



# The Easton Edition

## Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

### CALENDAR

#### Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 15

#### Branch Meeting

No branch meeting in April

#### Board Meeting

Monday, April 6 at 1:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

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2020

Here's to strong women, may we know them, may we be them, may we raise them

### AUTHORS' LUNCHEON CANCELLED

We are saddened to have to cancel our 2020 April Authors' Luncheon. This is a difficult time for all and the decision was not easy. The most important thing is that everyone stays safe and healthy. We have an important role to play to help stop the Covid-19 virus from spreading. State and National guidelines suggest that no events of greater than 10 people be held for the next eight weeks but no one can predict how long this will last. The good news is that the authors have agreed to return for our April 2021 Authors' Luncheon.

Every year, AAUW Easton Branch awards scholarships to deserving graduating senior women and to women whose college career has been interrupted and now wish to return to college.

Since this event is our only fundraiser and the funds raised go directly to scholarships, we do hope that you will consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund in lieu of participating in the 50/50 raffle, silent auction or basket raffle.

## From the Presidents' Pens

### **Time To Celebrate Women's Victory The Right To Vote**

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congress approving the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment giving all women the right to vote. As AAUW continues to advocate for equal rights for all, it's important to recognize a group of women who were fighting not only for gender but racial equality.

There were many women from the Alpha Suffrage Club for African American women who fought alongside with the suffragists. One of these women, Ida B. Wells, journalist and newspaper editor, founded the club; it was said that she spoke louder than most. She led the group to join the Women Suffrage Procession. She and many others marched alongside all the women from different groups. She is quoted as stating, "I am not doing it for recognition. I am doing it for the future benefits of my race."

As we celebrate and recognize all the women who fought, spoke and continued to advocate for the right of women to vote, it is important to understand the past and recognize all the incredible women who fought for our equality. We can extend Wells' statement to say that we do not do it for the recognition but for the future generations to come. The future generations should be aware of the 41 years of struggle to pass the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment and that there are many hidden histories of women who played an important role in making history.

"In 2020, we have an opportunity to celebrate the vote," Wagner said, "and also take accountability to rethink our history" (USA Today, March 6-8, 2020).

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters

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### **Concerns about the Coronavirus**

The outbreak of the Covid-19 virus is progressing rapidly. State and federal agencies are asking us to take unprecedented actions to impede the spread of the virus. We care about the health of our AAUW members and their families and are recommending that interest groups, AAUW related meetings and programs postpone, cancel, or have meetings remotely. We will do our best to keep you informed of the latest updates regarding our events. If you have specific concerns or questions, please feel free to call or email.

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## Pennsylvania Application for Mail-In Ballot

<p><b>Print your name</b> Please print your name exactly as you registered to vote.</p>	1	<p>Last name _____ Jr Sr S B IV (circle if applicable)</p> <p>First name _____ Middle name or initial _____</p>
<p><b>About you</b> Phone and email are optional and used if information is missing on this form.</p>	2	<p>Birth date <input type="text" value=" _ / _ / _ "/> <input type="text" value=" _ "/> <input type="text" value=" _ "/></p> <p>Phone <input type="text" value=" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "/> Email _____</p>
<p><b>Your address</b> Please print your address exactly as you registered to vote.</p>	3	<p>Address (not P.O. Box) _____ Apt. number _____</p> <p>City/Town _____ State PA Zip code <input type="text" value=" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "/></p> <p>Municipality _____ County _____</p> <p>Ward (if known) _____ Voting district (if known) _____</p> <p>I have lived at this address since: _____</p>
<p><b>Where to mail ballot?</b></p>	4	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Same as above Address or P.O. Box _____</p> <p>City/Town _____ State <input type="text" value=" _ "/> Zip code <input type="text" value=" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "/></p>
<p><b>Identification</b> If you have a PennDOT number, you must use it. If not, please provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. See "Necessary Identification" on Page 2.</p>	5	<p>PA driver's license or PennDOT ID card number <input type="text" value=" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "/></p> <p>Last four digits of your Social Security number XXX-XX-<input type="text" value=" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a PA driver's license or a PennDOT ID card or a Social Security number.</p>
<p><b>Declaration</b></p>	6	<p>I declare that I am eligible to vote by mail-in ballot at the forthcoming primary or election; that I am requesting the ballot of the party with which I am enrolled according to my voter registration record; and that all of the information which I have listed on this mail-in ballot application is true and correct.</p> <p>Voter signature here X _____ Date _____</p>
<p><b>Annual mail-in request</b> See "What is an annual mail-in ballot request?" for more information.</p>	7	<p>If you would like to apply to receive mail-in ballots for the remainder of this year <b>and</b> if you would like to automatically receive an annual application for mail-in ballots each year, please indicate below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive mail-in ballots this year and receive annual applications for mail-in ballots each year.</p>
<p><b>Help with this form</b> Complete this section if you are unable to sign the declaration in Section 6.</p>	8	<p>I hereby state that I am unable to sign my application for a mail-in ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability. I have made or have received assistance in making my mark in lieu of my signature.</p> <p>Mark of voter X _____ Date _____</p> <p>Address of witness _____</p> <p>Signature of witness X _____</p>

### Quote of the Month

We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that all the civil and political rights that belong to citizens of the United States, be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever.

