



# The Easton Edition

## Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

### CALENDAR

#### Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 15

#### Branch Meeting

#### Board Meeting

Monday, August 21

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Rather than love, than money, than fame,  
give me truth

Henry David Thoreau

### End of Year Wrap Up

#### AAUW EASTON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 9, 2023

In the fiscal year 2022-23 Easton branch had four new members join. The branch presently has fifty-six members. As has been said before, it is difficult to have open membership drives due to the educational degree requirement for membership in AAUW.

The Membership Committee, consisting of Toni Hoffman, Rosemary Baker and Randi Blauth, held a number of Meet and Chat socials. The Meet and Chats involved a small number of members just socializing and getting acquainted. We hope to foster camaraderie and develop a relationship to AAUW through these fun meet-ups.

Membership had tables at most branch events including LunaFest and Girls' Recognition Night. Although we had interest, no one joined our branch through these events. These tables and events do provide opportunities to form relationships with the community and have AAUW Easton recognized.

Phone calls were made to many members over the year to keep in touch.

The National Community Hub continues to be a challenge for members to use.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi L. Blauth  
Membership Vice President  
AAUW Easton

## From the Leadership Team

### Fundraising

As many of you know, our first year using LUNAFEST as a fundraiser was a great success. We raised approximately \$3000 in funds for scholarships. In addition to the support of our members, we also received support from members of the community. Half of the attendees came from the community. Carol Inman, chair of the event, wrote “All around glowing reports about the quality of the films, the food (donated by Lafayette College) and jewelry display, the entire event was deemed fun.” Landis Center was a great partner.

Unfortunately, it is also our last year since Cliff Bar & Company stopped sponsoring LUNAFEST as of May 31, 2023. The message received from LUNAFEST was “While the program has enjoyed an exceptional run, (Since 2001 nationwide) the LUNAFEST program featuring films by and about women, will be on pause from May 31, 2023 and for the full year of 2024. During this time, the LUNA brand will look to the future and reflect on how it might best support advocating for women going forward.”

We have two excellent programs that rely on our ability to raise funds and add to our investments. These include our scholarship awards to local public school graduating seniors and to a local woman whose education has been interrupted and now plans to return to school, (totaling \$15,000 this year) and a \$1,000 STEM scholarship at NCC. The second program is the Girls Recognition Night, honoring seventh grade girls selected by their teachers for their interest and excellence in the STEAM fields.

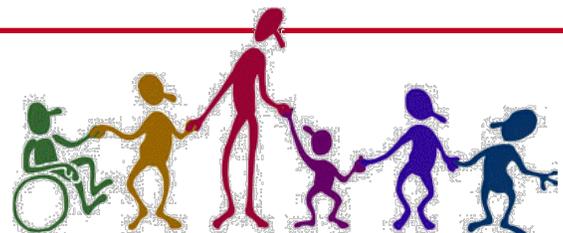
We need a committee of people interested in brainstorming to come up with new and different ways to raise funds this year. The generous donations from our members are appreciated and need to be supplemented by donations from community members.

A brainstorming session could take place in July or early August. Think about the dates and times you could meet and email Fran Kennedy at [franhkenn@yahoo.com](mailto:franhkenn@yahoo.com)

### Public Policy Wrap Up

Our website now has a Public Policy tab - <https://easton-pa.aauw.net/public-policy/> Click the tab and read the brief overview of what our branch supports. Click the “Advocacy” tab for a more in depth view of the issues important to AAUW and the Easton Branch. Click the “AAUW-PA Public Policy Priorities” tab for a complete reading of the AAUW-PA 2022-2024 Priorities.

AAUW fights for equity for women and girls and there is still work to be done.



**AAUW Easton Branch  
Scholarship and Award Dessert  
May 16, 2023  
First Presbyterian Church**

Karol D’Huyvetters, Leadership Team, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed everyone. There were 19 members, three scholarship recipients and three guests present.

Karol announced that our branch will again be doing Let’s Read Math. Volunteers are needed. Sign up sheet is available or contact Karol.

Nancy Berry and Fran Kennedy presented our Scholarship awards to Calais Lovett (Bangor), Janelly Rossi (Easton) and Karyn Koehler (Memorial Fund).

