

## Membership Social and Silent Auction

Mark Tuesday, August 28, 2018 on your calendar for the AAUW- Carlisle Branch’s annual 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. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a covered dish meal. If your surname begins with A-E, please bring a dessert. Names from F–P, bring a finger food, and surnames Q–Z bring a salad to share. After a short business meeting, there will be an opportunity to get to know your fellow branch members a little better.

The highlight of this social is the silent auction. Members are asked to bring an item to the auction. Consider donating a special item that you would like to receive. Use your creativity to put together a basket of items that other members will just have to have. Don’t forget your checkbook so you have enough money to pay for your “just have to have” items! This auction is one of two fundraising activities during the year to raise money for Branch initiatives such as Public Policy activities, special projects and our 95th birthday celebration. –All other fundraising during the year goes towards scholarships.

We hope to see you there! RSVP to Sue Royer by texting or calling 814-937-0034 or by emailing her at [sroyer007@hotmail.com](mailto:sroyer007@hotmail.com) by Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Sue Royer  
Gail D’Urso  
Membership Vice Presidents*

August 1	1:00 p. m.	Public Policy Committee	225 South West Street, Carlisle
August 7	7:00 p.m.	Black Women Equal Pay Day	YWCA Carlisle-(see article on page 3)
August 15	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Out	Sofia’s At Walden 129 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg PA 17050 RSVP Vicki Carl at 717-514-3399 or <a href="mailto:victoria.carl15@gmail.com">victoria.carl15@gmail.com</a>
August 28	6:00 p.m.	August Social and Silent Auction	<b>Second Presbyterian Church</b> 528 Garland Drive, Carlisle
September 5	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee	225 South West Street, Carlisle
September 10	7:00 p.m.	Book Group	See Yearbook or website for book and location
September 11	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler Library 158 West High Street, Carlisle

## From the President

We are definitely a year-round branch! While summer offers a break from our routine, that doesn't mean AAUW Carlisle members aren't busy. Sue Royer and Gail D'Urso (Membership VPs) and Barb Attivo and Linda Brunski (Financial Officers) were busy processing member renewals. Kathleen Gorak and Mary Brunski (Program VPs) and committee members secured a fabulous program calendar. For a sneak peak of upcoming meetings, check out our [website](#). And wait until you read about the upcoming Public Policy events Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins (Public Policy Chairs) and their committee are planning! Vicki Carl (Community Activities) organized two wonderful events—read her article—and Wendy Armour Dickinson (Interest Groups) finalized the Book Group reading list. All of this work was done in time to meet Carmen Eiserman's deadline for Yearbook. And, Shirley Gehringer created this fabulous newsletter! Thank you to everyone who works "behind the scenes" to make this a vibrant branch.

Speaking of member renewals. AAUW Carlisle is beginning this fiscal year with 77 members. We enjoyed a 91% renewal rate. **Thank you for believing in our fulfillment of the AAUW mission and renewing your membership.**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Carol McNulty as AAUW Funds Chair. This completes appointments to the AAUW Carlisle Board. We are so fortunate to have members willing to serve as officers and committee chairs. Their dedication keeps this branch vibrant.

Last fiscal year, the board embraced strategic planning, embarking on a brainstorming and goal setting process to outline our vision and goals for the branch. At the June 2018 board meeting, we celebrated our achievements and started over, setting the course for this fiscal year. Read the achievements of last year and first version of this year's strategic plan at <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/2018/07/19/strategic-planning/>. Your input is necessary and always welcome.

Five AAUW Carlisle members without email receive a paper copy of the newsletter. We are seeking a volunteer who is willing to copy (at Office Depot) and mail our newsletter to these members. All costs are reimbursed.-

Finally, thank you to everyone's well wishes as I begin a two-year term as AAUW Pennsylvania President. Following my rule of holding no more than two AAUW positions at a time, I ended my term as State Public Policy Co-Chair. I am eager to work with this strong AAUW Pennsylvania board to guide state-wide activities. I look forward to sharing AAUW Carlisle's successes with a broader audience and learning from members across Pennsylvania.

