

# BRANCHING Out

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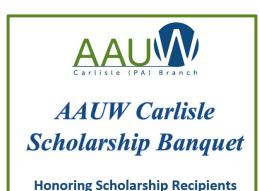
### HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

Join us on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm as we celebrate the 2021 AAUW Carlisle Higher Education Scholarship recipients. The celebration will be held via Zoom and include two things we can all agree on: Having fun together and helping women succeed!

To make the evening even more enjoyable for all, please bring your own snack and a beverage in your favorite glass. Let's toast to our scholarship recipients from our living rooms!

Meet our four scholarship recipients by registering <a href="here">here</a> for the AAUW Carlisle Scholarship Celebration. The program will include introductions of each scholarship recipient and their acceptance speeches. We have also found a special way to celebrate, without the usual hugs. More information to come by email.

See page 2 for the Higher Education Scholarship committee report. If this is one of the AAUW Carlisle activities you cherish and you attend every banquet, don't let the virtual nature of this year's celebration stop you. Not familiar with Zoom? Call Ann Pehle (401-644-6488) for assistance in registering and overcoming your hesitancy.



Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrdeGoqzkuGddJo4J28kGdGljlqn1EUOvl

WATCH for EMAILS from <u>aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com</u> for updates on ALL events			
April 1	1:00 pm	Public Policy Committee	Contact Kate Elkins for Zoom link
April 1 – April 15		VOTE in AAUW Carlisle officer election	See page 3
April 5	7:00 pm	Book Group via Zoom	See page 5
April 7 – May 17		VOTE in AAUW national election	See page 7-8
April 14	7-8:00 pm	AAUW Pennsylvania Minimum Wage webinar	See page 5
April 27	7-8:30 pm	Scholarship Banquet Virtual	See page 1

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# From the President

Our busy Spring continues. Ending March strong with our Trailblazers celebration on the 29<sup>th</sup>, we can look forward to our Higher Education Scholarship celebration on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for a recap in the May newsletter about both events.

Below is the report from the Higher Education Scholarship committee. Their ability to award four scholarships in 2021 is 100% due to your generosity. Thank you to everyone for donating during the January scholarship appeal.

There are a couple of topics to keep your eye on during April.

- AAUW Carlisle officer elections. Thank you Pat Markowski, 2021-2023 Nomination Chair and committee for this very strong slate of candidates. See pages 3-4 for bios and online link for voting. Please vote by April 15th.
- AAUW national election April 7<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email from AAUW with voting instructions. See pages 7-8 for information on the open membership proposed bylaw change.
- On April 14<sup>th</sup>, AAUW Pennsylvania is holding an information session on the minimum wage. See page 5 for details. If you wonder what all the controversary is about, please attend.

Ann Pehle President

### AAUW CARLISLE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP 2021 REPORT

On March 8, 2021, four scholarships were requested and approved by the Board. All the young women presented well and were representing schools from University of Pittsburgh to Shippensburg to Duquesne to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. All of our committee members also presented well. Thank you Stefanie D'Amore, Gail D'Urso, Carolyn Freburg, Kathleen Gorak, Rose Smith and Cindy Sutton for your dedication and time for making the interviews appear seamless! Our interviews happened with Zoom, and thank you, Ann Pehle for technical support.



The generosity of our branch continues to reflect the mission of AAUW to promote higher education for young women from traditional students to a working mom. The diversity of their courses of study range from accounting to mechanical engineering to social work and family consumer science. This reflects the range of interest and success, no matter what barriers are present. The committee is proud to present the recipients on April 27<sup>th</sup> at our Scholarship Banquet. Please attend by Zoom and celebrate our festive occasion. See you then!

Lillian Wong Scholarship Committee Chair

# **Branch Programs**

#### Stacey Gatch and Judy Wheaton, Program Vice Presidents

**May 25, 2021** 7 pm via Zoom

Garrison Commander; USAG Carlisle Barracks; Colonel Courtney A. Short. Colonel Short is expected to speak about her responsibilities, changes she sees for Carlisle Barracks in the future, and how those changes may affect the Carlisle community.

