

Such a Magnificent Year!

This fiscal year, we challenged ourselves with bold new projects, achieved a membership goal of 95, and celebrated our past and present with a spectacular 95th Anniversary Celebration. It was definitely the year of militant feminists and our feministic shenanigans. (If you aren't familiar with this reference, these are quotable quotes from the story of our founding. Refer to the May newsletter, page 3.)

If I include a complete list of all our shenanigans, this newsletter would be lengthy! Instead, later in June, I will publish a year-end report via email. This newsletter is full of information—some topics I highlighted below

- My remarks continue, on page 2, with the annual member award recognition and thank you to Board members rotating off.
- Page 4 summarizes our grand 95th Anniversary Celebration.
- The final summary of this fiscal year's strategic plan is on page 3. Don't miss the announcement about AAUW Work Smart.
- New community volunteer opportunity, SPY the week of July 15th, is introduced on page 4.
- Launch of the member survey is on page 5. Your task is to take the survey by June 30th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWCarlisleSurvey>

July 1 begins our new fiscal year. We welcome Stacey Gatch, Virginia Mauk, and Stephanie D'Amore to the Board. AAUW Carlisle Board members are listed on page 8.

I would be remiss in my role as AAUW Pennsylvania President if I did not promote the Summer Retreat on July 27th from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Lewisburg. Go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meetings/retreat/> for full information and registration. This is the only state meeting in 2019 and is a great opportunity to meet members from across Pennsylvania. Hope to see many AAUW Carlisle members in the audience, to be friendly faces as I speak to the crowd. 😊

Our "summer off" means no July newsletter and no Branch meeting in June or July. But as you can see in this newsletter—we always have something happening! Enjoy your summer.

Ann Pehle, President

Save the Date! Next Branch Meeting -- Member Social
Tuesday, August 27 @ 6:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle

June 7 to June 30		Member Survey	See page 5
June 10	6:00 p.m.	Book Group Annual Dinner and Book Selection for 2019 – 2020	Burds Nest Distillery Hanover Street
June 11	6:30 p.m.	Joint Board Meeting 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Boards	Bosler Library Carlisle
June 15		Voter Registration-Newville	See page 6
June 18	10:00 a.m.	Capitol Tour and lunch	Details page 7
June 29	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	AAUW Work Smart	Bosler Library
Week of July 15		AAUW Carlisle volunteers at SPY	Details page 4
July 27	10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat All members welcome	Lewisburg See page 7

Recognizing and Thanking Members

The state organization, AAUW Pennsylvania, sponsors annual branch and member awards. At the AAUW Pennsylvania annual meeting in April, AAUW Carlisle was recognized for several branch awards.

Top ten branches total giving to AAUW of \$4,645.00
Top ten branches for per capita giving to AAUW of \$52.78
Top ten branches with increased membership of 7.3%

AAUW Pennsylvania member awards are awarded by branches to recognize deserving members in the branch. Decided by our Executive Committee, we celebrate our members with the following awards. We presented these awards at the May meeting, as is our custom.

Named Gift Honorees

Member contributing service to the local Branch through leadership, commitment, or innovative support. We make the branch contribution to AAUW Funds in their name.

Lillian Wong Lillian has served as Scholarship Chair since, at least, 2015. Under her leadership, we are promoting our Higher Education Scholarship more broadly and have transitioned to an online application (to be more modern). Each year we have outstanding young women to honor and the Scholarship Banquet, planned by Lillian, is always a well-attended celebration. Our Higher Education Scholarship program is one of our most special activities

Pat Markowski As Communications Chair, all branch members see the results of Pat's work but do not necessarily know it is her work because much of it is "behind the scenes." The branch can thank Pat for writing new member biographies in the newsletter (and we have been keeping her busy!), sending press releases, creating a member career booklet provided to the Dickinson College AAUW student organization, project leader for a member survey --watch your email in June-- and, coordinating the 95th celebration member interviews.

Member Making a Difference

Member providing outstanding service to the Branch during the past year.

Vicki Carl As the Community Activities Chair, Vicki Carl organized a variety of well-attended branch activities. The Board recognized that members didn't have an opportunity to socialize and get to know one another in informal settings. We asked Vicki to assist and she accepted the challenge enthusiastically. Every month, Vicki planned an excursion that was interesting and always fun. There are many new friendships thanks to you.

