

CARLISLE BRANCH HONORS FOUR WOMEN AT SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

On April 26, three young women were awarded the AAUW Higher Education Scholarships and they were **Kelsey Dutka**, **Alyssa Jones** and **Crystal Van**. Each received \$1500 through the generous donations from our branch members. Thank You!

This year through the generosity and love of her mother Arlene Ginter Miller, Marjorie Mowery established a memorial scholarship in her name. The \$1500 scholarship was awarded to **Miranda Clash**, a deserving recipient as Arlene was a teacher who inspired her students and her children with a passion for life long learning.

A special thank you goes to the scholarship committee members Cindy Sutton, Rosemary Smith, Barbara Allen and Marjorie Mowery. They worked as a team organizing and scheduling the interviews over three different days to accommodate the prospective candidates and their schedules.

A huge appreciation goes out to Marjorie Mowery, our AAUW Funds chair for her help in soliciting funds for our scholarships.

The members attending the banquet enjoyed learning about the educational and career goals of our talented winners and were inspired by their confidence, poise and outlook for the future.

GOURMET GROUP

Meeting June 4th at Brick at 5:45 pm. If you are interested in attending, please email Wendy Armour Dickinson at warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

*Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed., June 1	DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES		
Sat., June 4	5:45 p.m.	Gourmet Group	Brick
Mon., June 6	6:00 p.m.	Book Group Annual Picnic	Pat McCallum
Tues., June 7	7:00 p.m.	Organizational Board Mtg.	Bosler Library, Meeting Rooms

AAUW-PA MAY KEYSTONER: CENTRAL DISTRICT

CARLISLE

In the May issue of the AAUW-PA *Keystoner*, there was a great article about Carlisle Branch (under "Branch Bits and Pieces," Page 6.) It tells that we are making our presence known in the Carlisle community!

This has been an exciting year for the Carlisle Branch. We have established a collegiate affiliate group at Dickinson College, and we worked with them on Get Out the Vote initiatives and at a community Black History event. The students held an Equal Pay bake sale on campus with the help of one of our members and members of *MomsRising* who baked the cookies.



Branch members Linkey Green, Cindy Sutton, and Ann Pehle promoted Get Out the Vote at the Carlisle Harvest of Crafts.

Our Branch has held four Get Out the Vote events which resulted in 101 new registered voters. We put a guest editorial in the local paper for Equal Pay Day and four members attended the AAUW-PA led rally held in Harrisburg.

We are very pleased to have some new members who are into Public Policy. We have delivered Title IX resources to three of six local school districts.

Linkey Green

THREE MEMBERS HONORED AT MAY MEETING

Three Branch members were recognized by the Carlisle Branch at its May meeting. Each was also recognized at State Convention in April.

The Outstanding Woman Award goes to a branch member for meritorious service to the branch and the community. Our **Outstanding Woman Award** goes to **Cindy Sutton**. Cindy has served as AAUW Funds Chair, Branch President and Programs Co-Vice President. She has actively supported our Public Policy events and was instrumental in starting the Collegiate Affiliate at Dickinson College. In addition to being an essential Branch member, Cindy is involved in many activities at her church and her former school. Wherever there is a need, she steps up to help. Cindy is a wonderful example of an Outstanding Women.

The **2016 Member Making A Difference Award** (formerly the Branch Spotlight Award) is given to a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. The member is selected because she exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. Our **Member Making a Difference Award** goes to **Ann Pehle** for her active participation in Public Policy as well as assuming the job of Webmaster.

The Named Gift Honoree Award is given by the branch when the Branch contributes a minimum of \$500 to AAUW Funds. This year's award goes to **Don Mowery** for his generous contributions to our Branch and his untiring efforts at fundraising.

In addition to these awards, the Carlisle Branch was also recognized by the state for our Per Capita giving to AAUW. This year our Per Capita giving was \$49.90. We were also recognized for our total giving which totaled \$3,045.

Linkey Green

MEET TWO OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

New Branch member Linda Figueroa was born in Vermont and at age 8 moved to a suburb of Syracuse NY where she grew up. She attended Butler University and spent her junior year abroad in Spain. After graduation, she returned to Madrid to work for a year after which she went to Graduate School at Syracuse University.

Linda moved to Reston, VA and worked in the DC area where she worked for a consulting firm before becoming the Deputy Director of the Mental Health Association of Northern, Virginia, a position she held for six years. In 1988 she moved to Cumberland County to take a job in Harrisburg with the Tri County Commission for Community Action (now called Tri County Community Action). During her 21 year tenure, Linda worked as an advocate for people who are marginalized or can't speak for themselves. Through this nonprofit organization she helped low income people find work, homes and the training to enable them to become self-sufficient. She retired in 2009.

Linda is a horse lover who owned and rode horses for many years. Other interests include playing bridge and attending the theatre and choral concerts. Linda is an active volunteer with the International Fellows Program at the Army War College. She usually sponsors at least two foreign officers each year and is wonderful at showing them many aspects of American culture.

Linda is a part of the Letter Writing Brigade for Amnesty International. She writes on behalf of people all over the world who have been unlawfully imprisoned. Her letters go to government officials to help obtain the release of these people from prison.

Since Linda has spent a lifetime of advocacy, it is no surprise that she is interested in participating in Public Policy activities. She lives in Carlisle with two adorable rescued cats named Mickey and Sugar.

Please give a warm welcome to Linda Figueroa!