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# **AAUW Carlisle Officers -- VOTE**

The AAUW Carlisle Branch Nominating Committee has been hard at work since December securing qualified nominees to fill open board positions for the 2021 - 2023 term. A slate of nominees was presented to the AAUW Carlisle board for affirmation at the March 9th meeting, and is now presented to the membership at large for a vote. In more normal times, the member vote would be taken at the April branch meeting. However, due to COVID restrictions and the branch's commitment to social distancing, the board has initiated an on-line voting process. VOTE between April 1st and April 15th – see page 4 for the link to the ballot.

Please consider the experience and qualifications of the following nominees for office.

2021-2023 Nomination Committee
Pat Markowski, Chair
Cherry France, Virginia Mauk, Becky Morgenthal

#### President: Kathleen Gorak

Kathleen began working in government based social service programs. She started as a welfare caseworker and later become a victim advocate for a police department. In the non-profit world, she worked for several years with a domestic violence shelter and later as an assistant director of a child sexual abuse program. While living in Germany, Kathleen was a drug and alcohol counselor for the US Army. Her volunteer work over the last 40 years has primarily focused on civil rights and education. She is most proud of convincing a reluctant school board and City Council to build a playground on an empty school lot, then spearheading a capital fundraising campaign to bring that vision to fruition.

Kathleen joined the AAUW Carlisle in 2014. She first served as Branch Secretary, then later as Program Co-Vice President. In 2018, she initiated our Breakfast Club gatherings and now serves on the Scholarship Committee.

Currently, Kathleen is blissfully ensconced amongst picture books at the New Cumberland Children's Library assisting little readers and their parents.

Kathleen graduated from The University of Michigan with bachelor degrees in political science and history.

#### **Secretary**: Angelica Mishra

Angelica is one of AAUW Carlisle's youngest members, but she already has many years of experience with the organization. While a student at Dickinson College, Angelica was active with the AAUW Dickinson Student Organization, working to establish the funding necessary to have the organization officially recognized on campus, and served as Vice President of the student organization.

After graduation she was offered a position as Civic Learning Coordinator for the newly established Dickinson College Center for Civic Learning and Action. The center connects students with community leaders and organizations with the goal of providing an educational experience that will prepare

them to be active participating members of their communities after graduation. Her role is to oversee student workers and train volunteers for this program.

Angelica has served a term as secretary on the AAUW Carlisle board, and has volunteered to serve a second term. As a younger member, she brings a fresh perspective to board discussions. She is also interested in participating in the branch's Public Policy activities, an interest that fits with her college major and current position with Dickinson.

Angelica holds a B.A. in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Political Science from Dickinson College.

#### Program Vice President: Janet Kacsur

Janet is certified to teach K through 12th grades and over the course of her career has taught all grades as well as special education and emotional support students. For the past ten years, Janet has been teaching pre-school and pre-kindergarten in a local Parks and Recreation program.

Seeking to connect to professional women in the Carlisle area, Janet joined the AAUW Carlisle in 2019, has served as a member of the Program Committee in 2020, and as featured panelist in the March branch meeting program on Resilience and Recovery.

She brings her desire for community involvement and willingness to volunteer to the AAUW Carlisle branch. Janet is passionate about making a difference helping children who have not had the advantages her family has had. She also volunteers with Dress for Success and the Lunch and Learn Program with Project Share.

Janet is a graduate of Ball State in Muncie, Indiana, with B.S. and M. A. degrees in education.

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#### Membership Vice President: Virginia Mauk

Virginia made her mark on the Carlisle community, working as Retail Recruiter for the Downtown Carlisle Association to recruit business outside of Carlisle to consider opening a business location in Carlisle. She also assists small businesses in the area to connect with organizations and resources in the area that can help them with transitions, financing and other services.

