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AAUW AND PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW is the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political. Our mission--Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research—provides the purpose and meaning of being an AAUW member. The September 26th branch meeting will explore the advocacy element of the mission.

You may have never heard of or used the term Public Policy before becoming an AAUW member. Merriam-Webster defines Public Policy as government policies that affect the whole population. To advocate on behalf of women and girls to advance equity means AAUW must be involved in Public Policy discussions on the issues impacting women and girls. In the first part of the September meeting, Nancy Sigrist, AAUW Carlisle Public Policy Chair will share how AAUW selects which Public Policy issues to focus on.

The focus will then move to the impact of advocacy. Our guest speakers, Randi Teplitz and Megan Healy, both from the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, will speak about their experiences working on behalf of the women of Pennsylvania. In October 2015, Randi was appointed by Governor Wolf to serve as the Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and Megan serves as Executive Director.

Randi Teplitz has been an advocate for women and other vulnerable members of our community for her entire adult life. She is currently a Professor in the Legal Studies Division at Central Penn College in Summerdale, and an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Widener University Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg. A lawyer by training, Randi began her career by representing victims of domestic violence in protection from abuse, custody, divorce and economic support cases. She served as a Staff Attorney at Central Pennsylvania Legal Services (now Mid-Penn Legal Services) and then as the founding director of the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg’s Domestic Violence Legal Center.

Megan Healey spent over two years as Governor Wolf's Deputy Press Secretary and is well known in the area after her time as the Weekend Anchor/Reporter for ABC27 in Harrisburg. Megan graduated Cum Laude from Cornell University with a B.S. degree in Communications/Government.

We look forward to learning about the important work of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and understanding the impact of Public Policy advocacy.

*Nancy Sigrist,
Program Chair*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon.	Sept. 11	7:00p.m.	Book Group	Darlis Simonton
Tues.	Sept. 12	7:00p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler Library
Sat.	Sept 23	10:00 a.m.- 5:00p.m.	Voter Registration	Harvest of The Arts
Tues.	Sept 26	7:00p.m.	Branch Meeting	Dickinson

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The August 22nd Social—our first meeting for this program year—was a huge success! We enjoyed catching up with everyone and ate good food. Thank you, Carolyn Freberg and Sue Royer, for a great program—sharing a better way to invite persons to check out AAUW Carlisle. We now all have an AAUW elevator speech—so watch our membership numbers rise! Thirty-five members, five attending their first meeting, were joined by seven guests. Two of the guests are now new members!

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and bid on items. The \$761 raised in the August silent auction, along with the December brunch, support Branch Initiatives. Branch Initiatives include, but are not limited to: AAUW Funds, Scholarships, Camp Invention scholarship, the Work Smart program, and Public Policy activities such as voter registrations, the School Board Voter Guide, Topic Talks, and Title IX and Equal Pay activities. Thank you for your generosity.

As I began my term as President, I felt it important to pause and do a bit of strategic planning. So, on Saturday, August 5 the Board members met to discuss the following questions: How members can volunteer if they wish to be more active; issues facing the branch; ideas of what the branch could do. We had a fabulous discussion and exchange of ideas, yielding much raw material for future discussion and decisions. I will keep you informed of our process and progress and outcomes.

The first outcome from the strategic planning is **Volunteer Opportunities**. We know that some members would like to be more involved however don't know what is available or are not interested in serving on the Board or on a committee. To help you fulfill your desire for being involved, it is imperative the Board develop and promote a wide variety of volunteer opportunities.

To that end, we created Volunteer Opportunities—a list of specific events and general requests. Volunteer Opportunities was a handout at the August meeting—and will be available at every branch meeting. Specific event opportunities will be included in every newsletter—starting with this one. Finally, the complete [Volunteer Opportunities](#) list is on our website.

Let me know what you think. apehle@outlook.com or 401-644-6488.

