

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, **January 15**

Branch Meeting

Holiday Party - December 12
Chocolate Chat - January 23

Board Meeting

Monday, December 6, 7:30 pm

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2021-2022

Happy New Year

It's Time to Celebrate

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

Join branch members to celebrate the coming holiday season. Raise a glass to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Easton Branch.



See the flyer on page 3 for more information.



Chocolate Chat
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
January 23, 2022

Join us in a private party room to make your own chocolate mold. Decorate your chocolate mold and sample different chocolates.

Chocolate Works is located at 4773 Freemansburg Avenue in the ShopRite shopping center.

RSVP to Rosemary Baker by January 14th See page 14 for reservation form

From the Leadership Team

A New Year's Invitation



The secular new year is always a wistful time for me.

More time has passed, whether happy or sad and that means less time left to experience new things, new people, new places, and new ideas. I always feel as if I am trying to catch up to something rather than living in a moment. I'm not sure if this is good or bad, but I do know that our communities and the world at large are in need of us and I can't rest until I do what I can to help. I can't overlook the need, whether it be the environment, domestic and intimate partner violence, pay equity, paid leave, support for child care, poverty, education, or the fight against hate of any kind.

That must be why I'm an AAUW member. We don't rest until we educate and advocate for change. We write letters, lobby Congress, go to rallies, educate ourselves and our community on important issues and partner with agencies who share our AAUW values. We support one another on our quest for change and no member need take action alone. We are lifelong learners who share visions, ideas, opinions in our study groups while sharing a peoplehood that often includes fun, too.

So, at this new year, I'm asking that you share the AAUW mission with those you know care about our issues. Your branch, your state and the national organization need you and your friends and neighbors. Americans often think individually, but there are times when we need to think and act collectively. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. This is not politics.

This is values. The issues AAUW supports are the values we care deeply about.

What will you do in this new year to make our community a better place? How will you help an organization, AAUW, that has been there for you for many years, to become a larger voice in our communities? I invite you to join me and our leadership team as we chart new territory for our new year. -Randi Blauth

In Memoriam



Mabel "Mibs" M. Follett, 91 of Bethlehem, PA (formerly from Palmer Township) died peacefully in the presence of family Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem.

She and her husband Don Follett met at Cornell University on a blind date and experienced an incredible and loving marriage for over 69 years.

After graduating from high school in Albany, NY she earned her BS in Food and Nutrition Management from Cornell University in 1951. As an alumna, she remained active in Cornell activities and was a Class President. Mibs was employed by the Ladies Home Journal in NYC after graduation and later at Lafayette College in the Development Office. Mibs was instrumental in establishing the former Meals on Wheels in Easton. She was a member of AAUW-Easton Chapter, the Fortnightly Group and active in garden clubs. Mibs was most recently a member of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem and was a former 50-year member of First Presbyterian Church, Easton where she served as an Elder, Deacon and Sunday School teacher. Most of all, she was an amazing wife, mother and "Mammaw" who strongly prioritized family, faith and love.

We send our condolences to her family.



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Bring your spouse/partner, significant other or friend and join us to celebrate the holiday season and the 95th anniversary of the Easton Branch. There will be food, fun and games for all to enjoy.

- Listen to a docent tell us about the fascinating history of the Bachmann Publick House.
- Reminisce about the history of the Easton Branch
- Visit with friends

In honor of our 95th year, we're collecting 95 new and gently used children's books that will be donated to appropriate organizations in Easton. Bring your books to the party and be sure to have your masks handy.*

Your \$20 per person charge includes the docent, coffee, tea, tea sandwiches, dessert, and a toast to our 95th. RSVP to Nancy Kinzli by December 6, 2021.

Name: _____

No. of Persons: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Mail registration form and check made out to AAUW Easton Branch to Nancy Kinzli, 155 Bennis Hill Road, Bangor, PA 18013.

***Sigal Museum volunteers will wear masks. Masks required when not eating.**

Holiday Party
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The Bachmann Publick House is located at 1753 Northampton Street in Easton. It is on the corner of 2nd and Northampton.

There is metered parking on Northampton and 2nd Street or you can park in the parking garage at 123 Third Street.



Enter by using the stairs on the left of the building. At the top of the stairs are two doors. Come in the door on the left.



If you prefer not to use stairs, there is a brick entrance on 2nd Street in the back of the building. Walk down the brick entrance, through the gate. Turn right at the end of the building and enter through the door in the back.



