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APRIL 2018 BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Tuesday April 24, 2018, at the Stern Building on the Dickinson College campus, is our annual banquet to celebrate this year's recipients of AAUW Higher Education Scholarships. The scholarship committee presented four students to the Board on March 13, for approval. All were approved and will provide the program for the evening.

This year, our fourth Scholarship is given by Lillian M. Wong in memory of her mother. At the banquet, a description of this special scholarship will be given along with the special qualifications of the recipient.

We will meet at the Stern Center with social hour starting at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. The program will begin at 7:30 with a brief business meeting to elect officers. Then we will hear from all four recipients. There will be an opportunity to support our scholarship fund.

The menu for dinner is: Parmesan Chicken, Broccoli with Pecans, Mimosa Salad, Chocolate Cake and Coffee/Tea

Reservations for the banquet are due to Carmen Eiserman by April 16th. Reservation form can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

Lillian Wong
Chair, Scholarship Committee

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon.	April 2	7:00 p.m.	Book Club	Susan Royer
Tues.	April 10	11:00 a.m.	Equal Pay Rally	Harrisburg
Fri-Sun	April 13-15		AAUW-PA State Conference	Seven Springs Resort
Sat.	April 14	6:30 p.m.	Berwicks	Mary and Bill Berwick
Mon.	April 16	2:30 p.m.	Fair District PA Rally	in Harrisburg. Watch for additional details!
Tues.	April 17	7:00 p.m.	Topic Talk--Title IX Christina Spielbauer, discussion leader	Nancy Sigrist House
Tues.	April 24	6:00p.m.	Branch Scholarship Scholarship Banquet	STERN CENTER 102

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat.	May 5	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Momma Spriggs	
Mon.	May 14	7:00 p.m.	Topic Talk - Deeper in Debt with Peggy Jennings, discussion leader	Kathleen Gorak's

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

AAUW has helped scholars and activists overcome barriers to their education and advancement for almost 130 years. Every year, AAUW awards \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to women and community projects serving women and girls--[250 in 2017-2018](#). I am proud that AAUW Carlisle follows this example with a robust scholarship program. Every year, we budget for one \$1500 scholarship and through the generosity of our members, often are able to fund more. We honor our awardees at the April Scholarship Banquet. Always an inspiring evening. Hope to see you at the Stern Center on April 24th.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AAUW Bylaw discussion prior to the March 27th branch meeting. We had a good discussion, especially regarding the proposal to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. As you think about these changes, please use this post (<https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/category/this-and-that/>) on our website as a reference. It contains the AAUW link as well as a document authored by AAUW-PA. The AAUW Carlisle Public Policy Committee is planning a fun get out the vote event—so watch for more details.

The AAUW Carlisle Nomination Committee presents the slate of candidates at the April branch meeting for membership vote. Thank you, Nancy Sigrist, Chair, Pat Markowski, and Cindy Sutton for your work to identify outstanding candidates for Membership VP, Program VP, and Finance Officer. The following leadership positions are open: Funds Chair, Bridge Flight, Community Interest, 95th Anniversary Chair. If you are interested in serving in position—either on the Board or off—please let me know. Leadership positions are a wonderful way to learn more about AAUW, our branch, and our wonderful members. 2018—2019 will be an exciting year for AAUW Carlisle and we welcome your involvement. It does not matter how long you have been an AAUW member or how active in the past. So, if while reading this your gut tells you now is the time, contact me for an exploratory conversation. New officers are installed at the May branch meeting.

Ann Pehle

BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO NATIONAL

Have you ever wondered how our branch benefits from belonging to the National AAUW Organization?

The National Organization helps to prepare local branches to go out into their communities as a mission based organization dedicated to improving the lives of millions of women and their families. It does this by advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

AAUW also provides a wealth of information and support to local branches in areas such as educational funding, leadership development, salary negotiations, campus initiatives, global connections, and STEM education. It has particular expertise in the area of public policy. AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance the work to empower women and girls.

This year the fee for renewing your AAUW membership will increase by \$10.00 to \$59.00. This is the first increase in the national dues in almost a decade. State and Local dues are not changing so your renewal fee will be \$82.00. What a bargain for the privilege of belonging to an organization which is fighting to improve the lives of women and girls everywhere! I hope that you will join me in renewing your membership early in May.

Carolyn Freberg
Membership Vice-President

AAUW CARLISLE CONTINUES WORK TO GET OUT THE VOTE!



On Thursday, March 15th, a group of volunteers from our branch set up at Project Share for one of their food distribution days. Our goal was to offer Voter Registration support for the Project Share community. We successfully added four citizens to the rolls of registered voters here in Cumberland County and provided information about our upcoming primary and general elections in 2018 to a myriad of people. Many thanks to Kate Elkins, Robin Fidler,



Linda Figueroa and Nancy Sigrist.

