



Easton (PA) Branch

The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, September 15

Branch Meeting

Saturday, September 17

Board Meeting

Monday, October 3

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2022

It always seems impossible until it's done. Nelson Mandela

Coffee, Cake, Carrots and Conversation September 17th, 2:00 - 3:30 pm Palmer Library

Welcome back to our first program of this new AAUW year. The leadership team has been busy over the summer planning the programs for the year and this first one should provoke a lively discussion. RSVP to Nancy Kinzli.

We're trying a branch One Read but, just in case you haven't read the book, don't let that stop you from attending this program.

Invite your friends too!



Join branch members for

Coffee, Cake, Carrots and Conversation

Pick up a copy of **Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body** by Roxane Gay, read the book and join the conversation.

September 17, 2022
Palmer Library
2 pm - 3:30 pm



From the Leadership Team

Allentown is gone. Like a number of AAUW branches in Pennsylvania, it's disbanding. It is a sad feeling for us all when any branch disbands, but when it is a close sister branch it's even more disturbing. We have friends in that branch. We know the people and have shared programs and repasts with them. They're part of us.

Why did Allentown make this difficult decision? Why did a devoted AAUW - PA Branch decide it was better off disbanding? The decision was largely based on the lack of willing members to become involved. The same people were doing most of the jobs and the leaders just burned out. Think about it. Not only does new blood bring exciting new ideas, it continues the future flow of the branch! We all are members of AAUW Easton, AAUW PA, and AAUW National for many reasons.

We want to bring change for our daughters and granddaughters and all people who have been barred from having the right to equal pay for equal work; paid leave; quality, affordable child care and maternal reproductive health. AAUW members work together to educate ourselves and our communities on these and other vital issues. We advocate for change. Without members stepping up to take their turn to lead, we'd have nothing —like Allentown.

Believe it or not, it's fun to be a part of a leadership team. We share ideas and get to know each other on a different level. Yes, sometimes it's aggravating--what isn't? But, in the end, it's worth it.

So, when the Nominating Committee calls you within the next few months, please say yes!

Join the team!

Randi Blauth
Membership VP



Programs 2022-2023

Saturday, September 17, 2 pm
Coffee, Cake, Carrots and Conversation
Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body by
Roxane Gay
Palmer Library

Tuesday, October 18, 7 pm
Fair Districts: Fix the Rules
Palmer Library

Thursday, November 10, 8 pm
An Evening at the Williams Center
Ensemble Basiani

December , date, time and place TBD
Holiday Party

Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 pm Zoom
Panel Discussion
**Mental Health and Students – What We
Should Know**

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 pm
Community One Read
**Wordslut: A Feminist Guide to Taking
Back the English Language**
by Amanda Montell
Facilitator – Professor Stacey Zaremba,
Women And Gender Studies,
Moravian University.
Palmer Library

Saturday, April 15
Luncheon to Honor 50 Year Members
Place and time TBD

Tuesday, May 16, 7pm
Scholarship and Award Ceremony
Place TBD

Thank You

A big thank you to members who donated feminine hygiene products at our annual picnic.

Clients at The Neighborhood Center food pantry were beyond grateful.

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.

WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

Have you ever tried to explain all that **AAUW** is in a quick, interesting, succinct fashion?

It's difficult because we're SO MANY THINGS!

Well, here it is!

Your new **AAUW PA Elevator Pitch** gives you that **precise, meaningful, quick way to say it all!**

Feel free to use it all or use parts from it to invite friends, neighbors, family to your
AAUW Easton Branch!

I belong to an organization that fights for an equal playing field for women and girls, be it on the playground, in the classroom, in the lab, in the office, in the boardroom, all the way to Capitol Hill. AAUW gives voice to the fight for women's equality. AAUW creates programs that encourage all women to ask for what they deserve,. AAUW funds fellowships, research, and legal defense for women struggling against the barriers of inequality. AAUW lobbies state and national government, keeping women's issues in front of legislators. Come join me at our next AAUW program and see how you can be part of our battle for equal rights for women.



Hostess Needed for Holiday Party

We are looking forward to and starting to plan for our Annual Holiday Party. Last year, we celebrated our 90th Anniversary and the Holidays at Sigal Museum's Bachman Public House. This year, we are looking to return to having a member host the party at her house with the branch catering a light lunch. The Holiday Party is held in December.

The hostess responsibilities include tables/chairs, providing coffee and tea. On average 15 members with spouses attend the Holiday Party.

The Branch will provide the paper products, trays of finger sandwiches, appetizers, and cookies. The Leadership Team will coordinate the menu with the Hostess.

If you are interested, please contact Karol D'Huyvetters.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging and Land Acknowledgment, 2021-22

During Spring 2022, The DEI & B Group began a study of Indigenous peoples with readings of Native American Indian traditional tales of origins, beliefs, and culture and, then, a collection of articles about Native American women and girls in the book, *Daughters of the Earth*.

We also committed to actions that increase awareness of and education about Indigenous peoples, particularly of the Lenape Nation. Diversity group members attended the AAUW Easton March program featuring a presentation on Lenape Women, Past and Present by a member of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania. In June members visited the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown and planned to attend the Roasting of Corn Festival there on August 20-21st. On August 10th some of us participated in the signing of the Treaty of Renewed Friendship, marking the 20th Rising Nation river journey by Lenape rowers. We plan to include a Land Acknowledgment in the opening of our monthly meetings and work to introduce the Acknowledgment to others, beginning with this article in the branch newsletter.

