



THE EASTON EDITION

New Beginnings Our First Year in Review

Entering our first year together as Co-Presidents we were enthusiastic but at times bemused by the overwhelming tasks at hand. We could not have taken on these responsibilities without the support of fellow AAUW members. We appreciate the generosity and time given by so many of you.

Our **Meet and Greet** in September gave us a chance to meet each other, introduce new members and present our multiple interest groups.

In October we learned how **The Clothes On Our Backs** can be used to create social change. Chris Singleheart gave an informative presentation on promoting the social benefits of mindful buying, wearing and donating clothes.

It was time for us to enjoy a night out together. During our annual **Evening at the Williams Center**, Dar Williams entertained us with her folksy guitar playing and singing which addressed current topics and touched many hearts. It was a fun, relaxing evening together.

We enjoyed the **Holiday Season** at the lovely 18th century home of Nancy Butow. Sitting by the fire of the historic hearth we enjoyed tea and delectable refreshments while reminiscing about the days of old when it was once a trading post in close proximity to the canal.

In February, Dr. Mary Armstrong, Professor of Women's & Gender Studies at Lafayette College received rave reviews for her presentation on **The Beauty Ideal: The Ugly Side of Gender**. There was lively discussion about the endless chase for beauty that can never be caught.

Our eyes were opened in March as **Henry Moore** spoke about the challenges faced by returning citizens following release from prison and the opportunities **Lazarus House** provides to them.

A new Finance Officer and Membership VP were elected to office at our Luncheon meeting at The View at Morgan Hill in April. **Welcome to your new positions, Fran Kennedy and Randi Blauth.** We had a relaxing time socializing during lunch.

Our **6th Annual Authors' Luncheon** was held on April 27th. The 45 attendees listened attentively and had many questions for our outstanding authors. Pat Brisson, a children's author, Jen Rossman, a mystery writer, and Stephanie Watts, a short story fiction writer had excellent presentations. There were opportunities for book signings and book purchases.

We recognized and met our four scholarship recipients and their guests on May 21st at our **Annual Dessert and Scholarship Awards Ceremony.** We recognized outstanding members and installed our new officers.

It was a year filled with positive memories and worthwhile experiences. We've enjoyed working with everyone and look forward to another great year.

Nancy and Karol



AAUW Easton Branch Annual Scholarship and Award Dessert Minutes May 21, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church

Nancy Kinzli, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed everyone and introduced our scholarship recipients. There were 16 members, 9 guests and four scholarship recipients present.

Nancy Berry and Claire Degnan presented our Scholarship awards to Janan Abushaban (Phillipsburg High School), Emili King (Wilson High School), Sarah Miller (Easton High School) and Jessica Rossi (Easton High School).

Karol D'Huyvetters presented our Member Making a Difference award to Nancy Kinzli.

Nancy Kinzli presented the Presidents' Award to Fran Kennedy. Karol D'Huyvetters presented the Special Honoree award to Rosemary Baker.

Nancy and Karol installed Finance Officer - Fran Kennedy and Membership VP - Randi Blauth.

Nancy and Karol thanked all board members.

Karol announced that our branch will be doing **Let's Read Math** again this summer. One session has been scheduled for July 15 at the Easton Public Library. Contact Karol if you are interested in volunteering for the program.

The following positions need to be filled: Publicity, AAUW Funds, Author Luncheon Chair, Membership Co-Chair and Scholarship. Contact Karol or Nancy to volunteer for any of these positions.

The branch thanked all the staff and servers at the church that prepared the dessert for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker

AAUW Easton Branch Dues

You will receive an email with a link to pay online with a credit card at a secure site. You have the option of paying that way or by check. If you are paying by check, please use the form below.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Annual dues include:

National	\$ 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.

Lively Conversations with Three Local Authors Authors' Luncheon 2019



Local Authors Pat Brisson, Stefanie Powell Watts and Jenn Stroud Rossman

On April 27, 2019, many members and their friends enjoyed a relaxing luncheon followed by three local authors' presentation at our branch's 6th Annual Authors' Luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, the authors had book signings and opportunities to discuss their books with participants. Also, there was a silent auction with many baskets filled with gift cards and other unique items for participants to bid on and win.

