

Women in Politics

AAUW Carlisle Branch's civic mindedness will be expanded even more with our October speaker. Deb Fulham-Winston will share her insights and experience on being a woman in local politics at our October 23rd meeting. Deb was appointed to the Carlisle Borough Council in February 2017 and was elected to a full four-year term later that year. She has focused on air quality, urban redevelopment, and affordable housing on the Council. She is chairperson of the Public Works Committee and co-chair of the Economic Development Committee. Her networks in the local community are extensive. She has served on the boards of the Rotary Club of Carlisle - Sunrise, the Cumberland County Library Foundation, the Partnership for Better Health, The Carlisle Arts Learning Center, and the Bosler Memorial Library. In her 30 year career as a fundraiser and development professional, she raised funds for many local organizations, ranging from Dickinson College to the South Central AIDS Assistance Network. She is currently the owner of *Colleague on Call*, which assists local organizations with grant writing. Deb holds an English degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a Master's degree in American Studies from the University of East Anglia. Deb is an AAUW national member. Please come out to hear Deb at our October meeting!

Marybeth Ulrich
Program Chair

October 1	7:00 p.m.	Book Group	Host Darlis Simonton
October 4	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee Meeting	225 South West Street, Carlisle
October 5	7:00 p.m.	199 th Pennsylvania House Candidate Forum	YWCA Carlisle 301 G Street, Carlisle
October 9	10:00 a.m.	Two Mile House and Pizza Grille	1189 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle 1007 Ritner Hwy, Carlisle
October 18	7:00 p.m.	10 th US Congressional Debate Watch Party	Bosler Library 158 West High Street, Carlisle
October 23	7:00 p.m.	Branch Meeting	Dickinson College Holland Union Building
October 27	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club	Walnut Bottom Diner 936 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle
November 1	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee Meeting	225 South West Street, Carlisle
November 5	1:00 p.m.	Book Group	Host Loretta Maddox
November 6		Election Day	

From the President

AAUW Carlisle is an awesome branch! I say this because of our commitment to the AAUW mission, member enthusiasm and involvement, and a dedicated Board. Our Public Policy work is just one way we demonstrate our commitment. You will be impressed at the number and variety of activities/events during the last fiscal year when you check out the updated page (<https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/public-policy/past-activity/>). Make sure you read about the upcoming events on page 3. Kate and Nancy's persistence and not stopping at any "no", secured two candidate forums. Awesome!

One demonstration of the Board's commitment is the goals selected in the September Board meeting strategic planning discussion. The prioritized goals strongly align with AAUW's recently released strategic plan, *Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls*, illustrated in this graphic.



Below are the selected goals and our next steps.

Create ad hoc fundraising committee to explore fundraising needs and new ways to raise money. Carol McNulty, AAUW Funds Chair, will lead this project. See article below.

Diversity. Logical first step is to appoint a Diversity and Inclusion Chair (job description in the link <https://www.aauw.org/resource/branch-diversity-and-inclusion-chair/>). Let me know if you are interested.

Recognize girls excelling in math and science. Programs of this type exist in other branches. Looking for a project leader to start investigating. Tell me if you are interested.

Conduct member survey. Pat Markowski, Communications Chair, will lead this project. Volunteer to be project member. Perfect if you have survey and/or SurveyMonkey expertise.

Investigate holding Work Smart salary negotiation workshop. An outcome of our August 7 Black Women Equal Pay Day event, is that the program team (AAUW Carlisle, YWCA Carlisle, Hope Station, Bethel AME church) wanted to work on getting a Work Smart workshop. So Nancy Sigrist and/or Kate Elkins, Public Policy Chairs will lead this project. Project members needed.

Visit <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/strategic-plan/> for information on AAUW, AAUW Pennsylvania and AAUW Carlisle strategic plans. The Board recognizes that the best strategic plans reflect the input from all members. Please send your comments to aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com.

We won't accomplish these goals without your continued support, enthusiasm, and involvement. These projects need member expertise and effort to succeed. And quite frankly, can't proceed without project teams filled with AAUW Carlisle members. The list of Volunteer Opportunities is on page 7. Please review and find the volunteer opportunity that is just the right fit for your interest, skills, and time. Now is the time to get involved.

