

## **The Lazarus House**

### **A Program Of Hope To Start Again Following Release From Prison**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

**Palmer Library**

**7 pm**

**Speaker: Henry Moore**

**General Manager**

**The Lazarus House**



The Lazarus House is one of a handful of programs across the country providing affordable housing for those released from prison. Without an address, people cannot get identification and are unlikely to be hired. Many have no place to go. The Lazarus House has proved successful in providing affordable housing, developing supportive relationships and reducing the number of individuals returning to prison.

We welcome community participation. The program is free and open to the public.

### From the Presidents' Pen



March is here!! Hopefully the spring equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup> will bring welcoming signs of spring.

March is also a time to celebrate women. International Women's Day is on March 8<sup>th</sup>. While we have made progress since 1908 when 15,000 women garment workers marched on the streets of New York demanding their rights, unfortunately we are not there yet.

As you know, AAUW's mission is to champion the Paycheck Fairness Act, conduct research on gender pay, and create tools to teach women how to ask for deserved pay. These links were recently sent to you. The gender pay gap is real.

This year's Women's Day theme in addition to the hashtag: #Balance for better, is to think equal, build smart, and innovate for change. Let's do what we can and remember the women who have touched our lives and made our lives better through economic, cultural, or political achievements.

*Think Spring!!*



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### Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

Our scholarship applications, for seniors who plan to attend a two or four year accredited college or university are now at all the area high schools. Check with the Guidance Office at your school or visit the Scholarship page on our website for an application.



Scholarships are also offered to women whose college education has been interrupted and now wish to return to college to complete their degree. Applications are available now through the AAUW Easton Branch website.

Deadlines are March 28.

## **AAUW Easton Branch Meeting**

February 19, 2019 at the Palmer Library

Nancy Kinzli, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 17 members present.

The minutes and financial report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Nancy presented the following upcoming programs:

--March 19 Henry Moore from the Lazarus House Program. Palmer Library 7:00pm

--April 6 The Art of Flowermaking, Lillie Syster Studio, Easton 2pm (More information will follow.)

--April 27 Authors' Luncheon. Flyers were distributed.

--May 21 Scholarship and Awards Dessert 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church, Easton

Nancy Berry announced that our Scholarship applications have been distributed to the schools. The application is also on our branch website. Submission deadline is March 28.

Rosemary presented an update on the Diversity, Deeds and Dialogue group activities.

Toni presented a Public Policy update. We need to contact our senators to pass the Paycheck Fairness act.

Yearbooks were available for distribution.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Nancy introduced our speaker-Dr. Mary Armstrong who spoke to us on "The Beauty Ideal: The Ugly Side of Gender."

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker



### **Theme Baskets for the Authors' Luncheon**

Yeah!!! We already have one art theme basket including tickets to Crayola and various art supplies and a charming book. Thank you to Phyllis Finger.

Just a reminder from last month's newsletter since the date for our Authors' Luncheon is fast approaching. Looking for a way to support our Authors' Luncheon and help us raise money for our annual scholarships? The Authors' Luncheon Committee is looking for donations of Theme Baskets to raffle at the luncheon. Individuals or Interest Groups are requested to participate. Ideas for a Theme Basket:

**Italian Night:** a bottle of wine, specialty snacks and gift certificate to a local restaurant

**Entertainment:** tickets to local event, bag of popcorn

**Sweets:** a basket of different kinds of candy, gift certificate to grocery store

**Beach Funtime:** a beach bag filled with suntan lotion, sunglasses, a beach towel

All items in the basket must be new and current. Also donated items must be in a basket or container (example-drink bucket filled with specialty drinks and a gift card), and complete. They should be ready by April 13. If you are interested in donating a basket, please contact Karol D'Huyvetters at 610-751-5047 or [kadh54@gmail.com](mailto:kadh54@gmail.com). Be sure to let her know the value of the basket you are donating. Thank you.

### **AAUW Bethlehem's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair**

You still have the opportunity to move along some of your books and support scholarships for women.