Virginia was elected as co-VP-Membership to the AAUW Carlisle board for the 2018 - 2020 term, and has now volunteered to serve a second term for 2021 - 2023. In tandem with Gail D'Urso, she organized several New Member

virtual events, and has participated as a panelist for the February branch program featuring the "Recovery and Resilience of Business in downtown Carlisle." Virginia was drawn to AAUW's outreach to women, particularly the Work Smart initiative. With a daughter and niece both working, she is drawn to AAUW's commitment to eliminating the wage gap, and fully supports AAUW's mission of equity for women and girls in the workplace.

Virginia earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Clarion University.

#### Finance Officer: Mary (Cherry) France

Cherry recently retired after a 14-year term as Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Her career path meandered from clothing store associate after her undergrad years to doing public relations and advocacy under a Title XX Block Grant for the Regional Council of Governments. She later worked for a small law firm in the Harrisburg area, breaking ground as the first woman in the firm. Later she took a position at the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, and three years later became Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Cherry joined AAUW Carlisle because she sees in its membership, women who are making a positive contribution to the community, and who are involved in substantive issues like redistricting and advocacy for equity for women and girls.

She has been an active member of the Public Policy Committee, and coordinated the September branch webinar program "Caught in the Crossfire: Judging in a Time of Political Turmoil," a collaboration of AAUW Carlisle and Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

Cherry is a graduate of Wake Forest with a B.A. degree in History, and an M. A. degree in American Studies from Florida State University. She came to Carlisle in 1978 to attend Dickinson Law School where she earned a JD degree.



Using this link <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVSTVCC">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVSTVCC</a>
AAUW Carlisle members are urged to cast their vote between April 1st and April 15th.

Those few members who do not have access to on-line voting will receive a paper ballot in USPS, to be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

There is much talk and activity about raising the minimum wage--at the federal level and in Pennsylvania. It is often a discussion with many misperceptions and inaccuracies. We want to bring you the facts behind the minimum wage discussion and why it is important to the women of Pennsylvania that legislation is passed.



The minimum wage in Pennsylvania is the lowest allowable by federal law and has been \$7.25 for over 12 years. There is nowhere in Pennsylvania, or anywhere else in the country, where a single person can live on \$15,080 a year. Every state surrounding Pennsylvania has a higher minimum wage and more than 70% of PA voters are in favor of raising the minimum wage. So, why haven't voters been heard?

#### \$15 Minimum Wage: Who Needs It & Why Should I Care?

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm Registration is required

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN V6qsH9uNT7yjTYsRkt8kfQ

Join AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy Chair, Jacqui Rogers for a webinar to explore why we aren't being heard and how this affects us all. Jacqui will share the latest economic data, the myths about minimum wage, and current legislation to make the minimum wage a livable wage in Pennsylvania.

# **2021** Summer Retreat Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

via Zoom

Decision made. The Summer Retreat will be virtual. Saturday, beginning at 10:00 am, the agenda will be a mix of affiliate business, updates and the luncheon keynote speaker. More information to come as details are finalized.

#### **INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Breakfast Club and Dine Out are on a COVID break.

7 pm

### **BOOK GROUP**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, September – May. We will meet by Zoom until meeting inside is safe. If you are interested in joining a discussion, please contact Wendy Dickinson so that she can provide to you the zoom information to join. She can be contacted by phone 717-514-3322 or email mail to: warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

The book descriptions are in Goodreads. See website for current and past reading lists. https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/book-group/

April 5 Rebecca Daphne du Maurer Zoom Meeting May 3
American Dirt
Jeanine Cummins
Zoom Meeting

7 pm

June 7 6 pm
Year-end dinner and select books for
2021 – 2022
Fiddler's at Mayapple

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# News from National AAUW Update

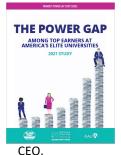
# JUST RELEASED RESEARCH

AAUW is known and respected for research on topics relevant to all women and girls. These are the most recent, just released, research documents that are already yielding national attention.

#### The Power Gap Among Top Earners at America's Elite Universities

76% of the highest-earning employees at the nation's leading universities are white men, even while women have been

outearning men in PhD attainment for nearly two decades.



