

Summer Program for Youth

Deborah Sweeney, Board Member and Jeanna Som, Executive Director

If you were able to help out this summer with the lunch duties at SPY, you might be a little familiar with the program. If not, SPY (Summer Program for Youth) is a summer program to assist children at risk. Teachers identify children who can use a little extra assistance to achieve or stay at grade level. Most of the campers come from either single parent or grandparent family units, with incomes low enough receive free or reduced meals at school. Some even arrive from the homeless shelters.

At SPY, campers get breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. In the morning, they go through multiple stations that mirror school subjects — reading, writing, mathematics and others. Afternoons usually involve a trip or special event, such as going to the pool, touring the Army Heritage Center or having a dance instructor visit St. John's.

St. John's provides the space and some funding, but SPY is not religiously affiliated. Roughly one-third of its financing comes through the United Way, with some funding from government grants and other charitable groups such as the Mark L. Butler Foundation. Camp staff members are either teachers or college students working toward an education degree. The program was originally started at Dickinson, but became a separate entity in 1986. The camp's expenses run around \$175 per student, but to date is free of charge due to fundraising efforts. Unfortunately there is a limit to the number they can serve, which capped at 50 this last summer. The teachers from Carlisle were able to identify more than that, so priorities had to be established. SPY is hoping to continue to grow to meet the need in the future.

Mary Brunski
Program Vice President

September 5	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee	225 South West Street, Carlisle
September 9	7:00 p.m.	Book Group	Host Pat Markowski
September 10	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler Library, Carlisle
September 10	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hope Station Ice Cream Social	Hope Station, Carlisle
September 14	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club	Momma Spriggs, 160 York Road, Carlisle
September 14	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	YWCA Carlisle 100th Anniversary Block Party	G Street, between Ash Ave and N. College St.
September 24	7:00 p.m.	BRANCH MEETING	Dickinson College Holland Union Building, side rooms
September 28	9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Harvest of the Arts – Voter Registration	Downtown, Carlisle
October 35	1:00 p.m.	Public Policy Committee	TBD
October 7	7:00 p.m.	Book Group	Host Carmen Eiserman
October 15	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Social Justice Forum	Cumberland Historical Society

August Social, A Great Kick-Off

The August Social, the official kick-off to the new year for AAUW Carlisle, did not disappoint. A group of 53 welcomed 8 guests and highlighted our new member Lisa Grayson, who is the 95th member celebrating our 95th year. Three guests, Jennifer Connell, Brittany Crampsie and Angelica Mishra joined AAUW Carlisle during the event.

This annual social provided an opportunity for members to get to know one another and our organization with a fun question on the table placemats. Members also heard an overview of the upcoming programs, public policy initiatives and interest groups, so they can get plugged in early and get involved in all the new membership year has to offer.

Our members support public policy initiatives for girls and women and we believe strongly in promoting a balanced agenda of public policy issues and social opportunities in our community. Favorite AAUW programs throughout the year include the August Social, the scholarship banquet and voter registration tabling.



We owe a special thank you to Carol McNulty who organized this year's silent auction that included wonderful items.



Members happily bid on them and funds raised go to AAUW Carlisle branch initiatives, raising \$1,111.00.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event run smoothly as well as all the members who attended, making the evening the wonderful experience it was!

Virginia Mauk
Membership Vice President

From the President

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have enjoyed a fun evening at the Member Social on August 27. See page 2 for a recap and photos. During the festivities of good food, wonderful conversations, and spending money, we paused to reflect on and celebrate our past year. What a year we had!

The FY19 Annual Report, outlining the Branch's good work is at <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/strategic-plan/>. Read the amazing accomplishments of dedicated AAUW Carlisle members to make an impact in our community.

There are tidbits of information I accumulated to share with you since the last newsletter.

