



# The Easton Edition

## Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

### CALENDAR

#### Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, **October 15**

#### Branch Meeting

Thursday, October 22, **6:30 pm**

#### Board Meeting

Monday, October 5, 3:30 pm

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2020

Someone struggled for your right to vote.  
Use it!

Susan B. Anthony

Thursday, October 22 6:30 pm

#### Conversations Through Time! The Women Who Won The Vote

Joint Program with Northampton County Historical  
and Genealogical Society - Sigal Museum

Please join us for an exciting zoom event. In partnership with Sigal Museum you will meet seven suffragist women in period dress as they are interviewed about their experiences fighting for the rights of women. It is sure to be a unique and fun experience. A zoom link will be sent to all AAUW Easton members.

Please let others know that they can register at [aauweastonprograms@gmail.com](mailto:aauweastonprograms@gmail.com) to receive the link.



***"Women's rights are an essential part of the overall human rights agenda, trained on the equal dignity and ability to live in freedom all people should enjoy." -RBG***

## From the Presidents' Pens

### Vote Early and Vote by Mail

Since the 1880's, AAUW has been fighting to advance equity for women beginning with higher education, fighting to end workplace discrimination, advocating for family leave and child care and fighting for Title IX implementation. The most important thing we can do now is to vote.

October 19<sup>th</sup> is your last chance to register to vote and October 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot. If you voted by mail in the primary and are not sure if you checked the box to receive a mail in ballot for this election, call your township clerk and ask. Most are very pleasant and can easily look up the information.

We encourage you to vote by mail. Everyone is facing concerns about the Coronavirus and there may be long lines due to a shortage of poll workers. The National Conference of State Legislators, a bipartisan organization, believes that mail in voting is as secure or more secure than traditional methods of voting.

We encourage you to vote early. Yes, it does take more time to process mail in votes. The reason for that is that there are more security measures in place. That is a good thing.

Remember, voting is the ultimate power. The late Representative John Lewis believed the right to vote was "almost sacred." It is also one of our most hard-won rights. The whole purpose of Democracy is for every person to have her/his say. This is your chance to have your say.

Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters

### JOIN US FOR CANDIDATE CONVERSATIONS ON PRE-K EDUCATION

We welcome you to join us, AAUW Easton Branch, in partnership with the Children Matter Action Fund, for a Candidates Conversation via Zoom on **Tuesday, September 29, at 1 PM**. Others who will be joining include child care and early learning education providers and parents, business members, and resident and community members. We will hear from the candidates who are running to represent you.

This is an important issue in our community. Nearly 88.5% and 63.1% of children eligible for Child Care Works are unserved in House Districts 131 and 138 respectively. And, in Lehigh County 68% of children eligible for high-quality, publicly-funded, Pre-K do not have access, whereas in Northampton County 74% of children eligible for high-quality, publicly-funded, Pre-K do not have access.

All General Election candidates from the state's 131st and 138th House Districts, are invited to participate in this moderated conversation and share their views on early childhood education, child care, impacts on business and the community, and related areas.

Please confirm your participation via this registration [link](#) below, after registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Join in and hear what candidates in your district are thinking!

The link is: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_w0jmsmrdShqAlzdwDdkB0w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w0jmsmrdShqAlzdwDdkB0w)



*AUW Easton Branch and  
Sigal Museum Proudly Present*

*Conversations Through Time:  
The Women Who Won The Vote*

*Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the  
19th Amendment!*

*Hear the Stories of Seven Suffragists.*

*Women in period dress will be interviewed as they share  
their adventures as Suffragists.*

*A Zoom event October 22nd at 6:30 pm*

*A Zoom link will be sent to all AUW members. All other  
participants may register by emailing  
[auweastonprograms@gmail.com](mailto:auweastonprograms@gmail.com).*



**CHATTING ON A NOISY SATURDAY MORNING**

Never let anyone say that AAUW members aren't flexible and able to deal when difficulties arise! Your

membership committee and Board of Directors held a prospective member chat on a lovely Saturday morning in September. We met on Toni Hoffman's patio, socially-distanced, masked and ready to share AAUW experiences and information. As soon as we began the meeting, a man from Tracey school revved up his lawnmower and started to cut right along Toni's property line! It was loud! No matter that we tried to get his attention, he was focused on his job. So, we spoke when we could, sipped our drinks when he went noisily by, and carried on laughing through our masks. Did you ever realize how big the field behind Tracey school is?

We are happy to say that Kristen Stopfer, one of our scholarship recipients attended. She is a student at Pitt and is studying from home this semester due to the pandemic. She hopes to join in our activities when she's able. And, soon you will meet new member Jane Dell. She's originally from New York and has lived in the Lehigh Valley for two years. Jane loves all the arts that the Valley offers. Many thanks to Carol Inman for referring Jane to us!

We were able to display our new branch trifold although the breeze kept trying to blow it over.

Do you know anyone who would love our active fun sisterhood? Send them my way!

Randi Blauth  
Membership VP



Finance Report 9/15/20	Credits	Debits
<b>Banking</b>		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.12	
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
Donations		
Authors Luncheon		
Poinsettia Sale		
Other Fundraisers	\$90	
<b>Membership</b>		
Branch Dues	\$697	
Brochures		\$22.72
Yearbook		\$51.10
Newsletter		\$8.28
Other Printing		
Insurance		
Mailbox		\$118
Postage		\$3.00
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
<b>Officer Expenses</b>		
Membership		
Presidents		
Finance Officer		
<b>Programs</b>		
Meeting Rooms		\$55.00
Public Policy		
Scholarship		
Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials		\$19.79
Other Expenses		
Honorariums		\$100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$787.62</b>	<b>\$277.89</b>

## AAUW Webinar Announcement:

### Perspectives from the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund: Justice Ginsburg's Legacy and the Future of the Court

Thursday, October 1, 2020  
2 p.m. ET

In the wake of the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we invite you to join us for a webinar to learn about the accomplishments of this titan of justice and what the future holds. As evidenced by her honor as a 1999 AAUW Achievement Awardee, Justice Ginsburg was a champion for the rights of women and girls, and hugely instrumental in advancing AAUW's priorities. But what does the future hold for her seat on the bench and how will it impact AAUW's work? Join AAUW CEO Kim Churches and Director of Public Policy and Legal Advocacy Kate Nielson for a discussion of the past, the future, and your role in shaping history.

