

Making our Branch Grow

Membership Social and Silent Auction

Mark Tuesday, August 22, 2017 on your calendar for the AAUW- Carlisle Branch's Membership Social and Silent Auction (see last page for details). This is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with each other and welcome new and prospective members to our Branch. So invite a guest or two that you have been meaning to introduce to AAUW and join the fun. We will begin at 6:00 with a covered dish meal. If your surname begins with A-G please bring a finger food. Names from H - P bring a salad, and surnames Q - Z bring a dessert to share. After a short business meeting there will be a presentation of this year's theme "Making our Branch Grow."

A highlight of this social is the silent auction. Members are asked to bring an item to auction. Consider donating a special item that you would like to receive as a gift. Items that have been donated in the past have included handmade decorative items, potted plants, book themed baskets, and jewelry. Also a big hit are homemade baked goods and jellies. Use your creativity and bring an item that another member will just have to have. Don't forget your checkbook! Besides dues this auction is the only source of funding for Branch initiatives such as the Public Policy events/activities, and special projects such as Work Smart. (All other current fundraising goes to scholarships.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Membership Social	First Presbyterian Church
Mon, Sept. 11	7:00p.m.	Book Group	Darlis Simonton

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Sept 23	Harvest of the Arts - Get Out the Vote: Voter Registration
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We always hear that AAUW Carlisle takes the summer off. While it is true we don't have branch meetings in June or July and the June/July newsletter serves two months, members aren't taking the summer off. Far from it:

- Bridge Flight (Mary Berwick), and Book Group, and Gourmet Group (Wendy Armour Dickinson) held program year end celebrations and planned for this next fiscal year.
- Carolyn Freberg and Sue Royer, (Membership Co-Vice Presidents) spoke with members about renewing and planned the August Social.
- Mary Long and Barb Attivo (Co-Finance Officers) processed membership renewals and prepared the budget.
- Carmen Eiserman and Kathleen Gorak (Program Co-Vice Presidents) gathered a committee (Pat Boyer, Cindy Sutton, Gail D'Urso, Linkey Green, Pat Markowski) to plan the branch programs for the coming year.
- Nancy Sigrist (Public Policy Chair) and committee (Linda Figueroa, Linkey Green, Peggy Jennings, Kate Elkins, Sue Royer, Virginia Mueller) kept their regular first Wednesday meetings to plan activities/events.
- Pat Markowski, Ann Pehle, Sue Royer, Nancy Sigrist and Virginia Mueller attended the AAUW-PA Summer Retreat on July 22nd.

The meeting focused on the link between mission based programming, public policy and membership. Highlighting AAUW's mission and advocacy will attract members to this unique membership organization.

Recognizing the changes taking place in the branch—public policy activities/events, Work Smart workshop, participating in community events, increased membership—the Board decided to start working on a strategic plan for the branch. We will have a special meeting on August 5th to discuss the following questions.

- One idea (at least) how your function will utilize a standing or project committee or volunteers.
- How can we better utilize your position/role and/or talents?
- What issues are facing the branch?
- What do you wish the branch could/would do, that it isn't doing today?
- And, let's not forget Phyllis Orenyo publishing this August newsletter!

I would appreciate your thoughts on these questions. Please send me an email (apehle@outlook.com) or call me (401-644-6488). All comments, thoughts, opinions are welcome.

See you August 22nd for our annual Branch Social and silent auction. Enjoy the waning days of summer.

Ann Pehle,

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION - IT WAS AWESOME!

There is no way I can capture, in one newsletter article, the amazing experience of attending the AAUW National Convention, June 14-17 in Washington D.C. My overwhelming feeling is that I am so proud to be a member of AAUW because of the tremendous impact our mission has on the lives of women and girls. Below is a summary of the highlights.

- Lobby Day was exhausting and exhilarating. 600+ AAUW members stormed Capitol Hill in white t-shirts to meet with Senators and Congressmen. [Read](#) about the Pennsylvania delegation experience and our Senator Toomey sighting.
- Impressive guest speakers shared insights and perspectives. Judy Woodruff (Coanchor and Managing Editor, PBS NewsHour), Linda DiVall (Founder of American Viewpoint, first Republican woman to launch a political survey firm) and Celinda Lake (Founder of Lake Research Partners).
- The value and impact of AAUW was expressed by three women sharing their stories of attending a Work Smart workshop; member of the Student Advisory Council; assistance from Legal Advocacy Fund that changed the momentum of her Title IX case.
- Plenty of workshops, yielding lots of good ideas. The AAUW Annual Meeting gave me a better understanding of our organization and how we get things done.
- Many opportunities to hear from our new CEO, Kim Churches. Did you know the average age of AAUW members is 72? She is the right person to work with the Board to make changes so natural member attrition doesn't collapse AAUW. Here is a [video introduction](#).
- Truly inspirational speech by Tererai Trent, Ph.D., the 2017 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee. [Read her story](#) and how the AAUW fellowship arrived at a most pivotal time of her life. Tearing up just thinking about her.
- From sexual assault to becoming a nationally recognized victim rights attorney is the powerful story of [Laura Dunn, J.D.](#), the 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Awardee.
- Shaking hands with Justice Sonia Sotomayor as she glided between 80 tables while answering questions about her experiences.

