

From the President

The AAUW fiscal year is winding down, ending on June 30, 2020. And, AAUW Carlisle traditionally takes the summer off – no branch meeting in June or July and the next newsletter is published in August. However, there is still plenty of activity. Membership renewal is in full swing; budgets are being reviewed; the program committee is developing branch meeting programs; public policy is gearing up for election season; preparations are underway for the Yearbook publication; and the Board is developing the strategic plan for FY21.

In mid-June, I will publish the branch annual report via aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com to highlight all the accomplishments of this fiscal year. It has been a year of growth and disruption. Eighteen new members joined AAUW Carlisle—the largest single year growth in recent history—bringing total members to 104! See page 3 for AAUW Pennsylvania’s recognition of the achievement. When asked what accounts for our membership growth, I praise our branch members committed to fulfilling the AAUW mission locally.

Since March, the COVID pandemic has disrupted everything we planned and were looking forward to. The May branch meeting, which grew to become a collaboration with other organizations and planned as a public event, is now rescheduled for August 25 (page 2). That is the fourth Tuesday of August, and we would have been gathering for our cherished member potluck and silent auction however that must change (page 2). At the May Board meeting, we discussed potential further impacts and the realization that normal isn’t returning. This disruption is opening the opportunity to learn and create and evolve.

Before closing, I must thank you for being a member of AAUW Carlisle. The Board works hard to make this an organization worthy of your support and involvement. The end of a fiscal year marks Board member transition. Thank you to Mary Brunski, Program Vice President; Carol McAnulty, AAUW Funds Chair; Nancy Sigrist, Public Policy Chair; Jennifer Connell, College/University Liaison; and Darlis Simonton, Bridge Flight Coordinator. More to say about their significant contributions in the upcoming annual report.

Joining the Board are 2020-2022 officers: Linda Brunski, Finance Officer; Gail D’Urso, Membership VP; Judy Wheaton, Program VP; and Public Policy Chair, Katie Perkowski. I am pleased so many appointed Chairs are returning. There are several open Board positions for you to consider (page 6). I would be honored to have you join the Board for this last year of my President term. See page 6 for the 2020-2022 Board.

Please stay healthy and enjoy your summer!

Ann Pehle
President

June 9	6:30 -- 9:00 p.m.	Board meeting	Video conference; contact Ann Pehle for details
June 30	Deadline for renewing your AAUW membership. See page 3 for details.		
<p>This calendar box has never been this empty! It has been a long time since we have seen each other. So, we may innovate and gather virtually sometime this summer. WATCH EMAILS from aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com for updates on ALL events</p>			
August 25	7:00 pm	Julia Jennings: Feminist: One Women’s Pursuit of the Vote	See Page 2 for details

A Yellow August Social & Silent Auction

Our Annual August Social is a much-anticipated event, when we, AAUW Carlisle Members, can get back together after the summer and reconnect with old friends, meet new members, and have some fun—this year more than ever! It is an opportunity to learn about upcoming programs (there is a great line up this year) and find ways you can get involved. AAUW Carlisle has so many wonderful opportunities for everyone, either by supporting our mission or through our many interest group activities. Also, let's not forget about our favorite, the silent auction that so successfully raises funds to benefit Branch activities. As always there will be those wonderful baskets of goodies, home made bread and jam, flower bulbs, handmade items and more...

What does the PA COVID-19 restriction color YELLOW mean for this year's social and silent auction? Well, truthfully, we aren't quite sure at this time. We may not be able to meet in person. As we take a look at new virtual meeting options and CDC guidelines we will come up with a plan and let you know. Until then, perhaps get out your yearbook and give a member or two a call. When you connect, talk about ways to promote AAUW, see if you have any similar hobbies, find out what others are doing to keep themselves occupied during this crazy and stressful time of isolation. Also consider and reaffirm your commitment to our mission, or just say "HELLO".

