



THE EASTON EDITION

Fake News: The Media in a Post Truth World

10 AM to Noon

Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Wesley Methodist Church

2540 Center Street Bethlehem, PA 18017

Open to the Public

For More Information: 610-865-2087

We're living in a time where it becomes difficult to tell truth from fiction, a time when any news can be labeled "fake." It becomes even more important than ever to check the source of any story, find out where it was published - was it a reputable newspaper, magazine or website? Every story should be triangulated - that is checked with three different sources.

Our panel consists of:

Deborah Musselman, Moderator

Former Director of Government Affairs for PA NewsMedia Association

Paula Knudsen

State Government Reporter for The Caucus (a newspaper covering state legislators)

Bill White

Columnist, The Morning Call; Journalism Professor, Lehigh University

From the Presidents' Pen

Scant Progress Seen in Gender Equality

Wall Street Journal, Tuesday October 5, 2017

Rich countries have made very little progress toward reducing gaps in income and power between men and women over the past five years, according to a report published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The Paris-based think tank, which provides advice on the best policies to follow to its 35 member governments, said its findings were a “stark call to action” that should “change public policies in tandem with stereotypes, attitudes and behaviors.”

“Gender gaps persist in all areas of social and economic life and across countries, and the size of these gaps has often changed little,” said Angel Gurría, the OECD’s secretary-general, on Wednesday. “These inequalities should have long been resolved. There is no reason for women to trail behind men in social, economic and political outcomes.”

The report found that across its member countries, women earn 14.3% less than men in full-time work. The U.S. suffers for a wider gap than the average, at 18.9%.

By Paul Hanno

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018, 8:00 PM EVENING AT THE WILLIAMS CENTER (SEE PAGE 7)

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2018 AAUW-PA STATE CONVENTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 11:00 - 2:30 AUTHORS' LUNCHEON, POMFRET CLUB

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 PM SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS DESSERT

Puerto Rico

I have been asked many questions about Puerto Rico and will try to answer a few. I was never really involved in politics there because I didn't feel like I should be involved. I have many friends there. Quite a few are AAUW members. Many of my friends have left the island to stay with family on the mainland. Others are staying, coping, and helping as best they can. Some news items that we've seen here are not available on the island. Most friends still there do not have electricity, but quite a few now have running water. Store shelves are generally bare by afternoon.

My husband, our son, our dog, and I lived there in 1989 and lost a lot of food in hurricane Hugo. I remember noises being very scary. But after clearing debris and living without services for a week or so things gradually began to normalize. Again in 1998 a hurricane (level 3) hit. Personally, we had no electricity for 6 weeks, but school restarted in a week. That time my school reopened five weeks after the storm.

This time the public schools of Puerto Rico may be closed many months. People have been moving to the Lehigh Valley to be with family. They are looking for jobs, housing, and placing their children in school. Many schools in the Lehigh Valley have set up clothing banks for the children and families - coats, sweaters, and any clothing for cold weather is needed.

Puerto Ricans are US citizens. They do not need a passport to move anywhere in the United States.

by Fran Kennedy

Public Policy

Latina Equal Pay Day is November 2nd.

Post on your Facebook page: **Latinas are paid 54 percent of what white men are paid. Or: If Congress doesn't act, the gender pay gap won't close in our lifetimes. Let's change that!**

If you tweet, use: **Nov 2 is #LatinaEqualPay Day, when Latinas finally match white men's annual pay.**

November 7th is **Election Day**. Do you know someone who needs help getting to the polls? Offer to take her/him and then go out to lunch or dinner. It's as important, some would say even more important, to vote in the off year elections because the results of those elections have a more direct and longer lasting impact on our lives.

Become an activist and work to make change happen:



Sign up for the Two Minute Activist - <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Visit 5calls.org and make your daily calls

Register with The Daily Action and follow the prompts - <https://dailyaction.org>

Visit the local offices of Senators Casey and Toomey to discuss your concerns and develop a relationship with the staff.

Don't forget our Pennsylvania legislators - visit the offices of Senator Boscola and Representatives Emrick and Freeman to talk about what's happening in our local area.

Join the AAUW-PA Lobby Corps - more information at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/lobby-corp/>

Work to enforce Title IX K-12 and all other civil rights pertaining to education

Poinsettia Fundraiser is Back

Dear Members,

Please spread some Holiday cheer this year while supporting our AAUW Local Scholarship Fund. Lois Wildrick and Janice Lupackino will be accepting Poinsettia orders until November 27th. Pick up will be from 1 to 5 on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 26 Clairmont Ave. Easton, PA 18045. If you **can not** pick up, we will be happy to deliver your order. Call for delivery: 610-751-9531. Thank you.



