

## CALENDAR

### Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 15

### Branch Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 pm

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 1:30 pm

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Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability. Sam Keen



## WE ARE A 5 STAR BRANCH

Our dedicated board members strongly believe that advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research are vital to advancing equity for women and girls. As the world of zoom entered our lives, we learned to adapt and adjust. We found ways to taste chocolate, work on a DIY art project and host a holiday trivia get together...all on Zoom. We even met suffragists in their period costumes, 100 years after women gained the right to vote. But we didn't forget about our mission. Together we watched **Picture a Scientist**, which focused on women in STEM fields, followed by a great discussion. Local experts and legislators shared the obstacles of poverty and how it affects homelessness, domestic violence, and education. We honored a group of young artists who were inspired to create a video presentation on food inequity. We had forums on education - pre-k to college - and a separate forum on early education and child care attended by candidates for local office. We awarded four scholarships to local graduating high school women, and increased our membership. Our D:DD interest group discussed issues, contacted legislators and wrote letters to the local papers. Our active website, Facebook, and monthly newsletter highlighted important public policy issues. Advice for branches? Talk to other branches, divide the tasks, and provide programming that engages members.

Randi Blauth, Membership VP, was out of town for our photo

## From the Presidents' Pens

Listen dear members and you shall hear  
of a chaotic, relentless, fantastical year.  
The board said to branch members  
as the summer grew near,  
a disease called Covid is really still here.

Stay six feet apart, wear a mask on your face.  
Have hand sanitizer, wipes and supplies in place.  
Stop going to restaurants, theaters, and schools,  
stay home in your 'bubble', don't cause any trouble.

What could be done, in this world filled with doom?  
We looked for an answer and then we found zoom!  
There were many challenges - we were ready to run  
but it all came together and we even had fun.

It was a year of elections and civil unrest,  
But lest we forget that change doesn't come easy,  
Suffragists travelled through time in period dress,  
and told us the ways they were put to the test,  
They were beaten and jailed to fight for the cause,  
100 years later we gave them applause.

Our programs continued with new thoughts and  
ideas, and we needed to search for a new  
panacea. With homelessness, poverty and hunger  
so near, experts showed - with compassion and  
knowledge, barriers could be overcome here.

And student artists were able to show that  
social justice issues were close to each heart  
through talented, expressive, and meaningful art.

More issues surfaced as schools rearranged.  
We learned of great challenges, a very wide range,  
From Pre-K to middle school to College we found,  
despite the challenges there was positive change.

We held candidate forums to educate members.  
We were informed of bills we hoped to pass.  
We called and wrote legislators to advocate issues  
and continued to be hopeful despite several fissures.

We also learned ways to be mindful and calm  
Relax, take a break, we don't have to brainstorm,  
We have an inner genius, waiting to perform.

Some of our programs were just to have fun  
We took buttons and paint and ribbons and glue  
and tried and laughed and a snowman peeked  
through.

And speaking of winter Janice L. was so sweet  
Despite icy conditions of snow and sleet  
she delivered our Poinsettias and gave us a treat  
Cozy in our homes, we felt very elite.

We tasted an amazing chocolate treat and  
learned of truffles, chocolate bombs, and good  
things to eat.  
Memories and laughs that holiday trivia brought,  
took us down memory lane and things we'd been  
taught.

Three local authors gave us an insightful view  
of the process and challenge to keep writing new.  
And four talented students had a real chance to  
stride, on a journey to college for a new kind of  
ride.

We received many rewards but the best was by  
far. Consider this - We are now a Five Star.



Thank you to all as we move on our way  
Our leadership team model is now here to stay.  
We will see you in September for another great  
year, filled with mission based programs and lots  
of good cheer!

Thanks for all the support,  
Nancy Kinzli and Karol D'Huyvetters  
Co-Presidents

## CHANGE IS COMING TO DDD

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IS MORE THAN HAVING A SEAT AT THE TABLE!

Members of the Diversity: Deeds & Dialogue Interest Group are pleased to announce a name change. As of July 1, 2021 we will be “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging” (DEIB). This decision reflects our desire to align more closely with the language used by AAUW National and AAUW-PA in their messaging. Most importantly, it represents a constantly evolving understanding of these issues and reflects National's increased commitment to serious work in diversity at all levels of the organization.

In the spirit of these changes, we ask that you take a few minutes to consider their meaningful implications.



