



The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, **Mach 15**

Branch Meeting

Saturday, **March 21, , 12:30 p.m.**
Honoring Our 50 Year Members
The View at Morgan Hill

Board Meeting

Monday, March 9 at 12:30 pm
Home of Rosemary Baker

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2020

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

Honoring Our 50 Year Members

We are excited to honor our **Fifty** Year Members. All branch members are invited to join us on this very special occasion. The invitation below was sent to each of the women who have been AAUW members for **Fifty** years or more.



*AAUW Easton Branch
invites you to be our guest
at a luncheon to honor
our 50 year members*

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: The View at Morgan Hill

RSVP: By March 9, 2020 to:

Karol D'Huyvetters 610-751-5047 or

Nancy Kinzli 610-217-2671

From the Presidents' Pens

March 31 is All Women Equal Pay Day. And why is it March 31st? Because that is the day that symbolizes how far into the year the average women must work in order to earn what the average man earns in the previous year regardless of experience or job type.

When the Equal Pay Act was signed into law in 1963, fifty-seven years ago, women made 59 cents for every dollar a man made. Things are now better for women but not equal. Women now average about 82 cents on the dollar compared to what men make.

And let us not forget that Moms don't catch up until June 4th. African American women don't catch up until August 13th. Native American women don't catch up until October 1st and Latino women catch up on November 2nd.

AAUW worked hard last year to make the world better for women. More than 102,000 women were trained in salary negotiations. With a grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation we implemented Empower, a program designed to help women explore leadership roles. Through the Greatest Needs Fund which some of you contributed to, AAUW was able to respond to gender-equity challenges. AAUW led the effort to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in the House in DC. They produced ground breaking research with The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap study. AAUW awarded more than 4.3 million in fellowships and grants to support women around the globe.

Locally we are exploring having a Work Smart workshop to train women in salary negotiation. Our public policy team continues to work for

women's issues. They will visit local politicians at the end of March to continue to stress the need for equal pay in PA. You are welcome to come too. Anyone can be a two-minute activist and let your local officials know that you support the fight for fair pay. Our scholarships support the goals of young women to advance their professional dreams.

"I do not demand equal pay for any women save those who do equal work in value. Scorn to be coddled by your employers; make them understand that you are in their service as workers, not as women."
Susan B. Anthony

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters

NOMINATIONS

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters are reaching the end of their two year term as Easton Branch Co-Presidents.

Nominations for the office of President/ Co-President are now open.

Please submit suggestions and/or nominations for this office to Karol or Nancy.

Nancy Kinzli
Karol D'Huyvetters

AAUW Easton Branch Meeting
February 27, 2020 at the Palmer Library

Nancy Kinzli, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were 11 members and four guests present.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Fran presented the financial report. There are 10 people registered, thus far, for the Authors' Luncheon.

Nancy presented the following upcoming programs:

--March 21 Luncheon honoring 50 year members. RSVP to Karol or Nancy by March 9.

--April 18 Authors' Luncheon. Interest groups will be contributing baskets. Individuals are also encouraged to donate a theme basket. Baskets are due by April 1.

--April 24-26 AAUW PA State Convention

--May 19 Scholarship and Awards Dessert 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church, Easton

Claire Degnan announced that our Scholarship applications have been distributed to the schools. The application is also on our branch website. We are awarding three scholarships at \$2500 each. We also award a STEM scholarship through NCC and a scholarship from our endowment with NCC.

Nancy announced for Toni --Anyone interested in registering people to vote, can join Toni at The Neighborhood Center on March 13 and March 20 (Both dates are Fridays). Email or call Toni if you are interested. Nancy Berry will be registering people on Friday February 28.

The Public Policy team will be visiting local elected officials at the end of March regarding fair pay and other issues. Contact Toni, if you would like to join them.

Claire Degnan reported on the Fair Districts meeting she attended. The report was on Gerrymandering.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Nancy introduced our speaker-Dr. Elaine Reynolds, Chair of Aging Studies at Lafayette who spoke to us on "The Aging Brain."

Respectfully Submitted: Rosemary Baker

Quote of the Month

Each one of us can make a difference, Together we can make change. - Barbara Mikulski

We Are Stars!!

