

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 15

Branch Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

Board Meeting

Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm

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2022

The future depends on what you do today
Mahatma Gandhi



Lenape Women Past and Present

March 8, 7:00 pm

Palmer Library

Bluejay, aka Barbara Michalski, was given the name by her grandfather, Bill Thompson, formerly Chief Whippoorwill of the Unalachtigo (people near the ocean) Tribe of the Turkey Clan. Bluejay has been involved in the Native American Alliance of Bucks County and the New Jersey American Indian Alliance, Inc, taking on numerous roles in those organizations. She is presently a member of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania and she has immersed herself in their activities. Bluejay's activities include serving on the Tribal Council as well as being Tribal Secretary, participating in storytelling events and representing the Lenape at Easton's Heritage Day.

She has spoken on Native American spirituality, given Lenape house blessings and given a talk on Native name places in Bucks County for the Doylestown Historical Society. But most of all, Bluejay teaches our children the history of the Lenape Nation through crafts, storytelling, artifacts, and face painting as she visits numerous area schools and children's groups, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts. Bluejay has also been involved in environmental issues, particularly working for clean water.

Join Bluejay as she takes us on an historical journey through time to learn about Grandmother's wisdom, traditional women's work and how being Lenape intersects with life today, and, if we're lucky, ceremonial dances.

From the Leadership Team

Scholarship – More than a Definition

Is scholarship important to you? This time of year, this is a question we should be asking ourselves. In April, our branch has its main fundraiser and the monies raised help to fund our scholarships. In May, we award those scholarships to young women from our area high schools planning to attend a two or four-year accredited college or university and to women whose college education was interrupted and who now wish to return and complete their degree. These two events are what our organization is all about - equity for women and girls through education, advocacy and research.

We have received many thank you letters from our scholarship recipients. Their comments in the letters illustrate the impact our scholarships have had on their education and lives. Susan Castillo, recipient of Endowment Fund Scholarship 2021-2022 at Northampton Community College, wrote the following:

“Education is very important to me and my family and I want to strive for success. I cannot express how grateful I am....This scholarship will allow me to continue my education stress free of having monthly payments so I can work and put my full attention and full effort towards it...You have inspired me to keep going and to keep pushing forward.”

Stephanie R. Williamson, recipient of our Stem Scholarship 2021-2022 at Northampton Community College, wrote to us.

“Please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude....The honor I have brought to my family cannot be replaced. As a first-generation college student, the support this scholarship will provide justifies the sacrifices and hard work I have put in over the years.”

The above sentiments by two scholarship recipients are repeated year after by all the women who were awarded scholarships from us.

As an AAUW member, it goes without saying that education is important to you. To continue to support young women in their attempts to improve their quality of life through higher education, take any one or all of the following steps:

- Attend the Authors' Luncheon on April 9, 2022
 - You can send a check or register and pay through our website
- Bring a friend, neighbor or relative to the luncheon and/or invite a young woman who is thinking about opportunities for her future
- Donate generously to our scholarship fund
- Donate a basket for our Silent Auction at the luncheon
- Bid on a basket at our Silent Auction

As part of our mission, we must continue to help young women achieve a better life for their tomorrows through our annual scholarship awards. If each member of our branch chooses just one of the above to do, we would have 100% participation in our fund raiser! This is a reasonable goal for our branch. Together, we can reach it!

Karol D'Huyvetters
Leadership Team



PANEL DISCUSSION

follow the money...to school

hosted by **AAUW**
West Chester-Chester County (PA) Branch

March 16, 2022 7:30-9 PM

Education is critical to our future. The majority of PA students attend publicly funded schools. These include charter and cyber-charter schools. How are they performing? How are they funded? Are our tax dollars advancing students and working for us?



Dr. James Scanlon
retired WCASD superintendent



PA Senator Carolyn Comitta
Chester County



Mr. Lawrence Feinberg
Public Education Advocate
PA Charter Change



Come learn how public education is being impacted. To register for this virtual, fact-based discussion click here or go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU>

Remember The Poinsettia Sale?

Many thanks to AAUW members and their families who supported our fundraising efforts during the Holiday Poinsettia sale. Approximately 30 beautiful flowers from Buzas' Greenhouses were delivered to members in the area. Contributions and profits totaled \$251.65. Once again, thank you for your participation!

