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THE LETORT STREAM STUDIES: WHAT ARE CARLISLE STUDENTS DOING IN THE STREAM?

In 2011, Carlisle Area School District invited Audubon Pennsylvania to reinvigorate a mandatory 2nd and 5th grade field/stream studies program begun in 1995. It began with a dated curriculum, an advisory team of teachers and a district-owned modular classroom (with some equipment) adjacent to a borough park and world-renowned limestone stream. In collaboration with the teachers and administration, Audubon has redesigned the curriculum, developed pre- and post-activities and assessments, created field materials, acquired additional equipment, and recruited and trained volunteers to help with the field trips. Additionally, a 7th grade module was piloted in 2016, which offers a broader and deeper study of the LeTort, while building upon the foundation of the elementary programs. With Audubon co-managing their trip, the teachers' anxiety is reduced and enjoyment and learning is enhanced.

Now, approximately 1,100 Carlisle students experience three academically-tiered field experiences revolving around their local waterway - all this before graduating from middle school. Students participate in hands-on real science that links aquatic insects, riparian habitat, land use and storm water to water quality, focusing on both local stream health and that of the Chesapeake Bay. Habitat enhancement projects and storm water Best Management Practices are woven in to the experiential learning. This presentation recaps a brief history and current snapshot of this dynamic and unique program, including the successes and challenges.

Holly Smith - Bio

Education Project Coordinator, Audubon Pennsylvania

Holly was born & raised in the Pittsburgh area. Her meandering career path finally landed her at Shippensburg University where, as an adult student, she earned a bachelor's degree in science and environmental education and a master's degree in geoenvironmental studies.

She began working for Audubon Pennsylvania in 2003. Her work includes educating about and protecting Waggoner's Gap Hawkwatch, promoting the use of native plants for wildlife habitat and storm water management, and providing resources and programs for elementary students and teachers. Her most delightful responsibility involves leading the LeTort Stream Study program in partnership with Carlisle Area School District. She is also a Project WET facilitator.

When she's not digging around in streams with students, Holly lives in Carlisle with her husband and 2 sons, ages 13 and 9. Her family enjoys all sorts of unstructured outdoor play including bird-watching, hiking, camping, rock climbing and just about anything involving water.

Holly was the grateful recipient of an AAUW scholarship while attending Shippensburg U.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon., Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	Book Club	Side room 204-205 HUB
Tues. Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler Library, Meeting Room A or B
Sat., Nov. 12	6:30 p.m.	Gourmet Group	Becky Morgenthal & Wendy Armour Dickinson
Sat, Dec. 3	10:00 a.m.	Branch Meeting & Brunch	Social Hall East HUB

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
**66% of Pennsylvania Public Schools (K-12) Reported
Zero Incidents of Sexual Harassment in 2013-14**

This is the conclusion of AAUW's analysis of the recently released U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) for 2013-14 on harassment and bullying in America's public schools. This would be good news if the numbers were believable. That means two-thirds of schools have eliminated sexual harassment and bullying completely.

Many reports, including AAUW's research [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools](#), refute this finding that nearly half of students grades 7-12 (and more than half of girls) reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment in the previous school year. Based on these [findings](#), we can infer that schools included in the CRDC data are vastly underestimating the frequency of sexual harassment and bullying based on sex in U.S. schools.

In July, Dot McLane, AAUW-PA President and Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy jointly sent a letter to Governor Wolf outlining the concern and stating AAUW's interest, concluding "Accurate data collection efforts are an essential tool to determine the adequacy of current enforcement levels and any areas in need of improvement in Pennsylvania schools. The information provided in the CRDC is vital in ensuring Title IX compliance in local communities. AAUW believes that schools owe it to their students to get these numbers right, and to respond appropriately to such reports."

To date, there has been no response from the Governor, so AAUW branches across Pennsylvania are acting locally. Below are actions the Public Policy Committee recommends.

- At the November 8th board meeting, I will seek approval to send a letter to the editor of The Sentinel on behalf of the branch.
- Members who delivered the new Title IX resources to Big Spring, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cumberland Valley, and Northern York County are asked to send an email to the Title IX Coordinator. The sample email is on the [state website](#) can be modified.
- The Public Policy Committee, or interested members will send an email to the remaining school districts in Cumberland County. The sample email is on the [state website](#). Report the delivery by completing this [form](#).
- You can attend a school board meeting and speak in the public comment portion of the agenda. Sample remarks are on the [state website](#) and Peggy Jennings (peggy@drj4college.com) has the meeting dates. If you attend, please tell us about the experience.

