

## Then to Now

A quick look at our past and present

### **Our History – Well Researched**

- AAUW archives
- AAUW Carlisle archives
- Dickinson College archives
- Member recollections

A BACKWARD GLANCE	
1924 - 1999	
by Dawn L. Flower	
AMERICAN	
ASSOCIATION OF	
UNIVERSITY	
WOMEN	
CARLISLE BRANCH	
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Presented at the	
75th Anniversary Banquet	
May 25, 1999	



### **Our Founding in Context**

- AAUW, founded in 1881, worked to upgrade the status of women's education and the treatment of women faculty.
  - Define what constituted appropriate and equal treatment of women in education
  - Institutions were required to provide information to become certified before their alumnae could join AAUW
- As early as 1910, a group of Dickinson College alumnae sought to start a branch however, by the standards of the AAUW Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities, they were not eligible because Dickinson College did not meet the requirements.



### **The Determined Women**

### • Mrs. J.H. Morgan

- Mary Curran was a Dickinson Alumna, class of 1888, one of the earliest women graduates
- Wife of Dickinson College President James Henry Morgan.
- They had two daughters, Julia, class of 1911 and Margaret, class of 1914. "These women were perhaps responsible for President Morgan's unusual interest in the higher education for women." (attributed to Josephine Meredith).

### Josephine Meredith

- Josephine K. Brunyate a Dickinson Alumna, class of 1901 and the first Dean of Women of the college from 1919-1949.
- Mrs. Meredith stated. "After some teaching experience and a brief married life, I returned to Dickinson College at President Morgan's request. Until I retired, practically all my time and energy were devoted to work for the college, especially for the women."



### **The Persistent President**

- The first president of Dickinson College to take an interest was President Morgan starting as early as 1915.
- He hired Josephine Meredith as Dean of Women
- President Morgan "told me that one of the most important problems at the moment was to get Dickinson on the approved list of the AAUW. He explained that what he meant to do was not so much to importune the AAUW because it was certainly right in most of its ideas for women, but to study what we could do to make Dickinson a better place for women 'without doing too much to damage our traditions.'"



### Results

- Dickinson College was approved as an institution at the December 29, 1922 meeting of the AAUW Committee of Colleagues and Universities.
- President Morgan and Dean Filler had misgivings, however, about actively encouraging militant feminists, as AAUW member were then supposed to be.
- President Morgan, Mrs. Morgan and Josephine Meredith met at the home of the President to draft a list of all the Carlisle eligible women they knew.



### **The Charter**

- February 2, 1924, the organizational meeting was held at the President's home at Dickinson College. Nineteen women attended.
- May 10, 1924, the Carlisle branch of the AAUW held its Charter meeting in the Old West of Dickinson College.
  - 54 women attended the meeting chaired by Dean Meredith. 47 of the charter members were Dickinson Alumnae and 7 were from other colleges.



### "In many ways it was pioneer work."

• Dr. Morgan to Josephine Meredith

"We must do what we can without too much injury to tradition and get around honorably what we cannot change. But, Madame," he warned, "you must constantly remember that the good of the college always comes before any feministic shenanigans!"



### MILITANT FEMINISTS AND FEMINISTIC SHENANIGANS



## Black Women Equal Pay Day

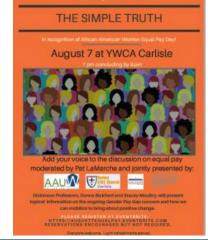






To bring attention to this pay gap, AAUW Carlisle partnered with Hope Station, Bethel AME Church, and the YWCA Carlisle and held a community meeting on

August 7, 2018, Black Women Equal Pay Day.





### Topic Talk about Camp Invention



Adelaide shared her experience at Camp Invention. We learned about AAUW's STEM initiatives.







## 199<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum

## October



Carlisle

### 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional Candidate Forum





### Market Cross Pub Trivia Night

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## November

### Intersectionality



Dr. Jennifer Taylor, Professor Lock Haven University and AAUW Lock Haven member introduced intersectionality. Lock Haven University and Dickinson College student organization Executive Officers attended. All the way home, the Lock Haven

December

students commented about how welcome they were made to feel and how much fun they had.





January 19, 2019 10:00 am--12:00 noon Courthouse Square, Carlisle, PA 17013 Parking (Cash only) available in the Pomfret St. Garage

The Women's Rally on the Square will be issue-focused, diverse, and non-partisan.

Sponsored by AAUW Carlisle, YWCA Carlisle, Carlisle Area Youth Council, Cumberland Valley Rising, and Hope Station















### **Cooking Class at Kitchen Shoppe**







# February

### **Black History Festival**



For third year, registered voters at the Hope Station Black History Festival.





- 95<sup>th</sup> member joined!!
- Announced online membership renewal
- Most successful scholarship fund appeal



### Scholarship

### Banquet





### AAUW Carlisle Scholarship Banquet

### Honoring Scholarship Recipients

Carlie Antes Johanna Bear Makayla Glass Bailey Jones Darien Kase

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6 p.m. Social Hall East, Holland Union Building Dickinson College Carlisle, Pennsylvania

AdVW Mission Statement Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Empowering Women since 1881

## Apríl Trailblazers







Carlisle (PA) Branch





## Carlisle Area School District School Board Candidate

### Forum

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### CANDIDATE FORUM

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:00-8:30 p.m. YWCA Carlisle; 301 G Street



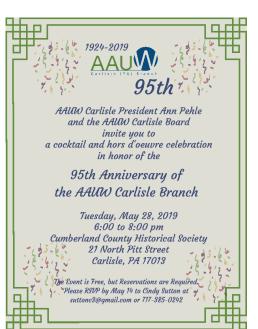






### Tonight

May





### June 29 Bosler Library





