

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday **November 15**

Branch Meeting

Evening at the Williams Center
November 10, 8 pm

Board Meeting

Monday, **November 7**

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2022

Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Evening At The Williams Center Thursday, November 10, 8 pm Ensemble Basiani



In repertoire spanning the 7th to 13th centuries, Ensemble Basiani embodies a vocal tradition unique to the Republic of Georgia. The 12-member, all-male choir of the Tbilisi Holy Trinity Cathedral Church are practitioners of a complex, three-voice polyphony that weaves surprising harmonies, melodic yodeling, and pristine intonation to deliver a celestial sound. With a vast canon of sacred, folk, dance, and love songs that traverses their colorful country—from the mountainous north, to the eastern Kakheti region, to the Black Sea in the west—Ensemble Basiani's music is the most captivating in the world.

See page 2 for registration form

From the Leadership Team

Midterms, Issues, Friendships, Thanksgiving

When I think of AAUW I think of the many friendships, both here and in Puerto Rico, that I have formed through AAUW. AAUW has been a gift in my life in many ways, one of which includes being able to travel to Sierra Leone several years ago as one of six AAUW educators. How has AAUW been a gift in your life?

Perhaps like some of you, I am feeling torn in many different directions. I would like to write about friendships – so many I have formed through being associated with AAUW branches, and Thanksgiving, a time to pause to recognize how blessed I am with my family and friends.

But the midterms and political issues that are important to me mirror AAUW priorities and take precedence. I encourage you to vote, be informed, and encourage others to vote. These are extremely important elections for our democracy. Vote your conscience. I try to think about people who are more impacted by some policies before I consider how to vote. Living in the Lehigh Valley and having the opportunity to make my voice heard in local, state, and national elections is both a gift, a responsibility, and an opportunity for me. Please make your informed voice heard on November 8 or on a mail in ballot.



Evening at the Williams Center

Tickets are \$30. A portion of each AAUW ticket goes towards local scholarships. Spouses and friends are welcome. Please reserve tickets by November 1st.

Please send reservations by November 1st to: Rosemary Baker. Make checks payable to: AAUW Easton Branch

Order Form: Evening at the Williams Center November 10, 2022

Name: _____

Tickets for Ensemble Basiani
_____ (qty) @ \$30. Each

Total of check enclosed: _____
(payable to AAUW Easton Branch)



Melissa Van Doren, from Lower Saucon, is a very enthusiastic person who is busy in the community. Not only is she a business administrator for a subservience utility engineering firm, she is also a brand ambassador, most often promoting beer. Melissa volunteers with the school district booster club, Saucon Valley Performing Arts, and is on the leadership team of the Friends of the Library. Melissa loves to travel and some favorite places are Ireland and our own US Finger Lakes. Melissa also promises to hold a goat yoga class for us this spring through her yoga and baby goat connection! She went to Cedar Crest College where she earned her B.S. in Psychology. She was president of the AAUW student affiliate there and knows what value and service AAUW branches bring to their communities. Contact through our website.



Kathleen Morgan joins us from Nazareth. She is happy to be back in the Lehigh Valley after retiring as Professor Emeritus from the Family and Community Health Sciences Department, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, the State University, in June 2021. Kathleen was with Rutgers University for 30 years. Kathleen served as the chair for the FCHS Department for 14 years. Dr. Morgan has expertise in the areas of health, nutrition, advancing health equities, food security, food systems and healthy communities. She is a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She is currently serving on the Ambassador's Leadership Council for the National Osteoporosis Foundation to advocate for bone health and osteoporosis prevention. Dr. Morgan's goal continues to be to improve the health of individuals, families and communities through health promotion efforts and reducing chronic disease. Kathleen has recently gotten a new puppy, O'Malley, who is keeping her very busy and notes that her church work is a priority in her life. Kathleen became aware of AAUW when she gave a lecture to a branch in NJ on a health topic. When she moved back to PA she met a Bethlehem member who invited her to check out AAUW here and she became active in our inter-branch DEIB group. When asked what attracted her to AAUW, Kathleen replies, the "goals, purpose, and agenda of AAUW. It focuses on women's strengths and encourages diversity, equity, and inclusivity." Welcome, Kathleen! Contact through our website.