BOOKS GLORIOUS BOOKS

IN HONOR OF OUR 95TH BRANCH ANNIVERSARY, LET'S COLLECT 95 GENTLY USED OR NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO DONATE TO THE EASTON COMMUNITY!

PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS TO OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH OR CONTACT **RANDI** AT 610-730-3895 OR EMAIL HER AT READ4JOY@PTD.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION



Go Beyond Recycling Embrace a Zero-Waste Lifestyle

Use glass and stainless steel containers

Drink from metal or glass water bottles

Buy loose items in bulk and store in reusable and resealable airtight jars or containers

Bring your own canvas, mesh or cloth bags to the market or other retailers

Reconstitute leftovers into another meal

Donate used cooking oil for recycling into biofuel

Carry your lunch in an insulated reusable container

Happy Holidays

WELCOME JENNIFER FUHR HALL



Jennifer is a dual branch member of both Bethlehem and Easton. We first met Jennifer through our inter-branch DEIB study group and she joined us at our Women in Blue branch program.

Jennifer lives in Nazareth with her husband and two dogs: a Black Lab and a Border Collie. Both Jennifer and her husband are pastors and met at a Bible study. She is from a small farming community in Nebraska and has lived many places, including Tanzania, Africa where she spent three months on a mission trip. Through her many life experiences and jobs Jennifer has become more aware and concerned about the poverty and racism in our country. She is eager to work for change through getting people to have those difficult conversations many of us try to avoid.

We welcome Jennifer and are glad she found us!

You can contact Jennifer at 512-626-8238 or jenuhr@hotmail.com

Are you mission-driven? Are you a loyal AAUW member? Then give to AAUW Funds! Donating to the Greatest Needs Fund (#9110) allows AAUW the opportunity to act on our mission when and where it is needed.

You can donate online or if you wish to pay by check, mail your donation (with your preferred fund on the memo line) to: AAUW Development Department, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045.

Contributions to AAUW at the national level are fully tax-deductible.

Mark Your Calendar Now

November 28	Chanukah
December 12	Holiday Party
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanza
January 1	New Year's Day
January 23	Chocolate Chat

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.

Out To Lunch Interest Group

The Out To Lunch Group enjoys meeting for lunch at various local restaurants in the Easton area. On November 3, 2021, members met at Hampton Winds, located at Northampton Community College, for lunch. The Hampton Winds restaurant is newly remodeled. January 12, 2022 is the date for the next get together. Call Claire with restaurant suggestions.



END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

As you think about your end of year charitable contributions, think AAUW.

The Fellowship Funds are very well funded so consider other funds such as the Education and Training Fund, Leadership Fund or Economic Security Fund.

If you are so inclined, you can make a donation online at <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>

Finance Report 10/15	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.28	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$217.41	\$10.94
Authors Luncheon		100.00
Poinsettia Sale		
Other Fundraisers	\$350.00	\$200.00
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$604.50	
Brochures		\$32.00
Yearbook		\$42.00
Newsletter		\$24.75
Other Printing		
Insurance		\$200.00
Mailbox		\$146.00
Postage		\$11.00
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
Officer Expenses		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
Programs		
Meeting Rooms		\$150.00
Public Policy		
Scholarship		\$100.00
Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials		\$80.00
Other Expenses		
Honorariums		
Totals	\$1,172.19	\$1,096.69

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.



AAUW POINSETTIA SALE

ORDER DEADLINE
Friday, 12/3/2021

DETAILS

Size	Price
4" Single Bloom	\$6
6" Multi Bloom	\$12
7 1/2" Multi Bloom	\$18

Red, Pink, or White available in all sizes.

Pickup or Delivery Available
Delivery Date: Friday, 12/10/2021
Or call for Pick Up arrangements (610) 751-9531

AAUW EASTON BRANCH - POINSETTIA ORDER FORM ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Checks payable to: AAUW Easton Pa
Mail this form with your payment to: Janice Lupackino, 26 Clairmont Ave, Easton, PA 18045

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	COLOR	PRICE

Check# _____

Total \$ _____

Mark Your Calendar for December 8th 7:00 pm

We have the opportunity to learn what Ranked Choice Voting means and how it works. Our elections are fraught as it is, this might make them better.

All branch members will be sent the Zoom link to join the program.

LEARN WHY RANKED CHOICE VOTING MATTERS, AND HOW IT WORKS!

BENEFITS OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

- Decreases toxic campaigning & partisanship
- Minimizes 'lesser of two evils' voting
- Increases voter engagement
- Increases voter choice
- No wasted votes
- Increases representation of POC & women
- Equalizes the playing field for third party candidates

VOTING WITH RCV

Encourages Collaboration



Increases voter choice which helps voter turnout



Join volunteers from **MarchOnHarrisburg** on **December 8, 2021 at 7:00pm**
To learn more about RCV and how we can bring it to PA!

