

# **BRANCHING** Out

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## Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!

On May 10, 1924, the charter meeting of the Carlisle branch of AAUW was held in Old West of Dickinson College. Turn to page 3 to read the origin story and learn more about those early founders.



All members are invited to attend the celebration of this milestone anniversary on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a milestone worth celebrating, so we are having a party. See page 4 for details and RSVP information. Our guest speaker is Suzanne Gould, AAUW's archivist and historian. We are honored to have a guest from AAUW in Washington D.C. join our celebration. We will also install our new officers and present member awards—Outstanding Women, Member Making a Difference, Named Gift Honoree.

Many have wondered why we are making so much fuss and expense for a 95th? Why not wait

until our 100th? My answer is simple. AAUW Carlisle is so very successful today because of the dedication and wise decisions of those who came before us. Members who influenced the branch and created a solid foundation for our current success are still active. I want to honor and thank them for their contribution with a celebration. We are a recognized community organization with a growing membership of women attracted to the AAUW mission and making a difference in Carlisle thanks to the numerous decisions made by our past leaders. Those past decisions set us up for our success today. Frankly, there is no good reason to wait another five years to say thank you.

One of the celebration activities I am most proud of and excited for are the interviews of seventeen members who contributed to our success. Some of the interviews were videotaped and a short montage will be played at the celebration. All interview transcripts and videos will be archived at the Cumberland County Historical Society. You will have to attend on May 28<sup>th</sup> to see the other surprises.

Thank you to Becky Morgenthal, 95th Celebration Chair, and the committee Gail D'Urso, Pat Markowski, Rose Smith, Cindy Sutton for planning, what I know will be, a memorable event.

Ann Pehle President

May 2	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee Meeting	225 South West Street, Carlisle	
May 6	7:00 p.m.	Book Group	Host: Wendy Amour Dickinson	
May 7	3:00 p.m.	Create-a-Palooza (registration closed April 24th)	11 E High Street, Carlisle	
May 14	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler Library 158 West High Street, Carlisle	
May 15	7:00 p.m.	CASD School Board Candidate Forum	YWCA Carlisle	
May 18	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club (RSVP to Kathleen Gorak)	Fay's Country Kitchen 203 South Hanover Street, Carlisle	
May 28	6:00 p.m.	95 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	See page 3 and 4	
June 3	6:00 p.m.	Book Group Annual Dinner and Book Selection for 2019 – 2020	Location TBD Details page 9	
June 18	10:00 a.m.	Capital Building Tour	Details page 9	

## Five Women Honored at Scholarship Banquet

April 23rd was an amazing and energetic reception at the Dickinson College campus when we honored 2019 Higher Education Scholarship awardees. Each of the young women proved worthy through academics, financial need, work experience, persistence, and perseverance to receive the \$1500 award. The winners were Carlie Antes of Marywood University, Johanna Bear of Franklin &



Marshall College, Makayla Glass of Shippensburg University, Bailey Jones of University of Pittsburgh and Darien Kase of Pennsylvania State University.

More than 70 members, guests, family, friends and recipients enjoyed social time, dinner and dessert before hearing from the recipients concerning their educational goals and future endeavors. Each recipient thanked AAUW for the financial help and appreciated the honor of receiving the scholarship. The scholarships were due to the continued generosity of the branch members, and this year, an anonymous match opportunity, along with donations in honor and in memory of loved ones. This year we accepted a memorial scholarship for LTC Edward J. "Woodie" Collins, Jr. His wife, COL (Retired) Ruth Collins was our honored guest, and Carlie Antes was the recipient of the memorial scholarship.

A huge thank you goes to Carol McAnulty as AAUW Funds Chair for coordinating contributions and to our committee members, Stefanie D'Amore, Gail D'Urso, Linkey Green, Rosemary Smith and Cindy Sutton for their time and diligence with the application process and participating in the interviews.

Check the website for photos and more details about the recipients. <u>https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/scholarship</u>

Lillian Wong Scholarship Committee Chair

## AAUW CARLISLE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Ad hoc fundraising committee. Carol McAnulty, AAUW Funds Chair, is looking for committee members. Three to four meetings at day/time to be determined by participants. Email Carol carol\_mcanulty@yahoo.com to raise your hand.