Ann Pehle

Why did you join AAUW?
Write a sentence or two
for the [website](#). Send to
apehle@outlook.com.

Are you following [AAUW
Carlisle PA Branch](#) on
Facebook?



If you haven't visited the branch website (<http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>) recently you are missing new content. Make this a resource for information about AAUW Carlisle.

WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Buffenbarger

Born in Wales, Jennifer met her husband, Tom, in Germany. As career military, they settled in the Carlisle area fourteen years ago when Tom attended the Army War College.

Jennifer served in the Royal Air Force, but had always been interested in a career in nursing. Due to the frequent moves required by military service, she was in her late 20s before she was able to satisfy the prerequisites for acceptance into an LPN program. She acquired the necessary class credits in bits and pieces, picking up credits in Germany and in Arizona and finally finishing her LPN through courses on-line. Subsequently, she earned her MSN (Nursing) and Ed.D. at Walden University.

Ironically, her first nursing assignments involved one of her greatest dislikes, hypodermic needles! She practiced nursing in Germany at an immunization clinic vaccinating children. Working for the U.S. Army and the American Red Cross, she coordinated immunization of soldiers before their deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. After moving to this area, she served as a recovery nurse at Carlisle hospital.

Currently, Jennifer is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Wilson College. She was introduced to AAUW when she was invited to attend the AAUW Carlisle Branch Scholarship Dinner by her student and 2016 scholarship recipient, Ciera Rhodes. Impressed by the AAUW scholarship awards and mission of equality for women and girls, Jennifer decided to become a member.

Jennifer and her husband reside in Shippensburg with their two dogs, a Welsh corgi named Dylan Thomas and a Pomeranian-terrier mix named Abby, and two one-eyed cats.

Kathleen Dodds

A graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, Kathleen has a BA in Sociology and Anthropology.

After college, she worked for a time in Washington DC at the Endowment for Humanities Media Program. This organization provides grants to Public Television and National Public Radio. As an administrator in the media program, she developed logistics and worked with grantees on media samples. Later in her career, she moved to Gettysburg and worked as office manager for the Adams County Mental Health Association.

It was her early experience twice summering in England as a teen that prepared her for her 20-year tenure as Field Education Coordinator at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Kathleen's father was a United Church of Christ minister, and the family did "pulpit exchanges" with ministers' families from the London suburbs. This wider exposure to pastoral life in different environments provided background that helped her place Gettysburg Lutheran Seminarians in internship programs that prepared them for positions as chaplains in various institutions following their graduation from seminary.

Kathleen and her husband Gary reside in Shermansdale. She has many interests and hobbies, including photography, genealogy, travel, and history (she is a member of the Carlisle Historical Society).

Now that she is retired, she wants to get to know the Carlisle area better, and former colleague, Molly Shane, recommended that Kathleen join the Carlisle Branch of AAUW. Kathleen is thrilled to be part of an organization whose mission is equity for women and girls.

Lynn Cobb

Lynn saw the country and the world as an Air Force spouse. Her husband's assignments took them to Texas, California, Hawaii and South Korea. Lynn was a stay at home mother of two girls; one is now an elementary school librarian in Annapolis, MD and the other is in her first year of serving as a U.S. Capital Police Officer in Washington, DC.

While Lynn did not have a paying job during her years moving around the country, she worked tirelessly as a volunteer in the Officers Spouse Clubs, and coaching school soccer and basketball, as a Girl Scout Leader, and served on several swim club boards.

Lynn majored in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland. But it was her eight years of volunteer work with the Capital Intermediate Unit of a family support group at a school for mentally challenged teens that led her to pursue a MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She attained this degree in May 2017.

Lynn now resides in Mechanicsburg with her second husband, and enjoys reading, gardening and outdoor exercise, including bicycling and skiing. She was invited to join AAUW by Carlisle branch member Adora Smith, her stepmother.

