

The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline Friday November 15

Board Meeting Monday, November 4 Home of Fran Kennedy

Branch Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 8 pm Evening at the Williams Center

Holiday Tea Sunday, December 15 Home of Nancy Butow

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Nothing can dim the light that shines from within. Maya Angelou

AAUW Easton Branch Evening at the Williams Center

Tuesday, November 19, 8pm

Nobuntu



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"With pure, resonant voices and exquisite harmonization, Nobuntu has become the darling of the world's festival stages. This radiant a cappella quintet is Zimbabwe's first all-female professional

vocal ensemble, a musical force that stakes their claim as practitioners of *mbube*, the distinct style of South African singing—historically performed by men recognizable by its rhythmic unity, complex harmonies, and nuanced textures. In inventive performances of Zimbabwean folk, Afro jazz, gospel, and their own original songs, Nobuntu celebrates the vibrant identity of their culture and the belief that music transcends all boundaries."

Tickets are \$25 and a portion of each tickets goes toward local scholarships. Spouses/friends welcome. Registration form is on page 2

From The Presidents' Pen

We want you to be aware of two very important events happening in AAUW Pennsylvania.

First, the Work Smart pilot program in Pennsylvania has begun! AAUW PA is taking steps to assist in decreasing the wage gap. The first workshop, sponsored together with the PA Commission of Women was held in Harrisburg. Twenty-eight ethnically diverse women ranging in age from their late 20's to 50's participated. Many drove over an hour to be part of the program. The local TV news captured the energy in the room. This first of eight pilot programs helped the women to articulate their value and taught skills for negotiating raises, promotions, new jobs, and salary benefits.

Second, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote. This would be a great year to attend the AAUW-PA State Convention in Harrisburg to be held the week-end of April 24-26. Registration is open with information on the AAUW PA website. At the Convention the Suffrage Movement in Pennsylvania will be reviewed. On Friday night the keynote speaker will be Elaine Weiss, author of <u>The Woman's Hour, The Great Fight to Win the Vote</u>. Our Easton branch book group is reading the book and will be discussing it at the January 20th meeting if you'd like to join us.

And remember, as Kofi Annan stated, 'there is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.'

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters, Co-Presidents

Evening at the Williams Center Registration Form

Name

Tickets for Nobuntu _____(Qty) at \$25 each (unless sold out)

Total of check enclosed ______ (Payable to AAUW Easton Branch)

Please send check to Rosemary Baker

Welcome Michelle Geoffrion-Vinci

Michelle is a 1990 graduate of Wellesley College (30 year anniversary this June!), where she majored in Spanish and Economics. After a wonderful 2 year stint teaching high school, she completed her Master's and PhD in Spanish at Stanford She moved to Easton shortly in 1998 after that to join the faculty at Lafayette College, where she has been ever since, teaching Spanish. These days, Michelle also serves as Head of the Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures. She has two beautiful daughters, Sofia (age 16 - a high school junior) and Julia (age 13 - 8th grade). Michelle and her daughter Sofia are just beginning to explore colleges, and Michelle is very excited to see where she'll go.

Michelle says "I've been a proud member of AAUW since 1997, when I was fortunate to receive an AAUW American Fellowship to write my doctoral dissertation at Stanford."

Scholarship News

Susana Castillo, a second year criminal justice major who is studying to become a forensic criminologist, received a scholarship from the AAUW Easton Branch Endowment at Northampton Community College.

Merielen Rovira who is a second year environmental science major studying to work in the field of wildlife conservation is the recipient of our STEM scholarship at NCC.



November is Election Time

November 5th is Election Day. Remember that every vote counts and your vote is your voice. Make your voice heard on November 5th.

"Every election is determined by the people who show up"

Larry Sabato, Political Scientist



Latina Equal Pay Day -- the day when Latina pay catches up to that of white, non-Hispanic men from the previous year -- is being observed on November 20, 2019. AAUW is working to change this picture.



Membership Matters

As you know, we're making big progress on our goal to improve women's economic security. For example, we've trained 102,700 women to negotiate fair salaries and achieved major gains in equal-pay laws across the country. And AAUW is operating under a fully balanced budget for the first time in a decade

AAUW's 138th Anniversary is November 28th. That's quite a milestone.



2019 Holiday Tea December 15th 1-4 pm

Once again, Nancy Butow will be hosting our Holiday Tea at her lovely 18th century home, 1701 Chain Dam Road, Easton



Join other members and their spouses/partners for an afternoon of refreshments and conversation. Food and beverages will be provided.

RSVP by December 2nd to Nancy Butow <u>butowns@gmail.com</u> or 610-258-774

Annual Poinsettia Sale

Our annual Poinsettia Sale begins now. As stated on the order form, all sizes are available in red, pink or white. Either pick up or delivery will be confirmed with each order.

Order deadline is Friday, November 29, 2019.

Call Janice Lupackino with any question.