**Register by clicking the link below:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_luVT6pSTTu2QSLVlleSJ4Q?emci=c79dac00-cbfd-ea11-96f5-00155d03affc&emdi=0cd20526-7ffe-ea11-96f5-00155d03affc&ceid=910959](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_luVT6pSTTu2QSLVlleSJ4Q?emci=c79dac00-cbfd-ea11-96f5-00155d03affc&emdi=0cd20526-7ffe-ea11-96f5-00155d03affc&ceid=910959)

## What's New in Public Policy

I think I'm speaking to the choir when I say "Be sure to vote."

You can vote in person or by mail. There is still time to request a mail in ballot at [votespa.com](https://votespa.com) and follow the prompts.

When I receive my mail in ballot, I plan to fill it out immediately and take it to the courthouse lobby rather than depend on the U.S. Post Office. If there is no dropbox in the lobby, I will walk it back to the Board of Elections. I don't expect this to be a problem or to expose me unnecessarily to the coronavirus.

Be sure to check your polling place since it may have changed due to a shortage of poll workers.

If you want to encourage registered voters to actually vote, an organization called Vote Forward will help you do that. You will be able to adopt voters in a state of your choice, download and print a template and just add a sentence or two on why you vote. It's a way to stay involved yet not exposed.

The [Voter Issue Guide](#) is now available.



## Recognizing 50 Year Honorees – Nancy Butow

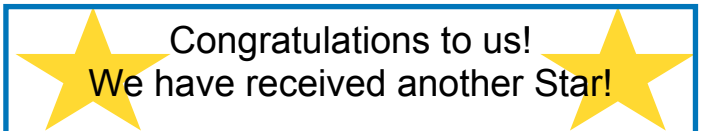
Nancy has been married to Robert Butow for 50 years and lived in their house for 49 years. It was their dream house even though it only had a dirt road leading up to it and needed major renovations. So they lived in different rooms as they renovated it. At first, the bank held the mortgage because they didn't even consider it a livable house. The house has a rich history and many of us have enjoyed stories about it while attending a tea at their house. They have two children and 5 grandchildren (4 boys and a girl).

Nancy was a librarian at Phillipsburg High School. It was her one and only job. She often said she stayed at the same job but the job changed. When she first started working there, at the end of each day, she would change the date stamp for the books. Gradually, technology evolved and her job changed from librarian to systems administrator. As the district was preparing for technology, the district was proposing to use Apple computers. Nancy through diligent research recommended the secondary level use IBM. Her research indicated that there was more software available for IBM computers. So she dressed up in her business suit and scheduled a meeting with the Superintendent to present her case. The district went with IBM computers! Another professional coupe for Nancy was proposing that the Computer Tech Department use the old magazine room next to the library. She became friends with the Computer tech staff, and they saw that she was really using the computer in the library for instructional purposes. Also, they were right next door when any problems arose.

During retirement Nancy and Bob kept busy and enjoyed many activities together. Some of the memorable trips included following the trail of the French & Indian War, touring early colonial America, visiting Jamestown, colonial Williamsburg and summer vacations to Cape May Point, N.J.

Nancy fell in love with quilting. She made baby quilts for each of her grandchildren.

Besides being active in AAUW, she was a Member of Governor Wolf historical Society. Their house was on one of their Christmas house Tours. She and Bob traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia to visit their daughter and family. It was quite a trip; they were kept busy touring all the sights. Nancy was co-president of our branch for four years. She continues on the board as Historian.



AAUW Easton branch has been awarded another star. As mentioned in prior newsletters, until June of 2021, AAUW National is awarding stars to local branches who meet certain criteria which aligns their work with the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. We received this award for promoting programs that focus on these important issues. Our goal is to receive 4 stars. We are half way there!

### My apologies

In the September newsletter, in the "In Memoriam" column on Muriel "Iff" Lepley, I left out part of her favorite poem.

I've taken this from her obituary:

She often quoted her favorite poem by Edgar Guest that begins: "Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle replied, that maybe it couldn't, but he would be one, who wouldn't say so till he tried."

## 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 and may be held virtually.

### Book Discussion

**Chair:** Toni Hoffman



October 19, 7:30 pm  
Hostess: Karol D'Huyvetters  
Book: **American Dirt**  
by Jeanine Cummins

### Rotating Gourmet

**Chair:** Lois Wildrick



Regular dinners will resume after the pandemic.

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



October 28, 7:00 pm  
Hostess: Kathleen and Susan  
Topic: Anti-Racism Daily articles

### International Relations

**Chair:** Fran Kennedy



October 13, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Fran Kennedy  
Topic: Sea Levels Rising

### 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.

Regular lunch meetings will resume after the pandemic.

### Mah Jongg

**Chair:** Toni Hoffman



Regular games will resume after the pandemic.

### Tapas Dining

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



Members (and spouses) explore small plate dining.

No meeting scheduled at this time.

### Stitch and Be

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



October 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>
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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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