



Easton (PA) Branch

CALENDAR

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, October 1

Branch Meetings

Tuesday, September 16

Sunday, October 19

Board Meetings

Monday, November 10, 4 pm

Home of Christina McFadden

Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 14

Annual Potluck Luncheon

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

The Easton Edition

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Accidental Anchorwoman

Speaker: Melba Tolliver

Tuesday, September 16, 4:15 pm

Lafayette College, 317 Hamilton St

Williams Center for the Arts, Room 108

Melba Tolliver, the author of "*Accidental Anchorwoman: A Memoir of Chance, Choice, Change, and Connection*" will discuss her life of 30 years on TV, including WABC-TV Eyewitness News, WNBC, and News 12 Long Island.

Sandra Miller, PA-AAUW Public Policy Chair, will present current policy concerns. Sandra is also the Advocacy Coordinator for Education Voters of Pennsylvania and served for 16 years as a School Director for the Saucon Valley School District.

(Parking is free at the visitor parking deck behind Markle Hall, a half block away along High Street, or on Campus streets).

Make A Circle

Speaker: Jan Schwartz

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 5 pm

Book & Puppet Co. Bookstore & Gift Shop

161 Northampton St., Historic Downtown Easton

Jan Schwartz, our Membership Vice-President, will present the award-winning and crowd-pleasing film "*Make A Circle*" - a film showing a "moving portrait of life as an early childhood educator and a promising blueprint for fixing our broken child care system."

From the Presidents' Pen Greetings!

This new academic year is upon us, with many special celebrations ahead, both nationally and locally. **Lehigh Valley 250**, a collaboration of community partnerships, will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Here in Easton we will celebrate **Lafayette College 200** and the founding of the college in March of 1826. Finally, later in the year is the **100th anniversary of the founding of AAUW Easton**. Two Penn State graduates, Margaret Sandy Litchfield and Miriam Roy Shepherd, organized the Easton Branch in the fall of 1925. The original AAUW charter was granted to the Easton Branch on June 22, 1926.

Our branch stayed busy during the summer, with four members traveling to State College on June 27/28 for the AAUW PA Summer Retreat, which was interactive and focused on membership growth and mission. Under the superb lead of Karol D'Huyvetters, our branch presented weekly creative **Let's Read Math** lessons to students in the Summer Sizzle program, sponsored by ProJeCT of Easton. Our annual summer picnic, so generously hosted by Carolyn and Roger Conners, was a beautiful evening with a chance to visit with each other and also meet some Kiwanis friends whose goal is also to build better communities.



In late August we learned that our Easton branch received a Public Policy & Advocacy and Communications & External Relations Star, as part of National's Five Star Program. Congratulations go especially to Lilly Gioia, our Public Policy Chairperson, to our co-presidents, Fran Kennedy and Lisa Spitale, and Toni Hoffman for their outstanding and strong commitment to our branch.

We have an enthusiastic board, and are trying some new ideas, times, and locations for programs. Please reach out to one of our board members if you have suggestions, ideas, or would like to become more involved. We would love to double our membership. We need your continued support if we are to go into the next century continuing to be an advocate and leader. Our work in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and improvement in critical areas has the power to impact all of society, especially the lives of women and girls.

Dr. Phyllis Finger

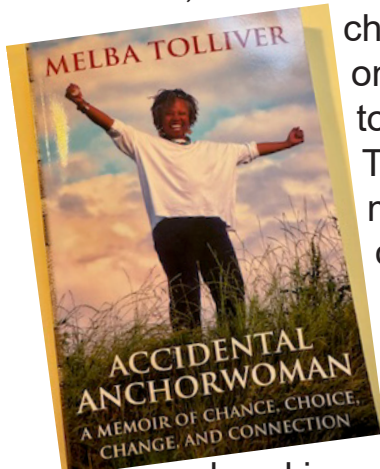


“From Accident to Anchor: An Evening with Melba Tolliver”

Join us for an inspiring afternoon with veteran broadcast journalist Melba Tolliver as she shares stories from her groundbreaking memoir, *“Accidental Anchorwoman: A Memoir of Chance, Choice, Change, and Connection.”* With three decades of television news experience, Tolliver will take you behind the scenes of her remarkable career in broadcasting.

Career Highlights: Tolliver’s distinguished career spans some of New York’s most respected news organizations, including WABC-TV’s Eyewitness News, WNBC, and News 12 Long Island. Her journey through the evolving landscape of television journalism offers unique insights into the industry’s transformation over 30 years.

What to Expect: Discover how chance encounters, bold choices, and pivotal



changes shaped one woman’s path to the anchor desk. Tolliver’s story illuminates the power of connection and perseverance in building a successful media career. From

breaking news to community stories, hear firsthand accounts of the moments that defined both her profession and her purpose. Tolliver’s story will captivate anyone passionate about media, the art of storytelling, or navigating life’s unexpected twists and turns.