Karol D’Huyvetters presented the Member Making a Difference Award to Carolyn Conners.

Toni Hoffman and Nancy Kinzli presented the Named Gift Honoree Awards to our outgoing Leadership Team and our incoming branch officers.

Rosemary Baker presented the Outstanding Woman Award to Carol Inman.

Congratulations to all our award recipients!

Karol and Rosemary inducted our incoming branch officers-Fran Kennedy-Co-President, Kathleen Morgan-Membership VP and Becky Goldenberg-Finance Officer. Lisa Spitale, Co-President, was unable to attend. She will be inducted at the June board meeting.

Claire Degnan announced that the Out to Lunch group was meeting on Thursday, May 25 at Surv at 4:00pm. Contact Claire if you wish to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

June 21, 2023	Income	Cost
<b>Banking</b>		
Fees		
Interest	\$3.46	
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
Donations	\$64.00	
Lunafest	\$3,310.24	\$324.75
Poinsettia Sale	\$700.00	\$426.00
Other Fundraisers	\$700.00	\$380.00
<b>Membership</b>		
Branch Dues	\$720	
Postcards/Brochures		\$45.75
Yearbook		\$46.55
Newsletter		\$82.87
Other Printing		\$19.68
Insurance		\$548.00
Mailbox		\$182.00
Postage		
Publicity		
Miscellaneous		
<b>Officer Expenses</b>		
Membership		
Leadership Team		
Finance Officer		
<b>Programs</b>		
Meeting Rooms		
Public Policy		
Scholarship	\$220.00	\$388.50
Honorariums/Speaker Gifts		\$50.00
Diversity		
Socials/Holiday Party		\$381.65
Other Expenses-GRN	\$199.43	\$127.11
Member Assistance		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,917.13</b>	<b>\$3,002.96</b>

## **Congratulations from AAUW Easton and AAUW-PA**



### **Outstanding Woman 2023 Carol Inman**

Carol joined our branch and immediately became a contributing member of our book group and volunteered for our Girls Recognition Program. Our branch launched a new fundraiser this year-Lunafest. Carol became the chairperson of Lunafest, which is quite an undertaking. Her knowledge, expertise, enthusiasm and hard work produced a highly successful and well received event. Carol is a retired professional grant writer. She is also a member of Fortnightly and Women Strength.



### **Member Making A Difference 2023 Carolyn Connors**

The Member Making a Difference Award is given to a member who has had a tremendous impact on the branch. This person was selected because she exemplifies the spirit of AAUW.

She is often an unsung hero but today we are changing that by recognizing her. This years' recipient is described as a person who is very determined and an enormous supporter of Our Branch. Whenever we have asked for donations or to chair a committee, she is right there supporting us. Carolyn Connors we thank you for everything you have done and especially all the work you did on the Nominations Committee.

Carolyn's been married to her high school sweetheart, Rodger for 63 years. Together they have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She graduated from Moravian College in 1959. She was an elementary teacher in Easton Area School District for approx. 20 years.

Her hobbies include travel, visiting friends in Florida, crossword puzzles, gardening, her Monday morning walking, group, playing bridge 2 or 3 days a week,

Also, she is a sport enthusiast following Bucknell, all the Philadelphia teams, and loves the theater and cooking.

## Scholarship Recipients



Karyn Koehler, Calais Lovett, Janelly Rossi

**Karyn Koehler**, our Memorial Scholarship recipient, is a single parent of “three amazing children” to use her own words. She received her Associates degree on May 22nd from NCC after a tenure starting in 1997. Karyn was a dean’s list student most semesters and will attend Penn State this fall, majoring in psychology. She currently volunteers at the Phoebe Retirement Home and to quote Karyn: “she is grateful for all the things she has in life and loves people!”

**Calais Lovett**, a graduate of Bangor High School, is excited to attend Texas A&M this fall where she will fulfill her love of meteorology. She is already thinking about an internship at NASA!

**Janelly Rossi** is a graduate of Easton High School and will attend Penn State this fall. Janelly is proud to be a “first generation college student” in her family all of whom are very proud of her.



## News You Can Use

The **International Relations Study Group** has decided to focus on how countries around the world deal with gun violence and violence in general in the hope of acquiring a better understanding of possible working ways to deal with gun violence in the US.

