and everyone who attended had a lovely time.

Inclement weather canceled our January program but we rescheduled for February and everyone who saw "Miss Representation" came away with a new perspective on how we socialize our children. March was a busy month as we had our Women in History presentation at the Sigal Museum and again at Paxinsoa Elementary School. The Inter Branch Luncheon, with Lisa Maatz from AAUW National as our speaker, gave us insight into the political process and raised money for AAUW Funds. We presented the Gateway to Equity to ProJeCt of Easton as well. Our April meeting with Senior Circle of Easton Hospital taught us about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and May brought our Scholarship and Award Dinner when we awarded scholarships of \$1500 each to three very deserving graduating high school girls. The Outstanding Woman of the Year Award, Teal Award, AAUW-PA Special Honoree Award, and Named Gift Honoree Awards were presented to five very special members of our branch.

Our interest groups met regularly and we added two new groups, The Tapas Group and Timely Topics.

Our Let's Read Math program runs mostly in the summer and will be held at the Easton Library, Spring Garden Children's Center and Shawnee School over the next few months.

Thank you to all who helped make this year a success by coordinating our dinners and other events, setting up and taking down shelves at the Book Fair, sorting and selling at the Book Fair, clean-

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Calendar

Board Meeting

Monday, August 20, 7:00 pm
Home of Toni Hoffman

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 15
Email items to
shccamp@gmail.com

Rotating Gourmet Picnic

Sunday, July 22
2:00—5:00
Home of Cathy Leiber

Potluck Meeting

Tue, Sept 18, 6:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
333 Spring Garden St,
Easton

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Easton Branch AAUW Funds

For the year 2011, AAUW Easton Branch and individual members contributed a total of 2,793.79 to AAUW Funds. For each \$500 donated to AAUW Funds, a branch is entitled to honor one member as a **Named Gift Honoree**. Branch members are asked to nominate a woman or women in the branch who have contributed to the community and to the branch, and the AAUW Funds Chair and her committee select the honoree.

This year **Marlou Belyea** and **Cathy Leiber** were selected as **Named Gift Honorees** and they received their certificates at the May dinner.

AAUW Funds are used to support AAUW Programs that work to improve opportunities for women and girls. By donating to AAUW Funds we can:

- Protect the rights of women facing discrimination
- Educate women, giving them a chance for a lifetime of success
- Advocate for laws and policies that are fair to women
- Continue research to provide understanding of issues that are important to women and girls
- Lead and help to develop other women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country.

Nancy Butow
AAUW Funds Chair

A Successful Year Continued:

ing up after meetings, keeping track of our activities for our archives, faithfully attending board meetings, making phone calls, portraying historical Easton women, and saying "yes" when asked to do something for the branch.

It was the enthusiasm of our members and their willingness to participate in branch activities that made us visible in the community and allowed us to fulfill the mission of AAUW.

Toni and Marian

Sarah Palmer Tarbell Trust Fund Scholarships

Six Colleges received \$750.00 each for their scholarship recipients majoring in physical education. The remaining balance in the fund is \$4574.55 which will allow one more year of scholarships.

Jeannette Smith
SPT Scholarship Fund Chair

Outstanding Woman of the Year Award—2012



The Easton Branch of AAUW recently honored Claire Degnan as this year's Outstanding Woman of the Year, an award given annually to recognize one of its members for contributions made to AAUW and the community.

An active member on committees for many years, Claire has also served as the local branch's president, vice-president, and public policy chairperson. In 2011, she was also honored as a Named Gift Honoree. Claire's community involvement has been extensive over the years, and she presently volunteers in assisting immigrants to integrate into their new culture and prepare for citizenship.

TEAL Award



The Teal Award, new this year, is recognition 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.

This award was presented to Annette Stody, who so ably co-chaired our Book Fair, cheerfully made herself available at all hours, and took on the position of Finance Officer as well.

Special Honoree - Connie Krohn



Connie joined AAUW and the Easton Branch in 1951. She has been a very active member of our branch serving on the Nominating and Publicity committees and participating in the Bridge and Opera groups to name just a few of her activities.

She was a Named Gift Honoree 1984-1985 and Outstanding Woman of the Year 1990-1991. She has been a member of the Easton Branch board for the past 35 years serving as our Parliamentarian from 1980 through 2011 when a revision of the bylaws changed the composition of the board. In that time Connie attended almost every board meeting, and contributed her knowledge of AAUW and the Easton Branch and was an asset to every President she served.

2011-2012 PUBLIC POLICY REVIEW

“The member-endorsed Public Policy Program illuminates and advances AAUW's mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. AAUW conducts comprehensive advocacy to pursue its public policy priorities, developing and implementing coordinated legislative and grassroots strategies to break through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.”

AAUW's biennial Public Policy Program is adopted at each national convention and is the culmination of a process involving many AAUW members through such mechanisms as:

- Every Member Survey: Individual members are encouraged to complete the survey published in AAUW Outlook.