*Ann Pehle
Public Policy Chair*

Registration is now open for the [AAUW National Convention](#)! Join us June 14-17 in Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress, hone your leadership skills, and network with AAUW leaders. [Register now](#) to take advantage of the best-value rate.

AAUW CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING October 15 ,2016

Carlisle branch members Ann Pehle and Linda Figueroa attended a central district AAUW meeting on October 15, 2016. There were members from the York, Lebanon Valley and Huntington branches attending as well.

There was a power point presentation by Annie Gebhardt from the PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) who is their Training and Technical Assistance Director. She talked about the 9 Principles of Prevention on College campuses. Those principles include:

- a comprehensive approach which includes root causes and risk factors;
- efforts of sufficient dose and duration;
- efforts which are appropriately timed for specific audiences;
- efforts which are socially/culturally relevant;
- efforts include positive relationship building;
- messages which offer varied teaching methods;
- efforts must be theory driven and evidence based;
- trainers must be well prepared; and
- efforts must be continually evaluated to see if they are meeting campus community needs.

If anyone wants further information, they can visit National Sexual Violence Resource Center at National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

Following the presentation Ann gave a report on state public policy initiatives including GOTV efforts and upcoming WORKSMART plans in the Carlisle area.

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Linda Figueroa

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE AAUW-PA STATE CONFERENCE

Linkey Green and Ann Pehle attended the AAUW-PA Annual Conference in July. Here are the highlights.

- Met AAUW members from across the state. We all have great stories to tell and reasons for joining and being involved with AAUW.
- Shared ideas. Sometimes it feels isolating in a branch—like you are the only one struggling with this reality. It is validating to learn that the struggles are common and there are solutions, ideas, creative approaches. For example, for an easy way to contact representatives—preprint postcards for members to address and sign at a meeting.
- Had extreme pride in the Carlisle branch while sharing our solutions, ideas, creative approaches with others.
- Learned so much from the top notch speakers. Came away with more ideas than can possibly implement. Wished more people from Carlisle branch attended to hear the information and messages first hand.
- Met members of AAUW national staff creating the feeling of being connected to a greater whole.
- Learned about AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) which works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace by providing legal case support, the online Know Your Rights at Work resource, and Campus Outreach grants up to \$750 for AAUW student organizations, AAUW branches, or Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF) chapters to take action around AAUW's issues on campus.
- Came away reenergized and renewed.
- Great fun getting to know one another.

Ready to attend? AAUW-PA State Conference is April 21-23, 2017 at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York. It is so close, you can't use driving distance as a reason for not attending and Carlisle Branch is one of the hosting branches. Mark your calendars now!

*Ann Pehle
Public Policy Chair*

*Linkey Green
President*

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

We had very successful events at Harvest of the Arts and Employment Skills Center. See the full report and photos on our website. <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/public-policy/> Thank you to the following branch members for volunteering.

Barbara Attivo	Kathleen Brennan
Didem Cal	Gail D'Urso
Carolyn Freburg	Kathleen Gorak
Linkey Green	Loretta Maddox
Phyllis Orenyo	Molly Shane



Following Board approval in June, the members voted to proceed with the Work Smart project at the September branch meeting. I am gratified by your support. This salary negotiation workshop teaches skills that impact a women's life. Our project is to conduct two workshops in March 2017. We will create a special committee for this project—November to March. If you are interested, please contact me, Ann Pehle (annp71@comcast.net or 795-4969).

How To Speak Up Against Everyday Bias

This article originally appeared in the Summer 2016 *Outlook*. Written by Lisa M. Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy, [How To Speak Up Against Everyday Bias](#) provides options for how to handle encounters of bias in five scenarios: cocktail party, family gathering, street harassment, online sexism, and the workplace.

*Ann Pehle
Public Policy Chair*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the Oct. 25th meeting, our student AAUW presenters mentioned that it would really be wonderful for them if they had a list of our members and what their career is/was. The young women thought perhaps we could have some insight into a career path that might be helpful to one considering that same career. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good thing and Pat Markowski volunteered to contact members and compile the list. When you respond to Pat, please indicate if you are willing to be a resource/mentor for a Dickinson student who is a member of the AAUW Student Organization. Also, please indicate your preferred contact information (e-mail/phone).

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed an informative and delightful program. These young women represent the future of AAUW and I for one am impressed.