Ann Pehle
President

Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee

It is time for the Branch to move from raising funds solely from members to a different fundraising model. The Board asked for an Ad Hoc Fundraising committee be stood up to explore the Branch fundraising needs and evaluate fundraising alternatives. Our product is a recommendation to the Board. I am thinking about 4 or 5 meetings would be required. Any and all input is needed to make this a success. Please contact me if you are at all interested in getting together for a fun evening of throwing ideas around to see what happens. A tentative mid-October meeting is planned. Email me at carol_mcanulty@yahoo.com or text/call me at 717-982-1592 if you are interested.

Carol McNulty
AAUW Funds Chair

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Voter Registration at Harvest of the Arts

AAUW Carlisle, in conjunction with Cumberland Valley Rising, held a Voter Registration event at Harvest of the Arts on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10-4. Twenty eight volunteers, including Mayor Tim Scott and nine volunteers from CVR staffed the event from our table on the corner of High and West Streets. Thank you Dickinson College for your civic engagement! It was a beautiful day to sign up as many voters as possible before the Oct. 9 deadline. We had 23 voter registrations, including many Dickinson students excited to vote for the first time. A big thank you to all who took time out of their busy weekends to pitch in, especially AAUW members Ann Pehle, Cherry France, Loretta Maddox, Cindy Sutton, Stacy Gatch, Carole DeWall, Robin Turner, Robin Fidler, Gail D'Urso, Cindy Murphy, Kathleen Gorak, Jenifer Johnson, Jo Ann Hutcheson, Julie Manta, and Kate Elkins.



STEM Topic Talk



Our first Topic Talk of the new year was a wonderful evening hosted by Cindy Sutton - thank you, Cindy!

Adelaide Miette, a sixth grader from Mt. Holly and recipient of a scholarship to Camp Invention from AAUW Carlisle, shared her experience at the camp. She is a special young lady who inspired all of us to continue to support girls in STEM programs. Principal Jim Burgess also spoke about Camp Invention and how he brought it to Carlisle. Ann Pehle discussed how promoting STEM education aligns with AAUW's mission and the wonderful programs that AAUW has developed. Thank you Adelaide! You are a special young lady who inspired all of us to want to do more to support our girls in STEM programs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

199th Candidate Forum

AAUW and YWCA Carlisle are co-sponsoring a forum for Pennsylvania's 199th House District candidates at the YWCA, Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 pm. Robin Scaer, Executive Director of the YWCA will moderate. We are looking forward to a thoughtful presentation of their views on Cumberland County and Pennsylvania issues. A special thank you to the wonderful team that researched and developed the questions: Marybeth Ulrich, Cherry France, Missy Breckenridge, and Amy McKiernan. Excellent work!

Join us to see democracy in action!

Voter Registration at Community Pancake Breakfast

Carlisle Mayor Tim Scott is organizing a Community Pancake Breakfast / Voter Registration Drive for Saturday, October 6 from 10am-12pm, and he is looking for volunteers to help with setting up, tearing down, cooking, and registering voters. If you are interested in helping out, contact Tim at tim.scott@yahoo.com to sign-up.

10th Congressional Debate

We are excited to share with you that we have partnered with WGAL to co-sponsor a 10th Congressional Debate. Both candidates, George Scott and Scott Perry, have committed to participate. WGAL will moderate the debate and it will be televised live from their studio at 7pm on Oct. 18! They have also invited us to collaborate in the development of the questions. This is a first for our branch and we are proud to get the message of AAUW and our mission to a wider audience.

Since the debate will be taking place in Lancaster, we are planning a **Watch Party** at the Bosler Library, where we can watch the broadcast together. Hope many of you will join us at 7pm, Oct. 18 at the library!

Meet New Members

Stacey Gatch

You may have met Stacey at the August Social in one of the get acquainted groups. A resident of Newville for the past six years, she's eager to connect with women in the area, the reason she decided to join the AAUW branch.

This interview took place with Stacey on the phone from her hotel room at 4:00 a.m. in Singapore. A Global manager for Volvo Construction Equipment, she started her career with Volvo as an administrative assistant with the company 16 years ago, steadily learning the business and climbing the management ladder.

Stacey has a B. S. in Management from the University of North Carolina, and an M.S. in Education (Training and Development) from North Carolina State.

A wife and mother of two girls, Nickson, 13 and Addie, 3, she also manages a busy household, complete with a menagerie of 2 dogs, 4 cats, and 4 alpacas. Her husband works as a volunteer coordinator for Habitat for Humanity. When asked about her hobbies or special interests, she jokes that as a mom, her hobby is "silence."

