

## Global Warming (Climate Change)

### Very High Priority for International Community



12/12/15 LE BOURGET, France — “With the sudden bang of a gavel Saturday night, representatives of 195 nations reached a landmark accord that will, for the first time, commit nearly every country to lowering planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions to help stave off the most drastic effects of [climate change](#)” (NYT 12/12/15). [United Nations](#) diplomats have been working toward this accord for nine years, it requires action in some form from every country, rich or poor.

United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, “This is truly a historic moment. For the first time, we have a truly universal agreement on climate change, one of the most crucial problems on earth.”

If 195 nations agree there is a critical problem with climate change, what will be the reaction of the US under the new president? What are the scientific findings on climate change, what do respected scientists and scientific societies say? Why is there so much controversy in the US when there is virtually no disagreement among the scientific community?

On Saturday February 4, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Palmer Library, Patricia Bradt, Ph.D (Associate Professor Emerita, Environmental Science, Muhlenberg College) will discuss the science of climate change:

### **Global Warming – What does the Science Say? Not the Politics, the Science!**

**Pat Bradt**

**Join us at Palmer Library Saturday, Feb 4, 1:30pm  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Invite Your Friends**

## From the Presidents' Pens:



What is on your bookshelf?

Here are some suggestions – all non-fiction that will help you look at life a little differently.

- *Finding Time: The economics of Work-Life Conflict* By Heather Boushey – Harvard University Press

Boushey argues for paid sick leave and sick days, flexible schedules, and an end to caregiver bias – which has led to undervaluing and underpaying jobs that women historically performed without pay.

- *Earning It: Hard-Won Lessons from Trailblazing Women at the Top of the Business World* By Joann S. Lublin – Harper Business

Women CEOs recall bad jobs. bad bosses.

- *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.* By Margot Lee Shetterly – Morrow/Harper Collins

An inspiring narrative, based in part on interviews.

- *Gender Revolution National Geographic January 2017*

This month's issue is devoted to exploring the meaning of gender – in science, in social systems, and in civilizations throughout history. Fran & Nancy

## What Does Non Partisan Mean? How About Political?

AAUW is a non-partisan organization. What does this mean?

- According to the **Merriam-Webster dictionary**, this means we are “free from party affiliation, bias, or designation.”
- **Wikipedia** has an expanded definition of “non-partisan:”“In political science, non-partisanism is a lack of affiliation with a political party. Some organizations claiming to be **nonpartisan** are truly such; others are nominally **nonpartisan** (for reasons of law or public perception) but closely follow the policies of a political party.”

Quoting from our state public policy co-chairs:

- “We hear some confusion about the difference of being political and being partisan. Public policy, by definition, is political. To impact policies important to women and girls, we must work with elected officials and government offices. Favoring or only working with one political party while doing public policy work is partisan. Our success nationally and in states is because AAUW remains non-partisan.”

Toni Hoffman  
Public Policy Chair

## Make Your Voice Heard

Action Network is a part of AAUW's advocacy efforts. It sends subscribers urgent e-mail notices that allow you to easily contact your legislators through the Two Minute Activist tool. As of October 2016, there are 4,556 Action Network subscribers in Pennsylvania. Only 940 are members of branches. Easton has 28 members (32% of our membership) who subscribe to the Action Network.

This is your chance to make your voice heard and it couldn't be easier. Anyone with an e-mail address can subscribe to Action Network, regardless of whether she or he is an AAUW member. Subscribe now at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> and share this link with your family and friends.

Toni Hoffman  
Public Policy Chair

## Did You Know?

Total of **61** Public Policy events were held across Pennsylvania.

**19** of 40 (48%) branches held at least one event

1 event	9 branches
2-5 events	6 branches
5-10 events	3 branches – <b>Easton is one of the three with several. Kudos to us!</b>
>10 events	1 branches

Above information taken from the AAUW-PA Mid Year Public Policy Report

Toni Hoffman  
Public Policy Chair

## Membership

Membership enrollments remain stable thanks to two events last year which were identified as "Shape the Future" events and brought in new members: the Tea hosted by Membership in March and the Authors' Luncheon in April. Joining the AAUW offers members a good way to meet new interesting, intelligent women and get involved in our various social and educational activities as well as interest groups. So spread the word, let's increase our membership! Let's keep the Easton branch growing as one of the oldest surviving branches! The Authors' Luncheon scheduled in April will offer a good opportunity to bring a potential new member who can benefit from three months of free membership and half off the national membership!

