



# The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

## CALENDAR

### Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 15

### Branch Meeting

Sunday, December 15, 1-4 pm

### Holiday Tea

Home of Nancy Butow

### Board Meeting

Monday, January 6 at 1 pm

Home of Toni Hoffman

### Branch Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 7 pm

Art of Stained Glass Making

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2019/2020



## 2019 Holiday Tea

December 15<sup>th</sup>

1-4 pm

*Once again, Nancy Butow will be hosting our Holiday Tea at her lovely 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nancy Butow*

*[butowns@gmail.com](mailto:butowns@gmail.com) or 610-258-7742*

## From the Presidents' Pens

### **There's Something New at National**

AAUW National is rolling out a new 5 Star Recognition Program for states, branches and other organizations. The goal is to promote commonality between AAUW national and the local level. National has developed a comprehensive strategic plan. The 5 Star Recognition Program is aligned with this plan and provides an opportunity for our national organization to recognize and celebrate local state and branch achievements that embrace AAUW's mission.

There are five areas of focus. They include:

- Programs – branches implement programs that are related to the AAUW strategic plan
- Advancement – branches promote donations to Greatest Needs Fund, retain 90% of local branch membership and increase Legacy Circle members by 10%
- Communication & External Relations – local websites and social media include Economic Security Focus and Work Smart Online information
- Public Policy & Research – conduct an annual meeting with U.S. representatives and/or state legislators around strategic plan of focus
- Governance & Sustainability – align planning with state and AAUW national strategic plans, branch institutes a succession plan to ensure future leadership

In the upcoming months, we will share with you our branch's progress toward reaching the criteria in each focus area.

This month's area of focus is Advancement. As of today, members of our branch have contributed \$360.00 towards AAUW Funds. For every \$500.00 donated to AAUW Funds, our branch may honor one of its members who has contributed outstandingly to the branch and community by making the member a Named Gift Honoree recipient. Our goal is to be able to recognize a Named Gift Honoree this year. We are close to reaching this goal - \$140.00 is all that's needed. We are encouraging our members to consider a donation to AAUW Funds so our branch can honor one of its members.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters

### **New Members Since July 1, 2019**

Michelle Geoffrion-Vinci  
Denise Shelton  
Brianna Bancey  
Susan McNamara

Welcome back to former members Nina Gruenberg and Colleen Kuschke. We're pleased that you've re-joined our branch.

Colleen Kuschke  
322 Hackett Road  
Hampton NJ 08827  
908) 335-8233

### **Corrections to the Yearbook**

Please change the email for Nina Gruenberg listed in the yearbook. Call Nancy Kinzli for the correct address.

### **Northampton Community College Scholarship Recipients**

AAUW Easton Branch is proud to recognize Susanna Castillo, recipient of our AAUW Easton Branch NCC Endowment Fund Scholarship and Merielen Rovira who received our NCC STEM Scholarship. Karol D'Huyvetters and Nancy Kinzli, our Co-Presidents, are on either side of the scholarship recipients.



### **Welcome Susan McNamara**

Susan moved to Pennsylvania after retiring from William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ, where she held several positions including: English Professor, English Department Chair, and in administration: Interim Provost. Soon after retirement, she worked on the AAUW-Bethlehem Book Fair as a community volunteer. She joined the Bethlehem Branch and, in time, was elected president of the branch.

Another major surprise: Susan found herself, not just owning a West Highland Terrier puppy, but spending lots of time training and showing in competitive dog events of various kinds. Her other activities include having served as AAUW-PA Public Policy Co-Chair, being an event chair and contributing writer for the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, and more recently, being a LWV Northampton County board member.

Squeezing out time for reading...and writing...and knitting...and traveling, her only complaint about retirement is that there is still not enough time in each day for everything she wants to do.

## International Relations Interest Group

The International Relations Interest Group decided to focus on **Climate Change** this year. To begin the year, members read *The Weather Makers* by Tim Flannery. Phyllis Finger hosted the group and prepared a delicious light lunch. Afterwards, members discussed various aspects of climate change with everyone participating in the quite lively discussion.



## Dates to Remember

### December

- 8 Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day
- 15 **Holiday Tea**
- 13 Official Lost and Found Day
- 27 No Interruptions Day

### January

- 1 Polar Bear Plunge Day
- 3 Fruitcake Toss Day
- 16 **The Art of Making a Stained Glass Moravian Star**
- 19 Popcorn Day
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day

Kindness is like snow.  
It beautifies everything it covers.

