



## Easton (PA) Branch

### CALENDAR

#### Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 10

#### Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 14

Annual Holiday Luncheon

#### Branch Meetings

Saturday, January 31

Saturday, February 21

Wednesday, March 25

Saturday, April 18

Tuesday, May 12

#### Board Meetings

Monday, January 5, 5 pm

Home of Christina McFadden

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## 2025

"Communication is not saying something; communication is being heard."

Francis Hesselbein

## The Easton Edition

Easton, PA Branch Newsletter

**You and your spouse/guest/friend  
Are cordially invited to attend**

### A Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 14, 1 - 4 pm

At the home of Joan Kicska

2425 Norwood Ave, Easton

We will enjoy a spread of fresh homemade bread and various provisions and condiments, crudités, and holiday desserts, including fruit and cheeses. Contributions will be appreciated (please, no red wine), but if you are too busy, please just come and bring your holiday spirit and smiling face. Please RSVP to Lois Wildrick (text or call 484.373.4122) or email - [klwildrick78@gmail.com](mailto:klwildrick78@gmail.com) by Dec. 10th.

There will be a basket for contributions for the Scholarship Fund. Your support helps empower local students through educational opportunities.

We are appreciative of all of our members and have enjoyed some stimulating programs this fall. In September we learned about AAUW's policy priorities from **Sandra Miller**, our PA State Legislative Chair, and also were inspired by **Melba Tolliver**. As part of the *Easton Book Festival* in October, **Jan Schwartz** presented "*Make A Circle*" at *Book & Puppet* and led a discussion about some of today's issues in early childhood education. In November, **Professors Mary Armstrong & Susan Averett** gave a fascinating lecture, "*True Lies: Diverse Women and the Promises of STEM Work*." Just because there is diversity, does not mean there is equity. Women now earn an average of 82% of what men earn for the same job.

## From the Presidents' Pen Greetings!

One of the reasons I joined the American Association of University Women is its commitment to education for women. In *Half the Sky* Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn discuss the importance of emancipating and educating women as the “best strategy



for fighting poverty” worldwide. Earlier this fall I had the chance to visit Ewha University, in Seoul, Korea. Ewha started in 1886 as a very small school to teach literacy to girls, and in 1925 became Korea’s only institution of higher education for women, nurturing ambitions and hope despite very dire conditions. Ellis and I have supported Ewha for many years, as Mamie Lee Finger, his mother, served as president of its Inter-

national Foundation for 6 years. I first visited the university in 1996, and it was a thrill to return this year, meet with President Hyang-Sook Lee and her staff, and view a special exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of its founding and its significance in the history of education and women. Ewha is now one of the world’s largest female universities (and does now welcome men for some special programs).



In early November several Easton AAUW branch members attended an inspirational celebration in honor of Francis Hesselbein and viewed a wonderful new documentary about her amazing life. She was a young Johnstown, PA housewife who agreed to take on the leadership of a Girl Scout troop, later became the CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and for many years worked in partnership with Peter Drucker, the founding father of modern



management. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and became the first woman to teach leadership at West Point. As she said, “When you see a roadblock or challenge as an opportunity, it is amazing how you are already halfway there.” We are thankful for our members and dedicated board members, welcome our new members, and wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Warmly,  
Dr. Phyllis Finger



**Easton (PA) Branch**

## Annual Evening at the Williams Center

Saturday, February 21, 8pm

Lafayette College, 317 Hamilton St  
Williams Center for the Arts

### *Native Intelligence/Innate Intelligence*

**Bear witness to stories from varied identities, weaved together in celebration of difference and unique individuality.**

**Native Intelligence/Innate Intelligence** is the second work in a trilogy by Christopher K. Morgan that began with Pōhaku (2016) and will conclude with N(8)tive Enough (tentative premiere in 2025).

**Native Intelligence/Innate Intelligence** incorporates dance, Hawaiian chant & percussion, original compositions for cello, and multimedia scenic design to examine ancestry, home, and belonging. Research for the work began by questioning the word native, an identity that has become politically charged and is frequently a weapon of colonization. Collaborators explored the origins of instinct, nature vs. nurture, which aspects of our identities are shaped by our environment, and how our ancestry impacts our personalities and identities.

Everyone is invited to attend a Tapas Dinner at the Finger's home, 118 E Wayne Ave, Easton, at 5:30 pm. If you can, bring a Tapas (savory appetizer, salad, etc.,) to share, and we'll enjoy an assortment of delicious tastes. If you are too busy to cook, please just come with your smiling faces and have a fun evening. Parking is available on the side street (Kemmerer St) and in the carport (near kitchen) so you don't have to walk up the hill.

Tickets are \$30. A portion of each AAUW ticket goes towards local scholarships. Spouses and friends are welcome. Please reserve tickets by February 10.

