

## ***Julia Jennings, Feminist: One Women's Pursuit of the Vote***

**August 25, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom**

As you remember, our May 26 branch meeting was postponed until Tuesday, August 25. Due to continued concerns about COVID-19, the meeting will now be an online Zoom webinar.

### **Registration is required**

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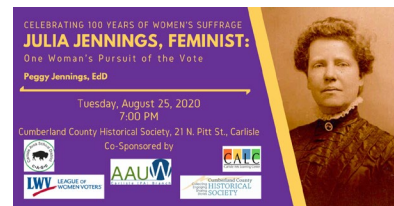
**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.**

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, our very own AAUW Carlisle member, Peggy Jennings, will be giving a presentation on her great aunt, Julia Jennings, a prominent suffragist.

Julia served as the Virginia legislative chair for the National Women's Party. Her advocacy for women's suffrage included participating in the now-famous demonstrations at the White House gates, and frequent lobbying efforts with state and national legislators.

Peggy has some wonderful artifacts from her aunt's suffrage activities that she will be sharing with us.

We are also excited that our friend, collaborator, and rising freshman at Gettysburg College, Samantha Martin from the Carlisle Area Youth Council created a video about the importance of the vote and breaking barriers, which we will share during the webinar.



The Cumberland County Historical Society, along with the Carlisle Area League of Women Voters, will be invited to join us. For those of you who are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded.

**Kate Elkins and Stacey Gatch**  
**Program Chairs**

### **WATCH for EMAILS from [aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com) for updates on ALL events**

<b>August 6</b>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Public Policy Committee</b>	Contact Kate Elkins (727) 686-9795
<b>August 18</b>	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	<b>Racism: Let's Begin the Dialog</b>	Zoom meeting; see page 8 for details
<b>August 25</b>	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Julia Jennings, Feminist: One Women's Pursuit of the Vote</b>	Zoom webinar; see Page 1 for details
<b>August 26</b>	All Day	<b>19th Amendment 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	See page 9 for commemoration events.

## From the President

Happy New Year! AAUW's fiscal year that is. Welcome FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). We start this new year in the same place as FY20 ended – dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of the future. What we do know, this pandemic is disrupting everything and an altered normal will result.

AAUW Carlisle starts this fiscal year strong. 89% of members renewed – so we start the fiscal year with 94 members. 64 took advantage of renewing online (24 more than last year), 67 renewed before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be eligible for the opportunity to receive one of the two free AAUW national memberships. The winners are Cherry France and Sue Royer. Everyone renewed before the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Thank you for renewing your AAUW Carlisle membership. With your commitment to [AAUW's gender equity agenda](#), we are going to have another outstanding year. As a reminder, this [FY20 annual report](#) shows all we accomplished.

We welcome the following members to the AAUW Carlisle Board. Interested in joining the Board? See page 11 for the current openings.

Gail D'Urso, Membership VP (second term)  
 Judy Wheaton, Program VP  
 Linda Brunski, Finance Officer (second term)  
 Becky Morgenthal, AAUW Funds Chair  
 Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Co-Chair

The Board held a special meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on branch activities, traditions, and routines. What has been routine or familiar in the past will change. This is what I know at the writing of this article:

- No in-person branch meetings or events for the foreseeable future. We will provide as much virtual programming as possible. So, look forward to more opportunities to gather (virtually) than just the fourth Tuesday of the month. What was previously part of a branch meeting agenda may become a topic-specific program (like the presentation of our Gateway of Equity Award to Safronia Perry, page 6).
- We purchased a Zoom meeting and webinar license to accommodate this new virtual meeting reality. For more on Zoom, see page 4, including dates for demonstration sessions.
- Branch business will now be accomplished online (like approving the FY21 budget, usually done at the September branch meeting). Since the September 22<sup>nd</sup> branch meeting is a special event (page 7) open to the public, we won't conduct branch business. Instead, we will have a special business meeting in September.
- Familiar fundraising activities are cancelled – including August's silent auction and "raffle" events to support branch initiatives. Watch for creative virtual replacements.
- Sadly, Bridge Flight has disbanded after decades of continuous play and support of the Higher Education Scholarship fund.
- The Board held an ad hoc meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FY21 budget projected deficit. Budgeted expenses were cut because of projected reduced fundraising income. Details will be provided when the final budget is presented for membership approval in September.
- The Yearbook will not be printed in FY21 because of budget. We were spoiled with the Dickinson Print Shop and printing anywhere else would double the expense. So, we will create a "Members Only" page on our website and post the FY21 Yearbook there. This decision will be re-evaluated for FY22. Watch for more information toward the end of August.
- Yes, you will receive more frequent emails from [aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com). Without seeing each other, we think it is important not to rely solely on the monthly newsletter to keep you informed of branch activities.