2018 BRINGS ANOTHER YEAR OF PUBLIC POLICY ACTION!

Gateway to Equity Award Presented!

AAUW Carlisle presented the Gateway to Equity Award to **Shari Bellish, Executive Director of Carlisle C.A.R.E.S** during our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 27th.

The AAUW Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, a group or an organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. It also celebrates International Women's Day which is held annually on March 8.



As the Executive Director of Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. which has been serving the Cumberland County community since 2004, Bellish has been instrumental in supporting equity in this community. Among other services, Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. offers shelter year round to as many as 60 guests each night, many of whom are women and girls, by working with local area churches and community volunteers. Under her leadership, the organization serves the emergency needs of those without a home with compassion, respect and resources.

In support of the work Shari and her organization does, our membership accepted a challenge to collect personal care products currently needed at Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. to help their homeless mission. Lists were distributed at the meeting and items will be collected at the May General Meeting to be delivered to Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.

Equal Pay Day Lobbying and Rally – April 10th

Where are we (Pennsylvania) with pay equity?

The latest news is not good. Pennsylvania has fallen further behind than last year when we ranked 27th in the country for pay equity, slipping into 29th position. In our state, women on average earn only \$.79 for every dollar earned by male counterparts (median earnings for women are \$41,047 as compared to \$51,780 for men). That being said, we now have a great opportunity with HB1243, co-sponsored by Representatives Sims and Davis, which covers things we want in a pay equity bill.

How can you show support?

Join AAUW members from across the state and our friends from BPW-PA (Business and Professional Women-Pennsylvania) in the capitol rotunda on Equal Pay Day, April 10, for a rally at 2:00 pm. We will begin our day at 11:00 am with a briefing for visits to your legislators. We will review material in packets for your legislators and discuss talking points on pay equity and how to respond to questions or objections. Then it is off to visit with your representatives to thank them for co-sponsoring the pay equity legislation or to encourage them to do so.

Please contact Sue Royer by texting (814) 937-0034 or emailing sroyer007@hotmail.com for additional details and to sign-up for this important AAUW event!

Topic Talks – Two Events

The Public Policy Committee is excited to have two timely and interesting Topic Talks on schedule. The first will highlight Title IX. Our Discussion Leader, Carlisle Schools Superintendent Christina Spielbauer, will focus our discussion on the current response to the District's issues with bullying and sexual abuse or harassment. Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 17 when we meet at the home of Nancy Sigrist, 216 Taunton Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. You can sign up for this event by clicking on this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/topic-talk-title-ix-tickets-44194725614> Or you may contact Linda Figueroa by calling 717-643-0887 or emailing her at lkfigueroa47@yahoo.com.

Later this spring, we will look at Deeper in Debt with our own Peggy Jennings leading the discussion. This event will take place on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Kathleen Gorak located at 1101 Stratford Drive in Carlisle. Sign up here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/topic-talk-deeper-in-debt-tickets-44567897782> or contact Peggy at (717) 385-0826 or peggy@drj4college.com for additional information.

Nancy Sigrist
Public Policy Committee Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

JoAnn Hutcheson

JoAnn and her husband came to Carlisle ten years ago to retire from a vigorous life in the Foreign Service. They were attracted by Dickinson College and the robust fly fishing on the Yellow Breeches and other trout streams in the area.

JoAnn began her higher education journey at the University of New Hampshire where she spent three years before moving to Vienna for her senior year. Eventually, with all credits transferred, she attained a BA in English, and went on to get an MA in German Language and Literature.

She had teaching aspirations, and taught English as a second language in Poland while her husband was a Fulbright Scholar in that country. She continued teaching sporadically as she followed her husband through his career in the Foreign Service, living in Poland, the USSR, the Republic of Georgia, and Bulgaria.

They are now content to enjoy their home in Carlisle with their two 19-year old cats, Jasper and Hector, with occasional hiking trips and visits to New York City. JoAnn also volunteers with the Carlisle Historical Society.

JoAnn first attended a meeting with Kathleen Brennan, and decided to try membership in AAUW to experience the social and public policy enrichment the organization has to offer.

Patricia Markowski
Interviewer



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year to renew your membership in AAUW! A membership form for 2018-19 is included in this newsletter. To keep your membership current, this form needs to be received by our lovely Finance Officers by **May 31, 2018**. The membership form can also be found on the AAUW-Carlisle website (carlisle-pa.aauw.org). Please note the change in the Education section of the form. Only complete this section if you are new to the AAUW Carlisle Branch or updating/correcting Branch Yearbook information.

The Carlisle Branch is offering something new this year! Three members will have an opportunity to be reimbursed the cost of their national AAUW membership, a \$59 value. Members whose membership form and check are postmarked by May 16, 2018 will receive two chances to receive reimbursement for their national membership. If your membership form and check are postmarked between May 16th and May 31st you will be eligible for one chance for reimbursement of your national membership. The three members will be chosen in early June. You will not want to miss this opportunity, so get those membership forms in the mail!