In September the group is focusing on Asia. Two members have chosen to focus specifically on China and Taiwan. We plan to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm. The first meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Fran Kennedy. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please contact Fran.

Also if you are interested in researching this topic or another international relations topic, and/or cannot attend on any 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 2, please let Fran know.

### NEW INTER-BRANCH STUDY GROUP COMING IN SEPTEMBER 2023!

**SAVE THE DATE: HOT TOPICS** will meet on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm at Randi Blauth's home. The Hot Topic for this inaugural meeting will be "Book Banning: What Is It About, Now and In the Future? " The group is in the very early formative stage, but we envision discussing a wide range of topics/issues. If it sounds interesting, if you'd like to learn more or want to be involved at this earliest time of planning for HOT Programs, contact Randi at [read4joy@ptd.net](mailto:read4joy@ptd.net). More information to come as we approach September.

### AAUW-PA's Summer Retreat

**FRIDAY JULY 28 & SATURDAY JULY 29**

Gettysburg College Campus  
300 N. Washington St. Gettysburg

Optional lodging at the Wyndham Hotel, 95  
Presidential Circle, Gettysburg.

Check out the retreat schedule on AAUW-PA's website, <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net>.

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023SummerRetreat>

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES FUND

Do you know that our branch has a fund to help new and established members who need help with dues payments? As the cost of belonging to AAUW increases, this fund takes on more importance. It's maintained by contributions from branch members like you.

When you think about donating to our branch, please consider donating to the Membership Dues Fund so that others are able to enjoy the benefits of belonging to an organization that fights for the rights and equality of women.

Just send your check to our branch finance officer, Becky Goldenberg and let her know that it's a contribution to the Membership Dues Fund.

Your Leadership Team thanks you.

## Book Group Schedule

Our branch book group meets on the third Monday of most months. New members are always welcome.

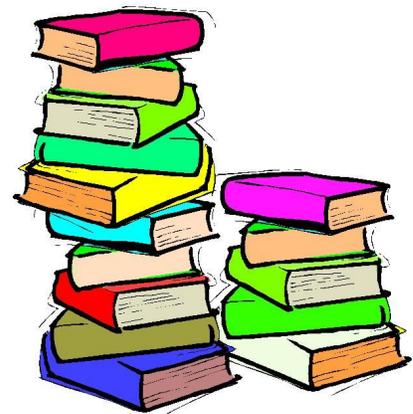
Take a peek at this list of books that the group will be discussing and give serious thought to joining.

- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult
- *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
- *Are You There God It's Me Margaret* by Judy Blume
- *The Optimist's Daughter* by Eudora Welty
- *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
- *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemma
- *The Satapur Moonstone* by Sujata Massey
- *The Chrysalids* by John Wyndham

## Endowment Fund Scholarship Recipient



Hello My name is Whitney Frazier and I am a sophomore in college, My career of choice is to become a Registered Nurse and specialize in pediatrics. I have chosen this career path because my mother was a nurse as well. Growing up she has taught and showed me so many things in life, most of all her empathic and compassion side for others. Being a little girl and admiring my mom for who she was and what she did, I always wanted to be like her. She would take myself and my sibling to work with her during the summer hours, we would meet her patients, talk, sew, and learn how to crochet. All I knew and learned from her was about helping others. I remember rushing home from school just to watch shows like labor & delivery or ER which were fascinating to me at a young age. My future career goals would be transfer to a 4 year college to finish my studies to obtain my doctorates degree so that I may be able to work in a hospital setting, as well as transition to maybe opening my own practice someday.