**Diversity:** If you have a certain representative number of ...[individuals] from various back-grounds, you have a diverse workforce [or membership]. However, that doesn't necessarily mean that everyone within it feels welcomed or valued. Before, it used to be “enough” to have a certain percentage of diverse ... [individuals] at any given company,[organization or group]. But not only were these numbers often not met, it was rarely acted upon as a top initiative. Thankfully, that's changing.

**Equity:** This is about ensuring everyone has access to the same opportunities; In short, it's about recognizing that we don't all come from the same place and making sure that everyone, regardless of identity, [racial, cultural] or financial background, has access to grow and develop. This includes the ability to be compensated fairly and equally for job performance.

**Inclusion:** People should be celebrated—not separated—for their differences. To bring their unique ideas, experiences and practices to life, people need to be empowered and inspired. And to be truly effective, inclusion must be engrained and integrated throughout an organization.

**Belonging:** Workplaces [social groups, and organizations] that create a culture of belonging allow...[individuals] to thrive simply by being who they are every day. Constantly being afraid of expressing oneself doesn't foster a sense of creativity and innovation.... Creating social connections will strengthen every one's ability to communicate, get work done and enjoy each others company.

-Wilson HCB

As we think about these terms, concepts, and values, members also might come closer to home with some self-reflection questions: **(continued page 4)**

## **AAUW Easton Branch Annual Scholarship and Award Ceremony**

May 18, 2021 at Louise Moore Park

Nancy Kinzli, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She welcomed everyone. There were 17 members, four scholarship recipients and 12 guests present.

Karol D'Huyvetters spoke about the importance of awarding scholarships. She also reported that the branch is transitioning into the leadership team model. There will be two teams that rotate every three months. The bylaws have been updated to reflect this model. Susan McNamara made a motion seconded by Rosemary Baker to approve the bylaw changes. Motion carried.

Chris Zweifel presented our Scholarship awards to Yuki Lin (Bangor), Leah Hopf (Nazareth), Sarah Silverne (Phillipsburg) and Patricia Botros (Phillipsburg).

Karol D'Huyvetters presented the Outstanding Woman of the Year award to Nancy Kinzli.

Karol D'Huyvetters presented our Member Making a Difference award to Janice Lupackino.

Nancy and Karol announced that the branch had received the 5 Star Recognition award from National.

Nancy Kinzli announced that with our branch's total giving of \$1940 to AAUW Funds, we could name three Named Gift Honorees. She announced that the first honor was given in memoriam to Jean Riker, Carol Cochran and Helene Kaplan, the second honor was given to the new members of our branch. Karol

announced that the third honor is given to the board members. She and Nancy recognized and thanked all board members.

The branch has received PA State recognition for their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Karol announced a branch picnic will be held on August 3 at 5:30 pm at Louise Moore Park. Claire announced that the Out to Lunch group will meet on June 16 at 12:30pm at Third and Ferry.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Baker

### **Change Is Coming to DDD continued:**

- How have I felt included in a group? What told me that the group welcomed inclusion?
- What behaviors or experiences told me that I actually belonged--was not a bystander, guest, intruder?
- How have you (we) welcomed others to our events?
- How do you make others feel included, acknowledged, affirmed in your life?

Although our D:DD group has been active for more than ten years, we know there is still much to learn and more to do. So, we are excited by the development of a new AAUW National Diversity & Inclusion Toolkit and by event planning on Diversity from AAUW-PA. We encourage all members of our three Lehigh Valley affiliates to check-out, if you haven't already, the article by AAUW-PA's Diversity and Inclusion Chair Jordan Glover (State College) in the March 21, 2021 *Keystoner* and to check out the Toolkit on National's website.



## WHY THE DUES INCREASE

Look carefully at this graphic and you will see everything that AAUW does to promote equity for women and girls. Whether it's by presenting webinars to educate and help us, advocating for gender and pay equity on the hill and in state legislatures or awarding scholarships and grants to further education, AAUW is working for us. Organizations can't do the necessary work if they are not adequately funded.

More information can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/about/years-in-review> and for a slightly different perspective, click the link below:

<https://www.aauw.org/about/years-in-review/2020-review/?emci=1cdec38c-f05c-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&emdi=77339938-fa5c-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&ceid=928804>

## AAUW DUES

March 15, 2021 – June 30, 2022

You may **pay on-line** using the email link sent to you by National. If for some reason you have not received this link contact [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or send your **check** payable to AAUW Easton Branch with the form below to: AAUW Easton Branch P.O. Box 1464 Easton, PA 18044-1464

**TOTAL OF \$87.00** includes National \$62., PA State \$10 and Easton Branch \$15. Additional contributions welcome to The Greatest Needs Fund or fund of your choice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Members and college/university representatives pay state and branch only (\$25.)

