



THE EASTON EDITION

May Dessert and Scholarship Awards



Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton
(parking is available behind the church)

This year's dessert features a sour cream pound cake garnished with a fruit sauce and served with ice cream. Coffee and tea will also be served.

Cost is \$12 per person. Please use the RSVP form below.

Join us as our branch members and scholarship recipients are honored and our new co presidents will be installed.

Scholarship Awards and Dessert RSVP

First Presbyterian Church of Easton May 15 at 7 pm

For reservations: Return this registration form **by May 10 with a check for \$12 made out to AAUW Easton Branch**

Mail to: Annette Stoodly
PO Box1464
Easton, PA 18044-1464



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **Payable to: AAUW Easton Branch**

Name: _____

Please Print

From the Presidents' Pen

AAUW is on the move..... growing, adapting, changing

- Announces 245 awards and 3.8 million in funding for fellowships and grant awardees.
- AAUW evaluates where we have been and where our future lies. In the 21st century there are more than 400 organizations for women & girls to join.
- Mission statement....equity for **all** women and girls
- Question: what makes AAUW different from the other 399+ organizations that advocate for women and girls?
- AAUWpriority objectives:
 - Education and training
 - Economic security
 - Leadership
 - Governance and sustainability

For more information please go to AAUW.org and watch the 2018 video for AAUW state conventions: **Beyond Aspirations: AAUW's Future**

Fran & Nancy

Who Are We? Impressions from the AAUW State Convention

In April, I was fortunate to be a first time attendee of the AAUW State Meeting at Seven Springs Resort in western PA. My first impression was surprise at the skiers and snowboarders getting their last runs in 83-degree weather!!! But, I was most impressed by the energetic women from around the state who have a real passion for AAUW and truly want to make a difference. These dedicated women, impressed upon me two main points - that we must not forget that we are mission driven and that community is powerful whether with each other or in collaboration with other organizations.

It is extremely important to have the wonderful interest groups that we have in order to share in conversation, fellowship, and intellect. It is also important that we continue to advocate for women and girls in areas such as equal pay, education, health care, public policies, and domestic violence to name a few. A portion of our national dues goes to research to help with these issues. As a member of AAUW, we are all making a difference in contributing to this research and of course locally by providing scholarships.

One of the speakers, a District Attorney stressed that the most important challenge is image. She was referring to women running for office but it made me think it could be applied to AAUW and mission. When I returned home, and told friends where I'd been over the weekend, two different friends said, " Oh that's the organization that does book fairs". Yes, but we are so much more. We are important and need to be heard. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to be surrounded by these dynamic, interesting, and caring women and look forward to continue to work together with the Easton branch in our mission.

Nancy Kinzli

2018 AAUW National Bylaws Proposals

Timeline for Voting on Bylaws Proposals

April 16, 2018

Opening date to request paper ballot

Mid April 2018

Bylaws proposals and resolutions published in the spring AAUW Outlook, voter pins emailed to members and mailed with the spring AAUW Outlook magazine to members without registered email addresses and those that have requested to receive Outlook in the mail.

April 25, 2018

Voting begins online at 9 am ET

May 7, 2018

Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot

May 21, 2018

Deadline for mailing paper ballot, paper ballot must be postmarked by 11:59 pm ET to be counted

June 9, 2018

Online voting ends at 9 pm ET

June 10, 2018

Vote results announced online

The Authors' Luncheon

We are excited with the active participation of many members. I will be traveling right after the authors' luncheon and so cannot put any results in this newsletter. I want to thank the committee members Karol D'Huyvetters, Peg Opthof, Rosemary Baker, Janice Lupackino, Lois Fowler, Karen Hickey, Nancy Butow, Toni Hoffman and Annette Stody for all their hard work in preparing all of the details for this event. I also want to thank the many members who have made generous contributions with cash, raffle items, and silent auction items. These will make it possible for us to continue all of our scholarships.

Northampton Community College Luncheon for Donors and Scholarship Recipients

Nancy Butow and I were fortunate to be invited to a luncheon today (April 19) at Northampton Community College for donors and scholarship recipients. I was talking to Marlou and realized that I should re-emphasize that our branch has an endowment at NCC which enables a scholarship on a yearly basis and the branch also gives a STEM scholarship to a student at NCC. Agreements were drawn up a few years ago during Toni and Marian's co-presidency.