RSVP to **aauweastonprograms@gmail.com**
by **December 7** to attend

Are You Looking for that Perfect Gift?

Chameleon Blue in Clinton, New Jersey has distinctive and beautiful gifts for everyone in your family.

Pizza cutter made in India for the bicycle enthusiast



African ethnic tapers from South Africa



Fran Kennedy sells items from Global Mamas, a Fair Trade non-profit in Ghana, started in 2004. They now have several hundred women working at several different locations in Ghana, hand crafting batik clothing, bags, and home décor, jewelry and ornaments made from recycled glass, shea butter products, and water hyacinth products. The water hyacinth products include special stationary, table runners, coasters, and trivets. Other new products are an eco line of drawstring bags. The products make unique Christmas gifts.

If you are interested in buying some gifts from Global Mamas, Fran will send you descriptions, pictures and prices. 10% of sales are donated to our branch scholarship fund. Call or email Fran for more information and look online at [Global Mamas - Global Mamas](#)

Fair Trade Boutique
Ethically sourced. Handcrafted.
Unique Gifts. Home Decor. Clothing. Accessories.

Chameleon Blue
19 Main St. Clinton, NJ 08809 (908) 730-0058

Trivet



Coaster



Onesie



pocket wallets



Scrunchies



Scholarship Recipients



NCC Endowment Scholarship

Susana Castillo

"I was born and raised in Easton, PA. Both my parents are from El Salvador. I do work a full time job and attend college full time as well. My dream is to become an FBI agent. I plan on continuing my education until I receive a master's degree in the Criminal Justice program and specialize in forensics. Some activities I am involved in are the Smart Start program at NCC and the Phi Theta Kappa club.



STEM Scholarship NCC

Stephanie Williamson

"I was raised in Greentown, PA, a tiny town just over an hour north of the Northampton Community College Main Campus. My major at NCC is accounting. I hope to own my own business one day. I started working at a local YMCA in order to be more involved in my community. I have gotten to know the people that come in everyday and support them on their darker days. Going further, I am looking for other non-profit organizations in the area to be able to volunteer as we continue to open our communities once again."

The AAUW Easton Branch **Eighth Annual Authors' Luncheon** will be held on **Saturday April 9, 2022** at The Pub at Seipsville, 2912 Old Nazareth Road Easton, PA 18045. It begins at 11:00am.

We are very excited to have three local authors: **Jennifer Gilmore** is an assistant professor at Lafayette College. She is a writer of critical and creative non-fiction. She is the author of three novels for adults and two young adult novels. Her adult novel *The Mothers* is currently being adapted for film with Jennifer writing the script and executive producing.

Joyce Hinnefeld is a professor of English at Moravian University and founder and co-director of the Moravian Writers' Conference. She is an author of short story and essay collections as well as two novels.

Maryann McFadden was a participating author at our first authors luncheon. She is a speaker and writing coach. She has self-published four novels.

The Authors Luncheon is our main fundraiser for our scholarships. **Save the Date!**

What's Your Story

When I was born my family lived in Norman, Oklahoma. My parents were both teachers in public schools and my older brothers were already in junior high school. I started kindergarten there, but my mother decided that we would do better if we moved to St. Louis and a private school for Christian Scientists. I came back east to college and afterward moved to San Francisco and then the East Bay, where I settled down for the next twenty years or so, starting a family and a teaching career of my own. When my husband was offered a job in Easton, we decided to try suburban life in Forks Township. I expected to go back to teaching elementary age children, but instead found myself tending to my boys, tutoring other students, and volunteering. While working with English language learners at ProJeCt of Easton, I began looking at graduate programs. After finishing my master's degree, I hoped to work with new immigrants for at least another decade or more. I did teach for several years, and I would like to do so again now that the political climate has become somewhat more welcoming.

I have enjoyed being part of AAUW Easton. I particularly appreciate the way our program leaders have stepped up in these last months of uncertainty and necessary isolation to keep us in contact and informed. It has been a source of comfort and an inspiration to me. I hope to continue participating in the many opportunities for fellowship and inquiry our programs offer.

Margaret Skaarup



The Family Care Act – It’s the Right Thing to Do for Pennsylvania Families



We know families come first in Pennsylvania. We are proud that our state is pro-family – and we want to keep it that way. It’s why the Family Care Act is so important, and why our General Assembly should move quickly to support this vital legislation.