A Life Membership is \$1,180.00.

Undergraduate affiliates from a C/U partner pay no dues.

Undergraduate affiliates from a non-C/U partner pay \$18.81

Honorary Life members pay no dues.

**D:DD: Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue**  
**Did you know....?**

In many states, black misdemeanor arrest rates are 10 times that of whites.

For example: **Jaywalking**

- 89.5% of NYC jaywalking tickets were issued to Black and Brown people
- Urbana Illinois: 91%
- Ferguson Missouri: 95%

Today's misdemeanor system brings in **\$80 billion dollars** per year in fines and fees.

- More than 90% of every dollar goes to a public institution, public courts and prosecutors' offices.
- Daily operations become a profit-making system; people are charged for their incarceration.
- Daily necessities become a way institutions and private businesses make money: cafeteria meals, trays and utensils, commissary, medical care, phone calls to loved ones, uniforms and laundry all come at a cost. And many times it's the people who are incarcerated who are paying the price.
- These costs disproportionately affect people who are convicted of a low-level offense or have yet to be convicted of anything and are awaiting trial.
- 10 million Americans owe more than \$50 billion in criminal justice debt.



Finance Report 6/30/21	Credits	Debits
<b>Banking</b>		
Fees		\$8.00
Interest	\$0.77	
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
Donations	\$187.00	
Authors Luncheon	\$1,780.12	\$54.04
Poinsettia Sale	\$499.00	\$212.25
Other Fundraisers	\$94.60	
<b>Membership</b>		
Branch Dues	\$772.50	
Brochures		\$22.72
Yearbook		\$51.10
Newsletter		\$102.19
Other Printing		
Insurance		\$583.00
Mailbox		\$118.00
Postage		\$14.00
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		50.00
<b>Officer Expenses</b>		
Membership		
Presidents		
Finance Officer		
<b>Programs</b>		
Meeting Rooms		\$165.00
Public Policy		
Scholarship		\$43.91
Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials		\$19.79
Other Expenses		\$36.21
Honorariums		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,333.99</b>	<b>\$1,480.21</b>

## News You Can Use

### Vote to Eliminate Education Requirement

Our board was deeply disappointed that the by-law change to eliminate the education requirement did not pass. The vote required a 2/3 majority or 66.5% and received 63%.

Twenty-three percent of all members voted which was a record high. Based on past voting, this vote shows that momentum is shifting toward a more inclusive membership. We will continue on our journey to be committed to advancing gender equity for women and girls with a vision of equity for all.



### Picture A Scientist

**This** spring, a group of members watched and discussed an award winning film called Picture A Scientist. It portrayed a group of women scientists who experienced brutal harassment and subtle slights while trying to do their jobs. It also presented a new perspective on how to make science more diverse and equitable.

**More** women are entering the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) than ever before. The growth of these jobs is increasing three times faster than other fields. **We** are hoping to explore current science related issues and their relationship to women.

As a result of our discussion, members decided to form a Science interest group that will meet quarterly.

**For** our meeting on Wednesday, August 25 at 2 pm, we have chosen to read The Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson. It's the story of Jennifer Doudna and colleagues who won a Nobel prize for their work in CRISPR technology, gene editing, and ultimately vaccines. All are welcome. A reminder email will be sent closer to the date. Place TBD.

### 95 Years!!!! It's party time!



It was ninety five years ago, on June 22, 1926, that our AAUW Easton branch was officially chartered. We continue to be a vibrant branch and look forward to celebrating in the fall.

### Yearbook

It's time to update our AAUW Easton Branch Yearbook. If your address or phone number has changed or needs to be corrected, please call Nancy Kinzli.

### Exercise with Friends

The AAUW Easton Branch invites you to join us to socialize and exercise on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting at Louise Moore Park, Easton, PA. Bring a friend and join us as August Smith Williams of Fitness by August leads us in exercise. All exercise levels welcome. Join the fun! RSVP to Rosemary.

## Membership 2020-2021 End of Year Report

This pandemic year slowed down our efforts to promote the branch through social interaction and membership events; however, AAUW Easton still welcomed back Monica Seligmann and met three new members: Jane Dell, Lilly Gioia, and Lisa Spitale. Now that we are again able to meet in person, we hope to see them all at our summer picnic and give them a grand welcome.