**Susan B. Anthony**

## Public Policy News

This is the first time that all Pennsylvanians will have the choice to vote in person or apply for and send in the application for a mail in ballot. There are 211,183 registered voters in Northampton County but that doesn't mean that all of them vote. Pennsylvanians ranked 25th in the country in voter turnout for the 2018 mid term elections. Nine of the ten states with the highest voter turnout numbers have enacted same day registration or vote by mail policies.

Will the number of Pennsylvanians voting this year increase? Only time will tell.

**"I can't believe we're still talking about equal pay in 2014. Today, in 99.6% of all occupations, men are earning more than women. That's not an accident, that's discrimination." - Elizabeth Warren**

Now it's 2020 and we're still talking about it. March 31st is Equal Pay Day this year. This is the date when a woman's earnings finally catch up to what a man earned the previous year. Call your legislator to discuss this issue.

## Tips for Managing Anxiety During the Pandemic and Beyond

from Amy Morin, psychotherapist

- Create a daily schedule
- Limit the time you spend consuming media
- Choose which media you consume carefully
- Exercise
- Label your emotions
- Balance your emotions with logic
- Argue the opposite
- Maintain social support
- Focus on the things you can control
- Externalize your anxiety

**Buy yourself fresh flowers**



## New and Prospective Member Brunch Held

An enjoyable time was had by all at the New and Prospective Member Brunch held on March 7th. Three prospective members and **one new member, Susan McNamara**, attended along with Fran Kennedy, Rosemary Baker, Toni Hoffman, Nancy Kinzli, and Randi Blauth. We shared delicious food and great conversation. Members of your board explained the mission of AAUW and the activities and interest groups of our branch. **We are pleased to announce that all three prospective members have joined our branch. They are: Carol Inman, Jan Schwartz, and Michele (Shellie) Hashem.**

Please look for them at our events and give them a warm welcome! Their contact information is below if you would like to send them a welcome e-mail.

Contact Randi Blauth for their email addresses.



## Getting To Know Jan

Jan Schwartz is an Outreach Director for the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC). She serves as a lead staff person on PennAEYC's work with the Pre-K for PA: All Children Ready to Succeed and Start Strong PA Campaigns. The majority of her time is spent working to build campaign efforts in Northeastern Pennsylvania helping people understand the importance of the first five years of a child's life.

Jan has worked in the early care and education field for twelve years. Through her work as a Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN) Coordinator and an independent consultant for various education-focused nonprofits, Jan has developed relationships with center directors, staff, and families at both for-profit and non-profit child care, group and family centers throughout the Lehigh Valley. Jan has acted as a liaison between multiple working groups comprised of legislative, school, business, and community leaders.

She is Vice President of Public Policy for the Lehigh and Northampton Chapter of PennAEYC, as well as a member of the organization's executive board. The executive board plans bi-yearly workshops for its members around topics that impact early care and education professionals. She has a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, both from Kean University. A former "Jersey Girl," she lives in her adopted hometown of Easton, PA, with her husband, their two sons, and a cat named Ketzell.



LET'S HELP YOUNG  
WOMEN  
CONTINUE THEIR  
EDUCATION

PLEASE CONSIDER  
A DONATION TO  
EASTON AAUW BRANCH  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Scholarship Donation Form

There are two ways to donate: 1. Make a check payable to : "AAUW Easton Branch-Scholarship Fund". Mail completed form with payment to: AAUW Easton Branch, c/o Fran Kennedy, P.O. Box 1464, Easton, PA 18044-1464 or  
2. Visit us online at [easton-pa.aauw.net](http://easton-pa.aauw.net) and use the yellow " Donate" button to pay with PayPal or with a credit card or debit card.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Report 3/4/2020					
Projected Membership Dues					
AAUW National	\$2,773.00	50-3 Paid	Life = 47		
AAUW Pennsylvania	\$500.00	50 X \$10			
AAUW Easton	\$750.00	50 X \$15			
OPERATING FUNDS BUDGET 2019-2020 PROPOSAL 6/17/19	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits	Net
<b>Banking</b>					
Fees		\$24.00			
Interest			\$0.88		\$0.88
<b>Conferences 7/19-6/20</b>		\$700.00		\$ 143.19	
<b>Fund Raisers</b>					
Williams Center (@14 people)	\$350.00	\$280.00	\$455.00	\$ 280.00	\$175.00
Donations					
Authors Luncheon	\$2,500.00	\$400.00	\$640.81	\$ 42.10	\$598.71
Poinsettia Sales	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$391.00	\$ 156.00	\$235.00
Other Fundraisers					12.85
<b>Totals</b>	\$3,150.00	\$830.00			\$1,021.56
<b>Membership</b>					
Branch Dues	\$750.00		\$780.00		
Membership-brochures, etc		\$100.00		\$ 108.90	
Yearbook Printing & Mailing		\$200.00		\$ 46.90	
Newsletter		\$50.00		\$ 31.58	
Other Printing					
Insurance		\$600.00		\$ 190.00	
Mailbox		\$106.00		\$ 106.00	
Postage		\$50.00		\$ 12.90	
Branch Publicity		\$75.00		\$ 66.59	
Miscellaneous		\$200.00		\$ 202.53	
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>					
Membership		\$25.00			
Presidents		\$50.00			
Treasurer (Quicken & Postage)		\$50.00		\$ 31.79	
<b>Programs</b>					
Meeting Rooms		\$200.00		\$ 33.33	
Public Policy		\$50.00		\$ 29.46	
Holiday Party		\$250.00		\$ 172.29	
Scholarship Des(room, desserts, gifts)	\$300.00	\$360.00	-\$60.00		
Speaker Gifts		\$140.00		\$ 8.00	
Diversity		\$100.00			
Other Expenses				\$ 79.66	
Honoraiums		\$150.00		\$ 100.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>	<b>2,207.69</b>	<b>\$ 1,841.22</b>	<b>\$1,021.56</b>