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AAUW EASTON ANNUAL BUDGET 2011 - 2012	Budgeted Debits	Actual Credits 7/1 to 6/4	Actual Debits 7/1 to 6/4
AAUW National			
Dues	\$3,430.00		\$3,332.00
AAUW Funds		\$30.00	\$1,096.79
AAUW Pennsylvania			
Dues	\$750.00		\$740.00
Banking			
Fees	\$50.00		\$32.45
Interest/credits		\$5.85	
Fund Raisers			
Book Fair	\$525.00	\$4,298.68	\$559.25
Nut Sale	\$550.00	\$1,726.00	\$1,130.80
Williams Center		\$542.00	\$264.00
Programs			
Meeting rooms	\$225.00		\$150.00
Sept hospitality	\$30.00		
Gateway to Equity			\$25.00
Holiday party	\$75.00		\$84.89
Scholarship Dinner	\$50.00		
Speaker gifts	\$35.00		
Misc expenses		\$20.00	\$25.00
Conferences	\$1,500.00		\$155.00
Insurance	\$125.00		\$150.00
Membership			
Dues Paid 11/12	\$4,930.00	\$1,638.00	
Dues Paid 12/13		\$2,130.00	
Interest Group			
Expenses			\$155.50
Newsletter	\$200.00		\$187.61
Postal Expenses			
Box	\$62.00		\$62.00
Postage	\$130.00		
Officers' Expenses			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$30.00		
Publicity			
Misc expenses	\$75.00		
Web hosting	\$61.00		\$61.68
Scholarships			
Margaret Druse		\$735.00	
Membership Donations		\$78.00	
STEM		\$1,000.00	
Tapas Group		\$70.00	

Public Policy Report Continued:

- Ongoing Feedback Mechanisms: Leaders of the association and staff receive feedback on AAUW issues through biennial branch and state reports, conversations with state leaders, member responses, and Connect2AAUW interactions.
- The AAUW Action Fund: The Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. Donations come from a small part of each member's dues and/or individual donations in any amount.

This past year, the Easton branch learned about and continues to focus on three issues: pay equity, voter suppression and registration, and the Marcellus Shale industry. These issues have not yet been resolved. Increased member involvement from the Easton branch, together with other AAUW members, would go a long way to resolving the above issues in a fair and equitable manner. Title IX and sexual harassment is an issue that has yet to be discussed. The U.S. Supreme Court rulings have established that sexual harassment of students by employees (teachers, professors, coaches, etc.) and by other students qualifies as sexual harassment in violation of Title IX. As a result, schools, colleges, and universities that receive federal funding must take steps to prevent and stop all forms of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct on their campuses.

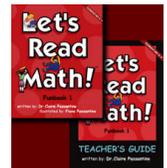
The public policy priorities of AAUW-PA for 2012-2014 are:

- ⇒ Support a strong system of public education. We oppose vouchers.
- ⇒ Advocate for measures which improve the economic self-sufficiency of women, including pay equity, and reductions in bias and discrimination.
- ⇒ Equal access to legislative processes as a fundamental requirement of a representative democracy. We oppose measures likely to suppress voters.
- ⇒ Improve the operations and transparency of government, understanding that efficient and effective government can improve the well-being of women.
- ⇒ Continue to advocate for policies which are environmentally/fiscally sound, including the Marcellus Shale issue.

Claire Degnan
Public Policy Chair

Let's Read Math

Several branch members are having a busy summer helping young Easton students build positive attitudes towards math by using children's books and fun math-related activities. We will have completed two presentations of "How Big is a Foot?" by the time you read this. We are doing three presentations at the Easton library's summer reading program, five presentations for ProJeCt's Sizzle program, a summer program between ProJeCt and recommended Easton school district students, and three presentations for the Spring Garden Children's center. Dates coming up are listed below. We can still use volunteers for this project. If you think you might be interested, even just to watch once please call Fran Kennedy at 610-250-0476.



Tuesday, July 10
The Greedy Triangle (Sizzle)

Monday, July 16
Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan (Library)

Wednesday, July 18
The King's Commissioners (Sizzle)

Tuesday, July 25
Grandfather Tang's Story (Sizzle)

Monday, July 30
Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt (Library)

Wednesday, August 1
Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt (Sizzle)

Tuesday, August 21
Grandfather Tang's Story (Spring Garden)

Wednesday, August 22
One is a Snail Ten is a Crab (Spring Garden)

Thursday, August 23
The King's Commissioners (Spring Garden)

**YEAR END REPORT 2011-2012
MEMBERSHIP**

Carolyn Conners hosted a brunch in August and a wine and cheese party in February to introduce people to the Easton Branch of AAUW. Members spoke of the value of an AAUW membership as well as summaries of the branch's activities.