Once the plan is formalized, we will be sure to let you know. Be sure you don't miss any of the fun and **renew your AAUW membership by June 30**. For now, mark your calendars for "Julia Jennings: Feminist-One Women's Pursuit of the Vote" on August 25 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Historical Society.

Enjoy your summer as we end on this thought:

"Yellow is not an in-between color, you're either all in or you're not. Yellow is the color of the season and this is how to wear it" -- Mobolaji Dawodu

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

Julia Jennings: Feminist: One Women's Pursuit of the Vote August 25, 2020 Cumberland County Historical Society

Announced in the [May](#) newsletter, our May branch meeting was a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We planned a celebration in partnership with the Cumberland County Historical Society, League of Women Voters, CALC, and CASD.

Considering the continued pandemic situation and the unlikelihood of being able to hold an event of more than 25 people by the end of May, the planners agreed to postpone until August 25th at 7:00 pm. The actual 19th amendment anniversary is August 26th, so our celebration will be timely.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
JULIA JENNINGS, FEMINIST:
One Woman's Pursuit of the Vote
Peggy Jennings, EdD

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
7:00 PM

Cumberland County Historical Society, 21 N. Pitt St., Carlisle
Co-Sponsored by

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
AAUW
Cumberland County Historical Society

The celebration presentation is by Peggy Jennings, AAUW Carlisle member, about her great aunt, Julia Jennings, a prominent suffragist, and includes a display of CASD student projects and work from CALC artists.

This will be a very special evening for all in the community and we hope for great attendance at this later date!

*Kate Elkins
Project Chair and Public Policy Co-Chair*

2020-2021 AAUW Membership Renewal

Annual AAUW membership renewal is vital to continuing our advocacy mission for women and our ability to offer impactful programs for our members. We request that you please renew your membership by June 30, 2020. There are two ways to renew. You can do so online or complete the paper form on the last page of the newsletter and mail with your check paid to: AAUW Carlisle, PO Box 815, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Renewing online is quick and EASY and provides a personal invoice with your transaction. You have received an email from memberinfo@aauw.org with the Subject "AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2021". **Note that your member number appeared in the subject line.** The email provides a link, taking you directly to your member account on the AAUW website. Have your credit card ready, and in less than five minutes you can pay your annual dues to National, State, and Carlisle, make a contribution to AAUW Funds, and receive an email confirmation!

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING
65 members have renewed as of May 30

Those registered by June 1 have been entered into a drawing to have the national AAUW part of your dues reimbursed by AAUW Carlisle (a \$59 value!). This incentive is to thank a lucky member, for your continued support of AAUW Carlisle and to compensate in a small way for the local dues increase of \$20, approved by membership in March. The winner will be chosen in early June. Don't miss this opportunity, renew your membership. If you have any questions concerning membership renewal, please contact Virginia Mauk (virginia.mauk@gmail.com) or Linda Brunski (lb_penna@hotmail.com) and they would be happy to help you through the process.

*Virginia Mauk and Gail D'Urso, Membership VPs
Linda Brunski and Barbara Attivo, Finance Officers*

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW Pennsylvania sponsors annual branch and member awards.

AAUW Carlisle was recognized for several branch awards.

Increased membership of 18.18%



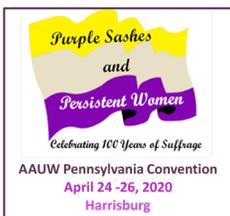
Top ten branches total giving to AAUW (\$5,560)

Top ten branches for per capita giving to AAUW (\$53.46)

Top branch giving to Economic Security Fund (\$100)

AAUW Carlisle announced the recipients of AAUW Pennsylvania Member Awards on page 3 of [May](#) newsletter. **Congratulations!**

Outstanding Women	Gail D'Urso	Named Gift Honoree
Members Making a Difference	Barb Attivo Linda Brunski	Beth McKinley Julie Manta Maria Bartoli Mary Brunski



The AAUW Pennsylvania state convention committee is organizing virtual events to bring some of the wonderful content to you virtually. Watch for an email to all members from aauwpainfo@gmail.com for details.

