



# The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

### Judith's Reading Room

Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 am to 4 pm

### Evening at the Williams Center

Friday, Nov. 9 at 8 pm  
Pre-concert Talk at 7 pm

### Newsletter Deadline

Monday, Nov. 15

### District East Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 17

### International Relations

Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 1:30 pm  
Home of Jean Riker

### Diversity, Deeds & Dialogue

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 pm

### Board Meeting

Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 pm  
Home of Carolyn Conners

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## Evening at the Williams Center

### Acoustic Africa

**Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at 8 pm**

**Pre-concert talk with guitarist and producer Leni Stern at 7 pm**

Three of Africa's most exciting vocalists have joined forces for this world tour: **Dobet Gnahore**, an Ivory Coast vocalist and dancer who performed at Lafayette with Acoustic Africa in 2006; **Manu Gallo**, a vocalist, and bassist for **Zap Mama**; and **Kareyce Fotso**, a young Cameroonian singer whose music combines Afro-pop, Blues, and traditional African music. The three singers are backed by an ensemble of traditional African instruments, featuring balafonist **Aly Keita**.

## Judith's Reading Room Selected as Barnes & Noble Holiday Charity

### The USS George H.W. Bush Aircraft Carrier To Benefit From the Results

Barnes & Noble on Rt. 33 and Freemansburg Avenue has selected Judith's Reading Room as their official Holiday Charity. This marks the 3rd year in a row that one or another Barnes & Noble in the Lehigh Valley has selected the organization to be the recipient of holiday shopping generosity.

Beginning on November 1st through January 1, 2013, shoppers will be invited to purchase children's books that will be donated to Judith's Reading Room. Judith's Reading Room, co-founded by Easton Branch member Cathy Leiber, will make the donation from Barnes & Noble the cornerstone of the organization's children's library on board the *USS George H. W. Bush* aircraft carrier, home to 4,500 Sailors.

Judith's Reading Room established a library for the Sailors in March 2011 and has shipped nearly 1,000 books valued at \$18,500. Cathy and her husband, Scott, were invited to tour the carrier in July and, when they saw their library, Cathy noticed a box filled with "ratty" children's books. Cathy was told that sailors would read children's books aloud, record them, and then send the tapes home to their children. But the books had become so worn that their use had declined. Cathy and Scott committed themselves to building a children's library worthy of an aircraft carrier.

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## From the Presidents' Pens:



When you vote on November 6, will you remember that women went to jail for you?

When you send your daughters and granddaughters off to school, will you take a moment to reflect that this is not allowed in some countries?

When you engaged in sometimes heated political debates, were you grateful that you lived in a country that allowed you to have free speech?

As Thanksgiving approaches, we need to take the time to reflect on and be thankful for all the opportunities and freedoms that exist in our country.

- We can complain about our government without fear of being thrown in jail.
- We can write letters and sign petitions without fear of retribution.
- We can use social media to share our opinions and not worry about being monitored.
- We can read any book that appeals to us.
- We have free public schools that guarantee all children an education.
- Most Americans have enough to eat and a place to live.
- We have freedom of the press and freedom of assembly.

We, as AAUW members, take seriously our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Branches contribute to this effort through programs such as Let's Read Math and Write, Read, Write as well as with donations to AAUW Funds. Individual members contribute through donations to AAUW Funds and by volunteering their time in our educational endeavors. AAUW has conducted ground-breaking research in areas such as bullying and harassment and the paucity of women in STEM fields. The AAUW Action Fund is used to advocate for women's issues on Capitol Hill.

As we read about **Malala Yousafzai**, the 14 year old Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban in retaliation for her work in promoting girls' education and children's rights, let us not only be shocked, but let us look for ways we (our branch) can be involved in helping women and girls in our country and around the world.

Marian and Toni

## Calling All Branch Members

We are looking to form a brainstorming committee to think and talk about ways to raise money for our scholarship fund. Currently we have our annual book fair and our Mascot pecan nut sale. While the Book Fair may be the best way to raise the most money, we are in a digital age where more and more people are reading books on e-readers. There may come a time when an annual book fair is not a viable option and we need to be prepared if that happens. Our nut sale brings in some money but does not approach the totals from the book fair.