"Benny McBride had five new pennies. "What should I buy?" he asked." read author Pat Brisson as she entertained the audience at the Authors' Luncheon with selections from her childrens book titled "Benny's Pennies". She read selections from several of her twenty-five books for children. Skye Porter, Fran Kennedy's granddaughter, enjoyed meeting and having lunch with Pat Brisson, one of her favorite childhood authors.

Jenn Stroud Rossman, the next author to speak, explained her dual career as an engineer and fiction writer. As an engineer, she develops plans for buildings that others follow. As a mystery writer, she develops the plot (similar to plans for a building) for readers to solve. She read several poignant passages from her novel, *The Place You're Supposed to Laugh*. These verses gave the audience a taste of her writing style and encouraged them to read her book.

As the final speaker, Stephanie Powell Watts discussed the impact her childhood in rural, poverty stricken, North Carolina has on her writing and the theme of her novel, "No One is Coming to Save Us." Although many critics have compared her writings to Gatsby, she discussed many differences. She works hard to develop the characters so that they are real to the readers. Often, she will write pages about each character before beginning to write the story. This way, she knows each character like a real person and they have depth to the readers.

Even as everyone enjoyed time to socialize with each other, a delicious lunch, and listening to three authors, we also raised funds to continue our mission of providing scholarships for local women. Mia Gaeta, scholarship recipient from 2018, attended the luncheon and spoke about the importance of receiving our scholarship. We need to remember how receiving a scholarship from the Easton Branch affects the lives of young women as they face new challenges in college.



Mia Gaeta, Scholarship Recipient 2018, discusses importance of our scholarship with Karol D'Huyvetters

Single Use Plastics and the Trex Challenge

The UU church in Bethlehem is taking on the Trex challenge to collect 500 pounds of clean plastics in 6 months beginning in September. In return the church will receive a beautiful Trex bench. Trex produces outdoor decking and furniture and NEEDS plastic. If you would like to help the church and find a good use for your clean plastic bags, you can start saving now and let me know (Fran). Start saving these plastics (only): grocery bags, bread bags, ziplock & other re-closable food bags, storage bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, cereal bags, wood pellet bags, salt bags, case overwrap, pallet wrap and stretch film. **Remember that all plastics need to be cleaned of any kind of waste.**

AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat

Saturday, July 27

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$25 per person (includes lunch)

Best Western Plus and Country Cupboard Inn
Lewisburg, PA

It's All About the Mission

*Explore how members and branches are supporting
the AAUW strategic plan*

Highlights include:

- Exploration of AAUW's Strategic Plan, [Beyond Aspirations](#)
- Update on [AAUW Pennsylvania's Strategic Plan](#)
- How are we going to pass Pennsylvania Equal Pay legislation in this General Assembly?
- Time to meet members from around the state

New this year for those arriving Friday night . . . Informal **meet and greet** with AAUW Pennsylvania Board on Friday night at 6:30 with pizza. Optional and free.

Registration closes July 13th

Click on link below to register and for hotel information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWretreat2019>

- Did you know that the female prison population has increased in Pennsylvania by 28 percent from 2006 to 2016 while the male population increased by 10 percent?

- Did you know that 71 percent of that female population is imprisoned due to mental health problems?

- Did you know that 65% of 2016 PA prisoners overall, in the same time period above, needed drug or alcohol treatment?

- And, did you know that PA's older population is becoming imprisoned more and more
- mainly due to mental health and drug-related misuse?

- Pennsylvania's prisons and jails are filled with people who need the types of help that
- most prisons and jails don't provide and Pennsylvania's prisons and jails are filled
- with many people who are not a threat to their communities. Many PA citizen groups
- are urging our state government to look at new ways to help those people such as:
- eliminating cash bail, providing job training, mental health, drug rehabilitation
- programs and funding a public defense system. Pennsylvania is the ONLY state in
- the country that doesn't provide a public defender to a prisoner.

