

# The Easton Edition

## Easton, PA Branch



### Evening at the Williams Center Choreographers on Campus Showcase

Friday / November 18, 2016 / 8 p.m.

Helen Simoneau Danse

Nora Gibson Contemporary Ballet

Raphael Xavier

*At college venues across the Lehigh Valley, the Choreographers on Campus initiative led by Lafayette has incubated artistic collaboration and creation among the most vital voices in contemporary dance. This exceptional showcase offers up-to-the-minute, state-of-the-dance work in Nora Gibson's 2^57,885,161 -1, an abstract ballet about the beauty and opacity of prime number theory, and in Land Bridge, French-Canadian artist Helen Simoneau's meditation on traversing dualities, inspired by the endangered caribou. From the perspective of a mature artist in the form, Raphael Xavier's Point of Interest explores the notion of sustainability in Breaking, a highly physical idiom associated with youth.*

*Taken from website*

**Program:** Simoneau / *Land Bridge*—excerpt (2016), music by Nathalie Joachim // Gibson / *2^57,885,161 -1* (2015), music by Michael Reiley // Xavier / *Point of Interest*—excerpt (2015), music by Raphael Xavier

Please call Fran Kennedy for more information.

**Cost:** \$25 per ticket

**Payable to:** AAUW Easton Branch

**Mail to:** Fran Kennedy  
718 Cattell Street  
Easton, PA 18042



Evening at the Williams Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets @ \$25 ea. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Check must be received by November 11. \$5.00 from each ticket will go towards our AAUW Scholarship Fund.

### The Presidents' Pens



“May you live in interesting times”

We have listened to 3 debates, been exposed to ads on TV and listened to many political analysts discuss the candidates running for the office of president. The candidates have stated their positions on key policy issues. Policy makers make decisions that directly affect women and families, including our paycheck, access to reproductive health care, and education funding. When women vote, they change the conversation. Fran & Nancy



## EASTON BRANCH OF AAUW CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

On October 1, 2016, the Easton Branch of AAUW celebrated their 90th Anniversary with a reception at Northampton Country Club. In attendance for the celebration were many past presidents, members and State Senator Lisa M. Boscola. The branch officially celebrated the 90th anniversary on June 22, 2016. Ninety years ago the branch was formed with the mission to promote women's equality and support local, young women to continue their education through providing scholarships. At that time, there were 23 charter members.

During the reception, a power point presentation highlighted 90 years of fundraising events, community outreach programs, study groups, guest speakers, and other significant achievements. Rosemary Baker, AAUW event Chair person, presided over the recognition program. Many past presidents reflected on their memories from their terms in office. They remembered fellowship with other women, having an impact on local politics, cultural activities, opportunities to continue learning about current events and the local young women that were supported in continuing their education through the scholarships provided by the branch.

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola presented the Branch a Senate Proclamation in recognition of their 90th year anniversary. She is a member of the Bethlehem Branch of AAUW. State Senator Lisa M. Boscola personally thanked the Easton Branch for their years of advocacy for women, especially advocacy for pay equality. Also, she recognized the Easton Branch's support both financially and emotionally for women to pursue higher education. Finally, she encouraged "women to do it together" and "to think about what matters".

The Branch also received recognition certificates from Representative Robert Freeman, from AAUW Pennsylvania President, Dr. Dot McLane, and National AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho.



Past President Noblett with AAUW members



Senator Lisa Boscola

## AAUW EASTON BRANCH MEETING

October 18, 2016 at the Lafayette College Arts Center

Fran Kennedy, Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

There were fifteen members and two guests present. Nancy Berry introduced our guest.

The minutes and the financial report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Unfortunately and unintentionally, Co-Presidents Marian Cunningham and Toni Hoffman's presidential memories were omitted at the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We apologize to them and Nancy Butow shared their memories. The memories will also be placed in the newsletter and the archives.

Maggie Duffy will again do our November newsletter. Deadline is October 19.

Yearbooks were distributed. Please check your entry for any errors.

Evening at the Williams Center will be held on November 18. Tickets are \$25.00 with \$5.00 going to our branch. Reservation deadline-November 11. Send your reservations to Fran.

Fran announced our District Meeting will be held on October 22.

Janice Lupackino reported that the Holiday Poinsettia sale is in place. The sale runs through December 1. Delivery is December 8. Flyers were distributed. A raffle will be held at the Holiday Party. Janice's goal is to make \$500 profit.

The book group and bridge group are now meeting during the day. Members that are working can form a group in the evening if there is an interest.

Fran announced that long time branch member Connie Krohn passed away.