So... we need to begin thinking about other ways to fund our scholarships. Think about fundraisers that you have attended and bring those ideas to the group. The committee will come up with a list of ideas that can be used now or in the future. Please consider being on this committee.

Toni and Marian

## FYI – Website

Have you checkout our new branch website yet? Did you notice there is a “**MEMBERS ONLY**” tab? Under that tab is a password protected space that is only accessible by typing in a pre-determined password. What this means is that the information contained in our directory/yearbook could be in that space. **How do you feel about this? Please let us know by email or phone.**

Marian and Toni

### Judith's Reading Room *(continued from page 1)*

Please support Judith's Reading Room on **Saturday, November 3rd** at **Barnes & Noble on Rt. 33** from **10 am to 4 pm** for the kick-off of the Holiday season. Be sure to tell the cashiers the Judith's Reading Room exclusive **ID # 10880847**. You can support the Book Fair on November 3rd by shopping on-line as well. The same ID number is valid on-line for five days. Vouchers are also on page 4 of this newsletter.

### Read Aloud Readers Sought By Judith's Reading Room

Judith's Reading Room is looking for volunteers who love to read aloud to kindergartners at two Bethlehem area Title I schools: Donegan School and Fountain Hill. If you would like to help inspire a life-long love of reading in our children, please contact **Cathy Leiber** at [cathyleiber@gmail.com](mailto:cathyleiber@gmail.com) for a schedule of read-aloud programs. The organization supplies the books—all you have to do is come prepared to share your love of reading with children who come from homes without books.

"You alone are enough . . . you have nothing to prove to anybody."

Maya Angelou

## Eastern District Meeting

**November 17 from 11 am – 3 pm**

**Pennswood Village, near Newtown, PA**

Program:

**Amanda Holt – Redistricting**

**Lisa Maatz – Post election analysis**

Bring a brown bag lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Please let Toni know if you are planning to attend this meeting. We need to give the planners an estimate of how many of us will be there. We can figure out carpools once we know our numbers.

[easton-pa.aauw.net](http://easton-pa.aauw.net)

## Nuts Sales Continue

A reminder that there are still nuts for sale. Sue Kell will deliver orders to members at the Williams Center if they are attending the performance. Here's a recipe for a **Honey Pecan Pie** to be made with the extra large pecan halves courtesy of the *New York Times Cookbook*.

### Honey Pecan Pie

- Pastry for a one-crust pie
  - 1/2 cup honey
  - 1/2 cup white corn syrup
  - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/3 cup light brown sugar
  - 3 eggs, lightly beaten
  - 4 Tablespoons of butter , melted
  - 1 Teaspoon of vanilla extract
  - 1 cup of pecan halves
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
  2. Line the 9 inch pie plate with pastry.
  3. Combine all the ingredients except the pecan halves. Pour into prepared pie crust. Arrange nut halves on top in any desired pattern.
  4. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, until the filling is set and the pastry is golden brown.
  5. Cool and serve cold or slightly warm.

## AAUW Nut Sale



TASTY FUNDRAISER

THE NUTS HAVE ARRIVED!

The AAUW Easton Branch has great tasting cashews and pecans for sale. They sell for \$8 - \$10 per bag. Give some as gifts, buy some for yourself! Great for baking!

Roasted Cashews  
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 Pecan log rolls

**CONTACT:** Sue Kell for more information

**Email:** [suzanne.kell@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanne.kell@yahoo.com)

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# Barnes & Noble Bookfair

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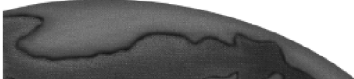
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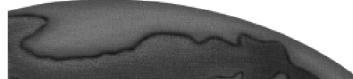
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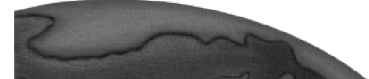
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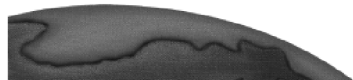
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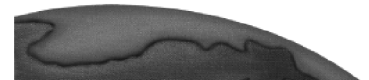
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## Welcome Two New Members

### Lydia Bruneo and Pat Franklin

**Lydia Bruneo** is publisher and editor of the Easton Irregular, the local news, arts, and events newspaper. No doubt you are a regular reader of this popular newspaper. It is a free paper that can be picked up at stores, fitness centers and where other publications are on display.