The next AAUW Annual Convention is in 2020 (yes, a change from biannual routine) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of American women winning the right to vote. I'm going!

*Ann Pehle,
President*

ROBIN TURNER JOINS THE AAUW CARLISLE BRANCH

Robin Turner is a resident of Mt. Holly Springs where she lives with her husband, Ron, and a menagerie of three dogs, a Gecko, a Silver Toad, and a large aquarium of assorted fresh-water fish. She has an adult son who is pursuing a career as a writer, and a daughter in college pursuing a degree in elementary education.

The diversity of creatures with whom she shares her life is not surprising, given the diversity of her professional experience. Her desire for new experiences has greatly influenced her professional journey from speech writer to massage therapist to relationship banker.

A graduate of Concord University, West Virginia, with a B.S. in Political Science, and a M.A. in Journalism from Marshall University, her first job was as a speech writer for the West Virginia Attorney General, followed by time spent in the insurance industry. Her search for a different professional experience turned to health education and the benefits of massage therapy which lead to a 19-year practice focusing on clients with chronic pain or recovering from injuries.

Most recently Robin has pursued her interest in finance and investment, and currently works as a relationship banker at M&T Bank, guiding clients to financial products that fit their financial and investment goals.

She is a member of the Friends Group at Amelia Givin Library in Mt. Holly Springs, and works with a 'tweeners and youth program at her church. She has been a member of the garden club, Junior Women's Club, active in leadership for both Girl and Boy Scouts, and a swim team supporter. She also enjoys reading, gardening, hiking and kayaking.

Robin has been interested in AAUW's mission advancing equity for women and girls, and now that she is free of commitments to her children's activities, she feels the time seems right to join the organization.

*Patricia Markowski,
Interviewer*

CAMP INVENTION 2017

Please read the wonderful article about Camp Invention 2017 with the provided link. Our AAUW Carlisle Branch along with several AAUW members funded scholarships for some students to attend this camp.

http://cumberlink.com/news/local/communities/carlisle/article_5c62bff-b-8c23-53bd-9bec-b757c40f6940.html

PUBLIC POLICY

The Carlisle Branch was busy this summer with public policy issues!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We supported AAUW of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, July 19 at a town hall-style event to discuss women's health and economic security in Pennsylvania. The event took place in Carlisle as part of *Community Conversations on Pregnancy, Parenthood, and Women's Health*, a statewide series of public conversations organized by the Pennsylvania Campaign for Women's Health coalition, of which AAUW-PA is a member.

Thanks to Linda Figueroa for coordinating our team and to Virginia Mueller, Carolyn Freberg, Gail D'Urso and Doreen Barringer for working the event.

The conversation was hosted by Dr. Chavone Momon-Nelson, a board certified OB/GYN. This event provided a great opportunity for members to talk with others in the community about the issues that matter most to Pennsylvania women and families.

GET OUT THE VOTE

While 2017 is an "off year" election, there are still important local issues and offices in play. Getting people out to vote has long been one of the things we strive to do. For the fourth year, Carlisle Branch will be at the Harvest of the Arts on Saturday, September 23rd to register voters. If you are interested in helping, please watch for an invitation to sign up on-line for a specific time slot.

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL

Carlisle AAUW members rallied around our sister branch in Harrisburg who co-sponsored a free viewing of the film "Equal Means Equal" on July 25th at the Midtown Cinema in Harrisburg. Other sponsoring organizations included Harrisburg NOW, YWCA, Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters. Our very own Donna Bickford sat on the Talk Back Panel after the film.

We are hitting the ground running in September as well! Some of the upcoming public policy events include:

TOPIC TALK

Topic Talk is our "book club" style discussion group that launched last spring wherein members and guests are provided short articles to read before attending the event. There will be a discussion leader who will provide an overview of our topic and lead a discussion amongst the attendees as well as take and answer questions.

Our next Topic Talk will be "Barriers and Bias". We are pleased to have Katie Oliviero from Dickinson College to act as our discussion leader for this topic. Katie is a professor at Dickinson's Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies. Please watch your emails for further details on date, time and place along with an invitation to sign up to participate.