Kahlil Gibran

## AAUW FUNDS

*Please consider making an end of year donation to AAUW Funds.  
Any amount is welcomed.*

**What exactly is AAUW Funds?** It's a way to give a tax-deductible donation to help AAUW to achieve the goals of closing the pay gap, bolstering women leaders, and ensuring women get access to education and training. For every \$500 our branch receives from members we choose a Named Gift Honoree.

**What is a Named Gift Honoree?** It is a way to pay tribute to an individual, group, or organization who has done outstanding work in supporting the programs and the goals of AAUW.

**Are we close to meeting our goal?** We are very close, but not quite there yet.

**Is my gift tax deductible?** Yes, AAUW is a 501(c)(3) organization. The only funds not considered tax deductible or not considered 501(c)(3) are the Public Policy and Action Fund donations. AAUW Funds has been rated by Charity Navigator at 87.59 out of 100 – a 3 out of 4 charity. We missed 4 out of 4 by just a bit.

**Should I direct my money to a particular area?** We are being encouraged this year to give to Unrestricted Gifts (#9110) which puts

your donation where it is most needed to make the greatest impact at this time. However, you may also direct your donation to Education and Training #4450, Economic Security #4449, or Leadership #4452.

### How do I give?

**On-line:** Go to the AAUW National website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), log into the Member Services Database (MSD) and click on Individual Contribution from the left menu, payment is by credit card on the secure website.

**By Check:** Make check payable to AAUW Funds. Note the specific fund name or number (above) and send your donation directly to:  
AAUW  
P.O Box 98045  
Washington, DC 20090-8045.

**Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference.**

**Kathy Calvin**

## **Hear Their Voices: Women + Incarceration = Barriers**

Women have different needs than men. Unfortunately, the prison system treats women the same as men, Lori Van Doren informed the audience at the joint forum on women who are incarcerated. On October 26, 2019 a joint program was sponsored by AAUW-Easton, AAUW-Bethlehem and the League of Women Voters Northampton County. Members of all organizations and community participants learned about services for women returning to the community. Speakers Lori VanDoren, Dr. Bonnie M. Winfield and Stephanie Taveras spoke about the issues facing women as they return to their community after incarceration.

Lori VanDoren, MSW, LSW is Director of Forensic Services Pinebrook Family Answers. She discussed the barriers that incarcerated women face: loss of job, eviction from home and loss of family. Under the direction of Lori, Pinebrook provides evidence based programs to help women in the process of returning to their community. These services last for about six months as the women transition back into their homes. Leaving Jail is a comprehensive regional reentry program for women. It consists of 3 main components: 1. Classes, 2. Individualized Reentry Planning 3. Supportive Community Case Management. The program assists women in dealing with the effects of trauma and substance use, parenting and reconnecting with their children, securing a stable residence, reconnecting with social supports and securing employment.

Bonnie Winfield, Ph.D is the Director of The Journey Home Program for women. Dr. Bonnie, as she is called, has spent many years working with women in prison. She has witnessed their pain. Their pain is from sexual and physical abuse, addiction and criminal behaviors. There are no programs in prison for women to teach them to cope and move beyond their pain. Through art, she helps these women learn to help each other. She has women express their feelings through literature, drawing and other creative formats. She reinforces to the women that they are not bad but that they made wrong choices. Once women have worked through their pain, they are able to help others which helps them learn to use their new skills and make better life choices.

Stephanie Taveras spoke passionately about her recovery process. She explained she didn't know how to move forward; she was dying inside. She provided insight into the life of an addict and she often had no one to talk to about her needs. Through programs and supports provided by Dr. Bonnie, she has been able to accomplish goals. She emphasized reforms need to occur in the prison system to help break the cycle. She hopes that she will be able to continue to move forward with her life.

In conclusion, all three speakers provided the "next steps" for the audience. We need to actively support criminal justice reforms and probation reform. Volunteers are needed to provide social supports to women, lead groups of women or assist with social media awareness. As advocates, we can participate in the End Mass Incarceration Easton Group. It focuses on reentry issues and opportunities for returning citizens in Northampton County.

## Fair Trade, Empowering Women, and Holiday Shopping

Looking for a unique gift for the holidays. Fran will have an open house on Tuesday, December 10 from 12:30 – 4:00 with light refreshments available. Global Mamas is a Fair Trade Non-Profit that works to create a life of prosperity for women and their families in Ghana by creating and selling handmade products.

