

What Most People Don't Understand About Race

Our next branch program is in conjunction with AAUW of Bethlehem. It will be a presentation on racism in America. Dr. Karen Gaffney from Raritan Valley Community College is our facilitator.

This is also a "Shape the Future" event, meaning anyone who is not a member of AAUW may join on the spot for a discounted membership. This is a big advantage to branches also since we get a free national membership for every two members who join at a "Shape the Future" event. So invite your friends. See flyer on page 3 for the event.

When: Saturday, March 18 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Where: Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall

From the Presidents' Pen



THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.....

AAUW is a nonpartisan voice in a maelstrom of partisan strife. Our members come in all stripes but are bonded by our dedication to empowering women and girls. There's time for reflection and planning, but now is the time for action as we greet the new Trump administration and Congress.

How will AAUW continue the nonpartisan work under President Trump? Here is our 12-step program for these uncharted political waters.

- Begin as we mean to proceed.
- Remember that personnel is policy.
- Hold their feet to the fire—and remain nonpartisan.
- Understand that facts do matter.
- Be an ally in the fight against hate.
- Stand up to everyday sexism whenever you can.

- Recruit a friend (or five!) to subscribe to the AAUW Action Network and help insure that our message is heard at every level of government.
- Help build our AAUW community by recruiting new members.
- Work locally as well as nationally.
- Keep in mind that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

AAUW's values are nonnegotiable. We believe in fairness and equality, inclusivity and opportunity. We believe that bias and discrimination of any kind are unacceptable in our national dialogue and that our government must represent all of us.

AAUW Outlook winter 2017

Fran & Nancy

Authors' Luncheon Silent Auction and Raffle -- We Need Your Help!



Our Authors' Luncheon includes a silent auction and raffle. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Please help boost our scholarship coffers by donating an auction or raffle item. Auction Items are those that have a monetary value of \$75.00 or more. Items under \$75.00 go to the raffle. For the raffle, we are accepting both large and small consumables, services, accessories, gift cards, and dinner/lunch certificates. If you would like to donate, please contact Peg Opthof at (610) 258-4758.

Peg Opthof
Authors' Luncheon co-chair



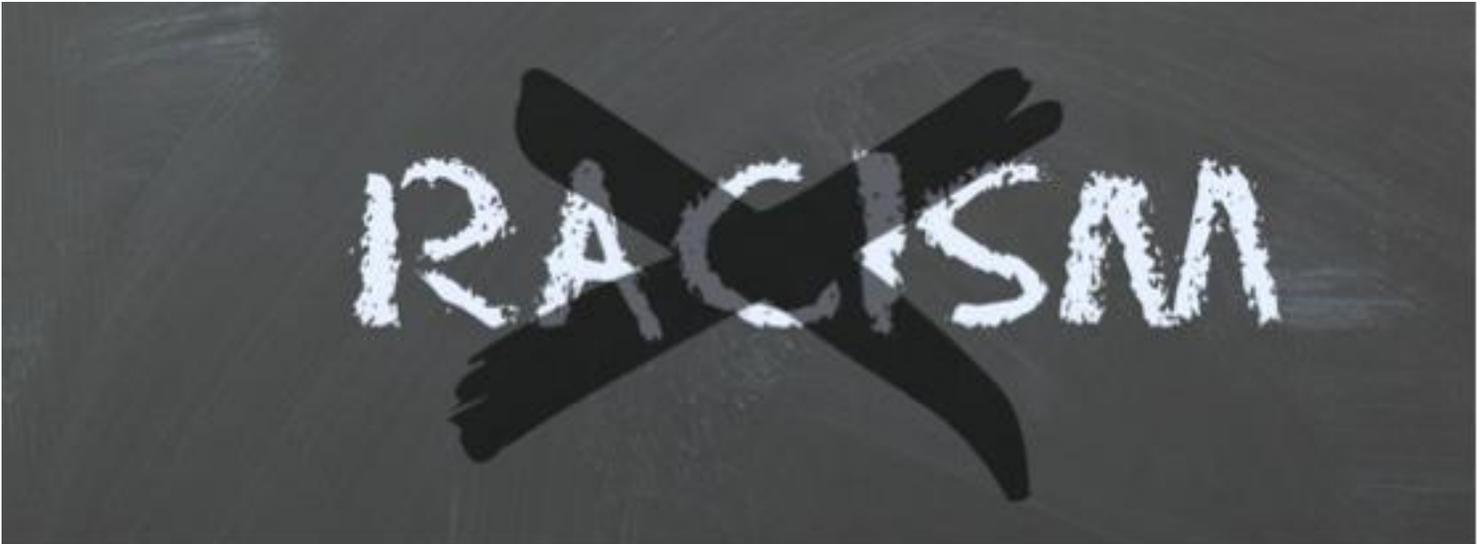
FLOWER POWER IS HERE! LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SELL!