When it comes to narrowing the power and pay gaps by improving diversity among highly compensated employees, the nation's elite universities have a lot of work to do. The Power Gap Among Top Earners at America's Elite Universities is a first-of-its-kind study by the Women's Power Gap Initiative (WPG) at the Eos Foundation, in partnership with AAUW. The research examines gender, race and ethnicity among the ten most

highly compensated employees at each of the nation's institutions.

Diversity is hard to find among the highest paid leaders at elite resear

Read the USA Today, March 15, 2021 Opinion by Kim

highest paid leaders at elite research universities You can't explain this away by saying it takes time for potential leaders to work

Churches, AAUW

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### **Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women in Manufacturing**



Explores the challenges women face in male-dominated industries and the barriers that hinder their success and outlines how employers can build a more competitive workforce by addressing these longstanding issues and creating more pathways for women in the manufacturing fields.

Women are more likely to quit jobs in manufacturing than women in other industries, reflecting a history of sexual harassment, unequal pay and opportunity denied, according to a new AAUW study made possible by the support of the Arconic Foundation. The report, <u>Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women in Manufacturing</u>, explores the challenges women face in male-dominated industries.

# **Past and Present Impact**

# **Funding Women's History**

For nearly 140 years, AAUW has been helping women pursue higher education, tracing back to a time when few women had that opportunity. Women's history month is the perfect time to learn more about our funding recipients, some of the most influential voices of the past two centuries. Go here to read about this history.

# **Congrats to a World-Changing Woman**

And, in more recent history, 1977-78 AAUW International Fellow Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in February became the first African and the first woman to lead the World Trade Organization. We couldn't be more proud!

### The Key to Global Equity

Better access to work, fair pay and education is essential to securing economic security for women and girls. AAUW-sponsored a panel on March 17<sup>th</sup> titled, "Policy, Practice & Promise: Advancing Women's Global Economic Power" at the 65th annual UN NGO Commission of the Status of Women.



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# **Your Membership Matters**

# **Spring: Time for Growth & Renewal**

Spring is the time for purposeful growth and renewal in both nature and ourselves. As AAUW members, we realize that growth through our annual renewal of our AAUW membership. This year's fee of \$92 represents a small increase of \$3. This includes \$62 toward AAUW National membership, \$10 for AAUW PA, and \$20 for AAUW Carlisle. Note the National membership increases over the next three years (\$3 this year, \$5 in 2023 and \$5 in 2024), are necessary to maintain AAUW support to our national gender equity agenda.

In asking you to renew your membership, it is important to consider the value of membership, or, what benefit do you receive for your \$92? In keeping with our national agenda of women empowering women, we have offered a variety of beneficial national, state and local programs in 2020. These included a year of free webinars reaching over 30,000 people focusing on career tips, advice on activism, a series on financial health, legislative information regarding gerrymandering and congressional districts, and how our legislative branch in PA functions during times of turmoil, to name just a few.

Our National and State organizations continued their critical advocacy on our behalf focusing on issues related to workplace discrimination, Title IX violations, and pay inequity. We made our voices heard sending over 62,400 letters to elected officials urging immediate action on COVID relief, paid leave benefits, voter access and other key public policy priorities. The Work Smart program regarding salary negotiation has been expanded to Start Smart workshops at colleges and universities around the country. Diversity, inclusion and belonging also remained a constant focus of National, State and Carlisle AAUW organizations. For a full recap of AAUW's accomplishments in 2020, go to 2020 Year in Review.



Where many organizations may focus on these important issues, AAUW represents your specific and vitally important equities. Think of all the things you find important enough to spend \$92 on each year and consider the value of your \$92 in making our voices and our priorities heard. Your annual AAUW membership renewal is vital to our continued advocacy mission for women and the ability to

offer impactful programs for AAUW members. We can continue to grow programs, advocacy, and new initiatives like those offered in 2020 during the 2021-2022 membership year, only with your support.

Renewal notifications will be sent via email around May 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask you to renew your membership by June 30, 2021. Watch for directions and information about a renewal incentive in the May Newsletter.