*Pat Markowski,
Interviewer*

PUBLIC POLICY

GET OUT THE VOTE

As part of AAUW-Carlisle's ongoing efforts to "Get Out the Vote," we'll be partnering with the League of Women Voters and the AAUW Dickinson Student Organization to staff a Voter Registration drive during **Carlisle's Harvest of the Arts on September 23** from 10:00 am–5:00 pm. This is our fourth year offering voter registration at this event.

We need your help! If you can volunteer to register voters for an hour or two, or help prior to the event and at the end for set-up and clean-up, please sign up for a time slot using this link to connect to the TimeToSignUp sign-up sheet.

<https://tsu.me/ebwdah>

If you prefer, you can also contact Peggy Jennings at Peggy@Dr14College.com or 717-385-0826 to sign up.

No previous experience is required. You'll receive information about voter registration guidelines before the event, and there will be experienced helpers there throughout the day.

Come help ensure full participation in the upcoming election!

Peggy Jennings

Future Events – Watch for Details

Region 2 of the **Mechanicsburg School District** is a contested School Board race. AAUW Carlisle was asked to hold candidate forum so is in the planning stage right now. A date for **Topic Talks: Barriers and Bias** is Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00pm. With the assistance of Katie Oliverio, Assistant Professor at Dickinson's Women's and Gender Sexuality Department, we will explore AAUW's research on women in leadership in this book-group style format. AAUW is working in collaboration to host a screening of **Equal Means Equal** in Carlisle.

Volunteers Needed to Babysit at CASD School Board Candidate Forum

Six candidates are vying for four, 4-year term seats. AAUW Carlisle and YWCA Carlisle are holding a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 25th at the YWCA. We would love to include babysitting, eliminating an obstacle for attendees, however can not if we don't have certified volunteers. Volunteers must have (or be willing to obtain) these security clearances to work with children: PA State Police, the Child Abuse History and the FBI fingerprint report. If willing to volunteer, please contact Nancy Sigrist (ncsigrist@gmail.com or (707) 484-2557).

Redistricting Matters: A Nonpartisan Consensus for Cumberland County

October 12 at the Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium on Dickinson College campus.

5:30 – 6:30 Reception 6:30 – 8:00 Program

PA has been an outlier in extreme gerrymandering since the 1990s. According to five methods in use to rank gerrymandering of Congressional districts, PA is the only state that ranks in the top five by every measure—Efficiency gap, Seats-to-votes, Mean-median, Lopsided wins, and Simulated elections. In Cumberland County, we are represented by 2 U.S. Congressmen, 3 State Senators, 6 State Representatives. Is anyone representing the interests of the entire county? AAUW Carlisle is working in coalition with Fair Districts PA, YWCA Carlisle, and Cumberland Valley Rising to present a panel discussion on the impact of gerrymandering on Cumberland County. All three Cumberland County Commissioners, plus Nancy Konhaus Griffie, Chairman Silver Spring Township Board of Supervisors and Ron Skubecz, Fair Districts PA are confirmed. The panel will be moderated by Sarah Niebler, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Dickinson College.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



<i>Specific Event</i>		<i>Volunteer Opportunity</i>	<i>Time Commitment</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<i>Public Policy</i>	September 23 Saturday	Register Voters Voter Registration at Harvest of the Arts High Street	1-2 hours daytime	Peggy Jennings
<i>Public Policy</i>	October 12 Thursday	Promote AAUW Carlisle at table Redistricting Matters: A Nonpartisan Consensus for Cumberland County Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium	5:00 set up 5:30 – 6:30	Ann Pehle
<i>Public Policy</i>	October 25 Wednesday	Promote AAUW Carlisle at table OR Provide childcare in pre-school room Volunteers must have these security clearances to work with children: PA State Police, the Child Abuse History and the FBI fingerprint report. Carlisle Area School District School Board Candidate Forum YWCA	3 hours evening	Nancy Sigrist
<i>Public Policy</i>	TBD	Promote AAUW Carlisle at table Mechanicsburg School District School Board Region 2 Candidate Forum Location TBD	2 hours evening	Sue Royer
<i>Public Policy</i>	TBD	Host Event Topic Talks: Barriers and Bias Location TBD (member home)	3 hours evening	Nancy Sigrist
<i>Public Policy</i>	TBD	Provide Refreshments Topic Talks: Barriers and Bias Location TBD (member home)	Various	Nancy Sigrist
<i>Public Policy</i>	TBD	Promote AAUW Carlisle at table Provide Refreshments Equal Means Equal movie showing Carlisle Theater	3 hours evening	Nancy Sigrist

