



THE EASTON EDITION

PAINT AND PARTY



Come join me, Aaliyah O. Kee of AVISION ART STUDIO. I am an award-winning fine artist and a member of AAUW Easton branch. Join us as we put together a fun filled event painting and laughing. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a day bringing your imagination to life. You will have a good time making art and you will be amazed at your final creation. No matter your experience Aaliyah will guide you with step by step instruction.

Save the Date: **Saturday, March 24**, 1:30 pm
\$35 per person
Proceeds after costs of materials go to scholarship funds
PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 16.



Send reservation to:
Annette Stody, P.O. Box 1464, Easton, PA 18044-1464

Put Paint Party in the line item

ORDER FORM: PAINT PARTY

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From the Presidents' Pen

Now more than ever the world needs AAUW:

In the 2017-2018 academic year AAUW awarded a total of 3.7 million dollars through six fellowships and grant programs to 250 scholars and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW is one of the world's leading supporters of graduate women's education, having awarded more than 100 million dollars in fellowships, grants and awards to 12,000 women from more than 140 countries since 1888.

AAUW makes a difference!

Fran and Nancy

Author's Luncheon

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Authors' Luncheon at the Pomfret Club on Saturday, April 21st. Sign up via our trifold or online at easton-pa.aauw.net. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund.

We are actively looking for raffle and silent auction items. We are visiting local merchants looking for donations. We are looking for consumables and services. If you know of a business, restaurant, or if **you** would like to make a donation please contact one of the committee members - Peg Opthof, Janice Lupackino, or Lois Fowler.

Yearbook Correction



Please note a change of phone number

Aaliyah Kee - 610-442-4946

Minutes of the AAUW Easton Branch Meeting

Williams Center- Lafayette College

February 9,2018

Fran Kennedy, Co- President called the business meeting to order at 7:20pm.

There were eight members present.

Fran distributed the financial report which Annette presented.

Fran announced the following in regard to programs:

--The April branch meeting date has been changed from April 17 to April 30.
Time-7:00pm, Location: Palmer Library. This is our annual business meeting.

--Authors' Luncheon-April 21 at the Pomfret Club

--May 16 meeting is our Scholarship and Awards Dessert at 7:00pm. Location-
First Presbyterian Church.

Paint Party-The date will be March 24-1:30pm. Aaliyah's studio with 12 or less
participants. Price-\$35.00

PA State Convention is April 13-15. Information is in the Keystoner.

Newsletter deadline is February 15.

Nominating committee is working to fill the office of President.

Fran read thank you notes we received from our scholarship recipients.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker

Thank you notes/valentines and updates from our scholarship recipients at NCC:



Dear Ms. Kennedy and AAUW Members,

I'm sending this card to show my appreciation and thanks for the scholarship. This scholarship has helped me progress in my academic and personal life. Fall 2017, I finished the semester with four A's and one B which leaves my GPA at a 3.8. This semester I'm taking four courses and aiming for four A's again. I've recently started working at Reibman Hall Children's Center as a Child Care Assistant III. My daughter remains at this child care center and has advanced to the Pre-K classroom. The year is starting out great and I attribute that to your support and generosity.

Ayesha Perez

Dear Ms. Frances Kennedy and AAUW Members,

Once again, thank you for choosing me to receive the AAUW Scholarship. This scholarship has been a huge help for me financially. This semester, I was able to boost my GPA, by receiving two A's and two B's. In Spring 2018, I will be receiving my Associate Degree in Biological Science. After graduation, I will still continue to take courses at NCC to fulfill my prerequisites. Overall, school is going very well for me. I really appreciate your generous scholarship. Thank you so much!

LaNae France

Time to Support Our Local Branch Fundraiser

Calling all members! We need your help. The Authors' Luncheon on April 21, 2018 is our main fundraiser which supports our Scholarship Fund. The profits generated from this event go directly to our Scholarship Fund. Each year, the AAUW Easton Branch awards scholarships to high achieving women desiring to attend college. Our goal for this Authors' Luncheon is to raise \$5000.00.

You can help in several ways. Our goal is to have 65 participants at the Authors' Luncheon. We need to have members support by **Attending the Luncheon**. Please consider bringing a friend or two to join us. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship with friends, enjoy a nice meal and hear three authors share their experiences in the literary world. **Remember** - the deadline to register is April 12, 2018.

Another way to help us meet our goal is to be a **Sponsor** for the luncheon. As a non-profit organization, 501c(4), we are grateful for your donation, which will be recognized on our website, <http://easton-pa.aauw.net/>, on our Facebook page, AAUW Easton-PA Branch, and in the event program. Please consider donating at one of the following sponsorship levels.

Gold - \$250 or more

Partner - \$100-\$245

Friend - \$24-\$99

Sponsorship checks should be made out to AAUW Easton Branch and mailed to AAUW Easton Branch, P.O. Box 1464, Easton, PA, 18044. Also, when you are submitting the registration form, you can include a donation for sponsorship. Remember, becoming a sponsor will greatly help our branch continue awarding scholarships to local women.

Finally, **Participate** in the silent auction and basket raffle at the Luncheon. Our committee has worked hard to get donations from many local merchants. It is exciting that many local merchants are willing to support us as we help local women attend college. This is a great opportunity to support both our scholarship fund and local merchants. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets and \$10.00 for 12 tickets.