Virginia Mauk and Gail D'Urso Membership Vice President

# Bylaws Amendment for Open Membership - Voting Opens April 7th

"I honestly don't think AAUW will survive without this change," said Marilyn Arp, a member of AAUW for the past forty-five years. Marilyn, a current member of AAUW Long Valley (ID), was one of the many members featured in a recent video posted to the AAUW website discussing the upcoming vote to change the bylaws to remove the degree requirement for membership. In the March newsletter I shared some information from an AAUW webinar that discussed this change – if you have questions, I encourage you to visit the national <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2021-comment-bylaws/">https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2021-comment-bylaws/</a>.

Many people that asked us questions about the article in the March newsletter, were surprised to learn about the financial implications of the change, and that without it, AAUW could find it difficult to fundraise in the future. To reiterate and clarify those concerns – only 15% of AAUW's 16-million-dollar budget comes from membership dues – the rest is solicited support from foundations and corporations. The majority of these entities will not support organizations that do not adhere to their standards of diversity, equity and inclusion, and are growing more stringent in that regard. AAUW's current practice of excluding women interested in membership because they do not meet the degree requirement means that we are cut off from many avenues of financial support. Keeping the degree requirement in place for our membership could have very real and immediate negative financial implications for AAUW.

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AAUW held Town Hall meetings on this subject on January 19 and April 1. AAUW Pennsylvania held one on March 31. If you missed these and would like to discuss the open membership bylaw proposal, please attend one of the following small group discussions AAUW Pennsylvania is holding, conducted by Jordan Glover, AAUW-PA Diversity & Inclusion Chair. Advance registration required.

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM registration link
Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM registration link
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM registration link
Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM registration link

#### **Changing Our Bylaws - Member Perspective**

When I joined the Dauphin County Bar Association in 1982, 45 women and about 400 men were members. A group of women decided to form the Harrisburg Women's Lawyers to support each other and provide networking opportunities that were not available at that time. After approximately ten years, the organization disbanded primarily because so many more women were entering the field of law and a discrete organization just for women no longer seemed necessary. The Harrisburg Women Lawyers met a need when it was formed, but as more women joined the profession, they found the broader membership base of the county bar association more helpful in meeting their professional goals.

Cherry France AAUW Carlisle Member

Do you have some thoughts on the suggested bylaw change to remove the degree requirement, either for or against?

If you would like to share your opinion with the rest of the membership, please send it to either Katie Perkowski at <a href="mailto:kperkowski@gmail.com">kperkowski@gmail.com</a> or Kate Elkins <a href="mailto:kate.elkins78@gmail.com">kate.elkins78@gmail.com</a>

Katie Perkowski and Kate Elkins Public Policy Chairs



As we move forward, we often look back and pay tribute to those who have had much influence on who we are today. As we celebrated AAUW Carlisle Branch's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary some tributes were gathered and will be shared in this section.

V. Marie Trego & J. Winfield Trego, my parents who demonstrated perseverance, service and tenacity on a daily basis...**Julie T. Manta** 

Jane Pehle Garison, my mother for introducing me to AAUW... **Ann Pehle** 

#### We are thankful!

To my mother, Betty Holz and my great Aunt Betty DeLong from California who taught me how important education, family and loyalty should be in your life. I went back to college later in life like Aunt Betty did but I was in Business Management and she was Head of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania...Becky Morgenthal

To my sister, Lauren – because she believes in me!...**Pat Markowski** 

My mother, Anna Ruth Ediger Baehr for leading the way in so many ways!...Beth Baehr Bullard Page 9 Branching Out

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

# SPY and Mini-SPY Helping at-risk Students

Thirty-six years ago, <u>Summer Program for Youth</u> (SPY) was created to help children in our area grow academically, socially and emotionally over the summer. In the beginning years, SPY served less than 30 children and was administered completely by a group of church volunteers. Since this time, SPY has developed into a professionally staffed, well-known, youth development organization. Marginalized families in Carlisle have come to rely on SPY to provide their kids with a safe, nurturing environment, sustained nutrition and educational enrichment while not in school.



SPY is grateful to the caring and compassionate members and organizations, like AAUW, in our community for making this development possible. Your dedication to helping young students has enabled SPY to respond to their evolving and expanding needs and I am excited to announce that in 2021 we are once again growing.