Our scholarship recipients Ayesha Perry and LaNae France were sitting at the table next to us. You may remember the articles about them written in our October newsletter. They are both graduating this year and moving on. It was really wonderful that they were able to take time out to thank us particularly during this busy time of the year. LaNae had a micro-biology test right after the lunch. Both of the young women work as well as taking full course loads. Ayesha is a single Mom.

Fran

Member News

Jean Riker is home in hospice care and enjoys visitors. Please call ahead.

Janet Heffner is recovering from successful heart bypass surgery.

Erik Benson, eldest son of Sharon Trimble and a past member is battling leukemia. We are keeping him and the family in our prayers.

Margaret Gering is on a medical mission trip to Bolivia.

American Association Of University Women Easton Branch Dues

Please indicate any changes or corrections in your name or address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Annual dues include:

Association	\$ 59.00
PA State	\$ 10.00
Easton Branch	\$ 15.00
Total Dues	\$ 84.00

I would like to make an additional contribution(s) to:

AAUW Educational Foundation	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Memorial Fund	\$ _____
General Operating Fund	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

Life members and college/university representatives pay state and branch dues only (\$25.00). A Life Membership costs \$1,180.00. Undergraduate affiliates from a C/U partner pay no dues, undergraduate affiliates from a non C/U partner pay \$18.81. Honorary Life Members pay no dues.

Contributions to the American Association of University Women are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. \$56.00 of the membership dues are considered a contribution and are tax deductible. Dues payments may be deducted by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

Make checks payable (and mail) to:

AAUW Easton Branch P.O. Box 1464 Easton, PA 18044-1464

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CANDIDATES FORUM

— for the —
U.S. House Seat

WHEN:

May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30)

WHERE:

Alumni Hall, Northampton County Community College
3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18020

CANDIDATES:

7th Congressional District

Lehigh Valley and part of Monroe County

Democrats:

Roger Ruggles
John Morganelli
Susan Wild
David Clark
Greg Edwards
Rick Daugherty

Republicans:

Dean Browning



Sponsors:

League of Women Voters
of Northampton County
www.LWVNORTHCO.org
610-252-1339

League of Women Voters
of Lehigh County
www.LWVLV.org
610-432-1456

Candidates Forum on 5/2/18

The League of Women Voters of Northampton County and Lehigh Counties are co-sponsoring a Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm until about 8:30 pm. The Forum is being hosted by the Northampton Community College and will take place in the Alumnae Hall on the main campus (3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, Phone: 610.861.5300). Doors open at 6:30pm to allow some time to meet and greet your candidates. Parking is plentiful.

The Honorable Charles W. Dent of the former 15th Congressional District is retiring in 2018 after 13 years of service to Pennsylvania since 2005. In February of this year, as a result of a court petition brought by the League of Women Voters, et al, against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, et al, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has issued a remedial map which now puts Lehigh and Northampton Counties, and part of Monroe in a new district: the 7th US Congressional District.

Vying for the Congressional seat representing this new district are Republicans Dean Browning and Marty Nothstein of Lehigh County and six Democrat candidates: David Clark, Rick Daugherty and Greg Edwards (both of Lehigh), John Morganelli and Roger Ruggles of Northampton, and Susan Wild (Lehigh). All candidates are being invited to the May 2nd forum.

Bring your questions and learn which candidate fits your political interests. It promises to be a very interesting event! PBS plans on televising it as well.

It is important for voters to be informed in order to make the best choice possible. We are only a few weeks away from the May 15th elections. Be sure you are registered or your voter registration is up to date by the April 15th deadline if you are a US citizen, are 18 years of age on the day of the election and have lived in the district 30 days prior to the election. If you need voter registration information, please call us at 610-252-1339. Or, if you have any questions, please call 1.877.VOTESPA (1.877.868.3772).



PRIMARY DAY IN PENNSYLVANIA IS MAY 15TH

Education Committee News

AAUW-PA Public Policy started an Education Committee to work with those members specifically interested in Education issues. Whether it is school funding or cyber or charter schools, there is a lot of work going on concerning Education in our branches and/or much passion on the issue. Ann and Barbara hope to amplify the AAUW-PA voice by coordinating, sharing, and understanding the issues. All are welcome to join the AAUW-PA Education Committee. This is an opportunity to get someone involved in public policy issues for the first time.