- The facts show that if these programs were provided, rather than warehousing
- people in jails and prisons, the costs would be effective and our society would have
- more productive people reentering communities and a lower rate of recidivism.

- Please visit the following sites for more information:

www.justice.ppjr.org

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/smart-justice>

cor.pa.gov

- A Re-entry Forum took place at NCC on June 13, 2019. Some of the forum's many
- sponsors are the three valley NAACP branches, Community Action Committee of the
- Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium, Lafayette College,
- Boys and Girls Club of Easton, Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley, ACLU
- PA, End Mass Incarceration of the Lehigh Valley and MCS Industries

Public Policy Year in Review

Branch members took public policy seriously this year by participating in the following activities:

1. Branch members planned and participated in a workshop for the **Bridging the Gap** LVAIC conference held at Muhlenberg College in November. The workshop included information on AAUW, the gender wage gap and efforts to use legislation to achieve parity, using the Two Minute Activist as an advocacy tool, how to write a letter to the editor, information on Title IX issues, and more. Students were given a SWAG bag containing information from AAUW:

- Deeper in Debt
- The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap
- Barriers and Bias about women and leadership
- Set of funny yet true AAUW postcards
- Stickers on the AAUW subjects
- Diversity pin
- Candy
- "It's my Vote" tattoo
- Current information about voting rights

2. Several branch members attended the AAUW-PA Equal Pay Day Rally in Harrisburg on April 8, 2019.

3. PA Schools Work postcards were written and sent to legislators at a regular meeting of the Easton Branch Board of Directors.

4. Branch members worked at the polls, as Fair Districts PA volunteers, asking voters (after they voted) to add their signatures to a petition calling on state legislators to support the creation of an independent, impartial citizens redistricting commission.

Getting Ready for Yearbooks

We will soon be putting together our Yearbooks for next year. If any of the information is currently incorrect or if you have moved or changed your e-mail address, etc., please call or e-mail Nancy Kinzli at 610-217-2671 or nancykinzli@gmail.com Thank you.

2018 - 2019 Easton AAUW Interest Groups Year in Review

It was an active year for our Interest Groups.

The **Book Discussion** group read mainly fiction but also read several varied and provocative non-fiction books. All books generated lively discussion by the attendees.

International Relations focused on Populism and Nationalism trends around the world. The topic was well researched by the members and provided much food for thought.

The **Mah Jongg** (tile game) group, meeting twice a month, had a good year honing their skills playing the American version of the game. It's not difficult to pick up the essential elements quickly, and the group welcomes new players as it continues to meet through the summer.

The **Bridge Group**, with a dedicated small group of players, still continues to play twice a month. It will continue through the summer and welcomes new players.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue, with members from two Lehigh Valley AAUW branches, read several books this year to provoke discussion of social issues and to expand its concept of social justice and action. The group focused on mass incarceration and meets through the summer.

Rotating Gourmet planned several events this year. A delightful dinner was held in late winter followed by a bountiful brunch in the spring. A summer tapas themed picnic is planned.

The **Out To Lunch** group had a quiet year with just one lunch held but expects to get back on schedule beginning in September.

The newly resurrected **Tapas Dining** group held two events of small plate dining that provided a varied menu that pleased the taste buds of the attendees.

Yvonne Payne, Interest Group Coordinator

Would you attend an evening book group if one were available? Contact Toni for more information.

Local Members Recognized



Three of our members were recognized at our Annual Scholarship and Award Dessert Ceremony on May 21, 2019.

The **President's Award** is given to a member who supports the President of our branch and AAUW endeavors. **Fran Kennedy** was chosen as this year's recipient. She was Co-President for four years and will be Finance Officer next year. Fran also chairs International Relations and Let's Read Math. She has been very active in editing our newsletter and an active participant in our Book and Diversity groups.

Nancy Kinzli received **The Member Making a Difference Award**. This award is given by AAUW Pennsylvania and is given to a member who has had an impact on the branch and exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. As a second year member, Nancy became Co-President of the branch and has worked many hours learning about policy and procedures, implementing programs, and monitoring finances.