Diversity. Be the first branch Diversity and Inclusion Chair. (Job description located at <u>https://www.aauw.org/resource/</u> <u>branch-diversity-and-inclusion-</u> <u>chair/</u>). If this interests you, please tell Ann. **Girls' Recognition.** Gail D'Urso, Project Chair, launched Trailblazers. See page 10. **Done** 

**Conduct member survey**. Pat Markowski, Communications Chair, and committee are designing the survey for 2019 distribution. **Participate in the survey when you receive the link**. Work Smart salary negotiation

workshop. Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Chairs are working with members, Hope Station, and CVR to hold a Work Smart workshop on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## AAUW Carlisle is 95!!

For the branch's 75<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1999, Dawn Flower [Webb], AAUW Carlisle member, wrote *A Backward Glance 1924-1999*. It is a treasure of information. To put our founding into context, below are tidbits mined from pages 1-11 of this 41 page treasure. (Most of this content is a direct from the text and quotes indicate first person recollections.)

- When AAUW was founded in 1881, it was called the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA). In 1921, the ACA and similar
  groups called for a consolidation of female college alumnae across the county in to one national organization and AAUW
  was founded.
- These organizations worked very hard to upgrade the status of women's education and the treatment of women faculty. They sought first to define what constituted appropriate and equal treatment of women in education and 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 first president of Dickinson College to take an interest was President Morgan. Correspondence between him and AAUW from 1915 to 1923 put the alumnae on the eligible list. When Josephine Meredith became Dean of Women in 1919-1920, 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.' We checked over all we knew of the AAUW requirements, written and unwritten, and tried to decide what we could change for the better and how we could honorably get around what we could not change. As President Morgan said, "We must first set our house in order.'"
- Josephine Meredith, Dean of Women, Dickinson College continues. "We had various AAUW officers come to talk to us and inspect us and President Morgan arranged to have me attend every AAUW meeting, and meeting of Deans of Women, where is was possible to get me entered as a guest or a delegate. We tried to get all our influential friends to help us and eventually in 1923 we made the grade. The credit belongs to President Morgan without whose help and leadership the rest of us would have lost enthusiasm and given up."
- Dickinson College was approved as an institution at their December 29, 1922 meeting of the AAUW Committee of Colleagues and Universities.
- President Morgan and Dean Fuller had both done all they could to get Dickinson declared eligible. They had misgivings, however, about actively encouraging militant feminists, as AAUW member were then supposed to be. The hesitation soon ended, and 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.
- On February 2, 1924, the organizational meeting was held at the President's home at Dickinson College. Nineteen women attended.
- On 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.
- The first President was Mrs. J.H. Morgan. Mary Curran was a Dickinson Alumna, class of 1888, one of the earliest women graduates and later became the 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).
- The first Vice President was Mrs. A.J. 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. In many ways it was pioneer work. As Dr. Morgan said, "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!"
- We are indebted to Josephine Meredith for her careful preservation of our organization's early history.

If you are interested in contributing other excerpts for future newsletters, please let me know.

## May 10, 1924

Below are the founding members of AAUW Carlisle, thanks to Suzanne Gould, AAUW's archivist and historian. The street addresses for the Carlisle residents included Bedford, Hanover, Pitt, Louther and High.

Edna Albert, Gardners, Penna Henrietta Bardo, Jersey Shore, Penna Mrs. J. E. Belt, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. S. F. Blumenfeld, Starkville, Mississippi Ruth Boris, Allentown, Penna Hazel J. Bullock, Carlisle Florence H. Burke, Carlisle Mrs. W. C. Clarke, Carlisle ELizabeth Crawford, Mechanicsburg, Penna Elizabeth Diller, Carlisle Blanche Dum, Carlisle Amy Fisher, Carlisle May Fitzgerald, Carlisle Dulcie Foreman, Carlisle Cyrille Frank, Carlisle Mrs. J. Mark Frey, Quakertown, Penna A. Flo Geyer, Chambersburg, Penna Sydra M. Goodnight, Carlisle, Penna

Lina M. Hartzell, Carlisle, Penna Elsie F. Hoffer, Montclair, New Jersev Mrs. George H. Kroll, Shippensburg, Penna Mrs. Markel Landis, Carlisle, Penna Kathleen LeFevre, Carlisle Lela Liggett, Carlisle, Penna Sarah M. McCrea, Neville, Penny Mrs. G. L. McKenny, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. W. R. Main, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. Andrew D. Melody, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersev Mrs. A. J. Meredith, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. J. H. Morgan, Carlisle, Penna M. Evelyn Nailor, Camp HIII, Penna Mrs. W. O. Noaker, Shippensburg, Penna Mrs. W. H. Norcross, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. Carl Obermiller, Carlisle, Penna Katherine Obermiller, Carlisle, Penna

