

**CALENDAR**

**Newsletter Deadline**

Friday, **June 20**

**Branch Meeting**

Scholarship and Award Dessert  
Tuesday, May 17, 7 pm  
The Pub at Seipsville

**Board Meeting**

Monday, May 2, 7:00 pm

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*2022*

Great difficulties may be surmounted  
by patience and perseverance.  
Abigail Adams

May Dessert, Branch and  
Scholarship Awards  
Tuesday, May 17, 7 pm

The Pub at Seipsville  
2912 Old Nazareth Rd., Easton



**Meet our scholarship recipients.  
Honor our branch awardees and  
Gateway to Equity recipient**

Cheesecake, Coffee and Tea will be served.

Cost: \$12. per person.

Please RSVP with your name(s) and check  
payable to:

AAUW Easton Branch by May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mail check to:

Fran Kennedy

PO Box 1464

Easton, PA 18044

## From the Leadership Team

### **I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. (Inscription on civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer's grave stone)**

Most women have not experienced the struggles that Fannie Lou Hamer did but women and girls continue to meet obstacles. I was struck by the display of grace and strength of character witnessed at the confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. What a tremendous feat to soon be the first black female judge on the Supreme Court. In the 231-year history of the US Supreme Court, 115 justices have served and prior to Judge Jackson, only 4 have been women and the first was not until 1981. Why does it take so much longer for women to be recognized?

A woman in some states in the 1970's:

- needed to use her husband's name to get a credit card and couldn't open a bank account without her husband's permission
- couldn't receive a direct consultation about her health from a doctor – her husband spoke on her behalf
- was not allowed to be a judge
- was refused an interview at 90% of laws firms
- was not admitted to most law schools
- rarely served on a jury until 1973 when all states allowed women to participate

Despite the fact that Title IX was passed almost 50 years ago (June 23, 1972), there are still unequal pay and unequal facilities for women's education and athletics. Women still make less than men for the same job. **What is the lesson young women and girls are learning when they see that they are being treated differently?**

These values of equity and inclusion are part of the core foundation of our branch.

We continue to work towards equality and to praise and recognize the accomplishments of women and girls.

In May and in June, we have two events that praise and recognize these accomplishments. At our annual scholarship and branch award ceremony, we will award four \$5,000 scholarships to assist girls on their journey to college. We will also recognize branch members for their extraordinary contributions and will honor a woman in our community with The Gateway to Equity award. We have initiated a new program this year that will honor middle school girls who have an interest in STEAM fields. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new event. Please join us in praise of women and girls.

We need to support each other if we want to continue to see change.

Nancy Kinzli  
Leadership Team





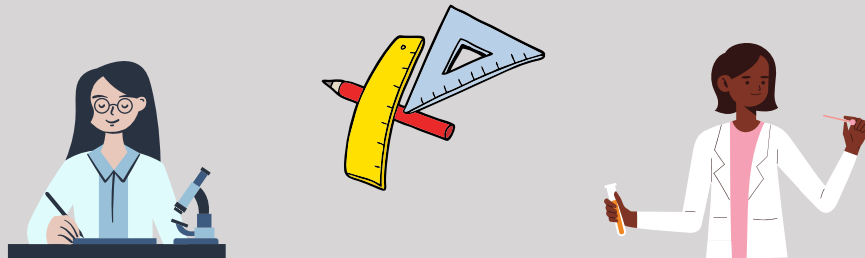
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# Girls Recognition Night

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Nurture Nature Center



Join us to honor 7th grade girls  
who excel in STEAM classes.



RSVP to Toni Hoffman through the "Contact Us" page on our website or the phone number in the Yearbook.

## Membership Information from your MVP

### New AAUW Community Hub: Create your login!

By now you've likely seen our updates about the newly launched [Community Hub](#), your personal portal into AAUW. If you haven't already, please create your account login. Visit the [Systems Update](#) page for helpful instructions and tutorials on how you can start navigating and accessing your personal and affiliate information. If you have additional questions or feedback, please reach out to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or join the weekly [Office Hours](#) on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. ET. **Please contact Randi Blauth if you would like help.**

### It's Now Easy Peasy to Find National and State Webinar Recordings!

If you're looking for National and State webinar program recordings you can now find them on the state website. Go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> and look under the Virtual Events tab.

### FY23 National, State and Local Dues Rates

Beginning July 1, the AAUW national dues will be \$67, of which \$64 will be tax-deductible. State dues will remain at \$10.00 and branch dues will remain at \$15.00.