The AAUW Carlisle Board is wrestling with how members can stay connected online and in-person with social distance. So, watch for emails with updates and opportunities. Your ideas are welcome. So, if there is something you want to do or you have ideas of how/where to hold an in-person with socially distanced activity, please let us know.

As I start my last year as AAUW Carlisle President, I am hopeful in spite of the challenges caused by this new reality. The Board is committed to continuing our work on AAUW's gender equity agenda in Carlisle. We have the most members in my five year membership history. AAUW Carlisle is recognized as a vibrant organization. We are creative and resilient. The great COVID-19 disruption is shaking off the inertia and perhaps AAUW Carlisle traditions will be refreshed and new ones created. It is going to be an exciting year.

I miss seeing and talking with you. Please stay healthy.

**Ann Pehle**  
**President**

## News from National AAUW Update

AAUW was in the national news recently – and not for the best of reasons. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Julia Brown, Board Chair and Malinda Gaul, Board Vice Chair sent an email to state and branch Presidents on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I think their message is so important, that it is on the last page of this newsletter.

**Ann Pehle**  
President

### AAUW 2020 Convening Series

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment — and the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act — two crucial milestones in giving women the right to vote. It's also a critical election year. With Title IX under threat, a persistent gender pay gap, and a dearth of women leaders, the stakes couldn't be higher.

As part of an initiative we're calling "2020 Vision", we invite you to reflect on all the progress we've made together and stand strong in the fight for a fairer future. You can share your own story about contributing to AAUW's legacy and watch our webinar series, which highlights recent equity research, outlines our ambitious "Gender Agenda" for the year, and more.

Catch up on all the content rich, topically relevant webinars [here](#). Below are just three in the series.

#### Using Tech for Good

Dr. Maria Artunduaga, an emerging leader in technology, biomedical discovery and the social impact field.

#### A Conversation on Education & Equity

Dr. Amaka Okechukwu, 2017-18 AAUW American Fellow, Assistant Professor of Sociology at George Mason University and author of *To Fulfill These Rights: Political Struggle Over Affirmative Action and Open Admissions*.

#### Mrs. America: Women's Rights, Family Values and Politics

AAUW American Fellowship alumna Marjorie Spruill, Professor Emerita, University of South Carolina and author of *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights & Family Values that Polarized American Politics*.

## THE AAUW 5 STAR PROGRAM

The AAUW Five-Star National Recognition Program rewards affiliates (states, branches and other organizations) for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. Learn more about the program [here](#).

It certainly feels great to have our good work and dedication to AAUW's mission recognized.

### AAUW Carlisle earns **THREE Stars** Successfully completed these requirements. Programs

- Host 2-4 strategic plan- related programs that are open to the public in FY2021 (e.g., Forum on economic security, Work Smart Online Training Day, Operation Equity: Reading for Results participation, panel on women and leadership). Virtual and digital meetings will also count towards this goal.

### Communications & External Relations

- All existing websites and social media presence 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

- \$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.

### Five Star National Recognition Program Updates and Celebration Webinar

Learn from two branches that completed the program, AAUW Marin (CA) and AAUW Northeast Tarrant County (TX), who will talk about their experiences with Five Star and how it has impacted their work in gender equity. Click [here](#).

## What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

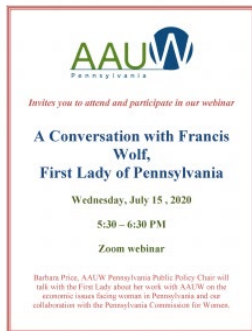
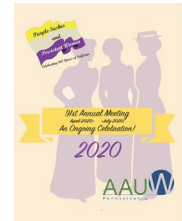


The 2020 AAUW Pennsylvania Convention was scheduled for April 24-26, postponed to July 13-15 and then cancelled. However, some traditions continued.

The [91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting](#) was held on Saturday, June 27, 2020, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am online using Zoom meeting. The proposed [Bylaw](#) change was passed and [2020-2022 Public Policy Priorities](#) approved.

The [Yearbook](#), usually printed and distributed at the state convention, was published online. See the following references to AAUW Carlisle members.