The membership committee twice contacted members over this year to keep in touch and to keep them informed. Since not all members were comfortable using Zoom, we found that reaching out over the phone was a wonderful way to connect. We also canvassed members about preferred meeting times and days, programs of interest and other information that would help the Leadership Team in planning for the coming year. Sunday afternoon is a preferred time for working women to attend programs.

Kim Thurston-Brown and Carolyn Connors will help the membership committee as they are able. They each bring different perspectives to the committee which will greatly help us move forward. The committee will seek out women-owned businesses and businesses that are largely or wholly women-related. We hope they will allow us to leave AAUW literature in an attempt to recruit and attract new members. We will also design a brochure that will contain updated wording for why joining AAUW is important in our lives and add an eye catching graphic to the front cover intended to grab the attention of the viewer. We will seek places to speak about AAUW and use our new large branch tri-fold when doing so.

Members need to help with recruitment and will be asked to recruit friends and family.

Randi Blauth, Membership Vice President



We are looking for members who “**Just Have the Heart**” to volunteer on a committee, leadership team or shadow one of the elected officers. Our Branch is making a huge change to a leadership team model and we need members to become actively involved. A Branch that has involved members is vibrant, growing in new directions and an active part of the community. This is our goal so please consider becoming involved in our branch.

To find out “HOW” you can become involved and help our branch continue to advocate for equity for women, contact Toni Hoffman, Rosemary Baker, Fran Kennedy, Randi Blauth, Nancy Kinzli or Karol D’Huyvetters.

## Revised Bylaws

At the Branch Meeting on May 18, 2021 our revised Bylaws were adopted by the members. The Bylaws were revised to reflect the change to a leadership team model.

Other revisions included updated wording and minor additions to reflect current practices. The revised Bylaws are on our website for your reference.



## Meet Our Scholarship Recipients



### **Patricia Botros - Phillipsburg**

Patricia's extra-curricular activities include serving as President of National Honor Society and serving on the fundraising board for Mini-Thon, an organization that raises money for the fight against pediatric cancer. She is also significantly involved in St. Mary and St. Bishoy Church's Youth Group where she has served the homeless community.

Patricia plans to major in psychology as an undergraduate and focus on the relationship between physical and mental health. She intends to get into a Physician Assistant graduate program and pursue a career as a PA that recognizes both the mental and physical health needs of her patients.



### **Leah Hopf - Nazareth**

Leah's extra-curricular activities include serving as President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of Executive Council, and is a four-time state qualifier of Future Business Leaders of America. She is also significantly involved in community activities, such as Co-President of Teen Advisory Board at Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity, a volunteer of Zooniverse, a citizen science organization, and Creator of Coloring the Future, a project that connects kindergarteners and high school seniors through artwork.

Leah is particularly interested in the correlations between climate change and human rights crises. She plans to major in International Relations with a concentration in Environmental Science.



### **Yuki Lin - Bangor**

Yuki's extra-curricular activities include Student Government, Class Cabinet, and Women's Chorale. She presented her research at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science and won first place. She also volunteers with St. Luke's Hospital providing patients with comfort and support.

Yuki uses her bilingual skill to help others. She has grown to appreciate biology and medicine. She wants to continue research and biology in college in hopes to get into medical school and one day become a doctor.



### **Sarah Silverne - Phillipsburg**

Sarah's extra-curricular activities include National Honor Society, Environmental Club, Healing Hearts Club, and is Coordinating Secretary for Sign Language Club. She is also significantly involved in volunteer work, serving the community through Phillipsburg Alliance Church.

Sarah is driven by the ideals of her immigrant parents. She has a never-ending curiosity of the chemical and physical world and is especially intrigued by functions and manifestations of the human body. She will be pursuing a Biology degree as the foundation for her future prospects in the medical field and graduate school.

## Education Funding

Right now, 86% of Pennsylvania students attend schools that don't receive adequate resources for education, according to state law. Use the [Find Your District](https://www.fundourschoolspa.org/findyourdistrict) interactive tool to learn more about the underfunding in our community. Our leaders in Harrisburg have failed to pay their fair share for public education, leaving local taxpayers to pick up the slack. This creates a system where underfunding is widespread, and the students who need the most get the least, because of where they live. The Find Your District tool (<https://www.fundourschoolspa.org/findyourdistrict>) enables you to see how underfunded your school district is under our current system. You are able to download a customized graphic for your district and share with your school board, community leaders, legislators. This tool provides the data we need to be effective advocates.