New Member, Gail D'Urso

Gail joined the Carlisle Branch in the fall of 2015. A New Jersey native, Gail has spent most of her adult life in Pennsylvania. Gail graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Home Economics and later earned her Master's in Public Health from the U. of Pittsburg. Her husband, Marty is a graduate of Dickinson College who works for Youth Advocate Programs.

Gail initially worked in Family Planning and for Planned Parenthood in various locations in Delaware County and in Philadelphia. She also worked with pregnant teens at the Lourdes House run by Catholic Charities. After the births of her 3 sons Gail was a stay-at-home mom for 10 years. When she turned 40 she decided to teach so she attended Immaculata University to get her teaching certification. Gail taught for 12 years in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District before moving to Carlisle where she has taught for 8 years at Lamberton Middle School.

Gail and Marty's three sons are scattered around the country. The eldest lives in St. Louis, MO, the second in Philadelphia and the youngest in Ashland, Oregon.

Gail likes any craft that involves needles - sewing, needlepoint, crochet, knitting, etc. Her reading tastes go to murder mysteries and non-fiction books in the fields of child development, psychology and learning techniques. She also enjoys gardening.

Please welcome, Gail D'Urso to the Carlisle Branch.

*Linkey Green
Interviewer*

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Public Policy – A Year in Review

It has been a busy year and wouldn't have been successful without support of the Board and member participation.

Barb Allen	Linkey Green	Susan Rohrs
Jill Bartoli	Kathleen Gorak	Sue Royer
Kathy Everett	Mary Long	Molly Shane
Carolyn Freberg	Pat Markowski	Rose Smith
	Don Mowery	Cindy Sutton
		Patty Stibitz

There were four areas of focus. Libby worked tirelessly to **build strong coalitions** with League of Women Voters, YWCA, Hope Station, Clarke Forum, Chamber of Commerce, MomsRising. For **Voter Registration/Get Out the Vote** we held four voter registration events yielding 101 new voters in Cumberland County and co-sponsored two Cumberland County Commissioners Candidates Forums. **Equal Pay** accomplishments include visiting the local offices of Representatives Bloom and Rothman; four members representing the branch at the Equal Pay Day rally at the capitol rotunda organized by AAUW-PA; writing [guest editorial](#) in The Sentinel; supporting the Dickinson College collegiate affiliate's bake sale. In addition, Libby participated on the AAUW-PA Economic Security Working Group. Members delivered **Title IX** resources to Big Spring, Carlisle, Cumberland Valley and North York County school districts.

Thank you to everyone for making this a great year.

*Ann Pehle
Libby Hutcheson
Public Policy Co-Chairs*

SUMMER RETREAT

Saturday, July 16 AAUW-PA Summer Retreat
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Country Cupboard Inn,
Lewisburg

Mark your calendar for our summer retreat, which will focus on Membership-recruitment, retention, diversity, and inclusion. Our presenters will include Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager at the AAUW national office, and Randi Blauth, Bethlehem branch and member of the AAUW Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. Claudia brings many years of experience in AAUW membership with information and resources for building branch membership. Randi will provide information and activities to help us assess what draws members to an AAUW branch so we can examine our branches to determine if we offer what prospective members of diverse backgrounds want.

All interested members are welcome. AAUW-PA will pay all meeting costs for the first two members of every state branch; additional branch members and other AAUW-PA members will be charged \$20 to cover expenses. Student members (SAF, eSAF, Student Organization) in Pennsylvania may attend free of charge.

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Two thumbs up to our superstar, Don Mowery, who arranged our wonderful trip to the Barnes Foundation & Constitution Hall. THANK YOU!

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to thank each of you for your support during this past year. We have had a great Board and Interest Group chairs who have increased our membership, given us wonderful programs, taken us on great trips, kept our finances and records in line and given us a face in the community as a proactive group, not to mention raising funds and giving 3 scholarships. WOW!

Have a wonderful summer and let's all look forward to another great year.

Linkey



2015-2016 Board Members

Elected Officers

President – Linkey Green

Membership VPs – Barbara Allen, Sue Royer

Program VPs – Carmen Eiserman, Cindy Sutton

Finance Officers – Kathleen Brennan, Mary Long

Secretary – Kathleen Gorak

Past President – Cindy Sutton

Committee Chairpersons

Communications/Interviews — Norma Frame

AAUW Funds — Marjie Mowery

Bylaws and Policies and Procedures — Pat McCallum

Historian — Rosemary Smith

Newsletter – Phyllis Orenyo

Webmaster – Ann Pehle

Public Policy — Libby Hutcheson, Ann Pehle

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman, Ann Pehle

Interest Group Coordinators

Book Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Bridge Flight – Mary Berwick

Community Activities – Don Mowery

Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

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MEMBERSHIP FORM
(For New and Renewing Members)

Name: _____ Spouse Name _____

Preferred Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Work Phone: _____ Preferred Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Member: _____ Renewing Member: _____ Changing from Member-at-Large: _____

Transferring from Another Branch: _____ If so, name/location of Branch _____

Honorary Member _____ Life Member _____ Dual Member _____

I am a graduate holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Degree, Year, Major, College/University, State (Please list all.):

Regular Member Dues: \$49 National (\$46 tax deductible) + \$10 State + \$13 Branch = \$72 Total

Paid Life member (state and branch dues) - **\$23**

Dual Member PA Branch (Branch dues) - **\$13** (Primary Branch) _____

Out of state Dual Member (state and branch dues) - **\$23**

Honorary Life Member (Branch dues) **\$13**

Payable to: AAUW CARLISLE BRANCH

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Birth Date: _____

**Mail application and
dues to:**

**Finance Officer
AAUW - Carlisle Branch
P.O. Box 815
Carlisle, PA 17013**