Janice Lupackino



Go Beyond Recycling Embrace a Zero-Waste Lifestyle

Do not use paper towel and napkins

Never buy single use plastic water bottles

Avoid items sold in boxes, blister packs, and clamshell packaging

Take your own grocery bags to the store. Do not accept plastic bags provided by the store

Never buy singles serving packages with excessive individualized packaging

Keep food waste out of trash cans

Never pour cooking oil or fat down the drain; this creates clogs

Ban all styrofoam products from your household

Never use paper bags to store your lunch or snacks

Thank you note from Little Wranglers Day Care, one recipient of our 95 Books Drive



NORTHAMPTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Foundation

January 26, 2022

AAUW Easton Branch Scholarship Fund
Nancy Kinzli
PO Box 1464
Easton, PA 18044-1464

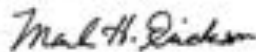
Dear Nancy and Karol,

I am honored to send you this note of gratitude for your gift to Northampton Community College. Your generosity helps us fulfill our priority to provide students access to a top college education. Our programs, services, and resources are geared for the community whether it is for the traditional 18-year-old who is ready to begin their college journey or an older adult with a family who needs workforce training to get ahead.

Your gift is proof that the community believes in NCC's mission, and I thank you. Support that helps provide solutions for students' needs such as emergency aid, scholarships, and equipment and books makes all of the difference. It was especially moving that you chose NCC to receive your philanthropy as we navigated through an undeniably tough year.

I deeply appreciate all who make NCC an educational catalyst so others can fulfill their dreams. Thank you very much for what you do for Northampton Community College!

Warmest regards,



Mark H. Erickson
President
Northampton Community College

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In Memoriam



Mary Eleanor Ehrlich

Surrounded by her loving family, Mary Eleanor Ehrlich, 79, passed away peacefully at her home in Bangor on Monday, January 31, 2022. Mrs. Ehrlich is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Caracio of East Bangor and the grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. Saveri also of East Bangor. Mrs. Ehrlich is a graduate of Pius X High School and Marywood College in Scranton, Pa. She was married for 48 years to the late Robert F. Ehrlich, who passed away in 2012.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Ehrlich was a devoted housewife and mother. She was also active in several, varied careers: first as a licensed real estate agent, and later as a teacher at Pius X High School. For many years, she and her husband were avid Bridge players, and she continued this interest after his passing. She was a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), an intrepid volunteer every year at the Northampton County Elections headquarters, and an enthusiastic member of the Bangor area School District Concerned Citizens. Her interests were varied, but what she loved most was her home, her family and visiting with her friends.

She is survived by her three wonderful sons; Mark V. Ehrlich, William R. Ehrlich and his wife Leigh and Matthew H. Ehrlich, and her dear sister Judyann R. and her husband Ralph W. Finaldi. She has five beloved grandchildren. Makenna, Max, Olivia, Jillian and Claire.

Dates to Remember

March 8	Lenape Women Past and Present Branch Program - Palmer Library
March 16	Follow the Money - to school Panel Discussion AAUW Webinar
March 29	Lifting As We Climb: Our Journey With AAUW

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.

Authors' Luncheon Information

The Authors' Luncheon is our branch's main event. Not only does the community get to meet, greet and hear the stories of three local authors, but the event is our primary fundraiser that helps to fund the scholarships we provide to local graduating high school girls.

We have a new location for our luncheon this year - The Pub at Seipsville, conveniently located in Palmer Township with plenty of on site parking.

Members - invite your friends and your book group clubs, and anyone who supports our mission of equity for women and girls through education, advocacy and research. Ask them to sign up for a terrific lunch and three very interesting presentations. We will have a flyer and invitation for you to distribute to your friends and families.

There will be a door prize and a silent auction. Please consider making a donation to the auction and the committee will put together a basket to submit under your name. Of course, you can always donate a prepared basket too. Use your imagination when preparing a basket; some suggestions include tickets for an event, wine tastings with a bottle or two of wine and wine glasses, a gift certificate to a spa and spa items. All items donated must be new.

Contact Becky Goldenberg if you have questions.