Karen Peiffer was a long time member of AAUW Allentown. Karen has decided to join Easton and we are glad that she has! Here is her story:

AAUW has been part of my life since I was a child because my mother was an AAUW member, and when I was old enough, she sometimes took me with her to programs she thought might interest me. I joined myself about 35 years ago. By that time, I had friends who were members. I knew about the Allentown branch book sale and Interrupted Studies scholarship program. I have two daughters, and my husband and I were increasingly concerned with gender equity issues. The broad national mission statements and the local activities and activism seemed like a natural fit to me. Old friends and new ones in the AAUW groups helped to strengthen my attachment to the organization and the people. I was privileged to serve as the Allentown branch president from 2012 to 2016, and I enjoyed getting to know members of the Easton branch with whom we worked on inter-branch projects. The combination of mission and people form the bond that keeps me affiliated and makes me happy and proud to be an AAUW life member, just as my mother was.

October 15, 2022	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		
Interest	\$0.27	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$64.00	
Lunafest		
Poinsettia Sale		
Other Fundraisers		
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$675.00	
Postcards/Brochures		\$26.50
Yearbook		
Newsletter		\$18.15
Other Printing		\$19.68
Insurance		
Mailbox		\$182.00
Postage		
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
Officer Expenses		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
Programs		
Meeting Rooms		
Public Policy		
Scholarship		
Honorariums/Speaker Gifts		
Diversity		
Socials		\$71.77
Other Expenses-GRN		
Member Assistance		
Totals	\$739.27	\$318.1



It's time to party!

Lois and Ken Wildrick have graciously offered to host the Annual AAUW Holiday Party.

Date: December 11, 2022

Time: 1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.


Location: 79 Central Drive, Easton, PA.

A light lunch with cookies will be provided. A variety of non-alcoholic beverages will be available. You are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy.

R.S.V.P.: Karol D'Huyvetters at geebee65pa@gmail.com by December 2, 2022

happy
holidays!

Our first ever Girls Recognition Night was so successful and well received that we are doing it again. Consider being on the GRN committee and be sure to mark your calendar for **May 4, 2023**.



The poster features a dark blue background. At the top left is a stylized atomic model with a red nucleus and yellow and blue electrons. At the top right is a blue Erlenmeyer flask containing green liquid. In the center, the word "STEAM" is written in large, colorful, 3D block letters: S (red), T (yellow), E (teal), A (green), and M (orange). Below this, the text "AAUW Easton Branch" is in white, followed by "Girls Recognition Night" in white with yellow starburst accents on either side. Below that is the date "May 4, 2023" in white. A red banner with white text "SAVE THE DATE" is slanted across the middle. At the bottom left are three interlocking gears: a large yellow one, a medium red one, and a small blue one. To the right of the gears, the text "Join us to honor 7th grade girls who excel in STEAM classes" is written in white.

STEAM

AAUW Easton Branch
Girls Recognition Night
May 4, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

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

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 AAUW Easton Branch Meeting

Fran Kennedy, Membership Team, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed everyone. There were 11 members present which included members attending via zoom.

The Financial report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Randi Blauth, VP Membership announced that two new members have joined.

Fran reported that a Nominating committee has been formed to search for candidates for Membership Vice President, Finance Officer and Co-Presidents/Leadership Team. Please respond to calls from the nominating committee. The Branch needs YOU if we are to continue.

Fran announced our new fundraiser-LUNAFEST. This will be held at Lafayette College on March 19, 2023. Carol Inman is chairing the event and looking for members to serve on her committee.

The following upcoming events were announced:

--October 19 Meet and Greet with CEO Gloria Blackwell and Panel Discussion-"Who Pays the Penalty? Wages, Gender and Justice." Location-Lehigh University, 3:00-4:00 Meet and Greet, 4:30-5:30 pm Panel.

