

The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Monday, November 15

Branch Meeting

Friday, November 12, 8 pm Evening at the Williams Center

Board Meeting

Monday, November 1, 7:30 pm

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2021

'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility and understanding

Alice Walker

Annual Evening at the Williams Center Friday, November 12, 2021 - 8:00 pm

Ak Dan Gwang Chil



Sacred, shamanic, secular *gut* and *minyo* folk music get a powerful K-pop boost by South Korea's Ak Dan Gwang Chil, a multi-award winning group fronted by three high-octane women—vocalists Chorong Bang, Hee Rim Wang, and Minyoung An. With a traditional ensemble of zithers, flutes, drums, and gongs, Ak Dan Gwang Chil builds on Korean musical forms and delivers them with 21st-century showmanship in buoyant, swinging performances. The result is nothing short of a spiritual experience filled with positive energy.

Tickets are \$25. A portion of each AAUW ticket goes towards local scholarships. Spouses and friends are welcome.

From the Leadership Team

With the changing of the leaves, our thoughts turn to the Thanksgiving holiday and giving thanks for the many good things in our lives.

AAUW is one of those things. When you look around and count your friends, how many of them did you meet through your membership in AAUW? Even when friends move away or leave AAUW, the friendships and communication continue.

How many of your activities revolve around AAUW interest groups? AAUW members are interested in so many different things - books, politics, public policy, games such as bridge and Mah Jongg, dining, and just good conversation.

Friendship, part of the social fabric of life, is central to good health and well being which means AAUW helps to keep us healthy.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Enjoy the turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie and time spent with family and friends.

There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family.



News You Can Use

The phone numbers in the newest yearbook for Mary Ehrlich and Susan McNamara are incorrect. Please email the leadership team for the correct contact information and then make the correction in your yearbook.

Janet Rosenthal has moved to Illinois. Email one of the leadership team for her new contact information.



Walking Group

Chair: Fran Kennedy (Be sure to let her know if you are coming)

Meets every Friday at 9 am

Join this group to walk on different paths in the Easton area. Enjoy the fresh air, many walking paths, and great company.

What's Your Story

I joined AAUW in 1986 and at that time I
was one of the younger members. I was looking to
get involved in activities outside of my full time job. I
wanted to join an organization with like-minded women and
ideas. I had no sooner joined the branch than the Recording
Secretary on the branch board had to resign and I was asked to fill
the position. I said "yes" and have been on the board ever since.
Coming on the board right away was the best decision I made as I
learned not only about the AAUW Easton Branch, but National and State as
well. I asked questions, listened to long time members and learned so much
of our history, among so many other things, from them.

I joined interest groups: book group and rotating gourmet. It was a great way to feed my mind and my body. I got to know the members of the branch and made friendships along the way. One also cannot forget the hours spent at Book Fair and our Women in History presentations in the local schools. Always seeking lifelong learning and action, I was an original member of our interbranch Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue, now DEIB, interest group. I learned to play Bridge and Mah Jongg.

After serving as branch president, I was asked to join the AAUW PA State board. I had been attending state conventions for years so I was thrilled to work with women whom I admired from all over the state. It forced me out of my comfort zone and I found a great sense of accomplishment as we worked together for our mission, plus I made many more friendships along the way. I will always cherish the time I spent on state board.

AAUW introduced me to other community organizations and has provided me with work larger than myself, a place to discuss ideas and issues, expand my library, read great books, meet interesting people and work towards education and equity and support women in their endeavors.

Rosemary Baker

INTERESTED IN GROWING OUR BRANCH?

Join AAUW-PA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair Jordan Glover and AAUW-PA Membership VP Randi Blauth to learn about various ways those of us involved in the membership recruitment process can adjust current strategies and create new strategies to ensure our recruitment practices are as inclusive as possible.

November 18th @ 7:00 pm

To Register for Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/ register/tZMvf-CurTgtGtPytMX8smPFeSE_fAFu4Au1

Mark Your Calendar Now

November 2	Election Day	
November 4	Common Sense Day	
November 7	Zero Tasking Day	
November 10	Vanilla Cupcake Day	
November 13	World Kindness Day	
November 17	Take A Hike Day	
November 21	World Hello Day	
November 23	Fibonacci Day	
November 25	Thanksgiving	
November 26	Buy Nothing Day	
November 30	Computer Security Day	

New Interest Group Chairs

Susan McNamara is now the chair of the book group. She is available to answer any questions you might have.

Becky Goldenberg is now the chair of the Mah Jongg Group. Contact her if you are interested in learning how to play.

Newsletter Information

Wouldn't you like to learn how to put a newsletter together or just use WORD for all the articles? 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.



WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT EACH OTHER?

As you say to yourself, "it's not my responsibility to recruit new members" just think about what makes AAUW Easton important to you. I'll bet you love the friends you've made—people with whom you have something in common. I'll bet you love the discussions at book group, International Relations, and our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging inter-branch study group. And, I'll even bet you love to eat with your AAUW peers at the Out to Lunch Bunch or Tapas. So, tell me then, why isn't it our collective responsibility to grow our branch?

The more people who join, the more vibrant and interesting our activities and events will be. There will be more members to learn with us and advocate for the issues we all hold important: pay equity, intimate partner violence, STEM, reproductive rights, college debt, K-12 public education, diversity and inclusion, quality, affordable child care; and providing local college scholarships.