Fran announced the following Upcoming Events:

---Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30pm, Authors' Luncheon Committee meeting at the home of Karol D'Huyvetters. We need to decide on the authors.

---Saturday, November 5 9:30-11:00am at NCC Alumni Hall-Community One Read- Book discussion and panel on Homelessness.

---Monday, November 7 Board Meeting-7:00pm at the home of Toni Hoffman

---Tuesday, November 8- VOTE!!

# AAUW Meeting Notes Continued...

---Friday, November 11 7:00pm at the Holiday Inn Express -Night at the Races to benefit the Easton Area Neighborhood Center.

---Friday, November 11 7:15pm at UUCLV Church, Center and Wall Street, Bethlehem, Panel-Legacy of Women in 2016 Election

---Sunday, December 11 Holiday Party at the home of Joan Kicska from 4:00-7:00pm.

-- Saturday, February 4, 2017 –Tentative 1:30-3:00pm at the Palmer Library Pat Bradt-program on climate change-the science.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Nancy Berry introduced the students involved with the Films. There were three student made films that were shown. The students answered questions at the conclusion of the films.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker



## Save the Dates

**Saturday, Nov 5 9:30**, NCC Alumni Hall, Community One Read (See details in newsletter)

**Friday, Nov 18, 8:00 pm**, Evening at the Williams Center (See details in newsletter)

**Sunday, December 11, 4:00 pm** - Holiday Party Home of Joan Kicska (See details in newsletter)

**Saturday, Feb 4 1:30 pm**, Palmer Library - Climate Change - The Science with Pat Bradt

**Saturday, March 18 9:30 am**, NCC Alumni Hall, Interbranch Diversity Program

**Saturday, April 29, 11:00 am**, Pomfret Club, Authors' Luncheon

## Notices

### Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that she or he wishes to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to **Fran Kennedy and Nancy Butow**. This would include births, deaths, marriages, happenings at cultural institutions, photos of events and anything that you think may be of interest to their members. **Submissions must be in by the 15th** of the current month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

### Newsletter Ads

*Do you have a business or service that you would like to promote?* The charge for including an ad is only **\$5 for each issue**. They should be no larger than business card size and they must come from members. Payment for ads should be made to Colleen Kuschke and she will notify the newsletter editor that the ad is ready to be placed.

### Newsletter Costs

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 trees!*

*(If you presently get it by snail mail but can make other arrangements, please let **Fran or Nancy** know. **Thanks**)*



Connie Krohn



It is with sadness that we report the death of long time branch member Connie Krohn. Due to health issues, Connie recently moved to Florida to be near her son. Connie joined AAUW and the Easton Branch in 1951.

She was an honorary life member. She had been a very active member of our branch serving on the Nominating and Publicity committees and participating in the Bridge, Opera, and Out To Lunch 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 was a member of the Easton Branch Board for 35 years serving as Parliamentarian from 1980 through 2011 when a revision of the bylaws changed the composition of the Board. In that time she attended almost every Board Meeting, contributed her knowledge of AAUW and the Easton Branch, and was an asset to every President she served.

## Public Policy

With so much talk about the election being rigged, did you know that voting machines are not hooked up to the internet so they can't be hacked?

### Election Protection: See Something, Say Something

Efforts to protect the vote are more important than ever. If you see a problem at the polls, do you know who to ask for help? The **Election Protection Hotline** is now in operation for the 2016 election. The toll-free hotline is staffed by thousands of volunteer legal professionals who provide comprehensive support to voters who encounter irregularities or feel they are not being treated fairly at the polls. From now through Election Day, voters can call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (English), 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish), and 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian Pacific Islander languages) to ask questions about the voting process – from registering to vote, to finding your polling place, to **reporting problems with the election system**.

AAUW-PA is following several bills, two of them are described below:

**H29** – Wants to change how poll watchers are picked and assigned. Right now, each party appoints someone (a registered voter) to be a poll watcher at the local polling place. The Pennsylvania Election Code of 1937 states that poll watchers (registered voters) must be from the county in which the election district to which they are appointed is located. The new law would permit a registered voter of Pennsylvania to be appointed a watcher in any election district located in the state, this law to take effect immediately. This is not a bipartisan bill and is **opposed** by AAUW.

As you know, most of us have voted in the same place for many years and the people at the polls know who we are. This could change if H29 is passed.

**H2356** – is a pay equity bill that says employers may not ask job applicants what they earn in their current job in order to determine what they (the employer) will pay for the position being offered. It creates a statewide committee to look into pay equity and all the issues that surround it. It was modeled on similar bills that passed in Massachusetts and California. AAUW **supports** this bill.