- An important piece of branch business is conducted at the September Branch meeting per our Bylaws. Members must review and approve the FY20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) budget.
- Regrettably, Stefanie D'Amore resigned as Secretary. Per our Bylaws, the Board appointed Angelica Mishra to fill the term. Angelica graduated from Dickinson College in May and returned for a position at the Center for Civic Learning & Action.
- AAUW Board of Directors stands up several committees to which members are selected for two-year terms. I have been appointed to the Advancement Committee. Four committees – fundraising, membership, college and university, and branch program resources - were merged into this new committee. I am eager to share what I have learned serving AAUW Carlisle and AAUW Pennsylvania.
- Falling into the category of "it's in my wheelhouse" I accepted an invitation to join the Carlisle Workforce Development & Sustainable Wage Task Force. Another AAUW Carlisle member, Deb Fulham-Winston also serves. This appeals to my residual human resources career and AAUW's work on gender pay equity.
- AAUW Pennsylvania has an exciting announcement. Working with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, we are bringing Work Smart workshops to Pennsylvania. See more on page 7. The first of the eight pilot workshops is September 24. Regrettably I will not be able to attend the Branch meeting. Our Policies and Procedures state that Program Vice Presidents stand in for the President, so you will be in the capable hands of Mary Brunski and Stacey Gatch.
- An innovation of AAUW Pennsylvania is to distribute the quarterly newsletter, Keystoner, directly to members' email from aauwpainfo@gmail.com. As you are reading the September issue (just emailed September 2nd), did you know the Keystoner Editor is Peggy Jennings, AAUW Carlisle member?



AAUW launched a new Five Star Recognition Program to celebrate the efforts of AAUW states, branches and other affiliated AAUW organizations as they continue to advance gender equity on the community, state and national levels. Through engagement and activities that advance the AAUW strategic plan, affiliates can earn national recognition through five major focus areas:

- ★ **Advancement by supporting the Greatest Needs Fund or one of the strategic plan's focus areas;**
- ★ **Communications & External Relations by using web and social media that feature Work Smart Online;**
- ★ **Programs that align with the strategic plan;**
- ★ **Public Policy & Research by moving AAUW's Public Policy agenda forward; and**
- ★ **Governance & Sustainability by ensuring effective leadership succession and strategic plan alignment.**

What star should AAUW Carlisle aim for? This is the question the Board is beginning to discuss. Your comments are welcome. Please contact Ann Pehle (apehle@outlook.com or 401-644-6488).

Attracting New Members

Welcome Expo at Carlisle Barracks

On Wednesday, August 7, AAUW Carlisle was proudly represented at the Welcome Expo at Carlisle Barracks. Virginia Mauk and Gail D'Urso set up our table the evening before the event, making sure our display looked appealing. From 9 to 11 on the morning of the event, Patty Stibitz and Gail spoke with lots of people about our branch. Patty's passion for AAUW drew lots of people to our table. We signed up Interested Persons, provided AAUW information cards, and gave out a few Shape the Future applications. At 11 o'clock, Linda Figueroa and Kathleen Gorak stepped in and enthusiastically worked at our table until the event ended, around 1 pm. Linda and Kathleen continued signing up Interested Persons and provided information to many more individuals, including Shape the



Future applications. Since the event, Gail has contacted 15 people, sending our most recent newsletter, including invitations to our August Social. To date, we have received 3 responses to that communication.

I'd like to personally thank Virginia, Patty, Linda, and Kathleen for their help and enthusiasm in making our participation in this event a success. Going forward, it is important to remember that spaces fill up FAST and it is critical that we respond to the invitation to participate as quickly as possible. Some groups were shut out of this event because there were no remaining spaces. Thanks Kathleen, for providing information about this event to me early on in the process.

The photos show our volunteer crew, minus Virginia Mauk, who was working at the Downtown Carlisle Association table next to ours, and Gail who took the photos, plus Nancy Sigrist who came to visit us during the event.

Gail D'Urso
Membership Vice President

There are two errors in the yearbook.
Please note these changes.

Carole DeWall's correct email is carolesdw@gmail.com

Deborah Fulham-Winston has only one "l" not two.

Yearbooks will be available at the September general meeting.

Carmen Eiserman
Yearbook

Help our friends at YWCA Carlisle celebrate their 100th Anniversary!

Stop by the AAUW Carlisle table (or volunteer to staff) from 3pm – 6pm.

Then stay for the beer garden and entertainment!