Looking forward to Getting to Know You on August 28<sup>th</sup>!

**Ann Pehle**  
**President**

## New Telephone Committee

We have formed a small telephone committee to call members without email for items that come up between newsletters. This assures that those without email will receive information sent to the Branch members electronically. The committee members are: Mary Berwick, Pat Markowski, Kathleen Gorak, Linda Brunski and Linkey Green (chair).

If you would like to serve as a back-up caller, please let Linkey know. Callers will be assigned only one member so no one is overloaded with making a lot of phone calls. Any questions, please call Linkey at 717-486-3693.

**Linkey Green**  
**Past President**

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Scholarship Committee has an opening to fill. We are a hardworking and energetic committee devoted to the mission of AAUW by providing scholarship for qualified young women from the Cumberland County area. If interested or questions, please contact Lillian Wong for more information.

**Lillian Wong**  
**Scholarship Chair**

**Not receiving information about the branch? Make sure emails from [aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com) aren't going into your junk or spam folder.**

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

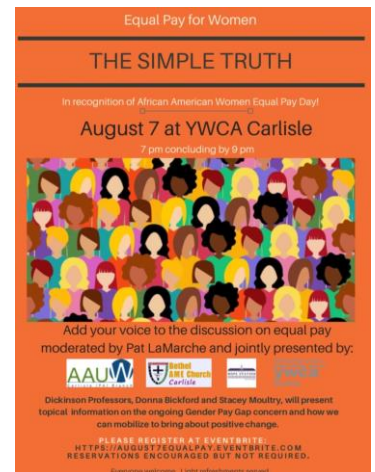
Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

### Equal Pay Day Opportunity! Please Come!

The pay gap affects women from all backgrounds, at all ages, and of all levels of educational achievement, although earnings and the gap vary depending on a woman's individual situation. Not only is there a gender pay gap, there is also a racial pay gap with women of color generally experiencing a wider financial divide.

In 2018, African American women will finally "catch-up" to the 2017 income of their white male counterparts on August 7<sup>th</sup>. African American, American Indian, Pacific Islander and Latina women all lag behind non-Hispanic white and Asian women.

**AAUW Carlisle** has partnered with Bethel AME Church, Hope Station and YWCA Carlisle to present an evening of discussion around this ongoing problem in recognition of **African American Women Equal Pay Day**. Please join us for this event, which will be moderated by **Pat LaMarche**, a local activist, author and advocate. AAUW Carlisle's own **Donna Bickford**, (pictured right) Director of Dickinson College's Women's and Gender Resource Center and **Stacey Moultry**, (pictured right) visiting instructor in American Studies at Dickinson College, will be our discussion leaders and inform the attendees about the gender pay gap, especially for women of color, and how we all can push for positive change.



#### Please Join Us!

**What:**

**The Simple Truth: In recognition of African American Women Equal Pay Day**

**When:**

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00PM (over by 9:00)

**Where:**

YWCA CARLISLE, 301 G St. Carlisle PA 17013

**Register with this link:**

<https://august7equalpay.eventbrite.com>



### Volunteers Needed!

The Public Policy Committee is looking for volunteers for an upcoming voter registration event. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> as we will be canvassing the crowds at Carlisle's Harvest of the Arts Festival. The event is scheduled from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and we will begin signing up volunteers soon to help register new voters. Keep your eyes peeled for more details!

## AAUW News

You will remember the AAUW Board of Directors put forth three bylaw amendments for member vote. 19.8% of members nationwide voted. Thank you to all AAUW Carlisle members who took the time to understand the issues and to vote. Pennsylvania had 19.1% turnout. You received an email from Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, on June 11<sup>th</sup> with the results. In case you missed it, an excerpt is included below.

The results from the vote this year can be found [here](#), and more detail and information about voting in your state is also available on the website. In summary:

- Proposal #1 to create staggered board terms passed. Staggered terms will affect elected and appointed AAUW Board members starting terms in 2019. More information will be available during the application and election periods in the coming year, and the AAUW Governance Committee will work closely with the AAUW Nominating Committee and staff to ensure a smooth transition.
- Proposal #2 to allow non-AAUW member eligibility to Board did not meet the percentage required to pass.
- Proposal #3 to remove the educational requirement to AAUW membership did not meet the percentage required to pass.

**Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership** is AAUW's newest research, released in May. This explores the broken ladders to advancement that women face even in sectors where they make up the majority of workers: at nonprofit organizations, in postsecondary education, and at philanthropic foundations. <https://www.aauw.org/research/broken-ladders/>

AAUW's fellowships and grants is celebrating 130 years of helping scholars and activists overcome the barriers to their education and advancement. Recipients have become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and the sciences. For the 2018-2019 year, **250 women and community projects serving women and girls received \$3.9 million from AAUW**. Read about these amazing women [here](#).

**Ann Pehle**  
President

## Meet New Member Mary Mason

Mary is fairly new to the Carlisle area, having moved here only two years ago with her husband to be closer to their grandchildren. (Sadly, they are now moving to California!)

Although she attended a year of college majoring in liberal arts at West Virginia Wesleyan and a year of study of the graphic arts at Fairmont State, Mary is a career nurse. She came to her chosen career literally by accident. After being hospitalized by injury in an auto accident, she was impressed by the level of care and compassion shown by the nursing staff, and made a conscious career choice to attend Monongahela Technical School to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Following her husband as they moved from place to place, Mary has worked in many hospitals and health care facilities, and was involved in a variety of nursing experiences, including participating in a cancer research program in Rhode Island, as assistant to a colorectal surgeon, and providing nursing care in plastic surgery recovery.

Mary has also had an interest in Theology, and was on the verge of enrolling in a college theology course of study to become a minister when another move interrupted her plans.

Family has always been a priority. She and her husband raised two boys, now grown, one a regional manager of a company in California, and one an investment specialist at a financial firm in Boston, MA. They were also a family that always had dogs. After sixteen years they recently lost their last dog, a field spaniel mix named Callie.

Mary passionately supports equality for women and girls, particularly because of her granddaughters who are 6 and 9 years old. She sees AAUW as making an impact on changing the political and social climate, and is interested in political action involving equal pay and technical (STEM) progress for women. She looks forward to attending the branch programs this year and meeting her fellow members.

**Pat Markowski**  
Communication Chair

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Vicki Carl, Community Activities Chair

### Shippensburg University Fashion Archive

Several members traveled to Shippensburg in June 2018. We dined at CJ's Pub and then took a self-guided tour through the current Shippensburg University Fashion Archive entitled, "Fashions of Fiction from Pamela to Gatsby". The display showcased clothing and memorabilia that would have been used during the time period featured in each of the books on display as well as thought-provoking quotes from the story.

### Grand Illusion

We made a Grand Illusion in July at the Grand Illusion Hard Cider and Wine Bar on High Street in Carlisle. The restaurant is owned by an associate professor at Shippensburg University, described as "an urban cidery and wine bar".

Magic Monday featured family-friendly table magic. An owl has been chosen as their mascot as it stands for magic and wisdom. Perfect complement to our group.



### Upcoming August Event –Lunch Out--August 15, Sophia's at Walden.

Join us at Sophia's at Walden on Wednesday, August 15 at 11:30 for lunch. You can view their menu at [www.sophiasatwalden.com](http://www.sophiasatwalden.com). Set your GPS for 129 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 Please contact Vicki Carl at 717-514-3399 or [victoria.carl15@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.carl15@gmail.com) if you and yours are able to fellowship with us

## INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

### Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

#### Book Group

*Victoria, The Queen* by Julia Baird

Monday, September 10 2018, 7 p.m.

Patricia Markowski

When Victoria was born, in 1819, the world was a very different place. Revolution would threaten many of Europe's monarchies in the coming decades. In Britain, a generation of royals had indulged their whims at the public's expense, and republican sentiment was growing. The Industrial Revolution was transforming the landscape, and the British Empire was commanding ever larger tracts of the globe. In a world where women were often powerless, during a century roiling with change, Victoria went on to rule the most powerful country on earth with a decisive hand.