To stay current on the lawsuit and explore the issue, register with [FundOurSchoolsPA.org](https://www.fundourschoolspa.org).

Other trusted sources of information about education matters and the current state budget are [PASchoolsWork.org](https://www.paschoolswork.org) and [EducationVotersPA.org](https://www.educationvoterspa.org). This is budget season in Harrisburg and we have learned from past years that developments occur quickly.

Get your news accurately and quickly by signing up for alerts from these organizations. While focusing on certain pieces of the education puzzle, all three of these organizations are working together to improve public education for Pennsylvania students.

## Summer Retreat 2021 via Zoom

The PA State Summer Retreat will be Saturday, July 24 from 9 am - 2:45pm. In your home, you can pull up a chair, make a lunch, and enjoy a day filled with important information. Speakers will address STEM and STEAM education for PA students and Workplace and On-campus bullying. There will also be Public Policy and AAUW National updates. Our branch will be celebrated along with other PA Star branches. The cost is \$10. Registration closes July 17. Register at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>

We will be participating in the AAUW Greatest Needs Fundraiser - an on-line silent auction. Bidding will be done through a link on the AAUW-PA website (above) and will be open one week before the retreat.

Our 'Fun With Crayola' Gift Basket donation.



## Interest Group Review

### Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue

The Diversity:Deeds and Dialogue group meets at 7:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. This past year we met via Zoom due to the pandemic. Members of this group come together to discuss issues around race, age, gender, and more. The group is concerned with social action as well as social justice.

Our format changed this past year. Two members led the discussion each month often choosing topics from the online newsletter Anti-Racism Daily. We viewed a documentary and will be reading and discussing a novel. Some of the topics we have discussed are disparity in health care, vaccine rollout, raising the minimum wage, white centering, examining the steps of an effective apology and micro-aggressions. We discussed supporting black owned businesses and compiled a list that was shared with our branches. We attended a Lehigh University's Community Conversation on Race series program presented by Dr. Beverly Tatum, a race relations expert who wrote *Why Do All the Black Kids Sit Together in the Cafeteria?*

The name of the group is changing to DEIB-Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging effective July 1, to better reflect the aims of the group.

### Public Policy

We wrote letter to the editors of the local newspapers, we posted on Facebook and occasionally tweeted. We called to speak with our legislators in Harrisburg and Washington, DC and informed them of our concerns on various issues, pay equity being one.

We used the Two Minute Activist every time a notification from National arrived in our Inbox. AAUW and AAUW-PA webinars kept us up to date on the status of issues of interest to us.

### The Year In Books

From packhorse librarians to England at the beginning of WWII, from terrifying immigrant journeys to the African American experience in the early-1900s American south, from a fictional African country to Barcelona, Spain, from the Faulkner south to Philadelphia, the book group covered a lot of territory.

We met monthly on Zoom for our always interesting and insightful discussions about the books we read. Did we like all of them? Not always, yet getting together with friends, hearing what they had to say, made every discussion special.

### Climate Change and Water

International Relations focused on Water and Climate Change and learned an amazing amount about water. For the last several months we focused on mitigation including research and new technologies.

We read Elizabeth Kolbert's new book Under a White Sky. We recommend the book which outlines some of the possibilities that need research immediately.

### Tapas Anyone?

The Tapas Interest Group met several times over this pandemic year, on Zoom of course, and had so much fun that the members decided to try meeting on the third Sunday of every month.

This is small plate dining and spouses/significant others are included.

The group is taking a break over the summer but mark your calendars now because in September we should be able to meet in person.

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

As members of AAUW Easton, I'm sure we all have stories of why AAUW is important to us.

### What's your story?

When I first joined, I didn't feel at all comfortable. I didn't feel that I fit in with many of the women I met. I had little interest in most of the programs. But, the mission and the book group kept me there. As time went on, I met more members and attended a few programs that were of interest. At one particular program I met Susan McNamara, then president of the Bethlehem branch, who asked me to be Diversity Officer and develop that position for the Bethlehem branch, where I was a member at the time. As Diversity Officer, I met others from both Bethlehem and Easton and began to feel more comfortable and a part of the branch. Since then I have become very involved in AAUW, attending state and national conventions. I've met women from all over the country and I'm here to tell you how much I've grown as a woman and a human being through meeting people, putting myself out there (not always my comfort zone) and learning so so much through our study/interest groups and from others' points of view. I was perhaps the youngest member of the Bethlehem branch for a few years, and I learned that listening to women older than myself had value. Imagine that! I'll give a particular shout out to Norma Ferguson, Froy Thompson, and Marlou Belyea. What women we have in AAUW!