If you have any questions concerning membership or the membership form, please contact Sue Royer (sroyer007@hotmail.com) or Carolyn Freberg (dcfreberg@pa.net).

Sue Royer
Carolyn Freberg
Membership Vice Presidents

New Member Social

Did you know that AAUW not only participates in robust programs like voting rights, equal pay and student scholarships, but also partners with important coalitions such as Women's Law Project and Women's Caucus in the Legislature? New members learned about this and more as they gathered on a beautiful sunny day for a New Member Social at the lovely home of AAUW Carlisle member Kathleen Gorak. The purpose of the social was to welcome new members, learn their stories, as well as gain knowledge of the many volunteer opportunities and initiatives that AAUW Carlisle offers. The backgrounds among the ladies range from human resources, insurance, state government just to name a few. Guests heard from program chairs, shared cutting edge ideas, mingled over delightful refreshments and left feeling inspired. New Members in attendance included:

Robin Turner, Kate Elkins, Mary Beth Ulrich, Mary Brunski, Carol McAnulty, Katie Dodds, Carole De Wall, Julie Manta and Linda Brunski. Special thanks to the membership committee and chairs who put this event together: Carolyn Freberg, Sue Royer, Katie Dodds, Kathleen Gorak, Gail D'Urso, Linkey Green, Robin Turner, Ann Pehle, and Wendy Armour Dickinson. Welcome!

(to see photos go to: <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/join-us/>)

Katie Dodds
Membership Committee

	Volunteer Opportunity <i>Shaded indicates time sensitive or new opportunity</i>	Time Commitment	Contact
Membership	Greet members/guests as they arrive to branch meetings	30 min prior to meeting	Sue Royer
Membership	Call members to follow-up periodically	2 hours per month	Carolyn Freberg
Membership	Write notes to welcome new members	2 hours per month	Carolyn Freberg
Membership	Assist with gathering member interests (process for new members; ask current members; analyze)	Various	Sue Royer Carolyn Freberg
Public Policy	Become an Education specialist, working on public education issues.	Various	Peggy Jennings
Public Policy	Host a Topic Talks event in your home – either April 17 or May 14. Usually have 15 participants. You provided (non-alcoholic) beverages; snacks provided.	3 hour	Nancy Sigrist
Historian	Take photos at meetings, events for archive and website (Use Office Depot discount card to print photo; submit reimbursement; send via email to Social Media lead)	Various	Rose Smith
Historian	Scrapbook current items for archive (submit reimbursement)	Various	Rose Smith
Programs	Be a branch meeting program chair (work with speaker on program details; write article for newsletter; introduce speaker at meeting; email activity)	5 hours (over months)	Kathleen Gorak Carmen Eiserman
Programs	Be the Audio/Visual expert at branch meetings (understand Dickinson equipment; assist speaker before meeting starts)	30 minutes before a branch meeting	Kathleen Gorak Carmen Eiserman
Interest Groups	Start a second dining group	Various	Wendy Armour Dickinson
Cultural Outings	Research ideas; assist with organizing an event	Various	Don Mowery
Newsletter	Become the newsletter editor beginning with August 2018 edition.	10 hours monthly	Ann Pehle
Bridge Flight	Coordinate and administer AAUW Bridge Flight	2 hours a month	Ann Pehle
General	Join Pat to create a basket for AAUW-PA State Convention Fundraiser	3 hours now to April 5	Pat Markowski

BREAKFAST CLUB

AAUW-Carlisle Branch's Breakfast Club had its first outing on St. Patrick's Day. Six of us gathered at 9 for eggs, toast, baked oatmeal, Lucky Charm pancakes, tea and coffee. The conversation was wonderful. We had the opportunity to get to know each other on a more personal basis.

Please plan to join us on Saturday 5 May at 9 am at Momma Spriggs. Please let Kathleen Gorak know if you will join us, kg1562@gmail.com or 717-249-8231.

Wendy Dickinson
Interest Group Chair

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

At the March Board meeting, four scholarships were approved for 2018. Due to the generous membership, three scholarships were possible in our budget. A fourth scholarship was donated by Lillian Wong in memory of her mother. All applicants will receive correspondence on their status.

The winners are reminded to be available for April 24 banquet.

Lillian Wong
Scholarship Committee Chair

SEEKING MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY ON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The AAUW Scholarship Committee is seeking a member to round out the five member committee for 2018-2019. The responsibilities include screening, interviewing and selecting recipient (s) to be presented to Board for approval. Activity can start as early as December, but usually from January to April ending with Spring Scholarship Banquet, which all committee members are strongly encouraged to be available and to participate. Committee usually meet 3-4 times. Interested or questions, please contact Lillian Wong.