AAUW POINSETTIA SALE
ORDER DEADLINE
11/27/17

DETAILS

SIZE	COLOR	PRICE
4" Single Bloom	RED, WHITE, PINK	\$5
6" Multi Bloom	RED, WHITE, PINK	\$10
7 1/2" Multit	RED, WHITE, PINK	\$17

Pick up or Delivery Available
 Delivery Date: 12/7/17
 Call for Pick Up arrangements
 (610) 751-9531

AAUW EASTON BRANCH—POINSETTIA ORDER FORM ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mail this form with your payment to Janice Lupackino, 26 Clairmont Ave. Easton, PA 18045

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	COLOR	PRICE

Check # _____

Total \$ _____

Did Someone Say Authors' Luncheon?



SAVE THE DATE

AAUW Easton Branch Authors' Luncheon

April 21, 2018

Pomfret Club

Easton Pa.

Featuring Local Authors

Silent Auction and Theme Basket Raffle Event

For Information: easton-pa.aauw.net

Join AAUW members at this exciting and interesting event and hear from authors Jocelyn Cordes, Deborah Courville, and Jeff Finnegan.

Nov **AAUW Annual Evening at the Williams Center**

Friday, February 9, 2018

7 pm: Preconcert Talk/Business Meeting

8 pm: “Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity” by Ping Chong & Company

After Performance: Refreshments & Discussions

Cost: \$29 per ticket (ordered before Dec. 31, 2017)

\$30 per ticket (ordered after Jan. 1, 2018)

A portion of each AAUW ticket goes toward local scholarships

Spouses/Friends are welcome to attend

Ping Chong is a contemporary theater director, writer, and multi-disciplinary artist who has been creating theater works for over 40 years. Chong began his *Undesirable Elements* project, which involves issues of race, culture, and identity, in 1992, and has received many awards and honors, including two Obie Awards and five National Endowment for the Arts fellowships. “Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity” is part of the *Tapestries* project at Lafayette College, which received a grant from the Association of Performing Arts Professionals’ *Building Bridges: Arts, Culture, and Identity*, a component of the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Arts.

Chong was born in Toronto in 1946, raised in the Chinatown section of New York City, and has performed all over the world. Don’t miss this poignant new work, “a lesson in human understanding, drawn from real lives” (The New York Times).

Please send reservations to:

Phyllis Finger, 118 E. Wayne Av., Easton, PA 18042; 610 253-5040

Make checks payable to: AAUW - Easton

Order Form: AAUW Annual Cultural Event

Name _____

Tickets for “Beyond Sacred” by Ping Chong & Company - _____(qty)@\$29 each

(ordered before Dec. 31)

_____ (qty)@\$30 each

(ordered Jan. 1-31, unless sold out)

Total of check enclosed: _____(payable to AAUW -Easton Branch)

Notices

Regarding the Newsletter

Wouldn't you like to learn how to do a newsletter or just use **WORD** and put the articles together? It is a great learning opportunity and would help tremendously. If this is you, please let **Fran Kennedy** know.

If any member has information that they wish 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. 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 following month's newsletter. Otherwise it will be in the following month's newsletter.

Insurance Notification

AAUW does not have an Automobile Insurance Policy. Please be informed that there is no implied or expressed authority for an AAUW member to use a member's car for AAUW business. The Easton Branch assumes no responsibility for any member using a car for this purpose.

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 the finance officer 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!

AAUW EASTON HOLIDAY PARTY

We're looking for someone who is willing to be hostess for our annual Holiday Party. The hostess generally supplies coffee, water and non alcoholic drinks. Members supply salads, sides, desserts and wine. Plates, cups, napkins, cutlery and wine glasses are provided for the hostess. A few members can help with any set up the hostess would like. Date and time are up to the hostess, it's often on a Sunday afternoon or early evening. If you are willing to open your home and host, please let Fran and Nancy know as soon as possible.

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- 3rd Monday of month

Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



Date: November 20, 1:30pm
Hostess: **Rosemary Baker**
Book: ***Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi***



Winter and spring dinners are planned. Anyone who would like to join should contact Lois.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker

International Relations:

Chair: Jean Riker



November 29, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Susan McNamara
Next 3 chapters of
Racism without Racists



Hostess: Fran Kennedy
Tuesday, November 28, 1:30 pm
Topic: Economics Policies in West Africa (ECOWAS)

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Chair: Rosemary Baker

Out to Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



Call **Rosemary** for more information



Check website for November information

Mah Jongg

Chair : Toni Hoffman



November 13 10:30 at Lois's
November 27 10:30 at Toni's

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	www.aauw.org
Easton Branch		easton-pa.aauw.net
Co-Presidents	Nancy Butow, Fran Kennedy	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/
Membership	Aaliyah Kee	easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/
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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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