--October 19 District East Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm

--November 7 Board Meeting at the home of Nancy Kinzli 1:00 pm

--November 8-VOTE

--November 10 Evening at the Williams Center with Ensemble Basiani at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each. Deadline to order tickets-October 31. Send to Rosemary Baker

-December 10 Holiday Party at the home of Lois and Ken Wildrick 1:00-4:00 pm

--May 4 Girls Recognition Night

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Fran Kennedy introduced Michael Skros who gave an informative presentation on Fix Harrisburg PA.

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

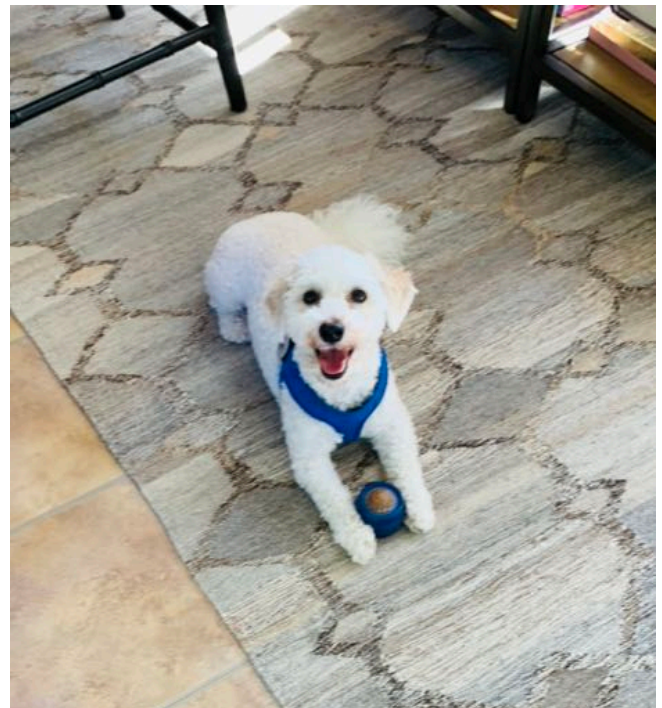
Do you have a business or service that you would like to promote? The charge for including an ad is only \$5 for each issue. Ads should be no larger than business card size and must come from members. Payment for ads should be made to the finance officer and she will notify the newsletter editor that the ad is ready to be placed.

Advocacy Takes Many Forms



Gloria Blackwell, AAUW was part of a panel at Lehigh University on Wednesday, October 19th, speaking on **Who Pays the Penalty? Wages, Gender, and Justice**. She was joined by Dr. Rita Jones, LU and Stephanie Prevost, LU. They discussed the correlation between gender, parenthood, pay gap and reproductive justice in the workplace.

Branch members writing postcards urging people to vote. The postcards were mailed October 21st. O'Malley, Kathleen Morgan's puppy, kept us on track.



Advocacy is easy when you're a member of the **Two Minute Activist**. Send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. Sign up to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action.

Sign up at <https://secure.everyaction.com/t79k4XW2qE6zElzj0xIIKA2>

Election Day is November 8th.



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 21, 2:00 pm
Hostess: Carol Inman
Book: **Black Elk Speaks**
by his Ethnographer

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



November 29, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Liz Toler
Topic: Immigration

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



November 3, 7:00 pm
Hostess: Meet on Zoom
Topic: **Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants** by Robin Wall Kimmerer- Section 4

Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary for date and time. New members welcome.

Mah Jongg

Chair: Becky Goldenberg



November 14, 1:30 pm
November 28 1:30 pm
Hostess: Randi, Susan

Stitch and Be

Chair: Toni Hoffman



November 3, 2:30 pm
Hostess: Susan McNamara

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



All members welcome.
Thursday, 11/3, 12:30 pm
Lutzi's
RSVP to Claire by 11/1

Tapas Dining

Chair:



Date and hostess to be determined.

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



Date: January
Topic: **Braiding Sweetgrass**
Hostess: Susan McNamara

Walking Group

Chair: Fran Kennedy

Every Friday 9 am.
Call Fran for details.

American Association of University Women

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