News from National AAUW Update

State of AAUW

CEO Kim Churches presents AAUW's annual report in her May 8th "[State of AAUW](#)" presentation. Watch this 30 minute presentation of key organizational updates:

- Highlighting virtual programming like AAUW's weekly webinar series, including her interview with Diane Rehm, talks by distinguished Fellowships and Grants alumnae, and tutorials on professional development.
- Sharing our renewed partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to bring salary-negotiation training to the nation's 107 historically black colleges and universities.
- Giving kudos to 60 branches working toward 5-star recognition for meeting our mission, especially the three that have attained all five stars: AAUW Marin (California), Bellingham (Washington), and Northeast Tarrant County (Texas).
- Explaining how we're engaging the next generation of activists through our Equity Network.
- Encouraging donations to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund, which is crucial to AAUW's sustainability and responsiveness during the pandemic.

Moms Deserve More

Did you know that moms working full-time earn, on average, just 70% of what dads do?

June 4 is Mom's Equal Pay Day. Learn 5 facts at AAUW's [Fast Facts on Moms in the Workplace](#).

Title IX Rollback Silences Survivors

Earlier this month, the Trump Administration issued a rule that will weaken Title IX, rolling back protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault. "We urge the Administration to keep its focus on protecting our colleges and universities, minding the shaky economy and on keeping Americans healthy and safe," said AAUW Kim Churches in a [press release](#). She also wrote an [editorial in Newsweek](#) about the harmful new rule. Help push back by advocating for [equity in education](#).

THE AAUW PROGRAM

AAUW Carlisle earned Two Stars

Communications & External Relations

We successfully completed the following requirement.

- All existing websites and social media presences include an Economic Security Focus and Work Smart Online. (Note: Monthly posts are required for social media; Work Smart Online must be included on the website home page.)

Advancement

We successfully completed the following requirements.

- \$30 per capita (member) gift raised for AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.
- Shift focus in-branch giving from fellowships and grants/LAF to greatest needs or strategic plan focus areas by 50%.
- Retain 90% or more of your branch membership and submit annual dues by September 30.

August 26th is the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

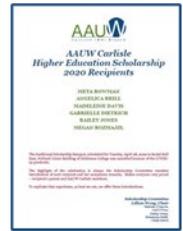
In our local celebration events, it is important we follow AAUW's lead on how to recognize this anniversary.

- AAUW recognizes the struggle to pass the 19th Amendment in 1920, and that it wasn't until 45 years later, when the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed that women of color were granted the right to vote.
- Today, there are still challenges with voter access and voting suppression, which is why AAUW will focus on ensuring every vote is recognized in 2020.
- States and branches should acknowledge the importance of the 100th anniversary while also educating members and the public on why the anniversary does not encompass all women's right to vote.
- We have to keep up the fight -- as the country still struggles with voter access and voter suppression.



As is our custom, we presented AAUW graduation cords to the two seniors on Executive Committee of the AAUW Dickinson student organization. This year, added Hannah King, our intern. While they didn't enjoy a traditional commencement, we hope they will keep the cords as a reminder of the good gender equity work they accomplished.

Hope you enjoyed meeting the recipients of the Higher Education Scholarship in this document that was emailed to you. If didn't see it, please go [here](#) to read it. For more information about our Scholarship program go [here](#).



Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair

New Members

Welcome to our newest member -- Jeanna Som

Jeanna was the speaker at our September branch meeting when we learned about the long-running Summer Program for Youth (SPY), where she is Executive Director. Jeanna became involved in branch initiatives even before becoming a member, helping on the Trailblazers Girls' Recognition Event Committee. We warmly welcome Jeanna to AAUW Carlisle

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Nancy Sigrist and Kate Elkins, Public Policy Co-Chairs

A Changing of the Guard

After three very busy years as Public Policy Co-Chair, Nancy Sigrist will be taking a well-deserved break from leadership of the committee. Thankfully, Nancy will stay on as a vital member of our PPC group.