There were 21 new members since July 1, 2011. They are: Anne Nourse, Nancy Berry, Pat Lucey, Louise Sipos, Annette Lare, Dr. Mary Armstrong, Kim Rose, Beryl Saltern, Nancy Seksinsky, Jan Schwartz, Margaret Skaarup, Linda Kuenne, Terry Thomas, Lois Fowler, Suzi Campbell, Ann Marie Panella, Christina Kennedy, and Ann Anderson all of Easton, Sue Kell, Phillipsburg, Peg Ophhof, Heltertown, Victoria Ophhof-Cordaro, Bethlehem.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conners
Membership Vice President

ROTATING GOURMET ANNUAL PICNIC



The Rotating Gourmet Group will have their annual picnic Sunday, July 22, 2012, 2:00-5:00, at the home of Cathy and Scott Leiber, Riegelsville. As is customary, the group opens the picnic to all AAUW members and their spouses. If you wish to attend, please call Carolyn Conners at 610 253 8575 or email cconnors@rcn.com, and the recipes will be sent to you, so you may choose what you would like to make. Everyone in attendance shares equally the total cost of the meal. Directions to the Leiber home will also be sent with your chosen recipe. It is a fun way to become better acquainted with members of the Easton Branch.



A NEW POLICY—ADS

At the last board meeting a motion was made to include ads no larger than business card size in the first five newsletters of the coming year beginning in September. The charge for including an ad will be \$5 for each issue in which it appears. The Makefield AAUW newsletter includes ads of business card size in their newsletter. This helps defray the cost of the newsletter and serves as a way for members to advertise. Ads will be accepted sent by email as an attachment or delivered to the newsletter editor, Suzi Campbell. They must be business card size and they must be from members.

Our Scholarship Recipients

Left to right: Rosemary Baker, Taylor Watts, Olivia Fleischer, Caleigh Gran and Debbie Ashton-Chase. Taylor and Olivia are from Bangor High School, Caleigh is from Phillipsburg High School.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TITLE IX



Did you know that Title IX turned 40 on June 23. This historic legislation, co-authored by AAUW member Rep. Patsy Mink (D-HI), opened the doors of education to women. Ironically, most people (including myself) don't know that sports are not even mentioned in the act. Title IX states, simply,

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

“Although women and girls have made great strides both on and off the playing field, challenges still remain. Nearly half of all middle school students are sexually harassed, women are under-represented in the STEM fields, and occupational segregation still exists. AAUW National invites all AAUW members to extend the impact of Title IX throughout all of education, as the law's authors intended.”

Happy Birthday, Title IX!

Interbranch DDD Interest Group



The interbranch interest group DDD or Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue continues to meet over the summer. Members are reading *Grassroots A Field Guide For Feminist Activism*. Several members are also participating in Dinner Dialogues sponsored by the YWCA of Bethlehem. At a potluck dinner in private homes, members will be dialoguing about “Eliminating Racism: How Far Have We Come.” The July meeting will be a discussion of the various participant reactions.

Summer meetings are:

July 18---home of Randi Blauth---discuss dinner dialogues from YWCA

August 22---home of Toni Hoffman

DID YOU KNOW?

Every constitution written since the end of World War II includes a provision that men and women are citizens of equal stature. Ours does not. I have three granddaughters. I'd like them to be able to take out their Constitution and say 'here is a basic premise of our system, that men and women are persons of equal citizenship stature.' But it's not in there. We just have the equal protection clause, which everyone knows was not meant in the 1860s to change anything with regard to women's status. Women didn't get to vote until 1920.
~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 2005



New Newsletter Editor!!

Starting in September we will have a new newsletter editor. Please send articles to **Suzi Campbell at shccamp@gmail.com**. I have enjoyed helping with the newsletter for the past 5 years.

Fran Kennedy

Schedule for Book Fair Days Tuesday Sept 6—Saturday Oct 1 2011

Sorting Days

Tues Sept 4—Sat Sept 8	10:00—4:00
Sunday September 9	1:00—4:00
Mon Sept 10—Sat Sept 15	10:00—4:00
Sunday September 16	1:00—4:00
Mon Sept 17—Wed Sept 19	10:00—4:00

Open for public drop offs Saturdays and Sundays 1:00—4:00



Selling Days

Thursday, Sept 20 (Preview \$10)	8:00—10:00
Thursday, Sept 20 (Public)	1:00—5:00
Friday, Sept 21	10:00—7:00
Saturday Sept 22	10:00—5:00
Sunday, Sept 23	1:00—5:00
Thursday, Sept 27 (½ Price Day)	10:00—5:00
Friday, Sept 28 (Bag Day)	10:00—7:00
Saturday, Sept 29 (Bag Day)	10:00—5:00
Cleanup:	
Saturday, Sept 29	5:00—7:00

The phones will soon be busy to gather volunteers to help sort and sell the books. Please say **“Yes”** when called.



**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 to:

AAUW Educational Foundation	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Memorial Fund	\$ _____
General Operating Fund	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

There is a late penalty after June 30. 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 to:

AAUW Easton Branch
 P.O. Box 1464
 Easton, PA 18044-1464

American Association of University Women

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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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