

# The Easton Edition

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# Join Easton Branch members for our first Holiday Tea. December 9<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm



Come alone or bring your spouse/partner for an afternoon of tea and treats and conversation. Food and other beverages are provided.



Our Holiday Tea is being held at the lovely 18<sup>th</sup> century home of Nancy Butow 1701 Chain Dam Road Easton, PA

RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nancy at <u>butowns@gmail.com</u> or 610-258-7742

# From the Presidents' Pen



As we write this, one week after the Mid Term elections, I can't help but be excited by the increase in the number of women elected to various offices. As Andy Borowitz satirically implied, the caravan of women invading Washington could not be stopped.

It is projected that the most women ever (117) will be

represented in Congress. These women include the first Native American women (Kansas, NM) and the first Muslim women (Michigan, MN) ever elected to Congress, one of whom came to the United States as a Somali refugee two decades ago.

Massachusetts and Connecticut are sending their first African American women to Congress. Maine and South Dakota elected their first female governors and Tennessee and Arizona their first female senators. A Latina woman will represent Texas in Congress and New Mexico will have a Latina female governor.

lowa is sending women (two) to Congress for the first time. Pennsylvania, the most populous state without a woman serving in Congress since 2014, elected 4 women. This includes Susan Wild from our area.

If you had a part in any way, you should be proud. Let's keep moving forward to make a difference.

Come come my friend wipe the dew off your spectacles and see that the world is moving.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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# **Getting to Know New Members**

# **Randi Blauth**

Randi is an AAUW dual member. She is a new member to the Easton branch, but not to AAUW as she has been a member of the Bethlehem branch since 2002.She recently retired from Northampton Community College where she was an ESL teacher. She serves the Bethlehem branch as their Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator and co-chairs the Inter branch Diversity Deeds and Dialogue group. She enjoys reading, Zumba and traveling.

Welcome Randi.

#### AAUW EASTON BRANCH MEETING

October 31, 2018 at the Palmer Library

Karol D'Huyvetters, Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

There were ten members and two guests present. Rosemary introduced her guest.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Karol and Nancy will be updating budget and membership information for the branch.

The Branch Programs for the year were distributed.

Our next program is Evening at the Williams Center which will be held on November 16. Tickets are \$25.00 Reservation deadline was October 29; however, Rosemary is still accepting reservations.

Janice Lupackino is again coordinating the Holiday Poinsettia sale. The sale runs through November 29. Delivery is December 7. Flyers were distributed.

Nancy Kinzli and Claire Degnan read thank you notes we received from our NCC Stem and Endowment Scholarship recipients.

Toni-Public Policy reminded everyone to VOTE on November 6.

Yvonne announced that the Tapas group is meeting at her home on Saturday, November 3 at 6:00pm. The Out to Lunch group is meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at Marblehead at 12:30pm. Contact Janet Heffner or Shirley Schwarzbach if you wish to attend.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Karol introduced Chris Singleheart who presented the program-*The Clothes on Your Back Can Create Social Change.* 

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

#### Advocacy and AAUW

On November 1, I had the pleasure of being on a panel with Susan McNamara and Randi Blauth, members of the Bethlehem Branch, during a Psychology of Advocacy class taught by Professor Stacey Zaremba at Moravian College.

We three panelists spoke about the value of coalition building from our personal experience of putting together coalitions during our time as Public Policy Co-Chairs for AAUW-PA and trying to build the Lehigh Valley Women's Advocacy Coalition. We discussed what it meant to be an ally and we spoke about the personal journeys that brought us to advocacy.

While we enjoyed our time in front of the class, we were also interested to learn what the students had to say on these three topics.

Toni Hoffman Public Policy Chair

### AAUW Proposes New Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021

On November 1 AAUW kicked off the comment period for the 2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities (PPP). The opportunity to submit feedback in support of the PPP or to propose changes runs through January 11, 2019 at <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/">https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/</a>. This is your chance to have your voice heard on the issues AAUW will work on for the next two years.

Thanks, Toni

### Authors' Luncheon Update - April 27, 2019

Several of the committee members met on November 13 to discuss the future of the Authors' Luncheon. In summary, we decided to have the Luncheon but offer it as a program. We would raise the price of tickets to \$35.00 and have a down scaled auction. The monies raised would go towards our Scholarship Fund. We will need to seek alternative ways to raise monies for the scholarships. Any items that are donated we would use for a silent auction, but we don't have a committee to solicit donations. Also, we chose several local authors to contact for presentations.

We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 1:30 at Karol's house. The dates of the meetings are: 12/5,1/2,2/6,3/6, and 4/6. Members are welcome to join the committee. ALL IDEAS ARE WELCOME!