New to the area, Nancy welcomed me with open arms and patiently took me under her wings as I learned the ropes of all things public policy-related in AAUW, the Carlisle community, and in Pennsylvania. I have come to treasure Nancy's wisdom, dedication, and friendship and know that I will be calling on all of these for years to come! Thank you, Nancy!!!

I'm delighted to announce that our new Co-Chair will be Katie Perkowski. Katie is new to the branch this year and immediately signed on as a member of the Public Policy Committee (note her interview in the April 2020 Newsletter). Her diverse background, focusing on event and project management, fundraising, public relations, marketing, and community programming, will be invaluable as our committee continues our expanded outreach and events in collaboration with community partners. We are very proud of the work we do and we know Katie will contribute greatly to our continued success and visibility in the greater Carlisle area as fierce advocates for women and girls.



Welcome aboard, Katie!!

Kate Elkins
Public Policy Chair



Note of Thanks

I was very proud to be selected as the first intern for AAUW Carlisle from Dickinson College. Although my experience was cut short due to COVID19, I feel as though I gained confidence as a leader and became more knowledgeable about women's issues - particularly women's equity. Working with such a supportive group of women, I have now, more than ever, become motivated to be an activist for women in the next chapter of my life. I plan to take the skills and knowledge that I have learned from my experience with AAUW into my career and daily life. I would like to thank my supervisors, Kate Elkins and Nancy Sigrist as well as Ann Pehle for supporting me throughout my internship.

Hannah King
AAUW Carlisle Intern

**AAUW Carlisle
2020-2021 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Ann Pehle

Membership VPs –Virginia Mauk, Gail D’Urso

Program VPs –Stacey Gatch, Judy Wheaton

Finance Officers – Barb Attivo, Linda Brunski,

Secretary – Angelica Mishra

Past President – Linkey Green

Appointed Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds – **OPEN**

Communications – Pat Markowski

College/University Liaison - **OPEN**

Community Activities – **OPEN**

Diversity and Inclusion – **OPEN**

Historian – Rosemary Smith

Interest Groups – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Newsletter – Shirley Gehringer

Public Policy –Kate Elkins, Katie Perkowski

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Social Media – **OPEN**

STEM – Barb Attivo, Lillian Wong

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

Open AAUW Carlisle Board positions

Board members are responsible for a function and are the go-to person for all matters pertaining to that area of responsibility. The officer or appointed Chair (ideally) will form a branch member committee to implement.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, March, May and June.

AAUW Funds

Manages all fundraising activities to sustain branch initiatives. Promotes member donation to AAUW national.

Community Activities

Coordinates the social activities for branch members to enjoy each other’s company and share new experiences.

College/University Liaison

Branch liaison with Dickinson College and AAUW Dickinson. Promotes AAUW to surrounding colleges and universities.

Diversity & Inclusion

Guide our efforts to purposefully design programming to cover diversity themes and encourage members to be present at community events that support diverse collaborators.

Social Media

Manage branch’s Facebook page. Twitter and Instagram too, if interested.

Contact me (apehle@outlook.com or 401-644-6488) for more information and to discuss your interest. It would be great to have you join the leadership team of AAUW Carlisle.

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aren’t going into your junk or spam folder.



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AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch
March 15, 2020 – June 30, 2021
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.

(Please list all.):

Table with 4 columns: Degree, Major, College/University, Year. Contains 4 empty rows for data entry.

Annual Dues (July 1 – June 30)

- Regular Member \$89 (\$59 National (\$56 tax deductible) + \$10 State + \$20 Branch)
Paid Life member \$30 (state and branch dues)
Dual Member PA Branch \$20 (branch dues)
Out of state Dual Member \$30 (state and branch dues)
Honorary Member \$20 (branch dues)

Any over payment of the dues will be deemed to be donations to the Carlisle Branch operating funds.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail form and dues (payable to AAUW Carlisle Branch) to: Finance Officer, AAUW - Carlisle Branch, P.O. Box 815, Carlisle, PA 17013