**April 25-29, 2019 Bethlehem Ice Rink**

**345 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem**

**Preview Day April 25, Thursday, 2-6pm**

**Admission:** \$20 first hour, \$15 from 3-6pm

#### **Free Entry Days**

April 26, **Friday**, 10am-8pm

April 27, **Saturday**, 10am-6pm

April 28, **Sunday**, 12pm-6pm *Half-Price Day*

April 29, **Monday**, 9am-12pm *Bag Day*, \$7 a Bag

Cash and Checks Only; No Credit Cards

**Book Donations Accepted: April 1-April 23, 2019, Mon-Sat, 9am-12pm**

**For information go to [Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net/events/book-fair](http://Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net/events/book-fair)**

**Or from April 1-April 29 call the Ice Rink: 610-865-7104**



## A FUN AFTERNOON

Recently many members of the Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue joint group met at the *Journey Home* in Easton for an afternoon of tea and creativity. Dr. Bonnie Winfield, who runs the art studio and maker space offers open studio time, creative art and journaling workshops, and a Sip and Create Tea Party on Sunday afternoons.

To support Dr. Bonnie and her work with women both in jail and those who have reentered our communities, we met at the studio and had a great time creating simple works of art. You can nurture your creative spirit too! Check out the *journeyhomeeaston* on Facebook or the blog at [www.thejourneyhome.blog](http://www.thejourneyhome.blog).

Randi Blauth



Fran, Barbara Albi, Rosemary, Susan, Toni, Randi  
And Dr. Bonnie Winfield

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### *Condolences for two long time members of the Easton Branch*



Margaret (Kohl) Smith, RN, 91, formerly of Easton, died Sept. 9, 2018, at Moravian Hall Square. Margaret was an honorary 50-year member of the AAUW Easton Branch. She taught nursing at Easton Hospital. In addition, she was one of several community members involved in the creation of Northampton Community College. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Tamara Selden 87 died on Sunday February 10, 2019. She was a very active member of the AAUW Easton Branch. When I first moved to the Lehigh Valley, I remember her guidance in the Women's History Project about local women who have made contributions in science, literature, and the arts. She offered seminars on women's issues at several local colleges including Cedar Crest and Northampton Community College. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Howard and other family members.

## Public Policy Report

### Is It Always About Pay Equity?



The answer is yes it will always be about pay equity until we achieve it!

AAUW's goal is to have pay equity by 2030. AAUW-PA's goal is to pass pay equity legislation in Pennsylvania by December 31, 2020. How we will do it? It all starts with you and the members of our branch. Here is our plan for the next few months.

1. Branch members visit with state representatives and senators in their home offices to introduce AAUW and our issues to them and learn of their concerns, especially if you have a new legislator.
2. Branch members participate in a conference call training on March 19 to learn how to lobby legislators on pay equity.
3. April 2, Equal Pay Day - visit your legislators at home to talk about pay equity and gain their support for pay equity legislation. House and Senate are not in session in Harrisburg.
4. On April 9, come to Harrisburg for a rally in the rotunda of the capital for equal pay and visit your legislator in their capital office. Both House and Senate will be in session.

We will provide all the materials you need. In February we will mail all branches our public policy priorities post cards. These are great to hand to legislators or their staff to introduce AAUW **AND** the post cards are here. That means it's time to make appointments to see your PA state legislators. Other documents that will help educate your legislators include the PA Road Map for Pay Equity and the PA Pay Gap Numbers by federal congressional district.

If you're unsure how to conduct a legislative visit, AAUW has a "How to Visit Your Legislator" one pager.

Please contact me (Toni) and I'll make sure these materials get to you.

Is there more than one way to move toward pay equity? Indeed, there is. AAUW shared the Work Smart course online and it's free. Join in the Members Mobilize a Million challenge. Take the course and share it with 20 friends, and family members and ask them to share it as well. [Sign up here](#) Public Policy

Toni Hoffman  
Public Policy Chair

## Make A Difference for Public Schools - Information from AAUW-PA Public Policy

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, [AAUW advocates](#) adequate and equitable funding of quality public education for all students. But how can an AAUW branch hope to make any kind of meaningful contribution to this huge effort?

We know many AAUW members are passionate supporters of public education. The AAUW Pennsylvania Education Committee has worked over several months to determine how our efforts can be maximized. We have concluded that it is only by partnering with other strong, effective organizations and working together with them that we can make the sizable impact that is needed to change the downward spiral of funding that so heavily affects the outcomes of students and schools. After reviewing the goals and strengths of many pro-public education organizations we discovered that there is one that has been created as a coalition through which many are working together to maximize the impact they have.