The Family Care Act recognizes something we already know to be true: *family takes care of family*. By establishing a paid family medical leave insurance fund in Pennsylvania, the Family Care Act:

- Allows family members to provide critical care and rehab services to elderly loved ones at home, without risking their jobs and financial security.
- Grants parents the ability to care for their son or daughter who is recovering from a serious illness.
- Allows workers to care for themselves following a major surgery.
- Grants new moms and dads the chance to be there for the critical period following the birth or adoption of a child.

U.S. LABOR DEMAND
WILL OUTSTRIP SUPPLY

55 MILLION
JOB OPENINGS
ARE PROJECTED
NATIONWIDE BY 2020

PROJECTED SHORTAGE:
6 MILLION
WORKERS WITH
POSTSECONDARY
DEGREES

Source: The Georgetown
University Center on
Education and the
Workforce (2013), affiliated
with the Georgetown
Public Policy Institute.

HERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD SUPPORT THE FAMILY CARE ACT

Senate Bill 580 & House Bill 1200

Pennsylvania Isn’t Getting Younger – Pennsylvanians 85 and older make up the fastest growing segment of our population. No parent wants to go to a nursing home – and no child wants to make that decision. Financially, nursing home care costs taxpayers over \$3.2 billion a year. Allowing a family member time off to care for an elderly parent not only keeps them out of nursing home care – it’s what families want, and what makes fiscal sense for our state.

Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance is Business Friendly – Many large businesses already offer paid leave. That’s a good thing. But the majority of our small businesses can’t afford to offer this critical benefit. Our Paid Family Medical Leave program, funded by a small employee payroll deduction, will enable small business to effectively compete – without shouldering the financial burden.

Paid Family Medical Leave Strengthens the Middle Class – Citizens and elected officials alike understand how important it is to support our middle class. Giving hardworking, middle-class families time off to help loved ones on a sliding pay scale strengthens the bedrock of our economy. Individuals that receive paid leave are 4 times less likely to need food stamps or income subsidies a year following the birth of a new child. Not to mention that every month of paid maternity/paternity leave reduces the infant mortality rate by 13%.



The Family Care Campaign is a statewide coalition of organizations united behind the need to support hardworking families that are simply doing their best to take care of loved ones. The coalition is supported by The Women and Girls Foundation and Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pennsylvania.
www.FamilyCareAct.com

Text **FAMILY** to **52886**
to sign up for alerts and updates from the
Family Care Campaign.

Chocolate Chat



Enjoy sweet fun at Chocolate Works.

When: **January 23, 2022**, from **3:00 – 5:00**

Join other members in making a fun fashion mold of chocolate and munching on chocolate. We will have a private party room for a sweet, delicious time. The cost will be \$25.00 for a chocolate mold, decorations and chocolate sampling.

Chocolate Works is located on 4773 Freemansburg Ave., Easton, PA in the Shop-Rite shopping center. Reserve your spot today!

Tickets are \$25. Spouses and friends are welcome. Please sign up by January 14, 2022. Send sign-up sheet and check by January 14th to: Rosemary Baker, 2625 Anthony Court Easton, PA 18045. Make checks payable to: AAUW Easton Branch

Sign Up Form for Chocolate Chat

January 23, 2022

Name _____

_____ (qty) @ \$25 each

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



January 17, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Janice Lupackino
Book: **Between Two Fires: Truth, Ambition and Compromise in Putin's Russia** by Joshua Yaffa

Rotating Gourmet

Chair:



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

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



December 1, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Meet on Zoom
Topic: **The Sum of Us, Ch. 8,9**

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



January 25 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: TBA
Topic: Education for Marginalized Populations in South America

Afternoon Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary if interested in playing bridge again.

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degan



All members welcome.
January 12, 12:30 pm.
Call Claire with restaurant suggestions.

Mah Jongg

Chair: Becky Goldenberg



December 13, 1:30 pm
December 27, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Randi, TBD

Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



January 9, 5 pm
Hostess TBD

Stitch and Be

Chair: Yvonne Payne



December 2, 3:00 pm
January 6, 3:00 pm
Hostess: Yvonne, Toni

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



January 12, 2:00 pm
Topic: **Finding The Mother Tree** by Suzanne Simard

American Association of University Women

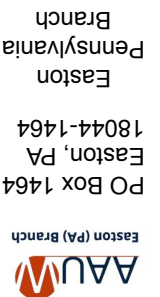
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Membership	Randi Blauth	easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/
Easton Edition	Toni Hoffman	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/

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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