So far six branches have identified an Education Liaison. The committee held its first conference call on March 8 with ten attending and two who later listened to the recording. The major topic covered was SB2, education savings accounts. We continue to watch whether SB383—allowing administrators and teachers to have guns in school—will go to the floor for a vote. It Passed in the Senate in 2017 and the House is sitting on it.

SB2 – Education Savings Accounts

From Education Voters PA: We are hearing chatter in Harrisburg that some lawmakers on the Senate Education Committee are itching to vote on Senate Bill 2, the education savings account voucher bill, sometime before they go on break in May.

Don't let the name of this Senate bill fool you. This is another school voucher scheme that will siphon taxpayer money away from public schools. **Based on the AAUW Public Policy Priority, AAUW-PA opposes SB2.**

Anti-public education lawmakers are going to extreme lengths to move Senate Bill 2 out of committee. Republican leadership [rigged the makeup of the Senate Education Committee, one member sent out inaccurate information about the bill](#), and now some lawmakers are hoping that a vote on Senate Bill 2 will fly under the radar. AAUW-PA continues to coordinate advocacy with Pennsylvanians Opposed to Vouchers and Education Voters PA, so watch for emails and Action Alerts.

SAVE THESE DATES

April 30 , 7:00 pm	Annual Business Meeting and Shanthi Project, Palmer Library
May 15 , 7:00 pm	Scholarships, Awards and Dessert
May 30 , 11:30 am Home of	Let's Read Math Planning and Lunch, Fran Kennedy
June 27 , 11:00	Let's Read Math at Palmer Library
	Other sessions to be scheduled



Where: Palmer Library

When: Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm

Please note the change from April 17 and the fact that the meeting is a Monday.

This is also our Annual Business Meeting.

WE WILL BE ELECTING NEW CO-PRESIDENTS.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!!

The meeting will begin at 7 to be followed by the program.

The Shanthi Project, founded in Easton in 1910, "teaches more than 1000 therapeutic yoga classes throughout the Lehigh Valley to hundreds of at risk-youth and trauma survivors, including children in the foster care system, veterans and the incarcerated."

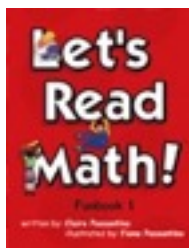
Join us to learn more about this project with Denise Veres. Wear comfortable clothes and you may join in learning more about mindfulness and some helpful yoga moves. Bring a friend.

Membership Recruitment

Help the Easton branch increase its membership this coming year. Below are three ways to do so:

1. Join the **Membership Team** to plan a strategy for recruiting new members and mentoring new members.
2. If you refer new members and they join from March through June, they pay the annual fee for the upcoming year, 2018 – 2019; essentially three months of free membership!
3. The Shape The Future Membership Campaign is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national dues rate when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually.
4. Contact any Board Member for details on both of these opportunities to increase our membership!

Summer Let's Read Math



It is that time of year again!

We have had requests for Let's Read Math programs at the Summer Reading Programs for Palmer library and the Easton Main library. Many of you have participated before and we hope you will be able to join us again. We also hope others will join us. It is a fun program. The children are always great! You do not have to have teaching experience. The math concepts are built around children's literature and there is always a fun hands on activity. Last year we also had several young people (3 grandchildren and the daughter of our memorial scholarship recipient, Chris Zweifel) help us and found that this worked well.

I do not have a schedule yet, but will send out an email to anyone who lets me know they are interested as soon as I do. So far we are scheduled for Fridays, June 15, June 29, and July 13 at 10:00 am at the Easton Library and Wednesday, June 27 at Palmer Library at 11:00 a.m.

I will be scheduling a meeting with ProJeCt Easton at the beginning of May to see if they are still interested in our participation. I am also having a planning session and light lunch at my home on Wednesday, May 30 at 11:00 am. You are all invited. Please RSVP.

Fran

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: May, 21 1:30 pm
Hostess: **Marge Coughlin**
Book: **19 Minutes** by Jodi Picoult

Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



Recipes for the Spring Diners have been distributed. Phyllis Finger, Lois Wildrick and Zoe Roble are hostesses.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



May 30, 7:00 pm
Hostess: **TBD**
Topic: TBD

International Relations:

Chair: Jean Riker



Hostess: **TBD**
Tuesday, May 23
Topic: Lunch and Planning Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call **Rosemary** for more information

Out to Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



Check website for March information

Mah Jongg

Chair : Toni Hoffman



May 14 10:30 at Lois'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	Membership Committee	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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