If you have not already signed up for the **Two Minute Activist**, you can do so [here](#). Then you will be alerted when action needs to be taken on an issue.

**Fun Fact:** AAUW branches that are meeting on election day have decided to have therapy pets at their meetings to reduce the anxiety surrounding this election.

Remember to **vote on November 8**. Take a friend or neighbor who might need a ride with you and go out for coffee afterwards.



## Presidential Memories

Listening to former branch presidents and reading the placards with presidential memories was a trip down memory lane at our 90th anniversary reception. Unfortunately and unintentionally, the four years of presidential memories from co-presidents Marian Cunningham and Toni Hoffman were omitted. We apologize to them and share their memories with you now.

### **Marian Cunningham and Toni Hoffman 2010-2014**

During the two terms served as Co-Presidents of the AAUW Easton Branch, we are proud to have met several of our goals:

- With Carolyn Connors as our Membership VP, our membership increased significantly.
- We established an ongoing relationship with Lafayette College through our collaboration with Mary Armstrong.
- Using site resources from National AAUW, we established a functional and well maintained branch website.
- We began using social media through our branch Facebook page and developed an ongoing social media policy as a result of that technology use.
- The annual Jane Wait STEM Scholarship was established.
- The Easton Branch Endowment was established at Northampton Community College.

Sunday, December 11, 2016, 4 to 7 pm  
**RSVP by Dec. 7 to Joan Kicska** (610-252-7242 or [jkicska@aol.com](mailto:jkicska@aol.com))

It is almost time to celebrate the HOLIDAYS with our Holiday Party. Joan Kicska has graciously offered to open her home again.

This is a time when we get to meet the “other half” of our members. Come by yourself or come with your spouse or partner and join the fun.

We hope to see you all there so we can say “**Happy Holidays**” in person. If you need a ride, please call Fran Kennedy or Nancy Butow.

Turkey and ham will be provided and we ask that you bring one of the following:  
**A – E:** Sides or Salads **F – K:** Hors d'oeuvres **L-R:** Desserts **S-Z** Drinks

Please bring only white wine or rose, **NO RED WINE PLEASE**

We look forward to seeing you at the party.

Directions: 2425 Norwood Avenue

From 248 turn on Park Avenue towards the Palmer Park Mall. Take your first right on Woodlawn Avenue. Turn right onto Norwood Avenue. The house is on your right.

## Join Us!

The Easton Branch is always happy to receive referrals from existing members for new members.

If you have a referral please contact either Nancy Berry, [berry.nancy61@gmail.com](mailto:berry.nancy61@gmail.com), cell 610-216-1588 or

Annette Stody [astody@rcn.com](mailto:astody@rcn.com), 610-253-3748.

As a reminder, several existing Members have not renewed their membership for the coming year. All renewals should be sent as soon as possible to P.O. Box 1464, Easton, Pa. 18044-1464

Nancy Berry



# Poinsettia Sale



Easton, PA Branch



## HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Offering various sizes of poinsettias to our members, their family and friends.

This is a great way to raise money for our scholarship fund and bring the holiday spirit.

### PICK UP INFORMATION

Pick up between 5 and 7pm  
Thursday, December 8  
Janice Lupackino's home:  
26 Clairmont Ave., Easton, PA 18045 (behind Palmer Mall)

Hurry, offer ends **December 1st**  
All proceeds benefit AAUW  
Scholarship Fund.

*Thank you for your support!*

### ORDER FORM- AAUW POINSETTIAS

Mail this with your payment:

Name:  
Contact info:

Prices:		
Size:	Color	Price
4.5"	Single Bloom	\$5
6"	Multi Bloom	\$9
7.5"	Multi Bloom	\$15

All sizes come in Red, White, or Pink

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**Payment:**  
Payable to:  
AAUW Easton Branch

Mail Check/ Order Form:  
Janice Lupackino  
26 Clairmont Ave.  
Easton, PA 18045

Questions?  
(610) 751-9531

## 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. Please note new hours for book discussion and bridge. **We realize that changing the time of our book group meetings from evenings to afternoon leaves out those members who are in the workforce. If you are interested in an evening book group, please contact Toni Hoffman.**

### Book Discussion



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman- Third Monday of month  
**Date:** **November 21, 1:30 pm**  
**Hostess:** **Martha Barnett**  
**Book:** **The Mechanical Horse by Margaret Guroff**

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker  
**Hostess:** Rosemary Baker  
**Nov. 30, 7:00 pm**  
**Topic:** White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America by Nancy Isenberg

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker - Tuesday Afternoons  
Call **Rosemary** for more information

### Mah Jongg



**Chair :** Toni Hoffman  
Check website for locations.  
Nov 14 10:30  
Nov 28 10:30

### Rotating Gourmet



**Chair:** Lois Wildrick  
Anyone interested in joining rotating gourmet for this year, **please contact Lois Wildrick this month.** This involves 2 meals in the year, at various members' homes, 6-10 people per group, with recipes provided, and a summer picnic for the whole group. Costs are shared, spouses/significant others welcome. Come join us for good conversation over casual meals.