AAUW EASTON BRANCH MEMBERS: Would you be interested in being a part of the Flower Power Fundraising Program geared toward raising funds for our Scholarship Program.

Please contact Janice Lupackino (610-751-9531) if you are interested in attending a brief, informative meeting on Thursday, March 2nd at 1:30.

- There are 20 pages of over 50 products which include summer bulbs, flower seeds & edibles.
- Fundraiser will begin March 1st and end April, 30.
- Check out the selections from the Spring Program at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com

Janice Lupackino



WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT RACE

WHO: Dr. Karen Gaffney, Raritan Valley Community College

WHAT: Presentation on Racism in America

WHEN: March 18, 2017 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

WHERE: Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall

Presented by the AAUW of Bethlehem and Easton

Join AAUW and community members as we learn about the historical underpinnings of racism and ways to move forward.

RSVP to Ruth at aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com

Beverages will be provided.



AAUW Easton Branch Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2017 at the Palmer Library

Fran Kennedy, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. There were 16 members and 8 guests present.

The minutes were approved as published in the November newsletter. The financial report was approved as published in the February newsletter.

Fran announced that Shape the Future Events are planned for March 18(Interbranch Diversity Program) and April 29 (Authors' Luncheon). The posters and brochures were distributed for both programs.

Fran made the following announcements:

--Women in History-Maggie Duffy will be coordinating this. It will be held at Paxinosa School in March (date to be announced). Contact Maggie or Fran if you are interested in participating.

--March 18 Interbranch Diversity Program-"What Most People Don't Understand About Race" Place-NCC Alumni Hall, 9:30-11:30. Speaker-Dr. Karen Gaffney.

--April Branch Meeting-Speaker Anne Walker-"5 Tips for Healthy Eating in 2017." Date and location to be announced.

--April 21-23 PA State Convention in York.

--April 29 Authors' Luncheon. We are seeking items for both a raffle and a silent auction.

--May 16 Scholarship and Awards Dessert 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church, Easton

Newsletter deadline-Tuesday, February 7. Send items to Fran.

Toni announced that April 4 is Equal Pay Day. There will be a rally in Harrisburg that day. On January 28 there was a presentation by Fair Districts PA on Gerrymandering. A new process is needed. There will be a meeting on February 9 at 7:00pm at UUCLV Church on action steps we can take.

Fran announced that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the following positions: Membership Vice President, Financial Officer and President Elect.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Fran introduced our speaker-Dr. Patricia Bradt-Global Climate Change: What does the Science (not the Politics) Say?

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker



Pat

Photos from the Branch Meeting on Climate Change



Gateway to Equity

The AAUW Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, group or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. It celebrates International Women's Day which is held annually on March 8.



This year the Easton Branch is proud to make this award to Professor Bonnie Winfield. Some of you may remember the presentation she gave to us at Lafayette College about her program "The Journey Home" which is designed to help women reintegrate into society when they're released from Northampton County Prison. We plan to take her to lunch on March 8 at Stoke Coal Fire Pizza & Bar at 1 Lehns Court in downtown Easton. Afterwards we will be visiting her new work space as director of community partnerships in the Alpha Building.

She will be presented with a certificate for this award. Congratulations Bonnie for receiving this well deserved award for your work.

