

The Easton Edition

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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR



The September

20, 2018 Branch Meeting and Program will be held at Palmer Library. It will start at 7:00 pm. The first part of the meeting will be a Social Hour with refreshments. This is a great opportunity for Nancy and Karol to meet all the branch members. Also, it is a time for you to get reacquainted with friends and meet new members. The second part of the meeting will be a business meeting and a brief description of different Interest Groups.

Come join us for the start of a new year. Let a board member know if you need a ride.

Date and Time: Thursday, September 20, 7 pm Location: Palmer Library, 1 Weller Pl, Easton, PA

A Message From Your Presidents



As we embark on this exciting, wonderful, rollercoaster adventure of being Co-Presidents, we are

looking forward to a year of working with all the members of the branch to continue the rich traditions established by all our past Presidents. We are a branch that is dedicated to continuing the education of all women through our annual scholarships. We publicly advocate for equality of all minorities in the workplace including conditions and pay. We are a branch that grows and learns together through a variety of diverse programs. And finally, we are a branch that has an opportunity for sharing individual members strengths through different interest groups. We hope that together as a branch we can make the Easton branch strong through all members finding a way to actively participate in branch sponsored activities.

Nancy and Karol



Save The Date

Title: The Clothes on Your Back Can Create Social Change Presenter: Chris Singleheart Date: October 31,

2018 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Palmer Library

Brief Bio:

Chris Singleheart is a writer, speaker, blogger and marathon runner who lives a life of meaningful action. She has done extensive volunteer work with numerous organizations, making it her mission to further the advancement of others. She is an art therapy student, and she shows her lighter side as Mistress of Ceremonies of Lehigh Valley Story Slam.

Brief Description of Presentation:

Throughout each day, you likely give much attention to what you put into your body. Have you considered the impact of what you put on your body? By merely getting dressed, you have engaged with the garment industry! Chris encourages you to care what you wear and outlines the many benefits of buying, wearing and donating pre-owned clothing. She describes how to create a wardrobe that is both fashionable and socially responsible.

What's Up With Public Policy?



After all this hot weather, I'm looking forward to the cool crisp air of the fall. It's my favorite time of year. And as the weather changes, I begin to think about voter registration and the November elections. The last day to register to vote is October 9, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

Regardless of your political affiliation, it's important to be engaged in the political process, to learn about the candidates and be informed about the issues on the ballot.

To check your voter registration, go to <u>votespa.com</u> and follow the prompts. Make sure you haven't been purged from the voter rolls. Another site of interest is <u>ballotpedia.org</u>, a website chock full of election news even now before the November elections.

Please contact me if you're interested in working on voter registration.

The best way to effect change is to exercise your right to vote. Remember: your vote is your voice.

Toni Hoffman Public Policy Chair

Host Needed for Christmas Party

We are looking for a Host for the Annual Branch Christmas Party. The Host responsibilities include setting the date and providing coffee and tea. On average 15 members with spouses attend the Christmas Party. The Branch provides the paper products. The Presidents will provide ham and turkey. Members bring either an appetizer, side dish or desert and their beverage of choice (wine or soda).

If you are interested, please contact Karol D'Huyvetters at kadh54@gmail.com or 610-751-5047.

Co-Chair needed for Authors' Luncheon Committee

The Authors' Luncheon Committee is in need of a person(s) to take charge of the basket raffle and silent auction

The responsibilities include:

- recruiting donations from local business, artisans, wineries, etc. for the raffle and auction
- making themed baskets
- Setting up presentation of raffle baskets and auction items at the Authors' Luncheon
- overseeing the selling of raffle tickets and auction bid sheets

The Authors' Luncheon is our main fundraiser for our annual scholarships. Please consider volunteering for this role. If you are interested or have any additional questions, please contact Karol D'Huyvetters at 610-751-5047.

TEN YEARS OF LET'S READ MATH

This summer, the Easton Branch of AAUW had its tenth year of implementing the Let's Read Math Lessons in local libraries and school programs. Ten years ago, Dr. Claire Passantino, from the Makefield Area (PA) Branch of AAUW came to the Lehigh Valley to train AAUW members from the Easton, Bethlehem and Allentown Branch of AAUW. Members that were trained included Sharon Trimble, Toni Hoffman and Fran Kennedy.

"Dr. Claire" developed "Let's Read Math" units that combined quality children literature books with themes related to mathematics and FUN math activities. The goal is to build positive attitudes toward math. Each lesson engages children and their parents in enriching, fun learning opportunities for out of -school-time. Also, through the literature stories and related activities, children understand the relationship between math and daily living. Math concepts come out of the classroom and into daily life situations.