EXPLORING AAUW



UNDERSTANDING OUR ORGANIZATION AAUW and Newseum - Great Collaborations!

[Newseum](#) in Washington, D.C. is an innovative space dedicated to promoting, explaining and defending free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. Known as one of the most interactive museums, walking through the galleries is a learning and inspirational experience. A must see for a Washington, D.C. visit.

AAUW and Newseum have been collaborating for almost ten years. The newest collaboration is [Women, Their Rights, and Nothing Less](#). This online learning module using materials from [AAUW's archives](#), investigates the suffragists' pioneering use of First Amendment freedoms, teaches students about the historical aspects of the suffrage movement and connects women's fight for the vote to contemporary issues with case studies about the power of social movements. Approved by the [National Council for the Social Studies](#) and created to meet core curriculum requirements, the module is available free to teachers and AAUW members for dissemination into classrooms across the country.

AAUW created a [Program in a Box](#) to make it easy for members to collaborate with schools and bring women's history to life in local classrooms with the [Women, Their Rights, and Nothing Less](#) online learning module. Making connections with educators, middle schoolers, and high schoolers shows how relevant AAUW is to teachers and students.

The AAUW and Newseum collaboration began with the 2008 election, creating an interactive space where visitors could "cast their votes" and see a running tally of results. In 2012, AAUW was the lead sponsor of the exhibit, ["Every Four Years: Presidential Campaigns and the Press"](#) exploring the "story behind the story" of past presidential elections past. This supplemented AAUW's work to educate and encourage Americans to learn about elections and to vote. In 2016, the "Every Four Years" exhibit focused on voter registration. The Newseum was instrumental in showcasing the release of [Barriers and Bias](#) in March 2016, AAUW's research about women in leadership, by live streaming (free of charge) a stellar panel, moderated by Cokie Roberts.

The next joint initiative is an education piece on Media Literacy. This should launch this November with another panel discussion at the Newseum and will again feature a panel of journalist/media heavyweights to discuss the importance of recognizing fake news and how one can determine what is and isn't "real."

Little known fact -- AAUW Carlisle has a connection to the Newseum. Sue Royer's sister, [Martha Rial](#) won a Pulitzer in 1998 for her portraits of survivors of the conflicts in Rwanda and Burundi. A permanent Newseum exhibit is [Pulitzer Prize photographs](#) and Martha's [Trek of Tears photo](#) is included.

*Ann Pehle,
President*



ARMY WELCOME EXPO

For the second year, AAUW Carlisle had a table at the Army Welcome Expo, an event for incoming students and their families to learn about the Carlisle community. Amidst tables for professional services, banks, orthodontists, caterers, bed and breakfasts, we tell our story of being a membership organization with a mission. Not only do we speak with students, it gives us an opportunity to meet new people who live in Carlisle. Many were interested in learning more—and one person attended the August meeting and joined. Thank you to Kathleen Gorak for arranging/managing the event. And thank you to all the greeters—Kathleen Gorak, Cindy Sutton, Linkey Green, Pat Markowski, Ann Pehle, Sue Royer—for another fabulous event.