- Members Making a Difference -- Barb Attivo and Linda Brunski (page 20)
- Outstanding Woman – Gail D'Urso (page 22)
- Named Gift Honoree Maria Bartoli, Mary Brunski, Julie Manta, Beth McKinley (page 25)



The 2020 AAUW Pennsylvania Convention Webinar Series – presenting some of the content scheduled for the in-person convention – kicked off on July 15<sup>th</sup> with A Conversation with Frances Wolf, First Lady of Pennsylvania. Barbara Price, AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Chair spoke with the First Lady about her work with AAUW on the economic issues facing women in Pennsylvania and our collaboration with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

Watch for emails from [auwpainfo@gmail.com](mailto:auwpainfo@gmail.com) with information on future webinars.

## INTRODUCING our New Partner

Say hello to Zoom -- the platform AAUW Carlisle will use to conduct meetings and webinars online. It is familiar (if not ubiquitous), relatively easy to learn, reasonably priced, has excellent online support materials, and is feature rich. Here is what you need to know.



You will be able to join a meeting or webinar:

- ✓ From any device – [computer](#), [tablet](#), [phone](#)
- ✓ By clicking the link. You may [bypass the Zoom application download process](#) and join a meeting directly from your browser. This is a workaround for participants who are unable to download, install, or run applications. Note that the meeting experience from the browser is limited.
- ✓ From your [phone with audio only](#). Don't have an internet connection or don't want to use video? You may dial in with the "participant audio only" mode. Of course, you won't be able to see other participants or presented content.

A Zoom meeting is where all participants are visible and can speak. We will use this for business meetings and informal discussions. Webinars are more staged and will be used for speakers and public events. In a webinar, the video and audio for all attendees is turned off. You watch, listen and interact through Chat and Q & A. To ensure security, when joining a meeting you will always be placed in a waiting room and then allowed to enter by the meeting host. Sometimes you will be asked to register for a meeting or webinar by clicking a link and providing your name and email address. Once registered, you will receive an individualized link for the meeting or webinar, not to be shared.

To help you feel comfortable, AAUW Carlisle member Peggy Jennings will hold [drop-in, informal sessions to introduce Zoom](#). This way you can practice with a friend. [30 minutes on August 4, 6, or 13. Attend at your convenience.](#) Watch for an email with dates, times, and meeting link information. If you don't have email, and wish to attend a session, contact Ann Pehle (401-644-6488).

## New Members

### Pat Markowski, Communications Chair

#### Welcome to --Sherry Yearick Ritchey

New member Sherry Yearick Ritchey has had a long professional career in business and marketing. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Business from Elizabethtown College and a Master's degree in Leadership and Business Ethics from Duquesne. For approximately 20 years she worked in the publishing field, starting out as a cottage proofreader and over the years, finally accorded the title of Publisher. Upon exiting the publishing field, she entered the health insurance field and served as Director of Marketing Research and Planning. But her professional career did not end there. After retirement, she continued to provide services as a consultant in marketing research. She also taught a marketing research course as an adjunct professor at Messiah College.

More recently, she is in her sixth year teaching courses in International Business and Management at Dickinson. Her courses range from first year students to senior Capstone projects in which students engage with a "live" client to help develop business and marketing strategies.

Sherry has always been active in organizations that foster inclusivity and advance women. She served on the state board of the League of Women Voters, and continues to be active in the organization in the Harrisburg area. In 2001 she earned the distinction of being named one of Pennsylvania's 50 Best Women in Business. She is also writing a book about her mother's struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Sherry lives in Camp Hill with her husband Dennis, now retired and an artist, specializing in the art of the Civil War. They have two grown sons in the area, and three grandchildren. In her spare time, she loves to knit.

Sherry joined AAUW Carlisle because she was looking for an organization that fosters inclusivity and moves women ahead, and she recognizes these values in the AAUW mission. It is clear that she will bring her passion and many professional skills to her participation in the Carlisle branch.

## 2020-2021 AAUW Membership Renewal

### YOU ARE AWESOME!

A big **THANK YOU** for your continued commitment to the betterment of women everywhere, but especially AAUW Carlisle! Your membership renewal to AAUW Carlisle, AAUW Pennsylvania and AAUW National enables our vitally important mission and actions of governance and advocacy on your behalf.

Equal pay for women is just one of the priorities of AAUW and membership in organizations like ours help advance that mission. We anticipate another successful membership drive this year with your help. Do you know someone who would like to join you in AAUW Carlisle? Perhaps your neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances from other organizations, daughters, daughters in law, sisters, cousins, and even granddaughters would be interested in helping advance our mission. Encourage them to join AAUW Carlisle. It is as simple as clicking [HERE](#).