Our Easton branch is one of only two branches in Pennsylvania to be awarded the first star in the 5 Star National Recognition Program. The program awards branches for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan of fostering the advancement of gender equity for women and girls. We received our star in Communication and External Relations. To receive this star, we had to have a presence on social media including monthly posts about Work Smart Online on our website home page. This would never have happened without the efforts of Toni Hoffman who spends many hours updating our website and Facebook page and putting together our newsletter. So please take the time to check out these sites. THANK YOU, TONI! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

2020 Gateway to Equity Award

The Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, group or organization that has shown by action and philosophy, the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

This year, the Easton Branch gives the Gateway to Equity Award to Pre-K for PA. With a focus on the first three years of life Pre-K for PA supports healthy child development, working families, and the economy by increasing access to and affordability of high quality child care programs for young children. High quality pre-k has been shown to reduce grade repetition, increase graduation rates, reduce special ed placements, and decrease crime and incarceration.



Black History Month Donation

AAUW Easton has chosen these books, with strong female characters, to donate to Cops and Kids for Black History Month. Donations are being collected by the Sigal Museum. Book and Puppet offered a discount for books purchased for the collection.

Authors' Luncheon April 18, 2020

**Pomfret Club
33 S. 4th Street, Easton**

Registration Form

**Deadline to register
April 10**

Submit 1 registration form per person

Or

Register online at

<https://easton-pa.aauw.net/events/authors-luncheon/>

Name _____

AAUW Member **Y** **N**

Phone _____

Email _____

Lunch Options: Select One

___ Wedge Salad with blue cheese/bacon

___ Chicken Caesar Salad

___ Pasta Primavera

___ Crab cake with steamed broccoli

(up charge \$5.00)

Payment:

Cost: \$30 (Non-refundable)

Your canceled check is confirmation.

Additional Scholarship Donation (Optional)

\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Make check payable to:
"AAUW Easton Branch"*

Mail completed form with payment to:

AAUW Easton Branch

c/o Fran Kennedy

P.O. Box 1464

Easton, PA 18044-1464

Tickets Now on Sale for 50/50 Raffle at Authors' Luncheon

A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held at this year's AAUW Easton Branch Authors' Luncheon on Saturday, April 18, 2020 with half of the proceeds going to support the branch's scholarship fund and the other half going to one lucky winner! You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5.00 for 6, \$10.00 for 13, and \$20.00 for 28 and may be purchased at the event or in advance at the February and March branch meetings and at most interest group meetings. Please contact Denise Shelton for more information at alamedans@gmail.com.

More ways to keep our planet healthy

- Use cloth napkins
- Hang dry your clothes
- Pay your bills online
- Rediscover your library
- Buy rechargeable batteries
- Carpool
- Don't buy veggies in trays

We offer our sincere condolences to Margaret Gering and her family on the death of her husband Robert on February 22nd. You and your family are in our thoughts.

AUTHORS' LUNCHEON INFORMATION



Kate Racculia is a novelist living in Bethlehem, Pa. She is the author of the novels Bellweather Rhapsody, winner of the American Library Association's Alex Award and This Must Be The Place. Her third novel, Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts, was published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in October 2019. In a life of many jobs and occupations, she currently teaches online for Boston's nonprofit writing community Grub Street, works at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, and sings in the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.



Elvira Woodruff is the author of many popular books for children. She has published picture books, historical fiction, and fantasy novels for middle grade readers, as well as a knitting book for adults, *To Knit or Not to Knit*. Her work has won many awards and honors. Elvira's presentations on creative writing have taken her across the country, speaking at schools and conferences alike. She currently lives in Martins Creek, Pa.



Donald L. Miller is the John Henry MacCracken Professor of History Emeritus at Lafayette College and author of ten books that include *Vicksburg*, and *Masters of the Air*, which is currently being made into a television series by Tom Hanks. He has hosted, coproduced, or served as an historical consultant for more than thirty television documentaries and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and other publications.

Get Creative

The Interest Groups are doing it! Now, it's your turn – Donate a basket for the Silent Auction at the Authors' Luncheon.