**The National website is under construction. Our Finance Officer, Fran Kennedy, will notify members when it is open so you can renew your membership for 2022-23.**

### Consider Lifetime Membership!

This is a great time for current members to upgrade to lifetime membership for \$1,240, a \$100 savings compared to the cost after June 30. Lifetime membership is fully tax-deductible and allows you to put your values into action for many years to come! Log in to your [AAUW account](#) and upgrade your membership today! As a lifetime member you will continue to pay both state and branch dues.

### 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.

## Public Policy

### KEY PRIMARY VOTING DATES

#### Voter Registration Deadline

Monday, May 2

#### Early in-person voting

Fill out mail-in or absentee ballot at county election office by Tuesday, May 10

#### Deadline to request an absentee or mail-in ballot

Tuesday, May 10, 5 pm

#### Primary Day

Tuesday, May 17, 7 am - 8 pm

#### Date mail-in and absentee ballots must be received

Tuesday, May 17, 8 pm

Unless it's your first time voting, you do not need identification to vote.

Because some election issues are being contested, check [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) for official election rules.

### AAUW-PA Business Meeting Recap

On April 23, AAUW members across Pennsylvania attended the virtual business meeting of AAUW-PA. Ann Pehle, current AAUW-PA board president, announced that Cynthia Hall, State College Branch, will be the new state President. Lori Woods, Indiana County Branch, has been elected to the position of Program Vice President.

Congratulations Cynthia and Lori.

The proposed bylaws changes and proposed public policy priorities were published in the March Keystoner and sent to all members who registered for the business meeting. The motions to accept the bylaws changes and public policy priorities passed.

For more information on these changes, go to: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf> and scroll.

### OUR VALUES

#### Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering

Though we are non partisan, we are not values-neutral: We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination





Our branch held its annual Authors' Luncheon fundraiser on April 9, 2022. Our new location, The Pub at Seipsville, is described as "cozy dining in a stone-built venue once an 18th century stagecoach stop."

Three local authors, Joyce Hinnefeld, Kate Brandes and Jennifer Gilmore spoke about their experiences as authors. "Without art, there is no pleasure in life" stated Jennifer Gilmore. Although each author writes in different genres and traveled different paths to becoming authors, they complimented each other. There were plenty of opportunities for book signings and book buying.

It is time to recognize our successes for this year's fundraiser:

- Our branch members and guests donated \$1,640.00 to the scholarship fund
- Twenty-eight of our branch members participated in the fundraiser by making a donation, donating items for the silent auction and/or registering for the luncheon
- Fifty-one members and guests registered for the luncheon
- 31 Guests participated in the luncheon
- Ten members brought a guest or family member
- Items donated by members and community businesses filled seventeen baskets for the silent auction.
- The Silent Auction raised \$1,228.00

A big Thank You to all our members who participated in this event. Your participation either through donations and/ or attending the luncheon made it a success. The Authors' Luncheon Committee as well as the Leadership Team contributed endless hours and much hard work to make the event a success. The monies raised at this event go to our scholarship fund which allows our branch to continue awarding scholarships to deserving young women and help them realize their goals and achieve a better foundation for their future.





### Important Dates

<b>May 1</b>	World Laughter Day
<b>May 5</b>	Cinco de Mayo
<b>May 8</b>	Mothers Day
<b>May 11</b>	Twilight Zone Day
<b>May 17</b>	Branch Awards & Scholarship Dessert
<b>May 22</b>	Chocolate Chat
<b>May 24</b>	Scavenger Hunt Day
<b>May 21</b>	Macaroon Day
<b>April 29</b>	Zipper Day

Finance Report 3/18/22	Income	Cost
<b>Banking</b>		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.64	
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
Donations	\$217.41	\$10.94
Authors Luncheon	\$4,704.89	\$1,810.25
Poinsettia Sale	\$545.00	\$293.35
Other Fundraisers	\$350.00	\$200.00
<b>Membership</b>		
Branch Dues	\$634.50	
Brochures		\$32.00
Yearbook		\$42.00
Newsletter		\$50.89
Other Printing		
Insurance		\$200.00
Mailbox		\$146.00
Postage		\$11.00
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
<b>Officer Expenses</b>		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
<b>Programs</b>		
Meeting Rooms		\$150.00
Public Policy		
Scholarship		\$100.00
Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials	\$440.00	\$578.00
Other Expenses		
Honorariums		\$50.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,971.64</b>	<b>\$3,674.43</b>

## Chocolate Chat



Enjoy sweet fun at Chocolate Works.