Fifth in line to the throne at the time of her birth, Victoria was an ordinary woman thrust into an extraordinary role. As a girl, she defied her mother's meddling and an adviser's bullying, forging an iron will of her own. As a teenage queen, she eagerly grasped the crown and relished the freedom it brought her. At twenty, she fell passionately in love with Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, eventually giving birth to nine children. She loved sex and delighted in power. She was outspoken with her ministers, overstepping conventional boundaries and asserting her opinions. After the

death of her adored Albert, she began a controversial, intimate relationship with her servant John Brown. She survived eight assassination attempts over the course of her lifetime. And as science, technology, and democracy were dramatically reshaping the world, Victoria was a symbol of steadfastness and security—queen of a quarter of the world's population at the height of the British Empire's reach.

Drawing on sources that include fresh revelations about Victoria's relationship with John Brown, Julia Baird brings vividly to life the fascinating story of a woman who struggled with so many of the things we do today: balancing work and family, raising children, navigating marital strife, losing parents, combating anxiety and self-doubt, finding an identity, searching for meaning.

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 7, 2018.

#### Breakfast Club

As it turns out, there are AAUW Carlisle members who enjoy eating breakfast out on a Saturday morning. Meeting every other month, beginning in March 2018, we dined at Fay's County Kitchen, Momma Spriggs, and Middlesex Diner. The number of attendees has increased with each event—and each time new and different members attend. Great way to learn more about the remarkable women. Organized by Kathleen Gorak. Watch for an announcement for the September day and location.

**Want to know what is going on?**

Check out the calendar at

<https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>



## Volunteer Opportunities

If interested, please contact the appropriate Board member.  
(time commitment)

### Membership

- Greet members/guests as they arrive to branch meetings (30 min prior to meeting)
- Call members to follow-up periodically (2 hours per month)
- Write notes to welcome new members (2 hours per month)
- Assist with gathering member interests (Various)

### 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)
- Organize items for archive. (Various)
- Harvest photos from Facebook and website and print. Use Office Depot discount card to print photo; submit reimbursement. (Various)

### Programs

- Be the Audio/Visual expert at branch meetings. Understand the Dickinson equipment; assist speaker before meeting begins. (30 minutes prior to branch meeting.)

### Interest Groups

- Start a second dining group. (Various)

### Community Activities

- Research ideas and assist with organizing an event. (Various)

## AAUW Carlisle 2018-2019 Board Members

### Elected Officers

**President** – Ann Pehle

**Membership VPs** – Sue Royer, Gail D’Urso

**Program VPs** – Kathleen Gorak, Mary Brunski

**Finance Officers** – Barb Attivo, Linda Brunski

**Secretary** – Cindy Sutton

**Past President** – Linkey Green

### Standing Committee Chairs

**AAUW Funds** – Carol McAnulty

**Communications** – Pat Markowski

**Community Activities** – Vicki Carl

**Historian** – Rosemary Smith

**Interest Groups** – Wendy Armour Dickinson

**Newsletter** – Shirley Gehringer

**Public Policy** – Nancy Sigrist, Kate Elkins

**Scholarship** – Lillian Wong

**Social Media** – Ann Pehle

**Yearbook** – Carmen Eiserman

### Special Committee Chair

**95th Celebration Coordinator** – Becky Morgenthal

**Branching Out** is published August to June by the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch.

Articles and photos should be submitted to Shirley Gehringer at [shirleygehringer@gmail.com](mailto:shirleygehringer@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month.

Include the word newsletter and month in the email subject.

Branch website is: <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>

Like us on Facebook: @ AAUW Carlisle PA Branch

The Board welcomes questions: [aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com)



# Getting to Know You

## Membership Social and Silent Auction

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

Second Presbyterian Church  
528 Garland Street, Carlisle

**Please invite one or more guests to join us.**

**Bring a dish to share**

**If your last name begins with:**

**A-E bring a dessert**

**F-P bring a finger food**

**Q-Z bring a salad**

**Bring an item for the Silent Auction**

**Proceeds benefit Branch Initiatives.**

**RSVP by August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Sue Royer at: 814-937-0034 or sroyer007@hotmail.com**