Lastly, thank you for your awesomeness! We are truly thankful for your continued support of our branch, programs, initiatives and vital advocacy. Enjoy your 2020-2021 membership year!

*Gail D'Urso & Virginia Mauk  
Membership VP's*



**AAUW Carlisle Yearbook (including the member directory) will be published by the end of August. Because of COVID-19's impact on our budget, we are trying an experiment this year. We will create a member only page on our website, where content is password protected, and publish the Yearbook on that page. Stay tuned.**





## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Kate Elkins and Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Co-Chairs

### 2020 GATEWAY TO EQUITY Award Presentation and Virtual Meeting

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, AAUW Carlisle Public Policy Committee chairs Nancy Sigrist, Kate Elkins and Katie Perkowski met for a socially distant outdoor luncheon at Fiddler's Green to present Safronia Perry, Hope Station Executive Director, with the 2020 Gateway to Equity Award. The Gateway to Equity Award was established by AAUW PA to recognize an individual, group, organization, or business that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research. The award is typically given by AAUW branches in Pennsylvania in recognition of International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>), but this year was delayed due to the pandemic.



The Gateway to Equity Award recognized the many contributions Safronia and Hope Station have made to further issues of equity for women and girls in our community. AAUW Carlisle members had the opportunity to learn more about Safronia and the work of Hope Station, a community development non-profit, during a special branch meeting held via Zoom on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Safronia spoke about her work with Hope Station and as a community activist, and about her hopes for the future. She also spoke to her experiences in Carlisle as a woman of color, and the ways in which we can improve and grow relationships between white and communities of color in Carlisle. Safronia was honored by the award and expressed great appreciation for the ongoing support of AAUW Carlisle to Hope Station.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, we held A Conversation with Safronia Perry via Zoom to learn more about her, Hope Station, and our collaborations. If you missed the event, watch by clicking [here](#).



### Get Out The Vote – Taking Action from your Kitchen Table

AAUW Carlisle is joining the MomsRising ([www.momsrising.org](http://www.momsrising.org)) effort to send voting reminder postcards to 1 million moms. You can make a significant impact by participating in this super easy, high-impact, and FREE way to help get out the vote while social distancing!

Research shows that handwritten notes are one of the most powerful ways to get an infrequent voter to the polls! The postcards, are not just activating voters to vote — they're also activating votes for healthcare, equal pay, paid family leave, and all the other issues dear to our hearts. MomsRising will send you a packet of 10 (or more) pre-addressed, pre-stamped postcards along with some quick instructions and sample messages. All you'll need to do is write a quick note of encouragement on each postcard and return the batch back to MomsRising with the provided prepaid return envelope. MomsRising will store the postcards until it's time to drop them in the mail before the November 2020 election! Told you it was easy.



Use the link below to sign up!

[https://action.momsrising.org/survey/2020\\_GOTVpostcards\\_2nd/?source=blog](https://action.momsrising.org/survey/2020_GOTVpostcards_2nd/?source=blog)

## Branch Programs

Stacey Gatch and Judy Wheaton, Program Vice Presidents

### Recovery and Resilience: Emerging from COVID 19

The Program Committee; which includes Patricia Markowski, Robin Turner and Janet Kacsur; has been hard at work the last several months to set up the programs for the 2020-2021 year. As we planned, a theme emerged: Recovery and Resilience, of both our members and our community. Selecting a theme, helped guide our work developing the programs. For each program, the committee has considered an in-person option as well as an online alternative. With the scheduled programs, our members will have a great time and learn something either way!

Below is a preview of programming on the fourth Tuesday of the month. You will notice some tentative programs. It has been quite difficult to confirm speakers during this time with so many unknowns in the future, so we have made plans and are prepared to adjust if necessary. If nothing else, this pandemic has taught us how to be flexible!

### Preview of Branch Programs

**August 25, 2020** – see page 1

**September 22, 2020** —see next column

**October 27, 2020** 7pm

Financial Workshop #1. A member-led experience to improve our own knowledge on financial topics affecting the resilience of our own membership! Zoom (or in-person) meeting planned with more chances to learn throughout the month.

**December 5, 2020** 10am Holiday brunch

Challenges for College Women - Single Parent Scholarship Program at Wilson College (tentative). The hope is to meet in-person for our usual wonderful holiday luncheon, but if not we will Zoom along from home.