Ideas for a Theme Basket include:

- **Date Night:** a bottle of wine, specialty snacks and gift certificate to a local restaurant
- **Entertainment:** tickets to local event/movie, bag of popcorn, candy
- **Coffee time:** a basket of different kinds of coffee, biscotti, coffee towel, kitchen items, gift certificate to Starbucks

Baskets must be completed and wrapped in clear plastic wrap. Also, please include a listing of items in the basket with their value. Items in the basket must be new and current.

Baskets are due by April 1, 2020 and dropped off at Karol D'Huyvetters house. If you have any questions, please contact Karol at 610-751-5047 or geebee65pa@gmail.com



Twelve Angry Jurors

Easton Branch member **Denise Shelton** will be appearing in the play “Twelve Angry Jurors” at the Pennsylvania Playhouse in Bethlehem. The play is an adaptation by Reginald Rose of his original 1954 teleplay “Twelve Angry Men” which was made into a 1957 film starring Henry Fonda. The adaptation features both men and women, hence the title change.

This gripping courtroom drama follows a jury of 12 people whose morals and values are challenged as they deliberate the fate of a teenager accused of killing his father.

Performance dates are March 27-29, April 3-5 and April 17-19. Shows start at 7:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and at 3:00 pm on Sundays. Tickets are \$22 for seniors and students and \$25 for adults. The Pennsylvania Playhouse is located at 390 Illick's Mill Road in Bethlehem. Tickets are available by calling 610-865-6665 or online at www.paplayhouse.org Handicapped parking is available next to the theater. General parking is across the street.

Purple Sashes and Persistent Women
Celebrating 100 Years of Suffrage

It's a little less than 100 days until the start of the 2020 AAUW-PA State Convention.

Highlights include:

Keynote speaker Rebecca Boggs Roberts, author of the book Suffragists in Washington, D.C.: The 1913 parade and the fight for the vote.

The Great Suffrage Parade was the first civil rights march to use the nation's capitol as a backdrop.

Kendra Davis, Senior VP of Advancement will present updates from the National Office.

This year's Convention will be held at The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg beginning on Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26, 2020

Finance Report 2/15/2020					
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 PROPOSAL 6/17/19	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Cost	Credits	Debits	Net
Banking					
Fees		\$24.00			
Interest			\$0.78		
Conferences 7/19-6/20		\$700.00		\$ 143.19	
Fund Raisers					
Williams Center (@14 people)	\$350.00	\$280.00	\$455.00	\$ 280.00	\$175.00
Authors Luncheon	\$2,500.00	\$400.00		\$ 42.10	
Poinsettia Sales	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$391.00	\$ 156.00	\$235.00
Other Fundraisers					12.85
Totals	\$3,150.00	\$830.00			\$422.85
Membership					
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	
Insurance		\$600.00		\$ 190.00	
Mailbox		\$106.00		\$ 106.00	
Postage		\$50.00		\$ 12.90	
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		\$ 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	
TOTALS	\$300.00	\$3,480.00	\$1,566.78	\$ 1,788.69	\$422.85



New And Prospective Members Brunch

Our branch is holding a brunch to welcome and inform new and prospective members. If you know of anyone who is interested in AAUW, please let Randi Blauth know and she will send them an invitation. We are excited to share AAUW's mission and our community activities, programs, and interest groups with our guests.

Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens.

Phylicia Rashad

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.

Book Discussion

Chair: Toni Hoffman



March 16, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Rosemary Baker
Book: **No One Is Coming To Save Us** by Stephanie Watts

Rotating Gourmet

Chair: Lois Wildrick



Members will be contacted when menus are ready.

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

Chair: Rosemary Baker



March 25, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Susan McNamara
Topic: **Girl, Woman, Other** by Bernadine Evaristo

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



March 24, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Toni Hoffman
Topic: Garbage/Trash

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



March 9, 10:00 am at Rosemary's
March 23, 10:00 am at Randi's

Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



Members (and spouses) explore small plate dining.

A March gathering is being planned. Call Yvonne for more information.

Stitch and Be

Chair: Yvonne Payne



March 5, 2:00 pm
Hostess: Toni Hoffman

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	www.aauw.org
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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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