Lydia was born and raised in Phillipsburg, and although she lives in Nazareth with her two young children, she has adopted Easton as a town she truly loves.

Volunteering is in Lydia's blood. She not only helps with her son's first grade Kiwanis K Kids Service Club and her sixth grade daughter's Girl Scout Troop, she also is actively involved with the Easton Holiday Committee, the Easton Haunted Tour Committee and the Halloween Masquerade Dance. She also enjoys baking and reading.

Lydia has already shown an enthusiasm for AAUW as she has promoted the Easton Branch to friends and business acquaintances and referred names of people to the membership chair to contact as prospective members.

**Pat Franklin** recently moved to Easton from Raritan Township, NJ after a 31 year career as a French teacher. Retired from her teaching duties in Middlesex Borough, she continued to guide children's education in Somerset and Flemington as a special education teacher's aide. Moving to Pennsylvania and joining AAUW may mean changing gears.

She is looking forward to taking an active role when planning the Book Fair and meeting AAUW members in the Out to Lunch Group, Book Group, and Rotating Gourmet Group. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, hiking, decorating, dining out and learning the complexities of wine. She has gone on numerous wine tours to Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley, France, and of course the local wineries. Could a new interest group be forming?

Pat and her husband, Don, have one son now living in Washington, DC.

## Member Spotlight

**Fran Kennedy** has had an interesting and varied life after leaving her hometown of Poughkeepsie, NY. Immediately after graduating from Antioch College in Ohio, she entered the Peace Corps and was assigned to teach math in a secondary school in Ghana, an assignment she dutifully filled for two years. While there she met her future husband, John, also a Peace Corps volunteer.

After a Ghana wedding, Fran and John returned to the states and began to raise a family. It wasn't long before they left their home in Charlotte, NC for studies at the University of Illinois. John had a fellowship in a PhD program while Fran juggled family, work and pursuit of her Masters Degree in Education.

Ready to settle down and embark on their careers in education, they traveled to Puerto Rico where Fran taught math and computer science. She was a member of the San Juan Branch of AAUW for 28 years.

Fran and her husband often visit the many friends made over the years in Ghana and Puerto Rico. Because of her recent visits to Ghana, Fran has become enthusiastically involved in *Global Mamas*, a fair trade non-profit organization that helps women in Ghana to start their own business and provide a better life for their family. She has a variety of products made by these women for sale at IMG, a boutique in Downtown Easton. Soap, children's clothing, toys, aprons, and jewelry are just some of the items that make lovely gifts.

Fran immediately took an active part in the Easton Branch when she joined in 2004. She has served as secretary, took on important roles to help make the Book Fair a success, and was the newsletter editor for the past five years, directing the transition from mailed hard copy to email.

Welcome to these new members!

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Fran Kennedy | [franhkenn@yahoo.com](mailto:franhkenn@yahoo.com)

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## AAUW Easton Branch Financial Report

	Budgeted Cost	Current Credits	Current Debits
<b>AAUW National</b>			
Dues	\$3,332.00		\$2,695.00
AAUW Funds			
<b>AAUW Pennsylvania</b>			
Dues	\$680.00		\$290.00
<b>Banking</b>			
Fees	\$24.00		\$2.00
Interest/credits		\$0.10	
<b>Fund Raisers</b>			
Book Fair	\$550.00	\$3,903.00	\$84.60
Nut Sale	\$1,200.00		
Williams Center			
<b>Programs</b>			
Meeting rooms	\$200.00		
Sept hospitality	\$30.00		
Gateway to Equity	\$25.00		
Holiday party	\$100.00		
Scholarship Dinner	\$50.00		
Speaker gifts	\$35.00		
Misc expenses	\$50.00		
<b>Conferences</b>	\$1,500.00		
<b>Insurance</b>	\$150.00		
<b>Membership (FY 12/13)</b>			
Dues		\$4,992.00	
State			
Local (to GOF)			
<b>Misc Expenses</b>	\$50.00		
<b>Newsletter</b>	\$200.00		\$135.92
<b>Postal Expenses</b>			
Box	\$76.00		\$76.00
Postage	\$130.00		
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>			
Membership	\$25.00		
President	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$25.00		
<b>Publicity</b>			
Misc expenses	\$75.00		

## Easton Branch Meeting

**October 13, 2012 at the Palmer Library**

Toni Hoffman, Co-President called the business meeting to order at 9:40 am.