The Harrisburg Branch has invited the Carlisle Branch to its November meeting on Thursday, November 17th. The invitation is found on Page 5. I hope that many of us can go as the topic sounds most interesting and informative. If you want to go please let me know so we can set up carpools.



Linkey Green

Did you see the new page on our [website](#)?
If you are a Facebook user, like the AAUW-PA page.
<https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-PA-274042237200/>

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: A PENNSYLVANIA CRISIS

November 17, 2016
Capital Blue Community Room, 4500 Marketplace
Way, Enola
6:30 pm Social / 7:00 pm Program
Program Chairs: Kathy Silks and Carol Stark

Barry Denk, director of The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, will discuss the opioid epidemic, the challenges communities of all sizes face in dealing with the problem, and opportunities and resources available to address this public health crisis, including community-based coalitions providing education and prevention programs.

A July 2016 report from the Drug Enforcement Administration Philadelphia Field Division's Intelligence Program indicated that more than 3,300 people died from an overdose in Pennsylvania in 2015. That same report cited a 23.4 percent increase in the total number of overdose deaths in Pennsylvania from 2014 to 2015. Sadly, information being collected this year will most likely point to an increase in overdose deaths for 2016. The continuing increase in drug-related overdose deaths confirms a clear and present crisis for our state's law enforcement, public health agencies, and educators to combat drug availability, provide drug treatment, and promote drug education.

Since 2014, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania has conducted eleven public hearings on the heroin epidemic, which has now taken center stage on the local, state, and national levels. The Center will continue its work to educate policymakers, inform the public, and enhance current policies in Pennsylvania related to heroin and opioid addiction treatment.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Barry Denk has held positions in community development, education, and government. He headed a workforce and entrepreneurial development project at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for ten years, consulting with the World Bank and U.S. Department of Commerce on Eastern European development matters. Following graduate school, he joined The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative research agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, in 1992 and was named Director in 1996. He has served on the boards of numerous statewide associations and on commissions addressing land use planning, poverty, broadband deployment, and education. He is a founding member of the National Coalition of State Rural Policy Centers, formed by the Rural Policy Research Institute.

BARRY L. DENK



A special thank you to Vicki Carl who stepped in and gave us a wonderful program on Alzheimer's when the speaker did not make it to our September meeting. She was well prepared and on the spot had to give the program. I think it went well and others have expressed the same. Vicki, you did well.

Linkey

BOOK GROUP

The November Book Group discussion will be held Monday 7 November at 7 pm in Side Room 204-205 of the Holland Union Building. This is a complete change in plans. We will discuss *Orphan #8*, an historical fiction novel, by Kim van Alkemade. We will be joined by the author, Dr. Kim Alkemade.

In 1919, four year old Rachel Rabinowitz is placed in the Hebrew Infant Home where Dr. Mildred Solomon is conducting medical research on the children. Dr. Solomon subjects Rachel to an experimental course of X-Ray treatments that establish the doctor's reputation while risking the little girl's health. In 1954, Rachel is a nurse in the hospice wing of the Old Hebrews Home when elderly Dr. Solomon becomes her patient. Realizing the power she holds over the helpless Doctor, Rachel embarks on a dangerous experiment of her own design. Before the night shift ends, Rachel will be forced to choose between forgiveness and revenge. The novel is inspired by true events.

Kim van Alkemade was born in New York City and spent her childhood in suburban New Jersey. Kim attended college in Wisconsin, earning a doctorate in English from UW-Milwaukee. She is a professor at Shippensburg University and lives in Carlisle. Her creative nonfiction essays have been published in literary journals including Alaska Quarterly Review, So To Speak, and CutBank. *Orphan #8* is her first novel.

This discussion is open to the entire branch. If you will be able to join us, please RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson by Friday, 4 November. Please call or text 717-514-3322 or send an email to warmourdickinson@hotmail.com.

2016-2017 Board Members

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Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY BRUNCH

SOCIAL HALL EAST - HUB

DECEMBER 3, 2016

*MENU: RASPBERRY BALSAMIC CHICKEN SALAD
DINNER ROLLS
CARROT CAKE*

Please gather at 10:00 a.m.

Program at 10:15 a.m.

Brunch at 11:15 a.m.

BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

R.S.V.P. by Monday, November 28

Name _____

Guest (s) _____

Amount enclosed @\$16/person _____

Please make checks payable to:

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and

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