When: **May 22, 2022**, from **12:30 -2:30**

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 you spot today!

**Tickets are \$25. Spouses and friends are welcome. Please sign up by May 14, 2022.** Send sign-up sheet and check by May 14th to: Toni Hoffman, 1254 Pine Grove Dr., Easton, PA 18045.

Make checks payable to: AAUW Easton Branch

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### Sign Up Form for Chocolate Chat

May 22, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (qty) @ \$25 each



## Global Mamas Products

Global Mamas is a Fair Trade non-profit in Ghana started, in 2004, by 6 Ghanaian seamstresses and 2 former Peace Corps volunteers who worked with women in small businesses in Ghana. 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, reusable produce bags, aprons, and others. My husband and I volunteered for them in 2011 and have since been ordering and selling some of their products. It is a great way to help empower women.

I am excited about some of their new products. I recently bought one of the trousers for myself and I am really happy with them. They are quite comfy, well made, and have pockets in just the right places. Below are links to their new catalogs so you can look for yourself. If you see items you are really interested in, please let me know and I can give you the prices. I plan to make a new order soon. Ten percent of any sales will go to our branch. Enjoy looking.

Fran Kennedy

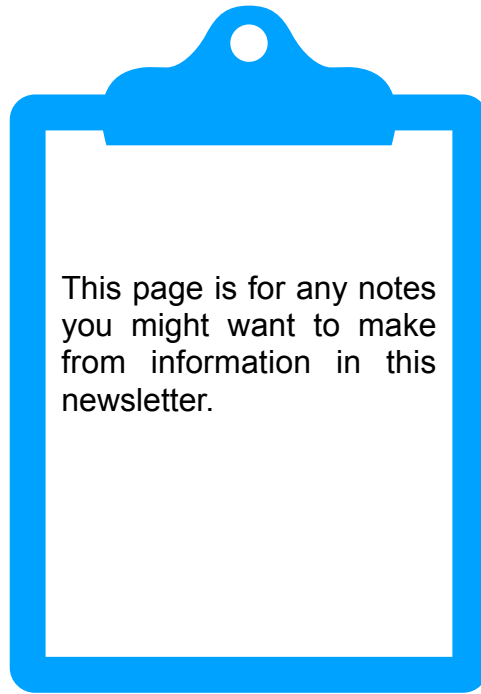
[GlobalMamasApparelCatalog2022Web.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[FINAL.GlobalMamasAccessoriesCatalog2022Web.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[GMFall2021HomeGiftCatalog.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[Garment Size Chart - Global Mamas](#)





## 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



May 16, 7:00 pm  
 Hostess: Rosemary Baker  
 Book: **The Night Watchman** by Louise Erdrich

### Rotating Gourmet

**Chair:**



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

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



May 25, 7:00 pm  
 Hostess: Meet on Zoom  
 Topic: Readings from Daughters of the Earth

### International Relations

**Chair:** Fran Kennedy



April 26, 1:30 p.m.  
 Hostess: Zoom meeting  
 Topic: Planning Meeting

### Afternoon Bridge

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary if interested in playing bridge again.

### Out To Lunch

**Chair:** Claire Degnan



All members welcome.

Wednesday, May 11, 12:30  
 Third & Ferry Street Restaurant  
 RSVP to Claire by May 7

### Mah Jongg

**Chair:** Becky Goldenberg



May 9, 1:30 pm  
 May 23, 1:30 pm  
 Hostess: Randi, Toni

### Tapas Dining

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



Spring date to be determined  
 Hostess TBD

### Stitch and Be

**Chair:** Yvonne Payne



May 5, 2:00 pm  
 Hostess: Yvonne Payne

### Women & Science

**Chair:** Susan McNamara



Date TBD  
 Topic: **Silent Spring**  
 by Rachel Carson  
 Hostess: TBD

## American Association of University Women

AAUW National	800.326.2289	<a href="http://www.aauw.org">www.aauw.org</a>
Easton Branch		<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net">easton-pa.aauw.net</a>
Leadership Team	Nancy, Randi, Toni	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/">easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</a>
Membership	Randi Blauth	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/">easton-pa.aauw.net/membership/</a>
Easton Edition	Toni Hoffman	<a href="http://easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/">easton-pa.aauw.net/contact/</a>

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.

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