

FY 19 Annual Report July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

This Annual Report shares the major AAUW Carlisle branch accomplishments led by members of the AAUW Carlisle Board. This list focuses on the initiatives, projects, events however it is not a complete list of all that is done by Board members. The routine job responsibilities are not listed, however recognized and appreciated by everyone.

Branch Projects

- Recognize girls excelling in math and science **DONE**
- Conduct member survey **DONE**
- Investigate holding Work Smart salary negotiation workshop **DONE**
- Celebrate the 95th Anniversary **DONE**
- Create ad hoc fundraising committee to explore fundraising needs and new ways to raise money
- Diversity

Elected Officers

Finance (Barb Attivo and Linda Brunski)

Took the branch in to the 21st century by introducing three options for paying with credit card.

- Online membership renewal and 40 members took advantage.
- Paying for branch reservations – Scholarship banquet was the successful test, so watch for this option this fiscal year.

Programs (Kathleen Gorak and Mary Brunski)

Quality programs remains a hallmark of our branch which is why we can boast that, at least, one-third of our members attend. The August Social, December holiday brunch and Scholarship Banquet are notable exceptions. Complete list can be found at <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/programs-july-2018-may-2019/>. Thank you to Program Committee, Program Hosts, and members with great program ideas for keeping this rich tradition alive.

Membership (Sue Royer and Gail D'Urso)

- Reached 95 members in March—just in time for the 95th Anniversary Celebration.
- Pleased that 94% of members renewed; which included 16 of the 17 new members who joined in FY19. Thanks for believing in what AAUW Carlisle is doing.
- Made guests and new members feel welcome with handwritten notes, new member bags, and refreshed nametags.
- Provided Shape the Future membership at all branch tabling events.
- New this year – new member contact information in newsletter and updates published on bright colored paper—just the right size for the back of the Yearbook.

Secretary (Cindy Sutton)

Wrote minutes for all branch and Board meetings. Sent greeting cards to members—get well, congratulations, sympathy—as necessary.

Past President (Linkey Green)

Serves as Parliamentarian at Board meetings. Liaison to the AAUW Dickinson Student Organization. Advises and supports the President.

Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds (Carol McAnulty)

Thanks to the generosity of branch members, this was a successful year raising money for branch initiatives and scholarship.

- Branch Initiatives
 - August Social silent action raised \$1183.
 - February basket (donated by Kathleen Gorak) opportunity raised \$285 for a Camp Invention scholarship.
- Scholarship
 - Bridge Flight participants donated \$600.
 - December holiday brunch centerpiece opportunity raised \$247.
 - January Scholarship appeal was extremely successful -- 56 members contributed \$3,778.50.
 - One-time anonymous match of \$2,500
 - Donations in memory of Woodie Collins of \$1,250.

Evaluated changing branch IRS status from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3 and recommended not to proceed.

Communications (Pat Markowski)

This is not (even close to) a complete list of all the communication activities.

- Interviewed and wrote newsletter introductions for 17 new members.
- Press Releases and Media Advisories to support public policy events and announce scholarship recipients
- Community Calendar postings to support public policy events and announce branch meetings.

Community Activities (Vicki Carl)

Eleven events were held with ten to thirty members and spouses attending. To relive the fun, go to <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/2018-activities/> and <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/activities/>.

Can't thank Vicki Carl enough for planning extraordinary events allowing members to enjoy each other's company in a casual setting.

Interest Groups (Wendy Armour Dickinson)

- Book Group
 - Six to eight members attended seven book group discussions.
 - Database moved to Goodreads and book summary will no longer be included in the newsletter.
- Breakfast Club (Kathleen Gorak)
 - Nine to twenty members enjoyed breakfast at ten local diners. Good food, many laughs, and new friends.

Public Policy (Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins)

AAUW Carlisle continued to knock the ball over the wall this fiscal year. With lots of help from our members, the Public Policy Committee developed, organized and led various activities and events throughout the year in support of our AAUW mission.

- Economic Security
 - 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. <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/2018-equal-pay-events/>
 - April 2019 Equal Pay Day
 - Visited the offices of 5 state representatives and 1 state senator advocating for pay equity and its supporting legislation, HB850.
 - Attended rally in Harrisburg.
 - Presentation of “Zero Weeks” Documentary – film about paid family leave followed by group discussion of the issue. Partners - Moms Rising and CVR
- Topic Talks
 - Adelaide shared her experience at Camp Invention. We learned about AAUW’s STEM initiatives.
- Candidate Forums
 - 199th Pennsylvania Representative district
 - 10th US Congress debate televised on WGAL and watch party at Bosler Library
 - Carlisle Area School Board
- Women’s Rally on the Square, January 19, 2019
- Registered voters
 - Harvest of the Arts
 - Black History Festival
 - Ford Automotive parade
 - Newville Fountain Festival
- Member postcard campaigns
 - Redistricting -- letters provided by Fair Districts PA to write to legislators and advocate change to House Rules
 - PA Schools Work – advocating to increase the state budget for public schools.
- Community Engagement
 - Collected toilet paper for Carlisle CARES.
 - Collected feminine hygiene products for YWCA Carlisle pad pantry.

Scholarship Committee (Lillian Wong)

- Worked with Pat Markowski to develop a Communications Plan for 2019 Scholarship Application Announcement and Press Release.
- Received eleven applications. Committee conducted face-to-face interviews and selected five recipients.
- Invited COL (Ret) Ruth B. Collins as honored guest for the Lt. Col. Edward J. “Woodie” Collins Memorial Scholarship.