Science on a Sphere

Branch members discovered a local treasure at the Nurture Nature Center when the branch meeting was held there on September 19, 2019. Rachel Hogan, Executive Director, informed the attendees that the Nurture Nature Center was opened in 2011. We learned about the numerous environmental programs and community involvement offered at NNC. Rachel explained the center's unique blend of science, art and community through a wide variety activities. One major focus of the center is flood education. NNC is working with community members and businesses to improve public awareness and policy making. The center is engaged in regional and national research to learn more about building community resiliency to environmental risk through informed science education, an art centered approach to learning, community dialogue and networking.

Afterwards, members joined the public program called Science on a Sphere – Energy and Solar Power. Science on a Sphere is a breathtaking, animated globe that accesses information from over 500 data bases from NORA and NASA. It appears to be moving but is actually a stationary globe that, using four projectors, creates an animated illustration of weather patterns or documents energy uses. A docent used a hands on approach to demonstrate many science concepts related to energy and solar power. There are many exciting monthly programs planned for the upcoming year. Be sure to check out their website at https://nurturenaturecenter.org/





READING TUTOR NEEDED

Easton Area Community & Youth Center

A child in second grade attending our after school program at the center cannot read.

Please help this child to become literate so he will have an opportunity for a better life and future.

For more information contact:

Joan Kicska jkicska@aol.com

Authors' Luncheon Planning Committee



The Authors' Luncheon Planning Committee is off to a great start! The committee members include: Karol D'Huyvetters, Fran Kennedy, Rosemary Baker, Toni Hoffman, Janet Rosenthal, Denise Shelton, Susan McNamara, Randi Bauth and Nancy Kinzli..

The committee discussed possible authors, publicity, venue and menu, and continuing the silent auction as well as creating a "to do" list.

Any member is welcome to join the committee. Please consider joining us in the future to help make this a successful fundraiser.

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Easton Branch AAUW Authors' Luncheon April 18, 2020 11:00 Pomfret Club, Easton, PA. Authors' To Be Annouced

Additional Information: easton-pa.aauw.net

Finance Report

Finance Report 9/15/2019 (71-9/15)				
Projected Membership Dues				
AAUW National	\$2,773.00	50-3 Paid Life = 47 X \$59		
AAUW Pennsylvania	\$500.00	50 X \$10		
AAUW Easton	\$750.00	50 X \$15		
OPERATING FUNDS BUDGET 2019-2020	Budgeted	Budgeted	Credits	Debits
PROPOSAL 6/17/19	Income	Cost		
Banking				
Fees		\$24.00		
Interest			\$0.34	
Conferences 7/19-6/20		\$700.00		\$143.19
Fund Raisers				
Williams Center(@14 people) Donations	\$350.00	\$280.00		
Authors Luncheon	\$2,500.00	\$400.00		
Poinsettia Sales	\$300.00	\$150.00		
Other Fundraisers				
Totals	\$3,150.00	\$830.00		
Membership				
Branch Dues	\$750.00		\$690.00	
From Fundraiser	\$580.00			
Membership-brochures, etc		\$100.00		\$ 62.00
Yearbook Printing & Mailing		\$200.00		
Newsletter		\$50.00		
Insurance		\$600.00		
Mailbox		\$106.00		\$106.00
Postage		\$50.00		
Branch Publicity		\$75.00		\$ 66.59
Miscellaneous		\$200.00		\$150.00
Officers' Expenses				
Membership		\$25.00		
Presidents		\$50.00		
Treasurer (Quicken & Postage)		\$50.00		\$ 31.79
Programs				
Meeting Rooms		\$200.00		
Public Policy		\$50.00		
Holiday Party		\$250.00		
Scholarship Des(room,desserts,gifts)	\$300.00	\$360.00	-\$60.00	
Speaker Gifts		\$140.00		
Diversity		\$100.00		
Honoraiums	9	\$150.00		
TOTALS	\$880.00	\$3,480.00	\$630.34	\$559.57

Your Vote Your Voice

November 5, 2019

How Do They Affect Me?





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



November 18, 1:30pm Hostess: Karol D'Huyetters Book: <u>The Tattooist of</u> <u>Auschwitz</u> by Heather Morris

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue Chair: Rosemary Baker



December 4, 7:00 pm Holiday Dinner Clove Restaurant

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call **Rosemary** for more information

Mah Jongg Chair : Toni Hoffman



November 11, 10:00 at Toni's November 25, 10:00 at Lois's

Stitch and Be' Chair: Yvonne Payne



November 7, 2:00 pm Hostess: Toni Hoffman Rotating Gourmet Chair: Lois Wildrick



Fall menus are being planned and members will be contacted to host.

International Relations: Chair: Fran Kennedy



November 26, 1:30 pm Hostess: Karol D'Huyvetters Topic: Fossil Fuels

Out to Lunch Chair: Claire Degnan



Members meet for lunch. All AAUW members are welcome. Call Claire for information

December 4, 12:30 pm Hampton Winds RSVP to Claire ASAP

Tapas Dining Chair: Yvonne Payne



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

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	www.aauw.org
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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.

Easton Pennsylvania Branch

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