Outstanding Woman

Member exemplifies the ideals of AAUW, shows commitment to the community, and is an inspiration and role model for Branch members

Kate Elkins As Public Policy Co-Chair, she was the project lead on never-been-done-before branch initiatives. The Black Women's Equal Pay Day event, 10th Congressional candidate forum, and the most ambitious – the Women's Rally on the Square. During the course of these events, Kate has developed new community partners for the branch and has been an outstanding promoter of AAUW's mission. Kate is fearless. She does not let the fact that the project is new, a first, stop her from starting and completing successfully, no matter the obstacles.

We offer a special thanks to those rotating off the Board.

Kathleen Gorak – served as Secretary for two years; followed by Program Vice President for two years. Her commitment to high quality programming made our branch meetings a hallmark of our branch.

Sue Royer – served as Membership Vice President for 4 years. She greatly contributed to our branch being open and accepting of new members. The proof is in the numbers. At the beginning of her term in 2015, there were 58 members. Today, we have 95!

Cindy Sutton – Since 2013, Cindy has served as President, Past President, Program Vice President, and Secretary. We will miss her very wise council and insights.

Vicki Carl – We so very appreciate her hard work as Activities Chair to create events for members to enjoy.

Becky Morgenthal – Our celebration was the culmination of Becky's responsibilities as the 95th Anniversary Chair.

**Your dedication to AAUW Carlisle and generosity of time, talents, and treasure
are sincerely appreciated.**

AAUW CARLISLE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This strategic plan was created for fiscal year 2018-2019. The current and future Board members meet on June 11 to begin the strategic discussion for 2019-2020. The Board recognizes that the best strategic plans reflect the input from all members. Please send your comments to aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com. Visit <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/strategic-plan/> for information on AAUW, AAUW Pennsylvania and AAUW Carlisle strategic plans.

Below is the fiscal year-end status of the strategic plan.

Ad hoc fundraising committee. The purpose of this project was to review current fundraising practices and make recommendations for moving to a funding model that is broader than relying on branch members' generosity. While our Higher Education Scholarship appeal was the most successful ever, we must figure out a way to financially support all the other branch initiatives. Commitment will be three to four meetings at day/time to be determined by participants. If you are interested, please contact Carol McAnulty, AAUW Funds Chair, carol_mcanulty@yahoo.com.

Diversity. When many hear the word diversity, they think of racially diverse members. While race is one component, diverse members means anyone who is different than the majority of members—meaning age, socio-economic, sexual orientation, etc. A broader exploration of diversity, beyond membership, is necessary. Our branch programs, public policy initiatives, collaborators, etc. must reflect diversity. Be the first branch Diversity and Inclusion Chair. (Job description located at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/branch-diversity-and-inclusion-chair/>). If this interests you, please email Ann Pehle. apehle@outlook.com.

Girls' Recognition. What a fantastic success! Gail D'Urso, Project Chair, launched Trailblazers. See <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/trailblazers/> for story and photos. ✓

Conduct member survey. See page 5 for the official launch of the survey. Now it is your turn. Please participate before June 30th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWCarlisleSurvey> ✓

Work Smart salary negotiation workshop. Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Project Chairs have exciting news. See below. You have a role in the success by sharing the news with everyone. Specifics are in last paragraph below. ✓

AAUW Work Smart on June 29 is a Go!

We have now secured enough funds to hold an **AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop** on June 29, from 10:30 - 12:30 at the Bosler Library, thanks to a generous anonymous donation from a branch member, a \$500 grant from the War College Spouses Club, and a \$250 donation from Volvo America.

Eliminating the Gender Pay Gap is an AAUW priority and research shows that many women fail to advocate for themselves when negotiating their salary. The goal of AAUW Work Smart is to teach women the skills necessary to negotiate in today's workforce.

We are excited to partner with Hope Station, Cumberland Valley Rising, and our new partner, The Coalition of 100 Black Women--Harrisburg. Babysitting will be provided.

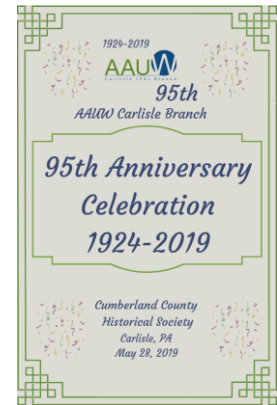
We need your help to spread the word about this valuable and **FREE** workshop. Share this Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/547469809113565/>. Download the flyer from our website <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/> and pass out to family, friends, neighbors – everyone!

AAUW Carlisle is 95!!

Tuesday, May 28th was a magnificent evening! Thank you to the 95th Anniversary Celebration Committee, for planning and executing a wonderful celebration.

