



Easton (PA) Branch

The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, June 15

Branch Meeting

Scholarship and Award Dessert
May 16, First Presbyterian Church

Board Meeting

Monday, May 1

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2023

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.
Robert Louis Stevenson



Scholarship and Award Dessert

- When: Tuesday, May 16 at 7pm
- Where: First Presbyterian Church, 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton, Pa.
- What: Installation of Officers
Meet our scholarship recipients
Honor our Branch Awardees
- Cost: \$10.00 (choice of Frosted white layer cake with lemon curd and raspberry filling served with a scoop of ice cream or fresh fruit dish and Coffee/ tea)

Please RSVP with your name(s) and check payable to Easton Branch AAUW by May 10th. Mail check to: Fran Kennedy PO Box 1464 Easton, PA 18040. Please indicate choice of desert.

From the Leadership Team

Oh, the Merry Month of May- so much to know and learn about May!

Did you know:

May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity? Held every year since 2002, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world’s cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

Did you know:

- May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- May is Jewish American Heritage Month
- May is National Clean Air Month
- May is No Mow May

No Mow May is a conservation initiative that encourages people to stop mowing or mow less often for the month of May to create habitat and provide resources for bees and other early-season pollinators. This is particularly important in urban areas where floral resources are often limited.

Did you know:

Life long learning was once a part of the AAUW mission statement? AAUW supports all of these efforts and celebrates Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

Did you know:

We celebrate our branch accomplishments in May?

- Girls Recognition Night
- Branch Awards
- Scholarship Recipients
- Induction of Officers

Join us in May to celebrate our accomplishments and continue our life long learning.



**AAUW Easton Branch Meeting/Luncheon
April 15,2023 at The View at Morgan Hill**

Karol D’Huyvetters, Leadership Team, called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. She welcomed everyone. There were 13 members present. A special welcome was extended to our three 50-year members in attendance. They were asked to share their experiences.

The following slate of officers has been nominated:

- Lisa Spitale and Fran Kennedy-Co-Presidents
- Dr. Kathleen Morgan - V.P. Membership
- Becky Goldenberg - Finance Officer.

There were no nominations from the floor. Slate passed. Congratulations to our incoming officers.

Karol announced the following Upcoming Programs and Events:

May 4-Girls Recognition Night - Nurture Nature Center

May 10- Meeting for Volunteers for Let’s Read Math - Home of Karol D’Huyvetters 2116 Gruver Ave at 2:00 pm.

May 16 - Scholarship and Awards Dessert - First Presbyterian Church, Spring Garden Street

July 28- 29-AAUW Summer Retreat in Gettysburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rosemary Baker

April 16, 2023	Income	Cost
Banking		
Fees		
Interest	\$2.38	
Fundraisers		
Donations	\$64.00	
Lunafest	\$3,310.24	\$308.76
Poinsettia Sale	\$700.00	\$426.00
Other Fundraisers	\$700.00	\$380.00
Membership		
Branch Dues	\$720	
Postcards/Brochures		\$45.75
Yearbook		
Newsletter		\$54.31
Other Printing		\$19.68
Insurance		\$200.00
Mailbox		\$182.00
Postage		
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
Officer Expenses		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
Programs		
Meeting Rooms		
Public Policy		
Scholarship		
Honorariums/Speaker Gifts		\$50.00
Diversity		
Socials/Holiday Party		\$381.65
Other Expenses-GRN		
Member Assistance		
Totals	\$5,496.62	\$2,048.15

A 50 Year Journey with AAUW



AAUW supported me to get equal work conditions... AAUW was an opportunity to be with other women with like needs... We couldn't wear pants when I first started working... Fifty year members reminisced about their experiences when they joined AAUW at a luncheon to honor them. On Saturday April 15, 2023, members recognized Pat Bradt, Nancy Butow and Gretchen Reed as the 50 year members in attendance. In addition, the following 50 Year Members were recognized: Marie Jordan, Ann Keim, Marge Coughlin, Mildred Pitoni and Janet Heffner.