Nancy Sigrist,
Public Policy Chair

EXPLORING AAUW



UNDERSTANDING OUR ORGANIZATION

WHAT DOES AAUW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROVIDE?

When paying your AAUW national dues do you ever wonder what the dues provide for its members? Your national dues join with the dues of thousands of other like minded members to enable AAUW to be the face that empowers women and girls. The mission statement of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. What does this mean to you? Are you proud to a member of an organization that contributes to empowering females across the world?

AAUW provides resources so that members can advocate for legislative changes at the state and national level. Becoming an “AAUW Two Minute Activist” will allow you to respond quickly to Congress on issues that affect women and girls.

Our national organization equips members with professional looking videos and talking points that can be upload on social media. This method of communication is a trendy way to make people aware of the issues facing women and girls.

AAUW is also working on protecting Title IX. National provided resources for our branch to distribute to the local school district’s Title IX coordinators. The “Legal Advocacy Fund” is a program sponsored by AAUW to provide

funds and support in discrimination cases that protect the rights of women in the workplace and college campus. You many think Title IX is just about sports, it isn’t!

Did you know that bullying and sexually harassment is a violation of Title IX because it creates an inequitable learning environment?

Starting in 1922, AAUW has had a long history in fighting to end wage discrimination against women. Wage inequalities are not simply a result of women’s qualifications or choices. Wage discrimination persists despite women’s increased educational levels and experience along with decreased amount of time spent out of the workforce raising children. The Carlisle branch offered the “Work Smart Salary Negotiation Program” developed by AAUW to help women reach wage equality.

These are just a few of the programs and resources developed and provided with our national dues. Maybe these issues are not ones that affect you but do affect our daughters, granddaughters and females of all ages in our neighborhood. To discover more of what your national dues provide go to aauw.org.

*Sue Royer,
Membership VP*

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*

NOTE FROM LINKEY GREEN

I just wanted to let you know that I have resigned as AAUW-PA Membership VP. You all gave me such wonderful support which I truly appreciate. I have had some health issues for the past two months that made me realize I couldn't do a good job in this position. State President, Dot McLane graciously accepted my resignation.

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.

*Wendy Dickinson
Book Group Chair*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

AAUW NOTE CARDS

Each spring AAUW sends to members a pack of note cards. These note cards have AAUW information on the back and testimonials from members. The Membership Vice-Presidents can use these cards to write welcome notes to new members and to thank guests for visiting a meeting. If you have any of these note cards and would be willing to donate them for this use, please bring them to a meeting and give them to Sue Royer or Carolyn Freberg. We would be greatly appreciative.

*Sue Royer
Carolyn Freberg
Membership VPs*

2017-2018 Board Members

Elected Officers

President – Ann Pehle

Membership VPs – Carolyn Freberg, Sue Royer

**Program VPs – Carmen Eiserman,
Kathleen Gorak**

Finance Officers – Barb Attivo, Mary Long

Secretary – Cindy Sutton

Past President – Linkey Green

Committee Chairpersons

Communications/Interviews — Pat Markowski

AAUW Funds — Marjie Mowery

Historian — Rosemary Smith

Newsletter – Phyllis Orenyo

Social Media – Ann Pehle

Public Policy — Nancy Sigrist

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman

Interest Group Coordinators

Book Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Bridge Flight – Mary Berwick

Community Activities – Don Mowery

Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Branching Out is published August to June by the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch. Articles and photos should be submitted to Phyllis Orenyo at cporenyo@yahoo.com or 249-8473 by the 20th of the month. The Board welcomes questions at aauwcarlisle@aol.com. The branch website is: <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Vice-presidents, Sue Royer and Carolyn Freberg are looking for members willing to serve on a Membership Committee. These volunteers are needed to help in two ways:

1. Tabling events where we present an AAUW membership display at area events like the Harvest of the Arts Festival and the AWC Community Fair.
2. August Social

This committee would not be a big time commitment, but would greatly serve our branch.

If you would be interested in serving in this way please contact

Sue at 717-766-4230 or Carolyn at 717-713-0985



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MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL AND SILENT AUCTION

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 6 pm

Fellowship Hall – First Presbyterian Church on the Square

Parking is available on the street and in the M&T and Post Office lots. The Fellowship entrance is on the alley between the church and the bank.

Please invite one or more guests to join you.

Bring a dish to share.

(If your surname begins with A-G bring a finger food, H-P bring a salad,
and Q-Z bring a dessert

Bring an item for the silent auction

Proceeds benefit Branch Initiatives.

RSVP by texting or calling Carolyn Freberg at 717-243-0985

or by emailing her at dcfreberg@pa.net by Aug. 20th.