I've been on many adventures with my AAUW friends. Just ask us how many times we've gotten lost somewhere and laughed and laughed. Or the time we rode around San Diego on Segways, bravely crossing streets and going over railroad tracks!

This is my story. I'm sure your stories are different. BUT, we're all here together working to empower women and girls. That's what we do.

I'd love to hear your stories and include them in the newsletter. Sometimes we all need reminders about why something is important and of value to us. Let's share our stories.

Randi Blauth  
Membership VP

**AAUW EASTON BRANCH INVITES YOU TO**

Join us to Socialize and Exercise

When: Wednesday, July 7 at 6:00pm

Where: Louise Moore Park West - Easton, PA



Bring a friend and join us as August Smith Williams of **Fitness by August** leads us in exercise. All exercise levels welcome. Join the fun!



## Time To Celebrate!

Spring time is a wonderful time of the year. It's a tease and a promise of sunny days, flowers growing and blooming and being outside. Also, it's the time of our Annual Awards Ceremony. This is a celebration of everything we have worked towards throughout the year and that is AAUW's mission to promote equity for women. The best way to promote equity for women is through providing scholarships to young women to further their education and to recognize the accomplishments of our own "Outstanding Women"

On May 18, 2021 our branch gathered at Louise Moore Park to meet our four scholarship recipients and recognize our branch's accomplishments. Between the guests and members, there were over 35 participants. After a year of zooming, members enjoyed the opportunity to visit and see friends at a "Live" event. It was a beautiful evening for an outdoor event.

At the ceremony, we recognized the contributions of our members. The Outstanding Women of the Year Award is given to recognize a member of the branch for meritorious service to the branch and to the community. This year's recipient has spent many tireless hours committed to planning and implementing programs, making sure we had a yearbook, following up on entering members into the Member Services Database, monitoring our financial resources, serving on the scholarship committee, and writing articles for the newsletter. This year, she successfully led our branch through the process of becoming a 5 Star Branch. This is quite an achievement as there are only 4 branches in PA that have accomplished this and we are one of them thanks to Nancy Kinzli. Congratulations, Nancy!

The Member Making a Difference Award is given to a member who has had a tremendous impact on the branch. We honored Janice Lupackino with this award because of her hard work on the poinsettia fund raiser. Janice braved the cold and snow to deliver poinsettias to our members. Janice earned an Undergraduate BS degree in Spanish Education from East Stroudsburg State College and a M.A. in Spanish at Millersville University. Her greatest reward as a teacher was her ability to impart knowledge, education, and experience to her students

Also, our branch received the following certificates: Five Star Recognition Award from National, Three Named Gift Honorees Awards (one was given in memoriam to Jean Riker, Carol Cochran and Helene Kaplan, the second was given to the new members of our branch and the third was given to the board members), and PA State recognition for 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.





**August 3, 2021  
Louise Moore Park,  
Easton Pavilion # 2  
West Side parking**

The pavilion will be accessible at 5:30 pm.  
Bring your own picnic food and non-alcoholic beverage  
Spouses, significant others and friends who are interested  
in AAUW are welcome to join us

**Social Distancing Guidelines Will Be In Effect Based on  
CDC Guidelines**



## 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



September 20, 7:30 pm  
Hostess: Susan McNamara  
Book: **Deacon King Kong** by James McBride

### Rotating Gourmet

**Chair:**



Branch picnic August 3rd at Louise Moore Park. See you at 5:30 pm.  
**This group needs a new coordinator. Please volunteer.**

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



August 25, 7:00 pm  
Hostess: TBD  
Topic: **Planning meeting**

### International Relations

**Chair:** Fran Kennedy



September 14, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Fran Kennedy  
Topic: **Planning Meeting**

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



Regular games will resume post pandemic

### Out To Lunch

**Chair:** Claire Degnan



Members meet for lunch. All members welcome.

July 13th at 12:30 pm  
The View at Morgan Hill  
RSVP to Claire Degnan

### Mah Jongg

**Chair:** Toni Hoffman



Regular games will resume after the pandemic.

### Tapas Dining

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



Members (and spouses) explore small plate dining.  
Group will resume in the fall.

### Stitch and Be

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



Group will resume in the fall.  
Hostess: Yvonne Payne

## American Association of University Women

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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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