Ruth W. Read, Camden, New Jersey Mrs. C. R. Rickenbaugh, Carlisle, Penna Irene C. Ritchey, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. W. R. Ritter, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. E. B. Rose, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. Ralph Schecter, Penna Mrs. W. R. Shearer, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. W. R. Skillman, Carlisle, Penna Frances E. Smith, Halifax, Penna Saura Swigert, Carlisle, Penna A. Louise Sumiwalt, Baltimore, Maryland Rebecca Thompson, Carlisle, Penna Virginia Watts, Harrisburg, Penna Esther Weakley, Boiling Springs, Penna Mary K. Weitzel, Carlisle, Penna Mary R. White, Carlisle, Penna Mildred Wilson, Carlisle, Penna Mrs. Herbert Wing, Jr., Carlisle, Penna Agnes S. Woods, Carlisle, Penna

# **Time to Celebrate**

The 95th Birthday Celebration is upon us! I want to thank the committee: Patricia Markowski, Rose Smith, Gail D'Urso, Cindy Sutton, Mary Brunski, Dr. Peggy Jennings and Shirley Gehringer. Everyone has worked hard to prepare our Celebration on Tuesday, May 28th at the Cumberland County Historical Society from 6 to 8 PM. See the flyer for more details.

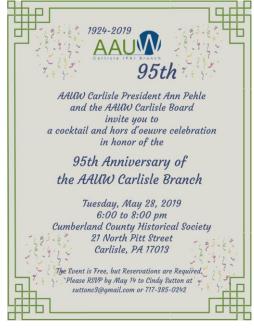
This Celebration is free for members to attend but you must RSVP to Cindy Sutton (717-385-0242 <u>suttonc3@gmail.com</u>) to attend. If you need transportation please contact Becky Morgenthal (717-574-6653 <u>bmorgenthal@gmail.com</u>) for assistance by phone or email listed below.

The committee members have worked very hard to make this event a special evening. To peak your interest. . . .

- Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with wine, beer, water and soda.
- Table with memorabilia newsletters and the Tea Set (on loan from Dickinson College)
- Seventeen members were interviewed for the oral history project nine on video. See excerpts that night.
- You will have the opportunity to write a tribute card to honor someone who has influenced your life
- Suzanne Gould, AAUW National Historian as our main speaker
- Member Awards will be awarded and new officers installed

RSVP right now, so you don't miss the fun.

Becky Morgenthal 95<sup>th</sup> Committee Chair



#### **Meet New Members**

#### Rita van Alkemade

Rita worked at the Ringling School of Art in Florida, and was happily retired in Arizona, but having grown up in New York, was missing the East Coast. Since her daughter had lived in Carlisle for many years, and Rita and her husband enjoyed the area, they moved to Carlisle in 2013. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. Her daughter, Kim, is an English professor at Shippensburg University, and the author of two books: *Orphan #8* and *Bachelor Girl*. Her son, Glen, is a civil engineer living in Chicago, and her son, Rob, is a videographer living in California. Rita and Tim share their Carlisle home with a year-old cocker spaniel puppy named Bowie.

Rita earned her B.A. in Fine Art, graduating *magna cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and studied sculpture at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. She stayed on at Ringling for the next 15 years, first as Assistant Director of the Selby Art Gallery, then as Assistant Director of the Continuing Studies Department. As an accomplished painter and sculptor, Rita has received numerous awards including an Outstanding Graduate Award from the Fine Arts Division of the University of Wisconsin, Award of Excellence for Special Visuals from the Wisconsin Hospital Public Relations Council, and Best of Show at Wisconsin's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts. Rita has also exhibited her paintings and sculptures at Ringling, and participated in juried exhibitions in Sarasota, Florida and Paradise Valley and Scottsdale, Arizona. She works in clay, wood, metal and stone, and recently has concentrated on the sculptural use of the ancient medium of *papier mache*. Now in Carlisle, Rita is exploring venues to exhibit her work locally, and has participated in several exhibitions at the Carlisle Arts Learning Center.

She and her husband, Tim, enjoy renovation projects on their home in Carlisle, and helping with tiling, painting, constructing and deconstructing at their children's homes as well. This summer, she and Tim will leave their tools at home and cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, and have plans to visit China in 2020.