### Current Total Membership

60 Renewal Members  
13 Honorary Life  
10 New and Rejoined

**83 Total Members**

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining please have them contact either Nancy Berry, [berry.nancy61@gmail.com](mailto:berry.nancy61@gmail.com), 610-216-1588 or Annette Stody, [astody@rcn.com](mailto:astody@rcn.com), 610-253-3748.

Nancy Berry  
Membership Vice President Co-Chair

## Condolences - Losses Over the Past few Months



The AAUW Easton Branch extends its deepest sympathy to the families of **Henrietta Pessin**. Henrietta was a teacher in the Easton School District for 42 years. I enjoyed meeting her at the Out to Lunch interest group.

The AAUW Easton Branch also extends its deepest sympathy to **Carol Cochran** and her family on the death of her husband John.

## AAUW Easton Branch plans fourth annual Authors' Luncheon

Local best seller authors' will be featured at the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Easton Branch's fourth annual "Authors' Luncheon" April 29, 2017 at the Pomfret Club in Easton.

Three local authors' will speak about their personal and professional experiences: Chris Redding, Larry Deibert and Rebecca Price.

Chris Redding graduated from Penn State with a degree in Journalism and is still a diehard Nittany Lions fan. In fact, she bleeds Penn State Blue! Her dream is to get her Masters in Education degree and teach creative writing at Penn State. Her books are filled with romance, suspense and thrills. She also dabbles in copywriting, including web content and product descriptions. When she isn't writing, she works for a local winery.

Larry Deibert has written eight books; *Combat Boots dainty feet-Finding Love in Vietnam*, published by [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) in 2009; *The Christmas City Vampire*, published originally by Bradley Publishings in 2012 and then released by the author on [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) in 2013; *The Other Side Of The Ridge-Gettysburg*, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1863, published in 2013 by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com); *Fathoms-A Novel Of The Paranormal*, published by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) in 2014; *From Darkness To Light*, published by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com), in 2014, *Family*, published by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) in 2014, *The Life Of Riley* by Riley as told to Larry L. Deibert, published by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) in 2015 and *Santa's Day Jobs*, published by [www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com) in 2016.

Rebecca Price Janney is the award-winning author of 19 books including her latest, *Easton at the Forks: A Novel*, as well as *Harriet Tubman*, *Great Women in American History*, and *The Heather Reed Mystery Series*. She has also written for dozens of newspapers and magazines and regularly contributes to other books. As a graduate of Lafayette College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Rebecca received her doctorate from Biblical Seminary in April 2000, having focused on the interpretation of women's roles throughout American history. Rebecca enjoys speaking at schools, churches and synagogues, libraries, historical societies, civic organizations, and for the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as on radio and TV.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with book sales, author signings and a cash bar. Lunch served at noon, with the program following. Tickets are \$30.00 person. Also, a silent auction will be ongoing during the event and the winners will be announced at the end of the program. Information for ticket purchase go to: [easton-pa.aauw.net](http://easton-pa.aauw.net).

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the AAUW Easton Branch Scholarships for local women.

Karol D'Huyvetters  
Publicity Chair and Authors' Luncheon Co-chair

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Debits</b>
<b>7/1/16 - 1/9/17</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Cost</b>		
<b>Banking</b>				
Fees		\$0.00		
Interest	\$1.50		\$0.62	
<b>Conferences 7/16-6/17</b>		\$1,500.00		
<b>Fund Raisers</b>				
Williams Center	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$360.00	\$224.00
Donations	\$900.00	\$100.00		
Authors' Luncheon	\$3,500.00	\$1,700.00		
Poinsettia Sales	\$450.00	\$280.00	\$334.00	\$298.13
<b>Membership</b>				
Branch Dues	\$975.00		\$975.50	
Membership - brochures, etc		\$50.00		
Yearbook Printing & Mailing		\$90.00		
Newsletter Mailing		\$50.00		\$26.60
Newsletter Ads	\$50.00			
Insurance		\$185.00		\$185.00
Mailbox		\$86.00		\$86.00
Postage		\$50.00		\$10.55
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			\$347.00	
<b>Programs</b>				
90th Anniversary Celebration		\$1,000.00	\$75.00	\$1,132.20
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		\$19.08