Lillian Wong
Scholarship Committee Chair

BOOK GROUP

The Invention of Wings

Sue Monk Kidd

Monday, April 2, 2018, 7 p.m.

Susan Royer (717-766-4230 or sroyer007@hotmail.com)

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women.

Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements.

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, March 30, 2018.

AAUW offers the ¡Adelante! Book Club. The April 2018 Selection is:

The Kindness of Strangers

Katrina Kittle

Sarah Laden's life seems like it could not get any more tumultuous. Her husband recently died, her older son, Nate, has developed a rebellious streak, her younger son, Danny, is barely passing his classes, and all the while she is struggling to make ends meet through her catering business. But when an alarming revelation tears apart the family of her closest friend, Laden finds herself fostering her friend's young son, Jordan. Now Jordan, Sarah, and her family must all cope with the tragedy that Jordan has endured, figure out how to confront and reckon with the truth, and ultimately learn how to forgive and heal.

See the AAUW Website for online discussion.

Wendy Dickinson
Book Group Chair

NOTE: All articles for MAY's Newsletter should be submitted to ANN PEHLE by April 20, 2018

2018-19 PROGRAMMING NEWS

All members interested in serving on the 2018-19 Program Committee should contact Program Co-Vice President Kathleen Gorak by April 10th. Members are expected to bring program ideas to the Committee meeting, then assist in contacting potential program speakers and chair branch meetings. Branch meeting Chairs are responsible for writing short newsletter articles about upcoming programs and speakers, and introducing speakers at branch meetings from September 2018 to May 2019. The Program Committee will convene by the end of April to decide on topics and speakers for our upcoming meeting year. Please email Kathleen at kg1562@gmail.com or call (717)249-8231 if you wish to serve on the Program Committee or to submit program ideas.

Kathleen Gorak
Program Vice President



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 aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com. The branch website is: <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>.

AAUW Glossary of Terms

Life Member/Paid-Life Member—Any member may become a life member by making a one-time payment of 20 years' worth of national dues, based on the current national-dues rate. In contrast to an honorary life member, who has been a member for 50 years and who no longer pays national or state dues, a paid-life member may still have to pay annual state or branch dues. In PA, paid-life members do pay state dues; branches set their own policies.

Lobby Corps—The AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps is a group of AAUW members that lobbies on Capitol Hill on issues pertinent to the AAUW public policy agenda. Local lobby corps members lobby on the state and local levels.

Member Services Database (MSD)—The MSD provides online access to AAUW's national database records. Individual members can update their member record, print a membership card, make contributions to AAUW Funds, view their branch's roster and find the names of branch and state officers. Affiliate officers can additionally access information needed to fulfill their office.

Membership—AAUW membership is open to anyone holding an associate or higher degree from an accredited institution.

Membership Payment Program (MPP)—The MPP is a secure, online, dues-processing alternative to the regular, print-version, Branch Dues Report remittance process for AAUW affiliates available within the Member Services Database.

Mission Statement—AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Linkey Green
Past President



**AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch
March 15, 2018 - June 30, 2019
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: _____ **Spouse/Partner Name: (optional)** _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Joining or Renewing membership of Carlisle Branch

- New Member Renewing Member Life Member Honorary Member
- Changing from Member-at-Large
- Transferring from Another Branch Name/location of branch: _____
- Dual Member Name/location of primary branch: _____

Education (Complete if new to Carlisle Branch or update/correct Branch Yearbook information)

I am a graduate holding an associate, baccalaureate, higher degree, or equivalent (RN) from a nationally accredited institution.
Degree, Year, Major, College/University, State (Please list all):

Annual Dues (July 1 - June 30)

Regular Member	\$82	(\$59 National (\$56 tax deductible) + \$10 State + \$13 Branch)
Paid Life member	\$23	(state and branch dues)
Dual Member PA Branch	\$13	(branch dues)
Out of state Dual Member	\$23	(state and branch dues)
Honorary Member	\$13	(branch dues)

Any over payment of the dues will be deemed to be donations to the Carlisle Branch operating funds.

**Mail form and dues (payable to
AAUW Carlisle Branch) to:**
Finance Officer
AAUW - Carlisle Branch
P.O. Box 815
Carlisle, PA 17013

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Scholarship Banquet

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Gather at 6:00

Dinner served at 6:30

Program to start at 7:30

Stern Center 102

Dinner is \$24.00

Parmesan chicken, Broccoli with pecans, Mimosa salad

Chocolate cake, Coffee/tea

If you need gluten free or vegetarian please let us know when you make the reservation

Reservations & payment due by 16 April

Send check and reservation to:

Carmen Eiserman

228 Aldenwood Drive

Carlisle, PA 17015

717-249-0175