## Let's Read Math Schedule

### Easton Library 12:00-1:00

- July 10, 2023      [The Greedy Triangle, by Marilyn Burns](#)  
Volunteers - \*Karol D'huyvetters, Gretchen Reed, Ellen Carbonneau
- July 17, 2023      [Wanda Roses, by Pat Brisson](#)  
Volunteers - \*Karol D'Huyvetters, Gretchen Reed, Ellen Carbonneau
- July 24, 2023      [The King's Commissioner, by Aileen Friedman](#)  
Volunteers – \*Nancy Berry, Deborah Hull, Karol D'Huyvetters
- July 31, 2023 -      [Grandfather Tang's Story, by Ann Tampert](#)  
Volunteers - \*Nancy Berry, Deborah Hull, Fran Kennedy
- August 7, 2023      [Math-terpieces: The Art of Problem Solving by Greg Tang](#)  
Volunteers - \*Nancy Berry, Deborah Hull, \_\_\_\_\_
- August 14, 2023      [How Big Is A Foot? by Rolf Myller](#)  
Volunteers - \*Nancy Berry, Deborah Hull, \_\_\_\_\_

### Palmer Library 10:00-11:00

- July 12, 2023      [How Big Is A Foot? by Rolf Myller](#)  
Volunteers –\* Fran Kennedy, Phyllis Finger, Becky Goldenberg
- July 19, 2023      [The Greedy Triangle, by Marilyn Burns](#)  
Volunteers – \*Janice Lupackino, Margaret Skaarup, Becky Goldenberg
- July 26, 2023      [The King's Commissioner, by Aileen Friedman](#)  
Volunteers – \*Karol D'Huyvetters, Margaret Skaarup, Becky Goldenberg
- **Denotes leader for group. Leader will coordinate materials, book and lesson plans for the group.**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!

Just a reminder that your AAUW Easton membership renewals are due. You can renew by going to your account online, creating an account online (go to our branch webpage and click JOIN under the Membership tab for instructions) or by sending a check to Fran Kennedy by June 26th. The dues amount for 2023-24 is \$97.00. Remember, that is for all three levels of AAUW: \$72.00 for national, \$15.00 for local and \$10.00 for state (state dues go up to \$12.00 on 7/1/23).

Consider the importance of an AAUW membership: locally we provide college scholarships for high school seniors and non-traditional student women whose educational was interrupted, we provide programs on many pertinent topics for our members and the community and we strive to help our community when we can. AAUW Easton has interest groups where we can learn and socialize. Our state organization supports branches and acts as a go-between for national and branches. State also provides excellent educational programs, and supports public policy initiatives voted on by members. And visit [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) to remind yourself of all the things our national organization does for women and girls! Membership in AAUW is truly a bargain.

We hope to see you soon!



### Hostess Needed for Summer Picnic

We would like to have a summer picnic this August. The past several years, the picnic has been held at Louise Moore Park. This year, we are looking for a member to host the picnic at their house with members each bringing a dish/desert to share.

On average 15 members with spouses attend the Picnic. The hostess chooses the date. The hostess' responsibilities include tables/chairs and a selection of beverages.

The Branch will provide the paper products.

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Skaarup at [skaarupmt@yahoo.com](mailto:skaarupmt@yahoo.com).

## 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.

### Book Discussion

**Chair:** Susan McNamara



September 18, 2:00 pm  
Hostess: Debra Kindervatter  
**A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

### International Relations

**Chair:** Fran Kennedy



September 26, 2 pm  
Hostess: Fran Kennedy  
Topic: **Gun Violence** - How it is handled in some Asian countries.

### Hot Topics

**Chair:** Randi Blauth



September 6, 1 pm  
Hostess: Randi Blauth  
Topic: **Book Banning**

### Out To Lunch

**Chair:** Claire Degnan



All members welcome.  
Thursday, September 21, 1 pm  
Location: Mesa  
RSVP to Claire by 9/19.

### Bridge

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker



Contact Rosemary for date and time. New members welcome.

### Tapas Dining

**Chair:** Phyllis Finger



Date and time TBD

### Mah Jongg

**Chair:** Becky Goldenberg



August 14, 1:30 p.m.  
August 28, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostesses: Toni, Susan

### Women & Science

**Chair:** Susan McNamara



Date: August 17, 1:30 pm  
Hostess: Rosemary Baker  
Topic: **Beaverland** by Leila Philip  
Chapters 11-15

### Stitch and Be

**Chair:** Toni Hoffman



September 7, 2:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Susan McNamara

### Walking Group

**Chair:** Fran Kennedy  
Every Friday 9 am  
On hiatus for awhile

# NOTES

**Happy Summer!**

## 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	Rosemary, Karol, Fran	<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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