Virginia Mauk

Virginia and her husband moved to the Carlisle area six years ago when her husband retired from the military, attracted by the Army War College in Carlisle. They have two adult children, a son who is a Chef in Denver, CO, and a daughter who is an Interior Architect for a firm in Washington, D.C. While Virginia holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Clarion University, her career followed a different path. For thirteen years she was Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Olney, MD. After moving to Carlisle, she has worked as Retail Recruiter for the Downtown Carlisle Association, recruiting businesses outside of Carlisle to consider opening a second location or moving a business to the area. She also assists in introducing small businesses to organizations and resources in the area that can assist with transitions, financing, and other services.

In her leisure time, Virginia loves to read, and also quilts, knits and sews. Taking advantage of the rainy summer, she resumed work on an abandoned quilt-in-progress which is now almost completed.

AAUW Carlisle's scholarship outreach to women is important to Virginia; with a daughter and a niece both working, she is also drawn to AAUW's commitment to eliminating the wage gap. She attended the Carlisle Barracks Welcome Expo and was delighted to talk with branch members, and to apply for membership.

Amy McKiernan

Amy grew up in Orange County, New York. She is close to her immediate family, her mother, a former elementary school teacher, her sister and her stepfather, now living in the Myrtle Beach area.

Just over a year ago, Amy packed up a U-Haul trailer and moved to Carlisle with Abbey, her dashound-lab mix dog and moved to Carlisle to take a position as Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Ethics) at Dickinson College.

Amy earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy (Concentration in Women's Studies) from the University of Scranton. She remained at University of Scranton for two years as Coordinator of Women's Studies. Amy then went on to earn a Master's degree in Philosophy and Social Policy from American University, then stayed in D.C. and worked for the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

Looking toward a career in advanced education teaching, she moved to Tennessee, attending Vanderbilt to earn a Ph.D. in Philosophy. For four years, Amy was a Death Row volunteer at a men's prison in Tennessee, meeting with Death Row inmates on matters of social justice, philosophy and spiritual studies. Amy continues to do research on balancing respect for the victims of violent crimes with compassion for those who commit such crimes who may grow in knowledge and spirit as they face the death penalty.

Because she loves her work and finds it fulfilling, she does not pursue hobbies, but has been exploring restaurants in Carlisle, and is amazed at the variety of available cuisines. Amy first became acquainted with AAUW when the Women's Center at the University of Scranton received a grant from AAUW. She reconnected with AAUW when attending the Carlisle Barracks Welcome Expo in August.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

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A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped at the August Social! Some of you came early to set up, others stayed late to clean up and others just jumped in to help whether needed. The Social would not have been a success without you help.

Share why you joined AAUW Carlisle in a sentence or two.

Our webpage needs more quotes

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

Send your sentences for quotation to aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

Gail D'Urso & Sue Royer
Membership Vice Presidents

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Book Group

Silent Spring

Rachel Carson

Monday, November 5, 2018, 1 p.m.

Loretta Maddox

Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* was first published in three serialized excerpts in the *New Yorker* in June of 1962. The book appeared in September of that year and the outcry that followed its publication forced the banning of DDT and spurred revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water.

Carson's passionate concern for the future of our planet reverberated powerfully throughout the world, and her eloquent book was instrumental in launching the environmental movement. It is without question one of the landmark books of the twentieth century.

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, November 2, 2018.

Breakfast Club

Eleven members enjoyed conversation and laughs at the September Breakfast Club gathering. What is fun is that it isn't the same members attending every time.

Our next event is Saturday, October 27 at 9:00 a.m. when we will try the Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle.

Join our exploration of Carlisle's breakfast establishments! RSVP to Kathleen Gorak, kg1562@gmail.com or (717) 386-7466 so she can reserve enough seats.

Women in Philanthropy Award

Ann Pehle, President, was selected to receive the Karen Snider Women in Philanthropy Award sponsored by the [Women's Fund](#), a special project of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. This award series recognizes and honors women who through their lives and efforts make significant contributions and quality of life improvements to women and families in the local community through philanthropic activity. The criteria that the Committee used to select awardees is: The nominee gives freely and unselfishly by providing her time, talent and treasure to philanthropic community activities; The nominee inspires others and acts as a role model; The nominee has a positive impact on the direction and success of women and children related community projects, programs or individuals; The nominee improves the lives of others.

Unbeknownst to Ann, Molly Shane, with the assistance of several members, submitted the nomination. Ann, one of two recipients, will receive the award on Friday, November 9 at the Power of the Purse event. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg beginning at 11:30am. All proceeds raised at the event will benefit the Women's Fund and grants that are made to local nonprofit organizations serving women and girls. For tickets and more information: <https://www.tfec.org/wfpop/tickets/>.