Please send reservations by February 10 to: Rosemary Baker 2625 Anthony Court Easton, PA 18045 Make checks payable to: AAUW Easton Branch

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Order Form: Evening at the Williams Center February 21, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets for Native Intelligence/Innate Intelligence: \_\_\_\_\_ (qty) @ \$30. Each

Additional Donation for Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will you be attending Tapas prior to the event at the Finger's? \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7 pm

Landis Cinema

Downtown Lafayette Arts Campus (easy parking)

We are invited to view the semester documentary film projects by Lafayette students in Professor Drew Swedberg's class. If you have questions, please contact Phyllis at 610 253-5040.

Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11 am

Sigal Museum (NCH&GS - Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society)  
342 Northampton St, Downtown Easton

**Free Guided Tour**

Please RSVP - 610 253-5040 by Jan. 5, space is limited. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at the Easton Public Market.

Saturday, January 10, 2026

NCH&GS

**"In Search of the Declaration: A Historic tour of Easton, Trenton, and Philadelphia"**

Several members are going, and you are invited. Visit the NCHGS website for more information and to make a reservation if you are interested. We will enjoy a tour of Washington Crossing Historic Park, a 3-course lunch at the historic Washington Crossing Inn, and have guided tours of the 1719 William Trent House, and Christ Church in Philadelphia.

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 1-3 pm

Palmer Branch Library

1 Weller Place, Easton, PA

**AAUW Meeting (with refreshments) and Blue Zones Program Panel Discussion**

Blue Zones Project Lehigh Valley has a goal to help people live better, longer through community transformation programs that lower healthcare costs, improve productivity, and boost national recognition. We will discuss local initiatives as well as the 5 zones in the world: the Nicoya Peninsula region of Costa Rica; Ikaria, Greece; Okinawa, Japan; Loma Linda, California; and Sardinia, Italy.

Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Tapas at Home of the Fingers 118 E Wayne Ave, Easton

Native Intelligence at Lafayette College, 317 Hamilton St.

Williams Center for the Arts, Room 108

Parking is free at the visitor parking deck behind Markle Hall

**Tapas and "Native Intelligence"**

See form on page 3 to order tickets for "Native Intelligence".

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Lafayette College Science Center

**Girls' Recognition Night**

Don't miss this inspirational evening!

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at noon

**Luncheon with 50-year members**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**Scholarship Awards Night!**

## 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.



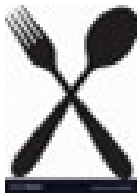
### Bridge

**Chair:** Rosemary Baker  
**Loc:** Contact Rosemary  
 All members welcome



### Mah Jongg

**Chair:** Randi Blauth  
**Date:** Dec 8, 1:30pm  
 Dec 22, 1:30pm  
**Loc:** Wegmans, Rt 248



### Tapas Dining

**Chair:** Phyllis Finger  
**Date:** Feb 21, 5:30pm  
**Loc:** 118 E Wayne Ave

## Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to Becky Goldenberg, our financial officer, and Karol D'Huyvetters, our scholarship committee chair, for representing our branch at the annual Northampton Community College Scholarship luncheon.

The Easton Branch has several scholarships that support Northampton students, traditionally one for female students in STEM fields and one for Easton female students needing financial support. It is



an honor to be able to support young women pursuing higher education.

## Annual Lobby Day

Easton AAUW was represented at the 2025 annual Lobby Day on November 18. We carpoled to Harrisburg, met with other representatives on the Capitol Steps, and met with our legislators about current issues regarding recovering from the government shutdown, the lack of a Pennsylvania budget until recently, and issues for women. This year's theme was "Our Health, Our Future" and there were representatives from over a dozen different organizations from throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



There were 4 bills that were discussed with Representative Robert L. Freeman, representative from the 136th District:

**HB 200:** The Family Care Act to create a state-wide public paid family leave program, which would include both leave for new parents and also care for elderly loved ones.

**HB 670:** The FACE Act (freedom to access clinic entrances) balances patients' and providers' rights to receive and provide health care with those who seek to share their views outside of clinics.

**HB 1957:** Reproductive Freedom Amendment would reaffirm and protect every Pennsylvanian's right to privacy and ensure that the state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate personal decisions.

**HB 1315:** Reforming Name Change Procedures, which would modernize what is now an antiquated process which requires publication in newspapers of the court hearing and also the court dockets made publicly accessible online. The discussion was cordial, and then there was time for a tour of the beautiful capitol building and also a chance to sit in the House chambers and view the House of Representatives in session.



# American Association of University Women

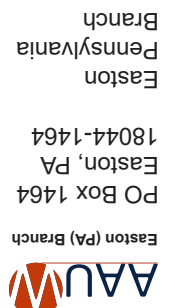
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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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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