The SUPPER CLUB f/k/a The Gourmet Group

The Gourmet Group has a new name and a slightly new focus. To reflect our focus on cooking as well as dining out, the Gourmet Group is now called the Supper Club. Every other month, the group will dine out. The other months we will dine in. The hostess will continue to choose and prepare the main dish. The remaining members will prepare appetizers, salads and desserts of their choosing to go with the main dish. Members will rotate meal preparations. When preparing meals, members will continue to share expenses.

The Supper Club encourages other branch members to establish a second gourmet/supper club within the branch. A new group could either dine out, cook or a combination of both. If you are interested in establishing a new group, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson at 717-514-3322

Wendy Armour Dickinson,
Chair

Save the Date

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| October 2 | Book Group |
| October 12 | Redistricting Matters: A Nonpartisan Consensus for Cumberland County |
| October 14 | Supper Club |
| October 24 | Branch Meeting |
| October 25 | CASD School Board Candidate Forum 7:00pm |

See [website \(http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/\)](http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/) for details on all events

BOOK GROUP

Hamilton by Ron Chernow

Monday, September 11, 2017, 7 p.m.
Darliss Simonton (717-245-2681 or darlissimonton@embarqmail.com)

Ron Chernow, the renowned author of *Titan* whom the New York Times has called “as elegant an architect of monumental histories as we’ve seen in decades,” vividly re-creates the whole sweep of Alexander Hamilton’s turbulent life—his exotic, brutal upbringing; his titanic feuds with celebrated rivals; his pivotal role in defining the shape of the federal government and the American economy; his shocking illicit romances; his enlightened abolitionism; and his famous death in a duel with Aaron Burr in July 1804. Drawing upon extensive, unparalleled research— including nearly fifty previously undiscovered essays highlighting Hamilton’s fiery journalism as well as his revealing missives to colleagues and friends—this biography of the extraordinarily gifted founding father who galvanized, inspired, and scandalized the newborn nation is the work by which all others will be measured.

Additional information about the book and the author are online. All branch members are always welcome to attend any book discussion meeting of interest to them. Please call or email the hostess by Friday, September 8, 2017.

AAUW offers the ¡Adelante! Book Club. The September 2017 Selection is:
Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice Joan Biskupic

How did Sonia Sotomayor become the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court of the United States? That is the question veteran journalist Joan Biskupic seeks to answer. Biskupic takes readers inside the Supreme Court nomination process, revealing how Sotomayor’s connections and skills enabled her to achieve great success. *Breaking In* is the story of how two forces – the determination of a gifted Puerto Rican girl from the Bronx housing projects and the increasing political clout of Hispanics across the United States – came together to yield a historic appointment.

See the AAUW Website for online discussion.

Wendy Dickinson
Book Group Chair

Worth Reading

Since AAUW's founding in 1881 it has been on the front line of the fight for women's equal access to education. This [article](#) tells the history from our first research (no, college degrees don't make women infertile) through to today's struggles.

Outlook is Going Digital!

Starting with the summer 2017 issue, AAUW Outlook will be going digital. You'll still get the same insight about the issues that affect women and girls the most, but with more content. Make sure your preferred email address is on [file](#), and look out for this issue in your inbox! Send a change of email address to connect@auw.org.



2017-2018 Board Members

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Kathleen Gorak**

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Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

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AAUW Glossary of Terms

AAUW (no periods) – the American Association of University Women – Name was adopted in 1921 through the merger of the AAUW of Collegiate Alumnae (formed in 1881) and the Southern Association of College Women. Since 2008, the preferred name is AAUW to clearly include all eligible members.

AAUW Affiliate – An organization affiliated with AAUW for the purpose of supporting AAUW's mission through affiliate programs, fundraising, networking and/or other activities. Affiliates include branches, states, multi-state organizations, C/U members, etc.

AAUW Outlook – National's magazine publication for members.

Adelante! – Adelante! Diversity Outreach for Impact is a program to build awareness and provide skills to meet the challenges and requirements posed as AAUW increases the diversity of its membership and works toward equity for all women and girls. It includes a book list on the web at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>

Linkey Green