“Circle Up for Change: Award Winning Film Screening”

Join us for a special screening of “Make A Circle,” the award-winning documentary that’s captivating audiences nationwide.

This moving portrait takes viewers inside the world of early childhood education, revealing both the challenges and triumphs of those who shape our youngest learners. More than just a film, “Make A Circle” offers a compelling blueprint for transforming our childcare system and highlights the crucial role educators play in building strong foundations for children’s futures.



Whether you’re a parent, educator, or community member who cares about early childhood development, this crowd-pleasing documentary promises to inform, inspire, and spark meaningful conversations about supporting both our children and the dedicated professionals who guide them.

The film has garnered critical acclaim for its authentic storytelling and practical approach to addressing one of society’s most pressing issues. Come prepared to be moved by the dedication of early childhood educators and energized by the possibilities for positive change in our community.

BRANCH PROGRAMS

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Welcome Back and Bundt Cake Social

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Wednesday, November 5, at 4:15 pm

Lafayette College, 317 Hamilton St.
William E Simon Center for Economics and Business, Room 109

Disparate Measures: The Intersectional Economics of Women in STEM Work

Professors Mary Armstrong and Susan Averett will discuss insights about this complex topic from their book.

Monday, November 10, at 4 pm

Home of Christina McFadden
109 N. Second St, Easton, PA

AAUW Easton Board Meeting

Sunday, December 14, at 1 pm

Home of Joan Kicska
2425 Norwood Av., Easton, PA 18042

Annual Holiday Potluck Luncheon

Partners and Friends invited
Please - No Red Wine

Reminders from AAUW National

800 326-2289. [AAUW.org](https://www.AAUW.org)

Shape the Future is offered through Oct. 31 for new members or anyone rejoining after two or more years. The code is **STFFY26**.

The code for college/university member undergraduate students is **CUStudentFY26** and for graduate students is **CUGradStudentFY**.

Community Action grant applications are available online, and there are several webinars offered through September that offer lots of information about ways to help the AAUW mission in supporting women and girls across the country.

Interest Groups

Connect with your community through Easton Branch interest groups. Whether you're looking for stimulating conversation, networking opportunities, or ways to support others, there's a place for you. Suggest new group ideas, show up to an event or call to join, everyone is welcome.



Bridge

Chair: Rosemary Baker
Date: Every Tuesday, 9 am
Loc: Charles Chrin Comm Ctr
 All members welcome



Mah Jongg

Chair: Randi Blauth
Date: Sep 9, 1:30pm
 Sep 23, 1:30pm
Loc: Wegmans, Rt 248



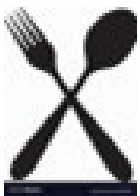
International Relations

Chair: Fran Kennedy
Date: Sep 22, 2:00pm
Loc: Contact Fran



Out To Lunch

Chair: Claire Degnan
Loc: Contact Claire
 All members welcome



Tapas Dining

Chair: Phyllis Finger
Date: TBD



Science

Chair: Susan McNamara
Date: Nov 20, 1:30pm
Loc: Wegmans, Rt 248
Topic: Why We Remember
 by Ranganath
 Read first two sections



Walking Group

Chair: Fran Kennedy
Date: Every Friday 9 am
Loc: Contact Fran

The Life and Leadership of Quiet Revolutionary Frances Hesselbein

We hope you will join us for a special screening of the award-winning documentary *Defining Moments: The Life and Leadership of Quiet Revolutionary Frances Hesselbein* and a celebration of Frances's 110th birthday.

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Time: Private Screening and Q&A at 12 pm
 Party from 1:30 until 4 pm

Location: Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas
 ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Registration: [Register here by Friday, Oct 15](#)

Frances Hesselbein transformed the Girl Scouts of the USA from a declining organization into a dynamic force for youth development, earning recognition as one of the most influential non-profit leaders of her generation. Her innovative management philosophy emphasized mission-driven leadership and circular organizational structures that empowered people at every level. After retiring from Girl Scouts, she continued her leadership legacy through the Frances Hesselbein Leadership Institute, mentoring countless executives and championing the belief that leadership is not about position but about action and service to others.



[Click here for more about Frances Hesselbein or to watch the the trailer for our award-winning documentary "Defining Moments: A Documentary about the Life and Leadership of Frances Hesselbein".](#)

"We will get through this together." – Frances Hesselbein, Former CEO Girl Scouts, Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient

American Association of University Women

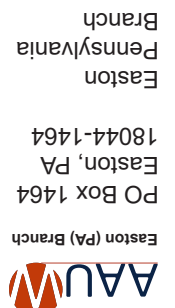
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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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