There were 8 members and 2 guests present for the business meeting. Carolyn Connors, Membership VP, introduced our guests.

The branch meeting minutes and the budget were published in the October newsletter.

Marion Cunningham announced the following in regard to our upcoming programs:

- Evening at the Williams Center-Acoustic Africa- November 9
- Holiday Party-Home of Joan Kicska—December 16 from 5–8 pm.
- Tapas Group will be meeting this evening at the home of Nancy Butow.
- Timely Topics—October 22—Home of Marian Cunningham. Topic: Care Giving. Ann Anderson will be facilitating.

Marian also spoke of the various branch interest groups.

Toni spoke on our **Get Out the Vote (GOTV) It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard** efforts,. She spoke of the resources available. Our branch has worked with the Bethlehem branch and Moravian student affiliate and registered over 300 voters. We registered voters at Lafayette College and NCC. NCC held a mock debate and we were invited back to distribute materials. AAUW PA received an Impact grant from National for GOTV. Our branch applied for and received a mini-grant of \$105 from AAUW PA for our GOTV activities.

Items for the newsletter are due by October 15.

Toni announced that nuts are available. Contact Sue Kell.

Book Fair has grossed \$5,014.92.

STEM meeting will be held October 15. We awarded our first STEM scholarship this year to an NCC student.

The District Meeting will be held on Nov. 17 in Newtown, PA. Amanda Holt and Lisa Maatz are the speakers.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Our program was the film ***Iron Jawed Angels***. Several members of the public attended the film.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rosemary Baker

## Notices

### Regarding Newsletter

If any member has information that she wishes published in the newsletter, please either mail or e-mail the information to **Suzi Campbell**. This would include births, deaths, marriages, happenings at cultural institutions.

*We would like to make this your newsletter!*

## Holiday Celebration

**Sunday, Dec. 16**  
**5 – 8 pm**

at the home of Joan Kicska  
2425 Norwood Avenue  
Easton, PA

RSVP to Joan at 610-252-7242.

We will be celebrating the holidays with a get-together. If you are new to AAUW feel free to bring your spouse or significant other and meet the members of your local branch. Please bring a can of food to contribute to a local food bank.

Please bring the following according to your last name to share – Turkey and ham will be furnished:

**A-H** Hors d-oeuvres

**I-P** Desserts

**Q-Z** Salads

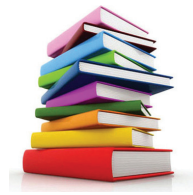
### Don't Forget:

Do you have a collection of shampoos, conditioners, and body lotions from your hotel stays? Bring them to the Holiday Party for distribution to Safe Harbor.

## 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



Group meets the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, **January 21** at **7 pm** at the home of Toni Hoffman. The book is ***Caleb's Crossing*** by Geraldine Brooks.

### International Relations



Group meets at 1:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **November 27** at **1:30 pm** at the home of Nancy Berry. This month's topic is **Thomas Jefferson as Secretary of State**

### Diversity, Deeds, and Dialogue



The interbranch DDD group will meet on **November 28** at the home of Froy Thompson at **7 pm**.

### Tapas



There is no Tapas scheduled for November.

### Out to Lunch



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

This month's date is **November 7**.

### Rotating Gourmet



This group is open to all AAUW members and their spouses. If you'd like more information, please contact Zoe Roble. It's a fun way to become better acquainted with members of the Easton Branch in charge of arrangements this year.

### Wednesday Evening Bridge Group



Group meets **every Wednesday evening**. Call **Rosemary Baker** for more information.

### Timely Topics



One time informal discussions on a topic of your choice. Call Marian Cunningham if you have an idea for a topic or for more information.



# American Association of University Women

<b>AAUW National</b>	<b>800-326-2289</b>	<b><a href="http://www.aauw.org">www.aauw.org</a></b>
<b>Easton Branch</b>	<b>610-504-5861</b>	<b><a href="http://www.aauweastonpa.org">www.aauweastonpa.org</a></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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