Many will remember Samantha Jallah, at our March 2018 meeting, and her amazing story of leaving Liberia, her home country and immigrating to the United States. She is the founder of Liberian Awards, a non-profit organization that mentors and serves immigrant and minority students as well as financially supporting students and encouraging them in their endeavors. The biennial Liberian Awards Celebration was held September 14. Click [here](#) to view the announcement video.

Samantha is interested, with this huge project behind her, to becoming more involved with AAUW Carlisle.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Vicki Carl, Community Activities Chair

Join AAUW Carlisle branch for fun activities this Fall!

October 9, Tuesday: Explore the Two Mile House in Carlisle from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and a visit to the Pizza Grille for lunch. The Two Mile House began life as a tavern in 1820, and was later donated to the Cumberland County Historical Society. It now serves as a venue for weddings, the annual McClain Celtic Festival, and other large group events. It has 6 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and I am told that October is the ideal time to stroll the grounds.

Visit this website for more information: <https://www.historicalsociety.com/explore/two-mile-house-tmh>



November 19, Monday: Dinner at the Market Cross Pub in Carlisle at 6 p.m. The Pub has a menu full of comfort food, classic pub dishes, and more. At 7, we will participate in a trivia competition as a team.

Check out their website here: <http://marketcrosspub.com>, and their lunch/dinner menu here: [Market Cross Pub Menu](#)

December 4, Tuesday: We are booked for a private tour of the Warehime-Myers Mansion and its famous Christmas decorations in Hanover at 10 a.m. Construction on the mansion began in 1911 for Mr. Myers of the Hanover Shoe Company and was built by an architect from Philadelphia. The home features marble floors, a solarium, a basement bowling alley, forty trees adorned with Christmas decorations, and art-encased windows on its enclosed porches. After the tour, we will visit the Inn 94 restaurant for lunch. My contact at the mansion recommended Inn 94, and spoke highly of their crab cakes. *The lunch menu for Inn 94 is available here:* [Inn 94 Lunch Menu](#)



FOR ALL EVENTS, please RSVP to Vicki Carl at (717)-514-3399 or victoria.carl15@gmail.com and let us know if you need a ride. See you there!

Vicki Carl
Community Activity Chair

Junior Achievement STEM Program

Dr. Parrillo, Director of Careers and Technology, Carlisle Area School District is seeking volunteers for the Junior Achievement of South Central PA STEM program on October 30th and 31st in the Carlisle High School Swartz Building. All 9th grade students participate in day-long activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Volunteers will facilitate one activity during the day as students rotate through. JA will provide all the training that morning. Carlisle High School will provide a light breakfast and lunch.

To volunteer, contact stem@jascpa.org. For more information, contact Allison Kierce- VP of Volunteer Engagement at akierce@jascpa.org.

Project Share's Chess Club at the Farm Stand

Is searching for Chess Coach Mentors. You do not have to be an "expert" but a knowledge of the game and ability to convey that to kids during a game one on one would be great! All age coaches are welcome providing they like the game and can teach it to one other. The kids will learn, grow and be better for your service.

Contact: Joe at JKloza@projectSHAREpa.org.

Civics 101 – A Free Education Series

Tuesdays in October from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Carlisle Borough Hall. Each week explores a different aspect of our government. 2nd Local and County; 9th State; 16th Judiciary; 23rd Congress; 30th Executive Branch (taught by Dr. Marybeth Ulrich, AAUW Carlisle member)

**AAUW Carlisle
2018-2019 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Ann Pehle

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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 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: @AAUWCarlisle

The Board welcomes questions:

aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Projects (point of contact)

- Join the **ad hoc fundraising committee** to explore branch fundraising needs and new ways to raise money. (Carol McAnulty, AAUW Funds Chair)
- Serve on the Board as **Diversity and Inclusion Chair**. (Ann Pehle, President)
- Join the **Conduct Member Survey** project team. (Pat Markowski, Communications Chair)
- Join the **Work Smart** project team. (Nancy Sigris and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Chairs)
- Serve at Project Chair or join **Recognize girls excelling in math and science**. (Ann Pehle, President)

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)

95th Anniversary Celebration

- Participate in the planning of our year-long celebration. (Various)

General

- Branch photographer to take photos at meetings and events. (Various)