The luncheon was held at The View at Morgan Hill. A game of Match the 50 Year members to the year reminded everyone of the cost of groceries 50 years ago. Pat, Nancy and Gretchen shared memories and experiences. Everyone enjoyed hearing their stories.

News You Can Use

17 girls, 4 panelists, 1 keynote speaker, 11 volunteers - What does this add up to?

Our second **Girls Recognition Night** on May 4th, that's what!

Join us at the Nurture Nature Center at 6:30 pm to celebrate the achievements of these young women.

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.



Several years ago, summertime meant **Let's Read Math™** lessons at the Easton and Palmer Libraries. Members from our branch would volunteer to work with groups of local children on **Let's Read Math™** lessons.

Just to refresh your memory - "**Let's Read Math™**" is an initiative of AAUW. Dr. Claire Passantino, from the Makefield Area (PA) Branch of AAUW, developed Let's Read Math™ units that combined quality children literature books with themes related to mathematics and FUN math activities. The goal is to build positive attitudes toward math. Each lesson engages children and their parents in enriching and fun learning opportunities.

We are exploring partnering with local agencies that offer summer programs for children. We need members to volunteer to teach the lessons. Come learn how you can volunteer and engage elementary children in learning about math through literature. There will be a meeting at Karol D'Huyvetters' house on May 10 at 2:00 pm. Call Karol with any questions.

Primary day is May 16th. Be sure to mail in your ballot if that's the way you choose to vote. Follow the instructions carefully so that your vote is counted. To find out who is running for office, click [here](#). This Spotlight article has a complete guide to primary election day in PA.



A REMINDER—

AAUW PA dues will be \$10.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 AAUW PA dues will increase to \$12.00 per year.

The increase helps to cover AAUW PA conference costs as well as other expenses which, just like everything else, have risen over the past few years.

Are you wondering what you receive for your \$10.00? Below are only some of the many services AAUW PA provides to you.

AAUW PA is your intermediary to our national organization. AAUW PA strives to support Pennsylvania branches in various ways. AAUW PA has brought you webinars on mission topics and been there for your branch officers as we all made the rocky transition to the Community Hub. AAUW PA brings you *The Keystoner* and makes sure to keep members up to date on state and national public policy issues. AAUW PA also provides scholarships for students to attend NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). AAUW PA brings you conferences where you are able to meet members from across the state and hear excellent speakers on important topics. You can network, share ideas and learn what's new. AAUW PA does all that and more with the small amount of dues you pay.

—Randi Blauth
Membership Vice President
AAUW Easton and AAUW PA

AAUW has partnered with PCI (Publishing Concepts) to conduct a comprehensive member data verification project. **Please be aware that PCI will contact AAUW members directly through postcards and emails, addressed to you from Katrina Sun Breese (Senior Director of Institutional Advancement) to encourage participation.**

This project will allow you to make important revisions to your member record and ensure that you receive all the latest information crucial to your AAUW membership. In addition to verifying member data, PCI will also be asking AAUW members to participate in the Oral History Project. The project's goal is to collect stories from our members to memorialize the history of AAUW through the years. This is an opportunity for you to share your personal experiences with AAUW and how the organization helped shape your life. **Participation is completely voluntary.**

Emails from PCI will come from noreply@publishingconcepts.com and the phone number you may be asked to call is 1-855-454-0718.

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 15, 7:00 pm on Zoom
Hostess: Monica Seligmann
The Widows of Malabar Hill by
Sugar Massey

International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy



May - Planning meeting set up through Doodle poll. Contact Fran for more information.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Chair: Rosemary Baker



June 1, Time TBD
Hostess: TBD
Topic: Discuss future topics of interest.

Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan



All members welcome.
Thursday, May 25, 4 pm at SURV
RSVP to Claire by May 22.

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



May 8, 1:30 p.m.
May 22, 1:30 p.m.
Randi, Rosemary

Women & Science

Chair: Susan McNamara



Date: June 22, TIME TBD
Topic: **Beaverland** by Leila Philip
Continue reading.

Stitch and Be

Chair: Toni Hoffman



June 1, 2:30 p.m.
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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