Ten years ago, Sharon Trimble coordinated with volunteers from the Easton AAUW Branch to implement lessons to children participating in programs at the Easton Library and Spring Garden Children's Center. Several years later, Fran Kennedy began coordinating and training volunteers to implement lessons with local agencies. The program has grown to include Palmer and Easton Public Library and ProJeCt Easton's Sizzle Summer Program for Easton School District elementary students to enrich student math skills. Students in grades 2-5 had the opportunity to participate in "Let's Read Math" sessions presented by AAUW volunteers.

This year, 12 AAUW members (including a new member), two of our scholarship recipients, and family and friends of members, volunteered to teach "Let's Read Math" lessons to 8 different groups of children. Each lesson involves an introduction to a math concept, a children's literature book that relates to the math concept and reinforced with fun, hands on math activities. Volunteers from the branch choose and plan lessons with hands on activities appropriate for the age of children. The children find the lessons enjoyable and actively participate in the fun, hands on lessons. Many parents at the library join in the lesson and appreciate the take home additional activities.



AAUW Volunteer, Margaret Skaarup, introduces the lesson to Derek Altner with a preactivity.



AAUW Volunteer, Yvonne Payne, helps Tyler Altner complete the activity



Librarian reads the story to the children



Enthusiastic group of children, Benjamin Manning, Brayden Crespo, Derek Altner, Tyler Altner, Olivia Bishop, and Katelyn Crespo finishing up the lesson.

Board of Directors

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents

Finance Officer Membership Vice President Nancy Kinzli Karol D'Huyvetters Annette Stoody Vacant Annette Stoody

Appointed Officers/Positions AAUW Funds C/U Liaison Diversity Historian Interest Group-Coordinator Newsletter Editor Program Committee

Public Policy Publicity Scholarship

Secretary Website/Facebook Manager Yearbook Vacant Toni Hoffman Rosemary Baker Nancy Butow Yvonne Payne Fran Kennedy Nancy Kinzli Karol D'Huyvetters Toni Hoffman Karol D'Huyvetters Nancy Berry Claire Degnan Rosemary Baker Toni Hoffman Nancy Kinzli

Branch Programs 2018-2019 Easton Branch AAUW

September 20th Thursday	Branch Meeting Meet and Greet Social Hour with Refreshments
Palmer Library 7pm	Interest Group Presentation
October 31 st	Branch Meeting
Wednesday	Chris Singleheart
Palmer Library 7pm	The Clothes on Your Back Can Create Social Change
November 16 th	Evening at the Williams Center
Friday	Dar Williams
Williams Center 8pm	Singer-Songwriter
December 9	Christmas Party
Place TBD	
Winter and Spring programs will include the following. Dates and times will follow soon.	
Branch Meeting	

Branch Meeting Speaker - Mary Armstrong Lafayette Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Topic TBD

Branch Meeting Speaker - Henry Moore from the Lazarus House program -Addressing barriers for adults recently released from prison

Fun With Mosaics Avision Art Studio -Easton

April 27th Saturday Pomfret Club 11:30 Author's Luncheon

May 21st Tuesday First Presbyterian Church Easton 7pm Spring Dessert and Scholarship Awards

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Notices Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that they wish to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to **Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters.** 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!



TO All in the AAUW, EASTON BRANCH

Thanks to all, for the many cards, visits a tokens of care a friendship too numerous to mention, during Jean Riker's illness & passing. AAUW WAS such a significant part of her life for so many years in at least 3 PA branches, and your friendship a community of various pursuits meant so much to her. Best wishes Peter Riker & daughters

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.

First one new suggestion:

There has been some interest in starting a new group for exploring **'Small Plates'** which would be a Tapas sort of venture.

Less formal than 'Gourmet Dining', we would meet to sample a variety of dishes as a tasting menu with choice of beverage (wine, beer, etc.). Email Yvonne Payne at paynespitzer@hotmail.com if you would like to participate in a planning session.

Book Discussion



Chair: Toni Hoffman- Third Monday of month Date: September 17, 1:30pm Hostess: Yvonne Payne Book: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders Mah Jongg **Chair**: Toni Hoffman



Sept. 10 10:30 at the home of Lois Wildrick Sept. 24 10:30 at the home of Toni Hoffman

Rotating Gourmet **Chair**: Lois Wildrick



New members are welcome Schedules and menus to be sent in October

International Relations:



Chair: TBD Hostess: Yvonne Payne Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1:30 pm Topic: The Future is Our History by Masha Gessen

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



Chair: Rosemary Baker Hostess: Rosemary Baker August 29, 7:00 pm

Tuesday Evening Bridge Group



Chair: Rosemary Baker -Tuesday evenings Call Rosemary for more information

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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.

Advances equity for women and girls

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