**January 26, 2021** 7pm

Financial Workshop #2. This month, the workshop started in October will continue. The content this month will depend on member input from the October workshops!

**February 23, 2021** 11am

Close to home: Business recovery in Carlisle. More details to come.

**March 23, 2021** 7pm

Women supporting Women: Our own members speak. A panel of AAUW Carlisle members will speak of their experiences with AAUW and beyond. This is a great chance to get to know each other better and share our stories.

**April 27, 2021** 6pm

The Scholarship Banquet to celebrate the recipients of the Higher Education Scholarship.

**May 25, 2021** 7pm

We have a few things up our collective sleeves for our May meeting, but aren't quite ready to share the details yet!

**September 22, 2020**

**7 pm via Zoom**

### Caught In The Crossfire: Judging In A Time Of Political Turmoil

The Public Policy Committee and the Program Committee are pleased to announce that the September branch program is a timely panel on the challenges of judging in today's politically-charged environment.

We are honored that three eminent local judges and the dean of the Penn State Dickinson School of Law have agreed to discuss the work of judges and the role they play in our tripartite system of government. Judge Christylee Peck of the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas and Judges John Jones and Jennifer Wilson of the federal District Court in Harrisburg will be joined by Dean Danielle Conway for the discussion. The program will be moderated by Dr. Sarah Niebler, chair of the Political Science Department at Dickinson College.

This program originally was scheduled to be held at the Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium (at Dickinson College) and open to the general public. With the pandemic, it has been switched to a Zoom format and registration will be required. Details on the program and how to register will be provided in the September newsletter and emails.

**Mary (Cherry) France**  
**Public Policy Committee**

**Stacey Gatch**  
**Program VP**

- "Just Mercy" starring Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx and Brie Larson (We are in luck as this film was just released for on-demand viewing and seems to be offered for rent or purchase on most major streaming sites)
- Chris Hayes (from MSNBC) podcast featuring Ibram Kendi and Nikole Hannah-Jones (from the 1619 Project). Kendi references his book prominently in the podcast. You can listen to it here: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/msnbc/why-is-this-happening/e/65377076>



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



### Toward Racial Justice

#### A Conversation on Systemic Racism

Systemic problems require systemic change. WITF presents a series of virtual community conversations hosted by Charles Ellison to address systemic racism and injustice in Central Pennsylvania and beyond. The bi-weekly summer series will take a grassroots approach, engaging local community members to shape the conversation and assist in the development, planning, promotion and execution of the series. Charles D. Ellison is an award-winning thought leader, contributing his advocacy expertise to conversations on intersection of the environment, race and income. He is the Executive Producer & Host of Reality Check on WURD.

Past conversations have been on the subjects of: Systemic Racism; Black Trauma & Mental Health; Racial Inequality in Education; Race & Housing. Future conversations are on: Thursdays August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30pm as we continue the Toward Racial Justice series with an in-depth look at topics such as The Census & Race: Why Getting Counted Matters and Environmental Justice.

Register and watch past conversations at <https://www.witf.org/racialjustice/>.

## August 26<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment



The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission will commemorate 100 years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and women's constitutional right to vote with National Women's Suffrage Month throughout August! We hope you will join us in celebrating this monumental chapter of U.S. history through dozens of free virtual programs and events between Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> through Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The WSCC and the U.S. Senate have designated August 2020 as National Women's Suffrage Month, a month-long celebration honoring the history of women's fight for the vote. Explore National Women's Suffrage Month.

<https://www.womensvote100.org/suffragemonth>

On August 17, 2020, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and Twitter will present a live virtual event with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton commemorating 100 years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and women's right to vote.

The event will feature a conversation between Secretary Clinton and Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*. Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden will moderate. Would you like to ask the panelists a question about the suffrage centennial or the history of women's fight for the ballot? Register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlLxLfoGGh-6xCfs0rrw7\\_8IU2\\_gfI2HjOV5FZnouqcEcV5w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlLxLfoGGh-6xCfs0rrw7_8IU2_gfI2HjOV5FZnouqcEcV5w/viewform)



## INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

AAUW Carlisle Branch has so much to offer its members. The most obvious benefits are the fabulous monthly programs, rigorous public policy program and creative community activities. Being an active branch member will keep you very busy.

The Branch offers several other regular activities that provide members the opportunity to learn as well as interact with fellow Branch members. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson at [warmourdickinson@hotmail.com](mailto:warmourdickinson@hotmail.com) or 717-514-3322.