You are invited to help YWCA Carlisle celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

Join us for a Community Block Party
Saturday, September 14
3 pm - 10 pm
on the grounds and blocked off streets at YWCA Carlisle
301 G Street,
Carlisle, PA 17013.

- ◆ Cultural Festival
- ◆ Family Activities
- ◆ Food Vendors
- ◆ Evening Beer Garden
- ◆ Live Entertainment and Street Dancing

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NEW MEMBERS

Angelica Mishra	mishraa@dickinson.edu
Brittany Crampsie	brittanycrampsie@gmail.com
Jennifer Connell	connell_star@yahoo.com
Janet Kacsur	jkacsur@hotmail.com

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Voter Registration

In our continued efforts to increase voter participation, we have been planning several voter registration events:

Thanks to St. John's Episcopal, we were able to set up a table on their corner during the Corvette Parade on Aug. 24. Our voter registration rock star, Jenifer Johnson, and Judy Gilroy had many interesting conversations and signed up one new voter.

It was encouraging how many emphatically said, "Oh, I'm registered!"

We are also working with our friend Angelica Mishra, who we grew to love from our Dickinson student organization, to conduct voter registration at **Hope Station's Ice Cream Social on Tues. Sept. 10, from 5-7pm**. Angelica graduated this year and was hired by Dickinson College's Center for Civic Learning & Action.

Come out to Memorial Park to gather with our friends at Hope Station and eat Leo's ice cream! Mingle with old and new friends and take advantage of the opportunity to talk to elected members of the Borough Council. Join us!

And, of course, we are gearing up for our biggest and best registration event of the year, **Harvest of the Arts on Sept. 28!** We are thrilled that we will be back inside the festival at our favorite spot in front of Bosler Library. Last year we were fortunate that Dickinson allowed us to set up on their property, which was necessary because the festival had increased their fee from \$75 to \$300. Thanks to an animated conversation with the festival director, who was unhappy with our choice of location, and some shrewd and determined negotiating by our fearless leader Ann Pehle, we not only have our spot back, but the Downtown Carlisle Association is waiving our fee entirely!

Cumberland Valley Rising and the League of Women Voters are assisting with volunteers, but we still need more. Sign up here for the time slot that works best for you: <https://www.timetosignup.com/aauwcarlisle/sheet/1281296/>

Trust us, it is always a lot of fun!

YWCA's Social Justice Forum

Save the date: October 15

10 am - 3 pm

Cumberland County Historical Society

One of AAUW Carlisle's most vital community partners, YWCA Carlisle is hosting this conference titled: Educate. Engage. Eradicate. In order to be successful in our mission to improve the lives of women and girls, we must first understand the issues our community faces. We are invited to join our friends to learn about current issues involving Education, Housing, Immigration, Racism, Sexual Violence and their impact on individuals, families and our communities.

Register at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/526003354872740/permalink/526003438206065?sfns=mo>



Topic Talks

Planning is underway for two Topic Talks this year. One will be with Sandy Strauss of the PA Council of Churches on non-partisan advocacy in a partisan legislator. The other will be with Susan Spicka of Education Voters PA on Inequality in Education Funding. Stay tuned for the dates!

Looking for members to host about 15 for this informal discussion.

Mark Your Calendar

The Program Committee organized fabulous programs for this year!
Thank you Mary Brunski, Stacey Gatch, and Kathleen Gorak.

	Program and Speaker	
September 24	Summer Program for Youth (SPY)	Deb Sweeney/Jeanna Som
October 22	Elections – Importance of Educated Voters	Tom Brier Author <i>While Reason Slept</i>
December 7	Work-Life Balance	Linda Fedrizzi-Williams President, Central Penn College
January 28	R.A.S.E. – Women and Addiction	Kristin Varner
February 25	Challenges for High School Girls	Erin Hughes
March 24	Challenges for College Women – Dorm for Women with Children	Wilson College
April 28	Scholarship Banquet	
May 26	Suffragettes – My Aunt’s Role	Peggy Jennings

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson
Interest Group Chair

Book Group

Meets the 1st Monday of the month, September - May in members' homes. The 2019/2020 schedule is:

Sept. 9, 2019 7 pm	<i>Clementine</i> by Sonia Parnell
Oct. 7, 2019 7 pm	<i>D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths</i> by Ingrid D'Aulaires and Edgar Paria D'Aulaires
Nov. 4, 2019 1 pm	<i>Behold the Dreamers</i> by Imbolo Mbundu
Jan. 6, 2020 1 pm	<i>The Life of Elizabeth I</i> by Allison Weir
Feb. 3, 2020 1 pm	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover
Mar. 2, 2020 1 pm	<i>The Woman's Hour</i> by Elaine Weiss <i>(She is Keynote speaker at AAUW Pennsylvania Convention. See page 7.)</i>
Apr. 6, 2020 7 pm	<i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penny
May 4, 2020 7 pm	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens

For Host location, please see the Yearbook, calendar table in monthly newsletter or branch website.

If you are interested in joining a discussion, please advise the hostess the Friday before the Monday discussion. If you are interested in joining the book group, please contact Wendy Dickinson at warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

The book descriptions are in Goodreads - they will no longer appear in the newsletter.

Breakfast Club

The next breakfast will be Saturday September 14th at 9 am at Momma Spriggs. Please RSVP to Wendy by Wednesday September 11th

Dine Out

This new group is ready to have their first outing. We plan to go out to dinner at local restaurants. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson at warmourdickinson@hotmail.com.

Volunteer to Support STEM

Carlisle Branch has an opportunity to be involved in STEM without creating a program or initiative. We decided to become active promoters of the excellent Junior Achievement (JA) of South Central Pennsylvania program in local high schools. JA needs volunteers to work with 9th grade students in Cumberland Valley and Carlisle. Dates for Cumberland Valley are October 8, 9 and 10 and for Carlisle October 29 and 30.



JA has well designed activities that are in a range of related STEM hands-on activities. Volunteers work with 5 or 6 students as part of a larger group lead by the activity leader. Activities are well scripted and available beforehand and actual hands on training is given in the morning before the students arrive for the activity. Students are rotated through several activities but volunteers stay with the same activity throughout the day.

A willingness to work with students is all that is required. No experience in STEM is needed. If you want more information contact Lillian Wong or Barbara Attivo. At this time we are hoping to recruit several members to volunteer for one of the days. Volunteering? Interested? Curious? Email Barbara at: rbattivo@sbcglobal.net or Lillian at wongtooth@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCING AAUW Work Smart workshops in Pennsylvania!

In collaboration with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, we are bringing AAUW Work Smart workshops to the working women of Pennsylvania. With the goal of reaching every

corner of Pennsylvania, we are starting with a pilot of seven workshops.

Beginning September 24th through December 2nd,

two workshops will be presented in Harrisburg, York and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and one in Pittsburgh. Plans are underway to continue in January 2020 in Erie, State College, and Philadelphia.

For more information go to: <https://salary.aauw.org/PA/>



Watch for an email from aauwpainfo@gmail.com for the official announcement and details on how you can help.

Promote the FREE online AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation course. Everything you need is in one place on the AAUW Pennsylvania website at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-work-smart/>. There you will find ideas for individuals and branches.

Haven't taken the course? Go to <https://salary.aauw.org/> to see for yourself how life-changing it is.

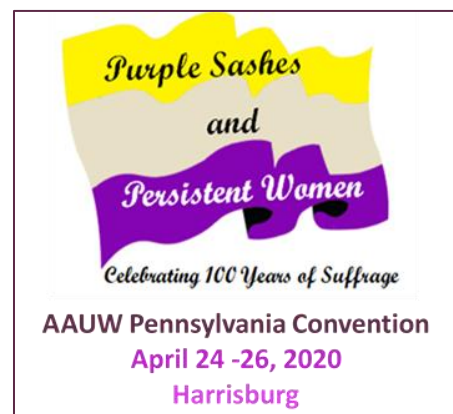
Positions Available on the AAUW Carlisle Board

Community Activities Chair
College/University Liaison
Diversity and Inclusion Chair
Social Media

Contact Ann Pehle (apehle@outlook.com or 401-644-6488) for more information.

Registration is open for the AAUW Pennsylvania Convention

<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2020-state-convention/>



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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 minutes 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)
- Sew scrap material into new member bags. (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)



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