Fran has organic cotton charming batik dresses and rompers for girls in sizes 2 – 12, and shirts for babies and kids up to size 2, bloomers, rompers, bibs, crawling shoes, and a sleeping bag for an infant, batik bags of all sizes, home décor products including batik aprons, tablecloths, placemats, napkins, table runners, pillow cases, trivets, pot holders, button and Velcro baskets, and bins, a few women's blouses skirts, sarongs, and headbands, jewelry and ornaments crafted from recycled glass beads, and skin care products and soaps made with shea butter from a tree in Ghana. There are some new designs. Come, browse, and pick out a special item for friends, family, or yourself. You will be helping to support women in Ghana to send their children to school at the same time. Ten percent of all proceeds will go to the branch.



Placemat & Napkin



Infant Sleeping Bag



Yoga Bag

*Wishing everyone a peaceful holiday season*

## Finance Report

	Budgeted Costs	Credits	Debits
<b>Banking - Fees, Interest</b>	\$24.00	\$0.45	
<b>Conferences</b>	\$700.00		\$143.19
<b>Fundraisers</b>			
Williams Center	\$280.00		
Authors' Luncheon	\$400.00		
Poinsettia Sales	\$150.00		
Donations			
<b>Membership</b>			
Branch Dues		\$780.00	
Brochures	\$100.00		\$62.00
Yearbook	\$200.00		\$153.87
Newsletter	\$50.00		\$16.00
Insurance	\$600.00		\$190.00
Mailbox	\$106.00		\$106.00
Postage	\$50.00		
Branch Publicity	\$75.00		\$66.59
Miscellaneous	\$200.00		\$150.00
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>			
Membership	\$25.00		
Presidents	\$50.00		
Finance Officer	\$50.00		\$31.79
<b>Programs</b>			
Meeting Rooms	\$200.00		\$49.82
Public Policy	\$50.00		\$29.46
Holiday Party	\$250.00		
Scholarship Dessert	\$360.00		
Speaker Gifts	\$140.00		
Diversity	\$100.00		
Honorariums	\$150.00		\$100.00





# Winter Programs

## JANUARY



### ***THE ART OF MAKING A STAINED GLASS MORAVIAN STAR***

Linda Featherman owner of Nazareth Stained Glass has worked with stained glass for over 45 years. She has taught classes at Northampton Community College and in the local high schools. You may have seen her custom work at Moravian Village Nazareth.

**Thursday, January 16, 7pm Palmer Library**

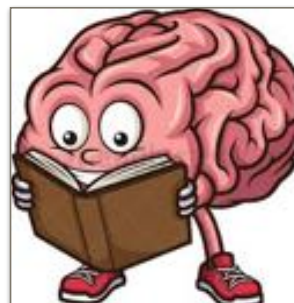
## FEBRUARY

### ***The Aging Brain***

Did you know that Aging is influenced by environmental factors and that normal Aging of the brain results in only slight cognitive declines and even some positive changes in ability? The bad news is that by 85 many of us will contend with dementia. The good news is there are clear lifestyle changes that can impact your risk.

Dr.Elaine Reynolds, the chair of Aging Studies at Lafayette College will share her expertise with us. She has over 20 years experience teaching undergraduates and in 2016 was awarded the Educator of the Year by the Faculty of Undergraduate Neuroscience. Her recent scholarly work was on the impact of nutrition on the Aging process.

**Thursday, February 20, 7pm Palmer Library**





### New Shopping Opportunity

Are you looking for something different for that special someone, family member or friend? **Chameleon Blue**, a Fair Trade store in Clinton, NJ has a diverse collection of gifts, including gorgeous wooden bowls and baskets, jewelry, scarves, and clothing to satisfy any taste.

### Public Policy

If you are not a member of the Two Minute Activist, now is the time to sign up. Signing up means that it's easy to take action on an issue dear to you when AAUW sends out an Action Alert. [Click here](#) to be taken to the Two Minute Activist sign up page.

### Newsletter Information

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 she wishes 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.

### 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. Ads should be no larger than business card size and 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.



## 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



January 20, 1:30pm  
Hostess: Toni Hoffman  
Book: **The Woman's Hour** by Elaine Weiss

### Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



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

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



December 4, 7:00 pm  
Holiday Dinner  
Clove Restaurant  
January TBD

### International Relations:

Chair: Fran Kennedy



January 28, 1:30 pm  
Hostess: Liz Toler  
Topic: Transportation

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call **Rosemary** for more information

### Out to Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



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

### Mah Jongg

Chair : Toni Hoffman



December 9, 10:00 at Rosemary's  
January TBD

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

### Stitch and Be'

Chair: Yvonne Payne



December 12, 2:00 pm  
Hostess: Yvonne Payne

### 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	<a href="http://www.aauw.org">www.aauw.org</a>
Easton Branch		<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net">easton-pa.aauw.net</a>
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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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