**Dine Out** is a newer group, dining with friends at local restaurants. Due to COVID19 no outings are currently planned.

**Breakfast Club** laughs over breakfast. Usually meets one Saturday morning each month. While restaurants aren't dining inside – Would you consider bringing your coffee and breakfast to a local park?

**Garden Group** was recently suggested by a member. Interested in touring and sharing stories, tips, hints?

**Book Group** – see below

We are open to having more interest groups. If you would like to start one, here are some helpful tips:

- ✓ Have a first meeting with like-minded members.
- ✓ The group does not need to meet monthly - it is up to the group.
- ✓ Schedule next meeting at current meeting.
- ✓ Pick a chair or contact person for the group.
- ✓ Try to meet at the same time and day of week that group agrees on.
- ✓ Advise Wendy of the progress and meeting schedule - it should be included in the monthly newsletter.

Remember, interest groups are here to enhance your branch membership. Enjoy!

## BOOK GROUP

*Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, September - May in members' homes. For Host location, please see page 1 calendar or the Yearbook. We will meet by Zoom until meeting inside is safe. If you are interested in joining a discussion, please advise the hostess the Friday before the Monday discussion. If meeting via Zoom, the meeting link will be sent to those who RSVP'd. The book descriptions are in Goodreads. See website for current and past reading lists. <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/book-group/>*

**September 14** 7pm

**The Splendid and the Vile**

*Erik Larson*

Host: Wendy Armour Dickinson

**October 5** 7 pm

**The Dutch House**

*Ann Patchett*

Host: Patricia Markowski

**November 2** 1 pm

**In the Woods**

*Tana French*

Host: TBD

**January 4** 1 pm

**Chances Are**

*Richard Russo*

Host: TBD

**February 1** 1 pm

**The Moment of Lift**

*Melinda Gates*

Host: TBD

**March 1** 1 pm

**Born a Crime**

*Trevor Noah*

Host: TBD

**April 5** 7 pm

**Rebecca**

*Daphne du Maurer*

Host: Wendy Armour Dickinson

**May 3** 7 pm

**American Dirt**

*Jeanine Cummins*

Host: TBD

**June 7** 6 pm

**Year-end dinner and select books for 2021 – 2022**

Fiddler's at Mayapple

**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** – Becky Morgenthal

**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](mailto:shirleygehringer@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com)

## Get Active

### Open 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.

#### College/University Liaison

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

#### Community Activities

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

#### 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](mailto: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.

### Committees seeking members

#### Membership

Contact Virginia Maul ([virginia.mauk@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.mauk@gmail.com)) or Gail D’Urso ([gailcdurso@gmail.com](mailto:gailcdurso@gmail.com)) for more information and to discuss your interest.

#### Fundraising

Contact Becky Morgenthal ([bhmorgenthal@gmail.com](mailto:bhmorgenthal@gmail.com)) to learn more.



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Dear State and Branch Presidents,

A recent article in the Washington Post's The Lily, an online publication on gender equity, raised some important questions about racism in women's organizations, including AAUW. As an organization that is almost 140 years old, AAUW has a lot of work to do to address the structural racism that pervades our society.

On behalf of the AAUW board, we are committed to continuing our own growth, while leading AAUW to become more equitable and inclusive.

At the same time, we want to remind you of the progress we've made together in the following areas:

- Among our 2019-20 AAUW Fellows and grantees, 66% are women of color. Our largest and oldest program has funded more than 13,000 women to pursue graduate school education, many of whom are luminaries in studies of gender, race and intersectionality.
- Our Work Smart and Start Smart salary negotiation programs also serve diverse audiences. We have a wide range of partners and programs, including a robust career initiative with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) students, faculty and alumni, thanks to our Coca-Cola Foundation support.
- Fifty-two percent of our staff and 30% of our leadership are people of color. Our member-elected national board has three women of color currently. AAUW places great value in having diverse perspectives in prioritizing our projects.

Yet there is more we must do. That's why I'm challenging you to reflect on what you can do as AAUW members — individually and collectively — to make a difference. **For example, you have the power to reimagine what it means to be an AAUW member, beginning with our educational degree requirement.** As we strive to be inclusive of **all** women's lives and experiences, the time has more than come to let go of this unnecessary prerequisite while continuing to embrace education as a central and lasting part of our mission.

It's not enough for AAUW to denounce racism; we must take real, sustained and measurable actions to be the change we want to see in the world. And I know we all want a world where every voice is heard and every person is valued.

Sincerely,



Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair

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Malinda Gaul  
Board Vice Chair

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