Becky Morgenthal, Chair

Mary Brunski
Shirley Gehringer
Gail D'Urso
Pat Markowski
Rosemary Smith
Cindy Sutton



About seventy members and guests attended the celebration at the Cumberland County Historical Society. What I will remember is the crowded room and smiling faces; the musicians adding a rich note to the socializing; delicious food, drink and cake; the video of members' oral history interviews; introducing our collaboration partners; remembering our founding and recapping our most wonderful year; presenting member awards; and installing new officers. Thanks to Vicki Carl's son and husband, Brandon and Craig, we have wonderful photos of the evening. Go to <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/95th-anniversary/> for photos and other materials commemorating our 95th Anniversary.

Hope you enjoyed the evening and will remember it fondly.

**Ann Pehle
President**

Summer Program for Youth (SPY)

This summer you have an opportunity to impact a local program for children.

The Summer Program for Youth (SPY) has asked AAUW Carlisle to sponsor a week of volunteers. Spy is a United Way agency that is dedicated to providing an 8-week program of academic and social enrichment for fifty 2nd and 3rd grade students in the Carlisle and South Middleton School districts who have been recommended by their counselors and teachers. The program is funded by United Way grants, and community donations and is provided at no cost to the parents. With their SPY counselors, who are all certified teachers or college students majoring in education, the students work on reading, math, and social skills. They take a field trip each week, go swimming, play games, and also participate in art, writing, and music activities. Volunteers are used to help keep the administrative costs to a minimum.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 North Hanover Street, Carlisle Week of July 15

Daily Book Reader: 11:30 – 12:00 and then repeat for 2nd group of children 12:00-12:30. (Readers may bring their own books or choose one there.)

To sign-up for 1 or more shifts go to <http://ttsu.me/spyvolunteer>.

Kitchen Help: Assist the kitchen manager with daily tasks. (2 volunteers needed each shift each day Monday through Thursday)

1st Shift – meal prep - 10:00 – 11:30

2nd Shift – meal serving – 11:15-12:30

3rd shift – meal cleanup – 12:30 – 1:30

Friday is Field Trip Day. 2 volunteers needed 8:00 – 9:00 to pack bag lunches.

I hope many of you will join me in providing AAUW volunteer power to this valuable program this summer. If you have questions please give me a call. (717-713-0985)

**Carolyn Freberg
Program Chair**

Membership Updates

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of the publication of this newsletter, 75% of our 95 AAUW Carlisle members have renewed their membership for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Seventy renewed by May 20 to be eligible for the free national member reimbursement of \$59. Using a random number generator – the winners are Missy Breckenridge and Kate Elkins. Congratulations!

If you still need to renew, please use the membership renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. Or, look for the email from AAUW with your unique link to renew online. If you have any questions about renewing your membership, please contact Gail D'Urso (gailcdurso@gmail.com) or Sue Royer (sroyer007@hotmail.com). You must renew by June 30th to be included in the member Yearbook.

*Gail D'Urso & Sue Royer,
Membership Vice-Presidents 2018-2019*

Looking for Summer Fun? Join Us for Feministic Shenanigans!

Virginia and Gail are forming a Membership Committee to help with community tabling activities and other special events. If you would like to help at New Member Socials, the Barracks Welcome Expo, the YWCA 100th Anniversary Block Party, or our own August Branch Social, this Committee is for you! You can help out, as your schedule permits. For more information, contact Virginia at virginia.mauk@gmail.com or Gail at gailcdurso@gmail.com.

*Gail D'Urso & Virginia Mauk,
Membership Vice-Presidents 2019-2020*

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

Your Opinion Matters!

The AAUW Carlisle Board is already planning for the 2019-2020 membership year--and beyond. Your input is needed on a number of important issues, such as how you use your Yearbook, convenience of when branch meetings are held, how you receive and read the "Branching Out" Newsletter, how the branch interacts with community organizations, and which issues the branch should focus on in its public policy outreach.



Take a few minutes to take the member survey, which will be **open now until June 30th**. Click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWCarlisleSurvey> to begin the survey. (Paper copies will be sent to branch members who do not have access to computers.)

Your input is important in shaping the future of your branch programs, activities, and communications.

*Pat Markowski, Project Chair
Stacey Gatch and Stephanie D'Amore*

Member Social August 27 @ 6:00pm

Mark your calendars now and join us for a fun evening, kicking off our new year at the August Social. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with members and hear what the 2019-2020 year has in store for you, while enjoying a pleasant dinner and perhaps taking home something unique or special that catches your eye in the silent auction! Watch for more information to follow in the August newsletter.