## Past, Present.....and Future?

AAUW Easton Branch has a long and colorful history. We just celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.....but the question is.....where do we go from here? We have over 90 members yet Fran and Nancy are in their third year as co-presidents because no one would step forward to lead our branch. Nor would anyone take over the newsletter editor position. There is a certain amount of work associated with being president of a branch, but it is always interesting and rewarding. While some members show up and help all the time, we need more members to volunteer. With more members in leadership positions, the work load would be a lot lighter. If we are to continue, more members need to step forward and assume leadership positions



**Toni Hoffman, Annette Stody and Nancy Berry are serving on the nominating committee. They will be calling to ask you to consider serving as membership vice-president, finance officer, and president elect. Positions can be shared. Know that if the positions are not filled.....the Easton Branch of AAUW will begin the disbandment process to be completed by June 30, 2018. This would be a great loss to the Easton community.**

Fran and Nancy

## Notices

### Regarding the Newsletter

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!

## Selling Books Online

**Wanted!** A team of members interested in raising some money for the branch by being involved in selling books that we have left over from book fairs. We need a couple of members willing to store the books, a couple willing to pack and mail them when they are sold, and two or three people to list them after some training. If any of these sound like you, please let us know as soon as possible. If no one comes forward, we may have to give them and of course, whatever proceeds they bring to the Bethlehem branch.



Fran

## Morning Conversation on FOOD at the Easton Public Market

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:00 am

Come one, come all to our free, public program. Grab some coffee/breakfast and head to the EPM Community Area (next to the Demonstration Kitchen) for a conversation about "**Food Waste - Why does the US Throw Away 40% of the Food it Grows?**" sponsored by the Easton Hunger Coalition and moderated by this month's partner, the Food Recovery & Respect Working Group of the Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council. Guest Knowledge Leader is Brooke Kohler, who chairs the group, which works to recovery excess food and transport it to distribute to local pantries and free meal centers.



Learn how the *Easton Public Market Highmark Farm Stand* participates in this program to reduce food waste. Each month a new "food" topic will be presented, with local leaders providing knowledgeable guidance.

Join us every third Wednesday at the market, 9:00 am for **Morning Conversation on FOOD!**

Third Wednesday of Each Month, starting January 18, 2017

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Easton Public Market, Community Area

325 Northampton Street, Easton PA

## Save the Dates

**March 18, 9:30 - 11:30 Interbranch Diversity Meeting at NCC Alumni Hall**

**April 18 Business Meeting**

**April 21-23 AAUW PA Meeting at York, PA**

**April 29, 11:00 - 2:30 Authors' Luncheon at Pomfret Club**

**May 16, 7:00 Dessert, Scholarships, and Awards**

**June 14-17 AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.**



## 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- Third Monday of month  
**Date:** January 16, 1:30 pm  
**Hostess:** **Zoe Roble**  
**Book:** *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner

**Date:** February 20, 1:30  
**Hostess:** **Toni Hoffman**  
**Book:** *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

### Mah Jongg



**Chair :** Toni Hoffman  
 Second and fourth Mondays at 10:30 am

### Rotating Gourmet

**Chair:** Lois Wildrick

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker  
**Hostess:** **Toni Hoffman**  
 January 25, 7:00 pm



The winter meal menu and recipes have been sent to participants. Hosts Conti, Lare and Riker will be calling their group to set a date soon.

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker - Tuesday afternoons



Call Rosemary for more information

### International Relations:

**Chair:** Jean Riker



No January meeting



## American Association of University Women

<b>AAUW National</b>	<b>800.326.2289</b>	<b>www.aauw.org</b>
<b>Easton Branch</b>		<b>easton-pa.aauw.net</b>
<b>Co-Presidents</b>	<b>Nancy Butow, Fran Kennedy</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Nancy Berry/Annette Stoodly</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/</b>
<b>Easton Edition</b>		

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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