#### THANK YOU NOTES FROM OUR NCC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear AAUW Members,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a recipient for the AAUW Easton Branch STEM Scholarship. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to receive this award. This award will allow me to pay for my classes and books that are needed in order to obtain my associate's in Applied Science. The classes I am taking will help me further my knowledge in my career, which will be radiography.

Before becoming enrolled as a student at NCC, I attended school at Franklin High School in Somerset, NJ. While in high school, I was a part of a program named R.E.B.E.L., which influenced young children to say no to drugs. I joined the program due to me having a love of having an impact on someone. Currently as a student at NCC, I work at Country Meadows as a Medication Associate, which allows me to help people and learn about medication, which can be helpful for my career field.

When it came to education, I chose NCC due to their program choices. NCC offers many programs that a lot of community colleges do not offer. I decided to apply for the Applied Science major due to my interest in working to help people. My long term goal is to become a Cat Scan Tech in a hospital or doctor's office. This will allow me to help many people.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to be a recipient of the AAUW Easton Branch STEM Scholarship. This scholarship is very meaningful to me and will be very helpful towards tuition and books this school year at NCC.

Sincerely, LaNae France

Dear AAUW,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship I have been awarded through your organization. This scholarship will afford me with the opportunity to focus on my studies and my children by easing my financial burden, while advancing my education. It is a blessing and an honor to have been selected to receive it.

As a single parent of three beautiful children, I am striving to provide them with a better life and show them that the sky is the limit. I want them to view their mother as an example of strength and

someone who does not give up. I have overcome numerous hardships and through education I plan on being in a better place and continuing to be a rock to my family.

I am currently a Business Management major at Northampton Community College and am going for my bachelor's degree. Upon graduation I will seek employment in Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation to help and give back to my community. My father is in recovery and has been successful for over 30 years now!

Again, I thank you for investing in my family and my future. I thank you for believing in me. I will do my best to be deserving of that trust.

Colette Dorgan

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#### Save the Dates

- Tues., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Palmer Library, Branch Mtg Speaker - Mary Armstrong Lafayette Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Topic: The Beauty Ideal: The Ugly Side of Gender
- Tues., March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Palmer Library, Branch Mtg. Speaker - Henry Moore from the Lazarus House program Addressing barriers for adults recently released from prison
- Sat., April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Lille Syster Studio, Easton, Branch Mtg. Art of Flowermaking, Laughter and Fun While Learning New Skills
- Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, Pomfret Club, Authors' Luncheon
- Tues., May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, Easton Spring Dessert and Scholarship

# **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!

# Interest Groups

The Easton Branch has several interest groups created to stimulate discussions, encourage networking, and support the community. Every group looks forward to new participants. If you have ideas for new, additional groups, let Yvonne Payne (610-867-6575) know. Please note that a new group, Tapas Dining has commenced this Fall.

#### **Book Discussion**



Members choose fiction and nonfiction and discuss one book at each meeting. Chair: Toni Hoffman -Third Monday of month Date: January 21, 1:30pm Hostess: Zoe Roble Book: The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

#### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



Members come from the Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown branches to discuss issues around race, age, gender and more. The group is concerned with social action as well.

Chair: Rosemary Baker/Randi Blauth November 28 Fran Kennedy Continued study of mass incarceration

#### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group



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

Mah Jongg

Members are beginners learning how to play the game of Mah Jongg, American version. Chair: Toni Hoffman Dec. 10, Toni Hoffman, 10:30

#### Out to Lunch



Members meet for lunch once a month, weather and holidays permitting. All AAUW members are welcome to join this group. The group is not meeting in Dec or Jan. Stay

tuned for a lunch in February at the Hampton Winds - date to be announced. Contact Claire Degnan.

#### **Rotating Gourmet** Chair: Lois Wildrick



This is a group of AAUW members and their spouses, as well as singles, who meet four times a year. Each member chooses a recipe to prepare

from a menu created by a committee, and the whole group shares in the cost of the meal. The people, menus and locations change with each meal. New members are welcomed. Two meals are planned for the Winter and Spring seasons. Members will be contacted later.

#### International Relations:



Members meet to discuss current issues and important figures in the news in our ever more global environment. The 2018/19 year will focus on governments that are

moving toward populism and nationalism. Chair: TBD Hostess: Fran Kennedy Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1:30 pm Topic: Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Nations & Movement toward Populism/Nationalism.

Tuesday, Jan 22, 1:30 Home of Margaret Skaarup **Topic: USA & Immigration and Movement toward** Populism/Nationalism

#### Tapas Dining



Contact: Yvonne Payne This is a group of AAUW members, (partners welcomed) who will meet to explore small dish dining. Each member will bring a dish to share.

Our next event will be held Saturday, January 5, 5:00 pm at the home of Yvonne Payne. Please RSVP.

### American Association of University Women

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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.

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