Finance Report 2/17/22	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.49	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$217.41	\$10.94
Authors Luncheon	\$152.44	140.40
Poinsettia Sale	545.00	293.35
Other Fundraisers	\$350.00	\$200.00
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$634.50	
Brochures		\$32.00
Yearbook		\$42.00
Newsletter		\$38.05
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	440.00	\$578.00
Other Expenses		
Honorariums		
Totals	\$2,339.94	\$1,941.74



AAUW Easton Branch Invites
YOU
To Join Us For Our

8th Annual Authors' Luncheon

What: A luncheon with presentations by three local authors:
Joyce Hinnefeld, Maryann McFadden and Jennifer Gilmore.

When: Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: The Pub at Seipsville – free, accessible parking
2912 Old Nazareth Road, Easton, PA

Why: Fundraiser for our annual scholarship awards

Register: For additional information and registration form –

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



Everyone Welcome

Proceeds benefit scholarship fund

Meet The Authors



In 2007 **Maryann McFadden** “won the literary lottery” according to writing blogs, when her previously self-published novel, The Richest Season, sold at auction to Hyperion Books. The Richest Season became a Target Breakout Novel and was awarded an Indie Next Pick by The American Booksellers Association. Her next 2 novels, Cape Cod Light and The Book Lover, are also Indie Next Picks. Her 4th novel, The Cemetery Keeper’s Wife, is a historical novel set in her NJ hometown. Maryann is a speaker and writing coach, and loves to chat with book clubs. Maryann lives in Northwest New Jersey. You can reach her at maryann@maryannmcfadden.com or her website: maryannmcfadden.com



Jennifer Gilmore is the author of three novels for adults, including The Mothers, which is currently being adapted for film with Gilmore writing the script and Executive Producing, Something Red, a *New York Times* Notable Book and Golden Country, also a *New York Times* Notable Book and a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and the National Jewish Book Award. She is also the author of two young adult novels, We Were Never Here and most recently, If Only. Her critical and creative non-fiction work has appeared in magazines, journals and anthologies. She has been a MacDowell Colony fellow and has taught creative writing and literature at Barnard College, Cornell University, Fordham University, Harvard University, The New School, New York University, Princeton University, and Sarah Lawrence College. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Lafayette College.



Joyce Hinnefeld is the author of the short story collections Tell Me Everything (1998; winner of the 1997 Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference Bakeless Prize in Fiction) and The Beauty of Their Youth (2020) and the novels In Hovering Flight (2008) and Stranger Here Below (2010), along with other stories and essays. She is a Professor of English at Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA, and the founder and co-director of the Moravian Writers’ Conference.



Lifting as We Climb: Our Journey with AAUW

Tuesday, March 29

7:30-8:30 PM

AAUW PA members and guests invited!

**Our speakers are distinguished in their careers and serve on
AAUW's National Board of Directors.**

**Hear about their passion for AAUW's mission; history of
AAUW involvement; their career journey; and why they think
AAUW is relevant and needed today.**



Dr. Lisette Garcia,
*Assistant Vice President of
Diversity, Inclusion and
Belonging, Penn State
University*



Dr. Kimberly S. Adams,
*Professor of Political Science, East
Stroudsburg University*

Register In Advance for this meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/12Yad50HrigrH1VF5980zqj_gvaxllyar10t

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing
information about joining the meeting.**

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



March 21, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Nancy Kinzli
Book: **Libertie** by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Rotating Gourmet

Chair:



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

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



March 23, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Meet on Zoom
Topic: Readings from Daughters of the Earth

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



March 22, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Zoom meeting
Topic: Education for Marginalized Populations in Korea, Japan and China

Afternoon Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary if interested in playing bridge again.

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degan



All members welcome.

Call Claire with restaurant suggestions.

Mah Jongg

Chair: Becky Goldenberg



March 14, 1:30 pm
March 28, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Randi, Rosemary

Tapas Dining

Chair: Yvonne Payne



March 12, 5:00 pm
Hostess TBD

Stitch and Be

Chair: Yvonne Payne



March 3, 2:00 pm
Hostess: Yvonne Payne

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



April 21, 2:00 pm
Topic: **The Silent Spring** by Rachel Carson
Hostess: TBD

American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	www.aauw.org
Easton Branch		easton-pa.aauw.net
Leadership Team	Rosemary, Fran, Karol	easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/
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, 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.