*Gail D'Urso & Virginia Mauk,
Membership Vice-Presidents*

Summer is upon us with a hiatus from AAUW. While you are enjoying the warm temps and sunny days, think about something wonderful you can bring to our annual silent auction in August. It will be held again at Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Any interesting items are always welcome at this fundraiser; homemade crafts, jams/jellies, baskets from local vendors, gift cards, let your imagination go with ideas. This year we are hoping to give you a preview of items that will be there. Stay tuned to the August newsletter on how to give us a description and/or picture of your item to get the energies flowing. See you then!

*Carol McNulty
AAUW Funds Chair*

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

CASD Candidate Forum a Success!

Over 60 community members had the opportunity to listen to the six candidates for the CASD Board. A huge thank you to our members on the question committee: Marybeth Ulrich, Karen Quinn, Kathleen Gorak, and Beth McKinley and, as always, to Peggy Jennings for creating the flyer and Facebook post. Check out the article and photos on our website!



<https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/carlisle-area-school-board-candidate-forum-may-2019/>



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 links below for each event to receive more details.

Previous registration experience NOT REQUIRED

Training provided at event and you are never by yourself

Volunteers will receive more information from Jenifer Johnson: jjpackard56@gmail.com. Please contact her if you have questions.

Saturday, June 15 -- Newville Fountain Festival

Sign up here: <https://ttsu.me/fountainfestivaljune15>

7:45 am--10:00 am for Set-up & first shift

10:00 am--12:30 pm

12:30 pm--3:00 pm

3:00 pm--5:30 pm which includes tear-down

Saturday, August 24 -- Corvette Parade, on sidewalk in front of St. John's Episcopal Church

Sign-up here: <https://ttsu.me/corvetteparadeaug24>

6:00 pm--8:00 pm

Saturday, September 28 -- Harvest of the Arts, downtown Carlisle:

Sign-up here: <https://ttsu.me/harvestoftheartssept28>

8:45 am--11:00 am for Set-up & first shift

11:00 am--1:00 pm

1:00 pm--3:00 pm

3:00 pm--5:30 pm which includes tear-down

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Book Group

Annual Dinner and Book Selection for 2019 – 2020

Monday, June 10, 2019, 6 p.m. NOTE Day change from May Newsletter

Burds Nest Distillery, Hanover Street, Carlisle

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 have already been submitted. For more details on this process, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is taking a break for the summer. The next Saturday morning adventure at a local eatery will be in September.

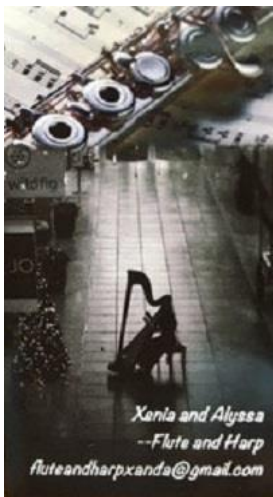
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Vicki Carl, Community Activities Chair

Tuesday, June 18: Looking forward to a private, guided tour of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg at 10am. A guide will take us around the Capitol on a free, 30-minute tour that showcases the beautiful architecture of the building and its history. After the tour, we will pose for a picture at the Interactive Welcome Center, visit the gift shop, and maybe look in on either (or both) the House or Senate, if in session that morning. Then, we will walk to Aleco's Cafe and Restaurant for lunch.



RSVPs closed on June 1st. Contact Vicki Carl (victoria.carl15@gmail.com) with questions or cancellations.



If you enjoyed the music at our 95th Celebration, you can engage Xenia and Alyssa for your event!

fluteandharpxanda@gmail.com

Summer Retreat

**AAUW Pennsylvania Meeting
for all Members**

Saturday, July 27th

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWretreat2019>

**AAUW Carlisle
2019-2020 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Ann Pehle

Membership VPs –Gail D’Urso, Virginia Mauk

Program VPs –Mary Brunski, Stacey Gatch

Finance Officers –Linda Brunski, Barb Attivo

Secretary – Stephanie D’Amore

Past President – Linkey Green

Standing Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds – Carol McAnulty

Communications – Pat Markowski

Community Activities – OPEN

Historian – Rosemary Smith

Interest Groups – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Newsletter – Shirley Gehringer

Public Policy –Kate Elkins, Nancy Sigrist

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Social Media – OPEN

Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman

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)

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)

General

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

Not receiving branch information?

Make sure emails from

aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com aren't going into

your junk or spam folder.



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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 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 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	\$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: _____