Land Acknowledgment

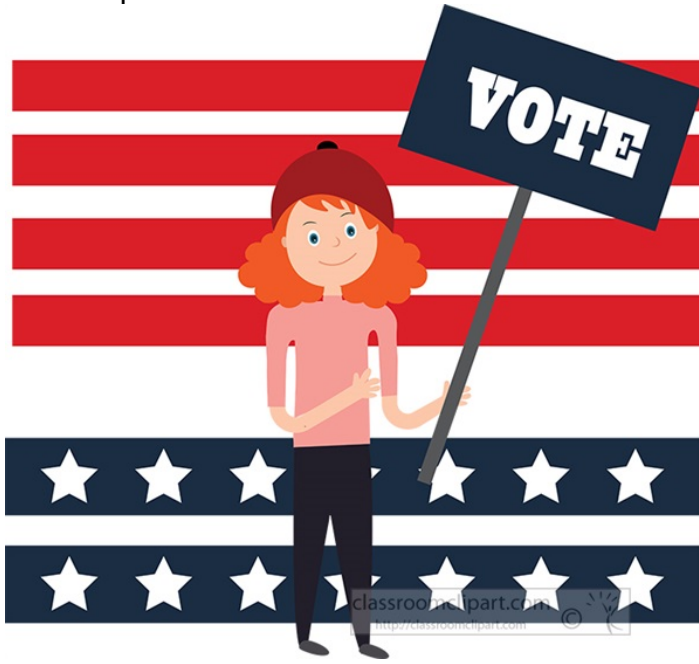
What is a “Land Acknowledgment?” A Land Acknowledgment affirms that the land on which we stand is land that has been cared for and supported by Native Americans across time. It speaks to the spiritual attachment of these peoples to the land. Our acknowledgment recognizes the intentional erasure of the Lenape from this land and embraces the reunion of the land with its original caretakers. It announces a commitment to seek out opportunities to engage with the Nation and build a relationship with its peoples. To regularly acknowledge is to promote awareness as a first step in acting on that commitment.

Why do we think this Acknowledgment is necessary? The Lenape Indian tribe were the original inhabitants of eastern Pennsylvania. For too long, these Indigenous peoples have been marginalized. More specifically, Lenape living today in our communities often remain invisible and their culture ignored. Finally, “Climate Change” drives home the fact that Indigenous peoples were and are better caretakers of their Mother Earth than those who drove them off our local lands. Public and repeated admissions of this are a necessary “jumping off point” to reclamation and reconciliation.

What is our purpose? We seek to:

- Learn about the history, the culture, and the lives of the Indigenous people and particularly of the Lenape.
- Respond to & create opportunities for relationships with living Lenape
- Foster education about Indigenous peoples, particular the Lenape, past, and present.
- Communicate and share communications (newsletters, information links, articles, books).
- Encourage others (individuals, organizations, businesses, etc.) to acknowledge, to learn, to act.

AAUW Bethlehem & Easton Diversity Group



The most important step you can take to ensure that democracy works is to **vote**. Make sure your family and friends vote as well.

Check that you are registered to vote. If you have a family member just turning 18, help that individual register. If the young adult is going to college out of state, help them file for an absentee ballot.

All these actions can be taken at:
<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Volunteer to be a poll watcher. Sign up at:
<https://www.powerthepolls.org>

Pennsylvania is a state where mail in ballots are available if you prefer not to vote in person. To request your mail in ballot, visit:
<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

Every vote counts and remember **“Your vote is your voice”** and it’s the best way to make change happen.



Budget 2022-2023	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		\$24.00
Interest	\$0.82	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$200.00	
Lunafest	\$400.00	\$100.00
Poinsettia Sale	\$300.00	\$150.00
Other Fundraisers	\$350.00	\$200.00
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$664.50	
Postcards/Brochures		\$100.00
Yearbook		\$100.00
Newsletter		\$100
Other Printing		\$200.00
Insurance		\$600.00
Mailbox		\$190.00
Postage		\$50
Publicity		\$100.00
Miscellaneous		\$200.00
Officer Expenses		
Membership		\$25.00
Leadership Team		\$100.00
Finance Officer		\$20.00
Programs		
Meeting Rooms		\$150.00
Public Policy		\$50.00
Scholarship		\$100.00
Honorariums/Speaker Gifts		\$200.00
Diversity		\$100.00
Socials		\$500.00
Other Expenses-GRN		\$350.00
Member Assistance		\$92.00
Totals	\$2,187.82	\$3,601

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



September 19, 2:30 pm
 Hostess: Fran Kennedy
 Book: **The House on the Lagoon**
 by Rosario Ferré

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



September 27, 1:30 p.m.
 Hostess: Fran Kennedy
 Topic: Political Systems

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



September 1, 7:00 pm
 Hostess: Meet on Zoom
 Topic: **Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants** by Robin Wall Kimmmerer- Parts 1 & 2

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



All members welcome.

September 13, 12:30 pm
 Marblehead Chowder House
 Call Claire to RSVP.

Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary for date and time. New members welcome.

Tapas Dining

Chair:



Date and hostess to be determined.

Mah Jongg

Chair: Becky Goldenberg



September 12, 1:30 pm
 September 26, 1:30 pm
 Hostess: Susan

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



Date September 22, 2:30
 Topic: **All We Can Save & Braiding Sweetgrass**
 Hostess: Susan McNamara

Stitch and Be

Chair: Toni Hoffman



September 1, 2:30 pm
 Hostess: Susan McNamara

Walking Group

Chair: Fran Kennedy
 Every Friday 9 am.
 Call Fran for details.

American Association of University Women

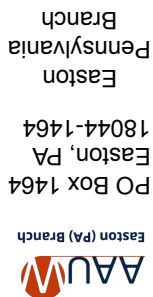
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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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