Remember: Participate! Attend the Authors' Luncheon, Become a Sponsor, and Participate in the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets

Thanks for all you do to help the AAUW Easton branch!

Karol D'Huyvetters
Authors' Luncheon Co-Chair



Public Policy

Equal Pay Day is April 10, 2018. Mark your calendar now and join AAUW members across the state who will be meeting in the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg to rally for pay equity. Visits to legislators take place in the morning (informational folders will be provided) and the rally is at 2 pm. The focus for AAUW-PA this year is getting **HB 1243** out of committee and to the floor for a vote. This bill meets all the criteria for a good equal pay bill and it's time for our legislators to get this bill passed! Make your legislative appointments now. If you can't make it to Harrisburg, visit your elected officials in their local offices.

Anyone interested in working on GOTV activities for the May Primary should contact Toni for more information.

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>

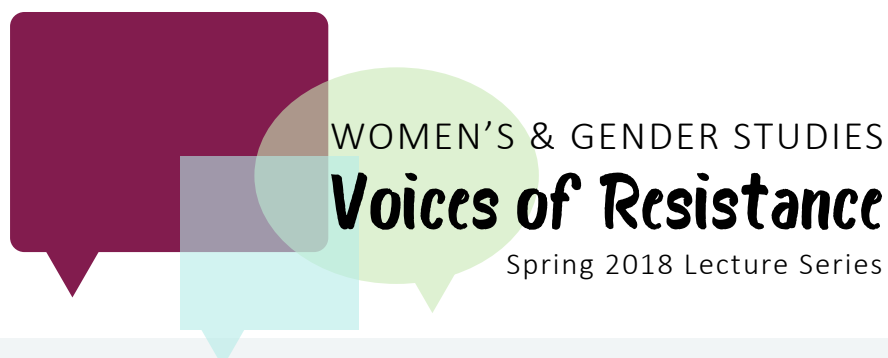
Visit the local offices of Senators Casey and Toomey to discuss your concerns and develop a relationship with the staff.

SAVE THESE DATES

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| March 3, 10:30 am - Noon | Spirituals, Songs, and Stories
Foy Hall, Moravian College
Open to Public (Bethlehem and Allentown AAUW) |
| March 8, 4:10 pm | Citing the Sisters: Raising the Visibility of Black Women in the Fight for Reproductive Justice
Kirby Hall 104, Lafayette College |
| March 24, 1:30 pm | Paint Party |
| April 13 - 15 | State Annual Meeting, Seven Springs Resort |
| April 21, 11:00 am - 2:30 | Authors' Luncheon |
| April 30, 7:00 pm | Annual Business Meeting and Shanthi Project |
| May 15, 7:00 pm | Scholarship Awards and Dessert |

Women's & Gender Studies Voices of Resistance Lecture Series

Aren't we lucky to have Lafayette College in Easton? This Voices of Resistance Lecture Series is free and open to the public. Attend one or all and come away with a new understanding of the role of women in America.



The Poetics of Activism

Thursday, February 22 • 7:00 pm • Kirby 104

DAWN LUNDY MARTIN

Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh



Citing the Sisters: Raising the Visibility of Black Women in the Fight for Reproductive Justice

Thursday, March 8 • 4:10 pm • Kirby 104

DANA-AIN DAVIS

Director, Center for the Study of Women and Society at the Graduate Center, City University of New York



An Evening with Rita Mae Brown

Tuesday, March 27 • 7:00 pm • Colton Chapel

RITA MAE BROWN

Pioneering feminist and Queer activist,
New York Times best-selling author



**AAUW-PA ANNUAL MEETING April 13-15, 2018
Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Somerset County**



"When women get involved, the conversation changes."

Friday's dinner opens at 6 and the keynote speaker at 7 is AAUW National's new CEO, Kimberly Churches. Toni Hoffman, Susan McNamara and Randi Blauth are the presenters for one of the concurrent sessions at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 14. There is some money in the budget for someone to go, bring back information to the branch, and gain information and confidence to lead our branch into the future.

More information on the meeting is at aauw-pa.aauw.net/meeting-registration/



**89th Annual Meeting
April 13-15, 2018
Seven Springs Resort**

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!

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



Date: March 19, 1:30 pm
Hostess: **Karol D’Huyvetters**
Book: **This Fight Is Our Fight**
by Elizabeth Warren

Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



The rotating gourmet meal assignments and winter meal recipes have been sent .
Hosts for the winter (Russian) dinner are Elle Conti, Rosemary Baker and Margaret Skaarup.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



March 28, 7:00 pm
Hostess: **Toni Hoffman**
Topic: **We Were Eight Years in Power** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Chapter 6: Notes from the 6th Year
The Case for Reparations

International Relations:

Chair: Jean Riker



Hostess: **Karol D’Huyvetters**
Tuesday, March 27, 1:30 pm
Topic: **This Fight is Our Fight**
by Elizabeth Warren

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call **Rosemary** for more information

Out to Lunch

Chair: Claire Degan



Check website for March information

Mah Jongg

Chair : Toni Hoffman



March 12, 10:30 at Lois’s house
March 26, 10:30 at Annette’s house

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/
Easton Edition	Toni Hoffman	

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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