> Pat Markowski Communication Chair

## Congratulations To Us!! Challenge Accomplished!! Now 95 Members Strong!! Whoo Hoo!!

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our program year is winding down and member renewal season is heating up! You will find the membership form for 2019-20 in this newsletter. Please renew by May 31, 2019 to get your name in our Yearbook. This year, you can renew online by going to the special link that was sent to you via email in mid-April. Thanks to Linda Brunski and Barbara Attivo for navigating this system and moving our branch forward. If you haven't yet renewed, a reminder message will be sent to you soon. There is no need to look up your Member ID. The link will take you right where you need to go. All you need is your credit card.

Again, this year, the Carlisle Branch is offering two members the opportunity to be reimbursed for the cost of their national AAUW membership, a \$59 value. If you renew your membership by May 20, 2019, you will win reimbursement of AAUW National dues. The winning members will be chosen in early June. If you have any questions about renewing your membership, please contact Gail D'Urso (gailcdurso@gmail.com) or Sue Royer (sroyer007@hotmail.com).

Gail D'Urso & Sue Royer, Membership Vice-Presidents

## **New Member Contact Information**

Lisa Grayson <a href="mailto:lingiag@gmail.com">lmgjag@gmail.com</a>

# PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

#### Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

## AAUW Carlisle Rocked Equal Pay Day!

Equal Pay Day, that's the day that women finally catch up to what men earned the previous year, fell on April 2nd this year. In recognition of this notorious occasion, we decided to pull out all stops in our efforts to advocate for legislation that will give women a better chance at narrowing the pay gap in Pennsylvania.



Since the General Assembly was not in session on April 2nd, we decided to meet with our State Representatives and State Senators in District Offices. We advocated for pay equity and its supporting legislation, HB850. Visits were made to the offices of Sen. Mike Regan by Cherry France and Lillian Wong, Rep. Sheryl Delozier (88th) by Judy Gilroy, Rep. Torren Ecker (193rd) by Cindy Good and Mary Brunski, and Rep. Barb Gleim (199th) by Cindy Murphy, Jill Bartoli and Nancy Sigrist.

Then on April 8th, with both houses back in session, we hit Harrisburg! Our day started at 10:00 AM with morning snacks and social time prior

to an overview and briefing led by Barbara Price of AAUW PA and a special welcome by our PA First Lady Frances Wolf. We then spread out for additional visits in the offices of Rep. Greg Rothman (87th) by Ann Pehle and Cherry France and Sen. Judy Ward by Kate Elkins and Nancy Sigrist. At 1:30 PM, everyone joined together in the Capitol Rotunda for The Equal Pay Day Rally where we listened





to multiple impassioned speakers discuss the problems and solutions to pay equity in our state.

Many thanks to the ladies who conducted our advocacy visits as well as those who helped arrange the logistics and those who attended our Rally! Together we can make a difference!

Check out <u>https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/public-policy/equal-pay/</u> and <u>https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/equal-pay-day-events/</u> for more information.

## PA Schools Work – Postcard Campaign

Pennsylvania ranks 46th in the country in **State Education Funding**. The State only contributes 36% of education funding, as compared to 51% in 1972-73. Although Gov. Wolf's 2019-2020 education budget proposal falls well short of what education advocacy groups say is needed, it is a good launching point. We support PA Schools Work and Education Voters PA in asking our legislators to work with the governor to increase basic and special education to a level that is closer to what is truly needed in our classrooms. In the state with the largest gap between the poorest and wealthiest districts, only larger increases of state funding targeted to the districts that need it most will enable poorer communities to offer every child the education they need and deserve. You can find more information at: <a href="http://paschoolswork.org/pa-school-funding-coalition-calls-on-legislature-to-go-further-on-2019-20-education-funding/">http://paschoolswork.org/pa-school-funding-coalition-calls-on-legislature-to-go-further-on-2019-20-education-funding/</a>

While school districts can provide a high quality cyber education for \$5000 or less, state law currently requires school districts to pay **commercial cyber charter schools** the same amount that it would cost to educate those students in a brick and mortar school (from \$7,300 to \$48,000). Paying these for-profit cyber charter schools what it actually costs to educate students would save Pennsylvania taxpayers \$250 million a year. We support Education Voters PA in asking for Charter School Funding Reform and to stand up to special interests profiting off of our children. We ask you to contact your State Representatives at: bit.ly/cybercharter



Thank you to all who took the time to fill out postcards and advocate for education.