The **Special Honoree Award** recognizes the contributions of a long standing member. **Rosemary Baker** is this year's recipient. She has served as president of the branch, has been a state officer and is currently the branch secretary. She co-chairs the Diversity interest group, and coordinates our annual event at the Williams Center.

Congratulations to Fran, Nancy, and Rosemary.



Thanks to the generosity of Easton and Bethlehem branch members, the DDD interest group has toiletries galore for women recently released from prison!



DDD members at Pinebrook Family Answers filling bags with donated toiletries

Easton Branch Scholarship Recipients

The Easton Branch of the AAUW was happy to award \$2500 each to four local high students at the Scholarship Dessert Awards gathering in May. The Scholarship Committee reviewed many well qualified applicants in early April and awarded scholarships to the following applicants:

Emili R King, Wilson High School, will attend the University of Pittsburgh and major In neuroscience. Emili's goal is to become a neurologist.

Jessica Rossi, Easton High School, will attend University of Pittsburgh and major in Computer Science.

Sarah Elizabeth Miller, Easton High School, will attend Franklin & Marshall, and major in government and biology. She ultimately wants to become a pediatric oncologist.

Janan Abushaban, Phillipsburg High School, will attend NOVA Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and will major in biology/premed. She would like to become a cardio thoracic surgeon.

We congratulate all of the recipients and their families.



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 Toni Hoffman know.

If any member has information that they wish to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to **Toni Hoffman**. 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 newsletter after that.

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!

AAUW Easton branch is considering a new interest group. It is called '**Stitch and B**', a handicraft group open to all members. It will meet the first Thursday of the month usually afternoons but occasionally in the evening. Bring a new or ongoing needlework project– knitting, embroidery, sewing, rug hook, etc. – and a love of good conversation. Contact Yvonne Payne if you are interested in joining or for more information. paynespitzer@hotmail.com or 610-867-6575. **First meeting is August 1**

COME ONE, COME ALL!

YOU ARE ALL INVITED, ALONG WITH SPOUSES, PARTNERS, AND FRIENDS

TO OUR

ANNUAL AAUW SUMMER PICNIC!

SUNDAY, JULY 21, at 4:30 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

at the home of

BECKY GOLDENBERG and HANS LAUTEN

1270 FIRETHORNE DRIVE, PALMER TOWNSHIP, EASTON

The format will be slightly different this year. We are going to try an
all-tapas picnic, with a few desserts.

Everyone will bring a small plate dish of her choice, serving about 8 people

EXCEPT: members with the last name starting with S to Z should bring a dessert.

**RSVP by July 14 to LOIS WILDRICK,
610-252-8080 or wildduck@rcn.com**

WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL COME AND ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

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



September 16, 1:30pm
Hostess: **Nancy Kinzli**
Book: **Where The Crawdads Sing**
by Delia Owens

Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



Annual Easton Branch
Summer Picnic
Sunday, July 21, 4:30
Hostess: Becky Goldenberg
Tapas Dining

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



July 24, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Froy Thompson
Topic: *White Fragility* by
Robin DiAngelo

International Relations:

Chair: Fran Kennedy



October 22, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Phyllis Finger
Book: **The Weather Makers**
by Tim Flannery

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call **Rosemary** for more
information

Mah Jongg

Chair : Toni Hoffman



July 8, 10:00 at Toni's
July 22, 10:00 at Corinne's

Stitch and B'

Chair: Yvonne Payne



August 1, 2:00 pm
Hostess: Toni Hoffman

Out to Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



Members meet for lunch. All
AAUW members are welcome.
Check with Claire Degnan for
information.

September 25, 12:00 pm
Marblehead Chowder House

Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



This is a group of AAUW members
(partners welcomed) who will
meet to explore small dish dining.

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	www.aauw.org
Easton Branch		easton-pa.aauw.net
Co-Presidents	Nancy Kinzli, Karol D'Huyvetters	easton-pa.aauw.net/ contact/
Membership	Randi Blauth	easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/
Easton Edition	Toni Hoffman	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/

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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