**PA Schools Work** is a 501(c)(3) that has already made an impact on the landscape by producing highly-respected, verifiable data for the public as well as for legislators about the growing gap in funding our schools. Did you know that Pennsylvania is 50<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. on the funding gap between wealthy and poor districts? Wealthy districts spend 33% more per student than do poor districts. And PA is 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in the state's share of education funding!

To find out more about PA Schools work, [click here](#) to visit the website or go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2018/12/Introduction-to-PA-Schools-Work.pdf>

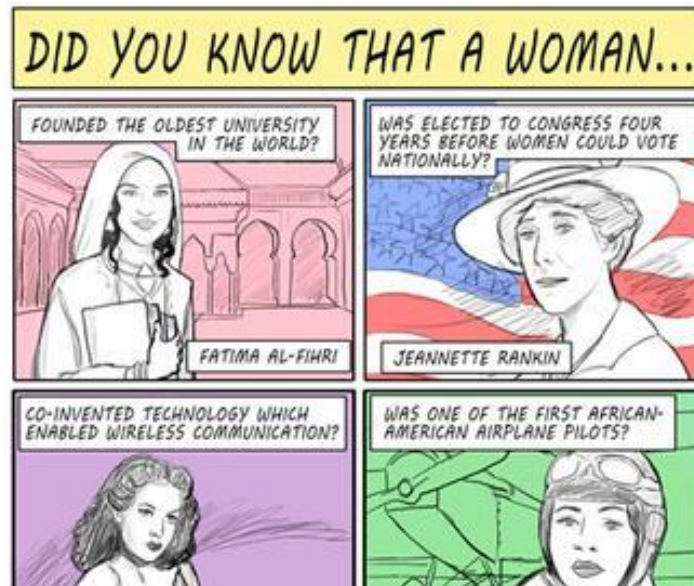
To take action, write a letter to the editor after reading about PA School Work on their website, or contact one of the local representatives of the organization, or discuss this issue when you speak to your local legislator. Having an educated population is a necessity in today's world and you can help.

Toni Hoffman  
Public Policy Chair



## Women's History Month

**Don't Forget International Women's Day – March 8**



This fantastic illustration is by artist Rebecca Cohen of Gyno-Star Studios - check out more of her work on Etsy at <http://etsy.me/2FQQ7zp> #WomensHistoryMonth

## Notices Regarding the Newsletter

If any member has information that they wish to have published in the newsletter, please email 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 send your submissions in **WORD**.

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. Submissions may be edited.

### 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 - Third  
Monday of month  
Date: March 18, 1:30pm  
Hostess: **Randi Blauth**  
Book: Educated: A Memoir  
by Tara Westover

### Rotating Gourmet



**Chair:** Lois Wildrick

The winter meal menu and recipes have been sent to participants. Hosts Elle Conti and Lois Wildrick will be calling their group to set a date soon before the end of March.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue



**Chair:** Rosemary Baker  
Hostess: **Toni Hoffman**  
March 27, 7:00 pm  
Issues with Women in  
Prison/Jail -discussion of  
presentations and readings.

### International Relations:



**Chair:** Fran Kennedy  
Hostess: Margaret Skaarup  
Tuesday, March 26, 1:30  
Immigration Policies and  
Movement toward  
Populism/Nationalism with a

focus on South America

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group



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

### Out to Lunch



Members meet for lunch. All  
AAUW members are  
welcome to join this group.  
Call Claire Degnan for  
information.

### Tapas Dining



This is a group of AAUW  
members (partners welcomed)  
who will meet to explore small  
dish dining. If you are interested  
in being a hostess, please  
contact Yvonne Payne or Fran Kennedy.

### Mah Jongg



**Chair:** Toni Hoffman  
Second and fourth  
Mondays at 10:00 am

March 11 home of Toni Hoffman

March 25 home of Rosemary Baker

## American Association of University Women

<b>AAUW National</b>	<b>800.326.2289</b>	<b>www.aauw.org</b>
<b>Easton Branch</b>		<b>easton-pa.aauw.net</b>
<b>Co-Presidents</b>	<b>Nancy Kinzli, Karol D'Huyvetters</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>(Committee-Toni Hoffman, Rosemary Baker)</b>	<b>easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/</b>
<b>Easton Edition</b>	<b>Fran Kennedy</b>	

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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