## **PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE -- Continued**

#### Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chair

## **CASD School Board Candidate Forum**

Once again, AAUW Carlisle is sponsoring a School Board Candidate Forum, in partnership with YWCA Carlisle and the League of Women Voters. It will be held on Wednesday, May



15 at YWCA Carlisle from 7 - 8:30 pm. All six candidates have accepted our invitation and a wonderful, collaborative team is researching and preparing the questions. A special thank you to Marybeth Ulrich for chairing this group and to Karen Quinn, Kathleen Gorak, and Beth McKinley for your contributions!

Please join us and hear the candidates' positions on issues affecting the Carlisle School District.

## **Donations a Huge Success!**

Once again our members responded in force at our April Scholarship Banquet, collecting donations of toilet paper for

Community Cares and feminine hygiene products for YWCA Carlisle's Pad Pantry. Both organizations were extremely grateful for your generosity! A big thank you to Linda Figueroa for organizing the donations. Both



organizations couldn't believe the volume of donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## AAUW Work Smart is coming to Carlisle!

While the pay gap results from many factors — including discrimination — gender differences in salary negotiation play a role. Learning to confidently negotiate salary will help ensure deserved pay and benefits.

The Work Smart program has already trained more than 30,000 women nationwide. Women come away from the workshops knowing how to determine their market worth based on their skills, experience, performance, qualifications, and responsibilities on the job and having the tools and business strategies they need to successfully negotiate for fair pay for the rest of their careers.

AAUW Carlisle has selected AAUW Work Smart as a Branch Project for the coming year. We have partnered with several community organizations in this effort including Hope Station, CVR, SHE Women's Group, AME Church, and National Coalition of 100 Black Women. We are working on it now and have a tentative date for our first classroom based event to be held at Bosler Library on June 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Our planning is coming together and we are making good progress towards raising the funds needed to put on this first session. So please save the date and watch for our notification once things are confirmed and ready to go! We hope to see many members there along with friends, neighbors and community members who would benefit from this program!

## **VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS:** Volunteer Opportunities!!!

AAUW Carlisle will conduct **voter registration** at the following four events this summer. Volunteers are needed for shifts; sign up using the designated link below for each event to receive more details.

## Previous registration experience NOT REQUIRED

√ June 1 -- Ford Parade, downtown Carlisle: <u>https://ttsu.me/fordparadejune1</u>

√ June 15 -- Newville Fountain Festival: <u>https://ttsu.me/fountainfestivaljune15</u>

✓ Aug. 24 -- Corvette Parade, downtown Carlisle: <u>https://ttsu.me/corvetteparadeaug24</u>

✓ Sept.28 -- Harvest of the Arts, downtown Carlisle: <u>https://ttsu.me/harvestoftheartssept28</u>

Please contact Jenifer Johnson at jjpackard56@gmail.com if you have questions.

## **INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES**

#### Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

## **Book Group**

Annual Dinner and Book Selection for 2019 – 2020 Monday, June 3, 2019, 6 p.m. Location TBD Susan Royer (717-766-4230 or sroyer007@hotmail.com) or Wendy Armour Dickinson (717-514-3322 or warmourdickinson@hotmail.com)

All members interested in participating in the selection of books to be read for next year are urged to attend this meeting. Interested readers nominate books in the areas of mystery, classic, diversity, women's history and general interest in advance of the meeting. Those attending the dinner make the final selection. Nominations are due by Monday, May 6, 2019 and should include the title of the book and author. For details on this process, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson. She will distribute a listing of the nominated books by Friday May 31<sup>th</sup>. For the dinner (on your own), each member is asked to RSVP to Susan or Wendy by Friday, May 31<sup>th</sup>.

**Breakfast Club** Saturday, May 18. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. back at Fay's Country Kitchen at 203 South Hanover Street in Carlisle- the site of our first breakfast club almost two years ago! Kathleen Gorak asks that folks let her know if they are coming. Email Kathleen at kg1562@gmail.com.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

#### Vicki Carl, Community Activities Chair

**Tuesday, May 7**: Painting afternoon at **Create-a-Palooza** in Carlisle at 3pm. Our group will be guided in painting a 16"x20" canvas of this flower vase for \$25. We will



all paint the same picture, but add our own individual flair to it

Address is 11 E High Street, and payment will be collected at the event.

Registration closed. Contact Vicki if interested.

**Tuesday, June 18:** We have a private guided tour of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg at 10am.

Dedicated by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, the Capitol was envisioned by its designer as a "Palace of Art." The dome centerpiece was inspired by



Michelangelo's design for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and is heralded as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

Our half-hour educational tour is totally free and we have tables reserved for our 11am lunch at the Capitol Building so we can share our impressions and stories with our AAUW attendees. We will meet at the Bon-Ton in Carlisle across from the Pizza Hut around 8:30am, and leave around 8:45am. To save some money and time on parking, we would like to carpool as many of us as possible.