### International Relations:



**Chair:** Jean Riker  
**Hostess:** Marlou Belyea  
Population Movements in the Middle East  
**Tuesday, Nov 22, 1:30 pm**

# Community One Read

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, November 5

9:30 - 11:00 am

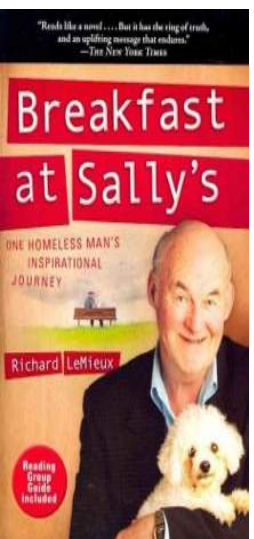
Northampton Community College

Alumni Hall, NCC (same bldg as Hampton Winds)

**Topic: Homelessness in the USA and the Lehigh Valley**

Read the book, listen to the panel

The AAUW Inter Branch Diversity Group and the Bethlehem NAACP invite all members of the Lehigh Valley to share in a Community One Read experience while learning more about homelessness and what can be done to solve the problem.



7-1-16 to 10-15-16

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/16 - 10/15/16</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Cost</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Debits</b>
<b>Banking</b>				
Fees		\$0.00		
Interest	\$1.50		\$0.32	
<b>Conferences 7/16-6/17</b>		\$1,500.00		
<b>Fund Raisers</b>				
Williams Center	\$400.00	\$300.00		
Donations	\$900.00	\$100.00		
Authors' Luncheon	\$3,500.00	\$1,700.00		
Poinsettia Sales	\$450.00	\$280.00		
<b>Membership</b>				
Branch Dues	\$975.00		\$834.00	
Membership - brochures, etc		\$50.00		
Yearbook Printing & Mailing		\$90.00		
Newsletter		\$50.00		
Newsletter Ads	\$50.00			
Insurance		\$185.00		
Mailbox		\$86.00		\$86.00
Postage		\$50.00		
Branch Publicity		\$75.00		
Donations - Operating Fund			\$52.00	
<b>Scholarship Awards</b>				
Jane Wait	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Scholarship 1		\$1,000.00		
Scholarship 2		\$1,000.00		
Scholarship 3		\$1,000.00		
Donations - Scholarship Fund			\$300.00	
<b>Programs</b>				
90th Anniversary Celebration		\$1,000.00		\$500.00
Meeting Rooms		\$250.00		
September Hospitality	\$100.00	\$75.00		
Get Out the Vote/Public Policy		\$50.00		
Holiday Party		\$100.00		
I-B Luncheon/Gateway to Equity		\$100.00		
Scholarship Dessert	\$450.00	\$350.00		
Speaker Gifts/Donations		\$100.00		

## The October Branch Meeting

The October Branch meeting was held at the new Lafayette Arts Center, Buck Hall followed by a film festival organized by AAUW Membership CoVP Nancy Berry in partnership with Assistant Professor Nandini Sikand, Film and Media Department at Lafayette College. Five Lafayette student film producers showed three films they had produced and discussed with members and visitors, both the subject matter in the films and their film production process. The films shown were part of the May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 Film Festival including the following:

1/ From the **Bursting the Bubble** series “**Town-Gown Divide**”- Lafayette student producers Daniel Kaufman and Michael Loftus answered questions and provided the discussion. This 6 minute 47 second documentary provided an interesting view into the relationship historically between Lafayette College and the town of Easton.

2/ From the **In the Gray** series student producer Kacie Paganelli discussed this experimental short about the differences and similarities between us.

3/ Also from the **In the Gray** series “**Ageism**”, student producers Corinne Peabody and Lixiang Zhang explored the stigma and realities of ageism.

Our thanks to Dr. Sikand and the students as well as our members and guests who supported this interesting event in the beautiful Landis theater! Although this was a designated “Shape the Future” event no new members joined the Easton Chapter that evening.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Berry, CoVP, Membership



LaFayette student film producers

**American Association of University Women**

**AAUW National 800.326.2289**

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**Co-Presidents**

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**Nancy Butow, Fran Kennedy**

**Nancy Berry/Annette Stoodly**

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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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