Fran Kennedy

Redistricting Matters

As Americans we share certain assumptions about how our government should work:

1. Voters should choose their legislator.

Reality: Legislators can now choose their voters.

2. Every vote should count

Reality: Many votes don't make a difference.

Those words, on a slide at the Fair Districts PA meeting on Friday, January 27, make it clear what gerrymandering has done in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. This is not something to be proud of!

Every 10 years, after each national census, the Pennsylvania Legislature redraws the boundaries of our Congressional, state House and state Senate districts. The original goal of redistricting was to ensure voting districts remain equal in population, so that every vote counts.

When politicians draw the lines to protect incumbents, to favor one political party, or to dilute the votes of particular citizen groups, everyone loses. Legislators find themselves listening more to party leadership than to voters, while voters feel disenfranchised and lose interest in elections.

Because of political manipulation of electoral boundaries, many of Pennsylvania's electoral districts are no longer competitive. In fact, a growing number of PA candidates now run unopposed.

**The current rules allow politicians to choose their voters,
rather than ensure voters choose their politicians.**

Fair Districts PA is a coalition of citizens and organizations working to ensure that political district maps are drawn in a fair and transparent way through a process that allows voters to choose their legislators rather than legislators choosing their voters. With leadership from Common Cause PA and the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, groups from across the state have endorsed strong redistricting principles and passed resolutions in support of redistricting reform.

**Redistricting should be done in a way that
is transparent, impartial and fair.**

In the 2015-2016 legislative session, the coalition endorsed companion bills Senate Bill 484, introduced by Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh County), and House Bill 1835, introduced by Rep. David Parker (R-Monroe County). Both bills sought to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to establish an independent citizens redistricting commission with clear standards to ensure public input and a fair, non-partisan outcome. Both bills received positive review from

redistricting analysts and both were supported by legislators from both parties.

Incorporating feedback on these bills, both legislators intend to introduce new bills in the 2017-2018 session and welcome help from voters in encouraging co-sponsorship from fellow legislators in both houses and both parties.

In the past, the public has been apathetic on this issue and that needs to change for us to have fair representation.

The above information is taken directly from the Fair Districts website (<http://www.fairdistrictspa.com/>) and I urge you to visit that site for more in depth information.

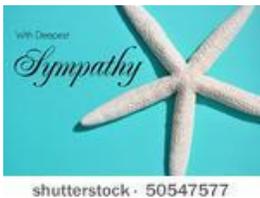
Why is this more important now? Our state has been losing population over the last several years and we will definitely lose at least one and maybe two seats in the House of Representatives after the 2020 census. That means that Pennsylvania will be redistricted once again. We must have a new procedure in place by 2020 to ensure that every vote counts.

Toni Hoffman
Public Policy Chair

Photos from Fair Districts meeting:



Condolences - Losses Over the Past few Months



The AAUW Easton Branch extends its deepest sympathy to the **Debbie Ashton-Chase** on the recent death of her father.

Scholarship Recipients Valentine Cards and Thanks

What a lovely visit. I truly enjoyed meeting all of you & being able to thank you, in person, for your kindness & generosity, etc. It means a great deal to me.

My fall semester has been a wonderful success & I'm looking forward to Spring. NCC has been & continues to be an enriching experience. I'm starting an International Relation Club with Dean Smith.

Thank you again for your help & confidence in me.

Dear Ms. Kennedy,

I would like to thank you again for your support during my long process of becoming a doctor. I completed the fall semester with all A's, which allowed me to maintain my 4.0 grade point average. Although my time at NCC has come to an end, I am still so very grateful for your contribution to my education. I look forward to beginning school at the University of Scranton this upcoming semester as a Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology major. I will be sure to keep in touch! Thank you again, I wish I could put my full gratitude into words. My new email is: Kristen.toppeta@scranton.edu

Thank you!
-Kristen Toppeta

Karen Zanetti (recipient from endowment)

The STEM scholarship recipient for the spring semester at NCC is Antonina Andreyeva. She is hoping to come to inter branch diversity meeting on March 18 so we can meet her and her family. Her thank you follows on the next page.