And, regardless of what anyone says, AAUW is non-partisan. It happens that the issues that affect many people and the values that a large portion of our U.S. population holds are non-partisan. Issues that affect women and our non-gendered allies are family issues.



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CHOCOLATE TIME IS COMING IN JANUARY!

Enjoy sweet fun at Chocolate Works. On **January 23, 2022**, from **3:00 – 5:00**, join other members in making a fun fashion mold of chocolate and munching on chocolate too. We will have a private party room for a sweet fun time. The cost will be \$25.00 for the chocolate mold, decorations and chocolate sampling. Mark the date on your CALENDAR NOW!.

Chocolate Works is located at 4773 Freemansburg Ave., Easton, PA in the Shop-Rite shopping center.

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: AAUW Easton Branch 8th Annual

Authors' Luncheon

WHEN: April 9, 2022 - Time: 11:00 am

WHERE: The Pub At Seipsville

2912 Old Nazareth Road

Easton, PA 18045

Participating Authors:

Jennifer Gilmore, Joyce Hinnefeld, Maryann McFadden

Finance Report 10/15	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.21	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$217.41	\$10.54
Authors Luncheon		
Poinsettia Sale		
Other Fundraisers		
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$604.50	
Brochures		\$32.00
Yearbook		\$42.00
Newsletter		\$24.75
Other Printing		
Insurance		
Mailbox		\$146.00
Postage		\$11.00
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
Officer Expenses		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
Programs		
Meeting Rooms		\$150.99
Public Policy		
Scholarship		
Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials		
Other Expenses		
Honoraraiums		
Totals	\$822.12	\$416.69

AAUW Easton Branch Poinsettia Sale

It's the time of year when our thoughts turn to the holidays. What better way to begin your holiday shopping than with ordering the beautiful poinsettias the branch is selling as a fundraiser?

Print and fill out the order form below and send it with a check to Janice Lupackino. You receive gorgeous poinsettias and the branch scholarship fund benefits as well.



Holiday Party 1753 Bachmann Publick House, Easton Sunday, December 12, 2pm





Our holiday party will take place at Easton's only surviving 18th century tavern, the oldest standing building in Easton. The land deed was secured from the Penn's by Jacob Bachmann, its builder. Famous guests included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and signers of the Declaration of Independence. A Bachmann Publick House docent will share the history of the building and its many characters.

In the spirit of Easton history, we will also celebrate the AAUW Easton Branch's 95th Anniversary. We will be 'Sitting on Top of the World' (Al Jolson's number one hit that year) as we learn about the formation of our branch in 1926, 95 years ago.

As we partake in High Tea, we will enjoy finger sandwiches, cookies, and tea and experience the historic atmosphere where politicians met to eat, drink, exchange news, and conduct meetings.

We will be charging \$20. to help to cover costs. Bring your spouse/partner and join us. RSVP to Nancy Kinzli through the contact us section of our website.

Just for Fun.....the 1700's meet the 1920's



Our afternoon on the Karl Stirner Arts Trail

Twelve members and friends participated in a delightful walking tour of the Karl Stirner Arts Trail on Sunday afternoon, October 17th. Tour guide, Jim Toia, Executive Director of the Trail shared his vast knowledge in an informative and interesting talk. His love for the trail and all it has to offer was contagious. Combining nature with a holistic energy, the Trail is truly distinctive...from a musical path where you can play Für Elise to a meditative stone labyrinth to various sculptures, there is something for everyone.



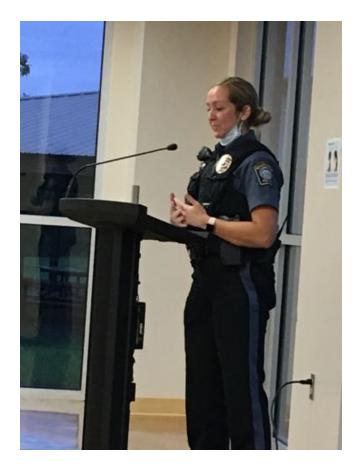




Voices in Blue

Socially distanced and masked, AAUW members learn about the female experience of police work.







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: Susan McNamara



November 15, 7:00 pm Hostess: Randi Blauth Book: **Whereabouts** by Jhumpa Lahiri

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



November Date TBA, 7:00 pm Hostess: Meet on Zoom Topic: **The Sum of Us,**

Ch. 8,9

Afternoon Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



The bridge group would like to start playing again. If you are interested in playing bridge, please contact Rosemary Baker.

Mah Jongg

Chair: Becky Goldenberg



November 8, 1:30 pm November 22, 1:30 pm Hostess: Rosemary, Susan

Stitch and Be

Chair: Yvonne Payne



November 4, 3:00 pm Hostess: Susan McNamara

Rotating Gourmet Chair:



This group needs a new chairwoman to coordinate the dinners with Margaret Skaarup.

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



November 23, 1:30 p.m. Hostess: Karol D'Huyvetters Topic: Education for Marginalized Populations in North America

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



All members welcome.

November 3, 12:30 pm

Hampton Winds

RSVP to Claire by 10/27/21

Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



November 7, 5:00 pm Hostess: Carolyn Conners

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



January 12, 2:00 pm Topic: Trees

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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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