Please contact Vicki at <u>victoria.carl15@gmail.com</u> by June 1 if you are interested in joining us, and let us know if you want to be a carpool driver, passenger, or drive on your own.

## Trailblazers -- What a Success!

Fourteen AAUW Carlisle members attended the inaugural Trailblazers Girls' Recognition event on Monday, April 15th. Starting with



the idea to have some type of girls' recognition program, Gail D'Urso submitted the idea of a recognition for girls excelling in the Career and Technical Education curriculum at Carlisle High School. The idea was immediately embraced by Dr. Parrillo, Director of Career and Technical at Carlisle Area High School and Christina Spielbauer, CASD Superintendent.

The event was a tremendous success. Highlights include: at least one parent of each honoree attended--including grandparents from Virginia; the panelists offered relatable stories from their

own career journeys; CTE staff attended; sophomore girls in CTE courses attended; and most important, it was a very special day for the honorees. For a full recap and photos, go to <u>https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/</u>.

AAUW Carlisle has a new program to be proud of and make a part of our annual planning. Making a difference in the lives of girls --that is being mission-driven.

Let's create more success stories!

Tell every women you know about

this FREE online course. It doesn't

matter if they aren't conducting a

learn how to articulate her value

always valuable. And, when/how

job search right now. She will

to a company - a skill that is



## "I negotiated a \$15,000 increase to the salary offer thanks to this course!"

This is a true statement from someone I told about the free Work Smart online course at salary.aauw.org (*Ann Pehle*)



to ask for a raise or promotion.

You need to take the class too. Even if the curriculum doesn't seem directly relevant to you, you are a more effective ambassador when you share your personal perspective. And, your feedback is welcome.

## AAUW Election is now open!

Vote today on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities and

members for the 2019-21 the AAUW Board of Directors.

You received an email from AAUW on April 1 with your ID and PIN. Can't find the email? Contact Connect at 800.326.2289.



Go to <u>https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/</u> for information on members running for AAUW Board of Directors positions and the amendments to the Public Policy Priorities.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## **AAUW Pennsylvania Meeting for all Members**

## Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> Summer Retreat

Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA 10:00am to 3:00pm \$25 per person

It's All About the Mission

Explore how members and branches are supporting the AAUW strategic plan

## **Camp Invention**

Supporting and promoting STEM education for girls is a core element of AAUW's mission. AAUW Carlisle fulfills this by funding a

\$230 scholarship for a girl to attend the week-long Camp Invention summer camp. Camp Invention is developed by the <u>National Inventors Hall of Fame</u>. Jim Burgess, retired Bellaire Elementary principal brought it to Carlisle. This is the fourth year AAUW Carlisle donated a scholarship. Last year's recipient, Adelaide, shared her experience at a <u>Topic Talk</u>.

Jim is eager to have ten scholarships for the 2019 camp. Feel free to donate directly. Donation check made out to National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.. Include C-PA07-14701-19 in the memo. Tax deductible donations mailed to:

National Inventor's Hall of Fame 3701 Highland Park NW North Canton, OH 44720





Is redistricting reform a passion? Want to learn what gerrymandering is? We are interested in holding a Draw the Lines

event and need a project leader. Read all about it here and then contact Ann Pehle (apehle@outlook.com) for more information.

Do you know your AAUW membership gives you access to some great discounts and special services exclusively offered to members? Explore at <a href="https://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/">https://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/</a>

Most used – by far – is the copying discount. Use for AAUW and personal projects. Present your card for 2.5¢ Black/white and 22¢ color copies.

This is a magic card!



# Share why you joined AAUW Carlisle in a sentence or two. Our webpage needs more quotes

Our webpage needs more quotes https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/membership/ Send your sentences for quotation to aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

## Want to know what is going on?

Check out the calendar at <u>https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/</u>

#### 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

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## **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 Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Chairs)

#### 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).



## AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch March 15, 2019 – June 30, 2020 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 Membe	r 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 section only if new to AAUW Carlisle Branch or updating/correcting 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 Paid Life member Dual Member PA Branch Out of state Dual Member Honorary Member Any over payment of th to the Carlisle Branch of Signature:	Mail form and dues (payable to AAUW Carlisle Branch) to: Finance Officer AAUW - Carlisle Branch P.O. Box 815 Carlisle, PA 17013	
Date:		