06 January 2017
Antonina Andreyeva
202 Overland Drive
Long Pond, PA 18334

**The Jane Wait STEM Scholarship at Northampton Community College Honoring Marian
Cunningham Past Co-President**

Dear Ms. Kennedy,

I am beyond grateful for the given opportunity to receive the scholarship. Understanding that I was chosen to receive the Jane Wait STEM Scholarship makes me strive to succeed in the chosen career path.

I am originally from Kazakhstan. I came to the United States 10 years ago, holding a bachelor's in English. I am very thankful and grateful for what United States offered me, including the ability to attend the Northampton Community College. My experience with the professors has been extremely good and I appreciate the hard work that they put into the students to prepare us (future specialists) to succeed. I am trying to participate in NCC's events as much as I can. I judged and evaluated the posters of students along with my English professor in the fall semester of 2016.

I am a full time student pursuing the biotechnology major. I chose it because I am amazed on how the surroundings have to offer us so much and it is in our power to make something worth out of it. For example, developing the cures for terminal diseases, inventing useful things for our future generations to make this world a better future. I am planning on completing my bachelor's

at ESU after completing the biotechnology associate degree at NCC. I am hopeful to become a useful asset to one of the important companies like Sanofi Pasteur.

Thank you again for the given opportunity, I am beyond grateful for the help to reach my educational goals through NCC.

Sincerely,



Antonina Andreyeva

| FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/16 - 2/6/17 | Budgeted Income | Budgeted Cost | Credits | Debits |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Banking | | | | |
| Fees | | \$0.00 | | |
| Interest | \$1.50 | | \$0.72 | |
| Conferences 7/16-6/17 | | \$1,500.00 | | |
| Fund Raisers | | | | |
| 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 | \$447.00 | \$298.13 |
| Membership | | | | |
| Branch Dues | \$975.00 | | \$975.50 | |
| Membership - brochures, etc | | \$50.00 | | |
| Yearbook Printing & Mailing | | \$90.00 | | \$17.56 |
| 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 | |
| Scholarship Awards | | | | |
| 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 | | | \$447.00 | |
| Programs | | | | |
| 90th Anniversary Celebration | | \$1,000.00 | \$75.00 | \$1,220.79 |
| Meeting Rooms | | \$250.00 | | |
| September Hospitality | \$100.00 | \$75.00 | | |
| Get Out the Vote/Public Policy | | \$50.00 | | |
| Holiday Party | | \$100.00 | | \$31.99 |
| I-B Luncheon/Gateway to Equity | | \$100.00 | | |
| Scholarship Dessert | \$450.00 | \$350.00 | | |
| Speaker Gifts/Donations | | \$100.00 | | \$19.08 |



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!

Fran

Save the Dates

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

April 4, 10:00 am - Equal Pay Day Rally and Lobbying legislatures, Harrisburg

April 19 Business Meeting & "5 Tips for Healthy Eating in 2017" - Anne Walker, Presenter, Pardee Hall 113, 7:00 pm promptly

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



Sittenfeld

Chair: Toni Hoffman- Third
Monday of month
Date: March 20, 1:30 pm
Hostess: **Marian
Cunningham**
Book: ***Eligible*** by Curtis

Mah Jongg



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

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



Omar Saif Ghobash

Chair: Rosemary Baker
Hostess: **Norma Ferguson**
February 22, 7:00 pm
Hostess: **Susan McNamara**
March 22, 7:00 pm
Letters to a Young Muslim by



Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick
Winter dinners are being
hosted by Annette Lare, Elle
Conti, and Jean Riker

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group



Chair: Rosemary Baker -
Tuesday afternoons, Call
Rosemary for more
information

International Relations:



Chair: Jean Riker
Hostess: **Claire Degnan**
February 28, 1:30 pm
Population Movements in
Europe
Hostess: **Rosemary Baker**
March 28, 1:30 pm
Population Movements in Africa

American Association of University Women

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| 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 | Nancy Berry/Annette Stoodly | easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/ |
| Easton Edition | | |

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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