Traditionally, SPY has offered our 8-week camp at one location, St. John's Episcopal Church. This summer St. Paul Lutheran Church has graciously offered us space and combined these two locations will allow us to serve up to 100 students!

In addition, we will be offering a new "mini-spy" program giving up to 50 more children the opportunity for enrichment and social emotional learning. Mini-spy will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8am-12pm and will have two locations, New Life Community Church in Carlisle and Mount Holly Springs. As with SPY, mini-spy will be free to attend. Elementary school counselors will refer students to this part-time program focusing on siblings of children enrolling in SPY and students who would qualify for SPY but are not able to attend a full-day program.

Counselors have started contacting parents and forming their lists of campers. They have expressed gratitude for the ability to enroll additional students as they have identified more children who would benefit from the program(s). This past year of virtual learning has placed at-risk students, with access to fewer resources, at an even greater disadvantaged academic position compared to their more affluent peers. The achievement gap is growing and so is the need for SPY.

I am proud to live in a community, and be a member of an organization, that displays such an incredible devotion to the children and their future. Thank you again for enabling SPY to have such amazing growth over the years. I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue to evolve with the needs of our children.

Jeanna Som AAUW Carlisle member SPY Executive Director

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Plan a visit to the newest exhibit at the Cumberland County Historical Society. The exhibit exploring the women of Cumberland County opens April 9<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will be available to view for 2021.

There is an open call to the women of Cumberland County to be interviewed for the <u>Gardner Digital Library</u>. No story is too small. If interested, go to their webpage to register.



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#### PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Kate Elkins and Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Co-Chairs

#### **Potential to Pass Paid Leave Improves**

The timing has never been better to push for the passage of the Family Care Act.

As the ongoing pandemic has made painfully clear, at some point, we will ALL need to take time to care for a family member or ourselves when serious health conditions arise. This is why a bi-partisan coalition of Pennsylvania lawmakers in both the House and Senate agree that the time has come to ensure paid family leave for all workers in the Commonwealth. Chief sponsors are currently circulating the sponsorship memo and we should know the bill numbers soon.

Your Public Policy Committee has prepared a <u>summary of key aspects of the bill and potential talking points</u> for you to use when contacting your legislators. By joining together, our legislators will understand that every worker should have the right to paid leave to take care of themselves or a family member.

We plan to organize meetings — in person or by Zoom — with local Reps. If you'd like to join us in promoting one of AAUW's signature issues, please contact Kate Elkins <a href="mailto:kate.elkins78@gmail.com">kate.elkins78@gmail.com</a> or Katie Perkowski <a href="mailto:keeperkowski@gmail.com">keeperkowski@gmail.com</a>.

We will keep you updated as the bills advance through the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

# **Topic Walks**

If you would like to participate in a Topic Walk, please complete the survey below! This is an informal small group discussion and a great opportunity to enjoy a (masked) walk with friends. Potential discussion topics are in the survey below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2MJ86R

# Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Beth McKinley, Chair



# Why Belonging Matters to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Taking a break this newsletter. If you want to learn why we changed the committee name, check out the article in the <u>March 2021 newsletter</u>.

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# 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, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging** – Beth McKinley

**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

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Articles and photos should be submitted to Shirley Gehringer at <a href="mailto:shirleygehringer@gmail.com">shirleygehringer@gmail.com</a> by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Include the word newsletter and month in the email subject.

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Like us on Facebook: @AAUWCarlisle

The Board welcomes questions:

aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

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# **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.

#### **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.

# **Committees seeking members**

#### **Fundraising**

Contact Becky Morgenthal (<u>bhmorgenthal@gmail.com</u>) to learn more.

#### Membership

Contact Virginia Maul (<u>virginia.mauk@gmail.com</u>) or Gail D'Urso (<u>gailcdurso@gmail.com</u>) for more information and to discuss your interest.

#### **Public Policy**

Contact Kate Elkins <u>kate.elkins78@gmail.com</u> or Katie Perkowski kperkowski@gmail.com