Even though we had to cancel the Authors' Luncheon this year, we are pleased to share this information about Dr. Miller.

Congratulations Dr. Miller

Civil War Round Table of New York Honors Dr. Donald Miller

Dr. Donald Miller is being recognized by Civil War Round Table of New York for his recently published book, Vicksburg. He will be receiving the "Fletcher Pratt Award".

The Fletcher Pratt Award recognizes the author or editor of the best non-fiction book on the Civil War published during the course of the calendar year. The Fletcher Pratt Award is presented annually at the May meeting. Previous winners of this prestigious award have included many other Civil War luminaries.

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.

Eleanor Roosevelt

More ways to keep our planet healthy

- Invest in a reusable water bottle
• Refuse single use items
• Shop in bulk
• Avoid products with micro beads
• Use long lasting light bulbs
• Reduce, reuse, recycle

Time To Celebrate

- April
1 - April Fool's Day
2 - Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
3 - Find A Rainbow Day
4 - Hug A Newsmen Day
6 - Hostess Twinkie Day
7 - No Housework Day
10 - Siblings Day
13 - Scrabble Day
15 - World Art Day
16 - Save the Elephant Day
19 - Garlic Day
20 - Pot Smokers Day
21 - Chocolate Covered Cashews Day
23 - World Book Night
25 - World Healing Day
29 - Zipper Day
30 - Poem in Your Pocket Day



## May Dessert and Scholarship Awards

Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
333 Spring Garden Street, Easton  
(parking is available behind the church)



Featuring Torte Caprese with Gelato

Torte Caprese is a traditional Italian flourless chocolate and almond cake named for the Island of Capri. Coffee and Tea will be served.

Join us to honor the recipients of our AAUW scholarships. Cost is \$12 per person. Please RSVP with your check by May 14th.

RSVP by mailing the form below to:  
Fran Kennedy  
PO Box 1464  
Easton, PA 18044-1464

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Scholarship Awards and Dessert RSVP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_(please print)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to AAUW Easton Branch

## In Memoriam

### Zoe Roble (1919-2020)

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of our dear friend Zoe Roble on March 7th. An extremely youthful 101 year old, she was witty, intelligent, pleasant, and fit. In her forty-seven years as a member of the Easton branch, she held many offices and was in many interest groups, often driving herself to our events. In addition to AAUW she was active in many local organizations. She exemplified what living a good life is all about and those who knew her, loved her. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to her many friends, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held in the spring.

### Anne Thornton (1930-2020)

We were saddened to hear of the death of Anne on March 9th. Anne was a 65 year member of AAUW. An avid reader, she was a library director in the Milford, NJ public Library and a librarian for the Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton, NJ. She was also a substitute teacher in Wilson and Easton. She loved movies, classical music and travel. Our condolences to Sandy, Anne's niece and caregiver, Anne's nephew, cousins, and friends.

## 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.

**Your Business Card Size Ad  
could fill this space.**

## 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

All meetings contingent on control of the Coronavirus pandemic.

### Book Discussion

Chair: Toni Hoffman



April 20, 1:30 pm  
Hostess: Fran Kennedy  
Book: **The Testaments** by Margaret Atwood

### Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



Members will be contacted when menus are ready.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



April 22, 7:00 pm  
Hostess: Randi Blauth  
Topic: **Girl, Woman, Other** by Bernadine Evaristo

### International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



April 28, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Margaret Skaarup  
Topic: TBD

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Call Rosemary for time and place

### Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



Members meet for lunch.  
All members welcome.

### Mah Jongg

Chair: Toni Hoffman



Nothing scheduled at this time.

### Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



Members (and spouses) explore small plate dining.

No gathering planned at this time.

### Stitch and Be

Chair: Yvonne Payne



April 2, 2:00 pm  
Hostess: Yvonne Payne

## 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>
Co-Presidents	Nancy Kinzli, Karol D'Huyvetters	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/">easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</a>
Membership	Randi Blauth	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/">easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/</a>
Easton Edition	Toni Hoffman	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/">easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</a>

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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