

Elections in Cumberland County with Bethany Salzarulo

Are you curious about the election process and the citizens who are responsible for this important part of our democratic process? Want to know more about how elections are held right here in Cumberland County? Well, you are in luck! Bethany Salzarulo, the Director of Elections and Voter Registration for Cumberland County, will be joining us for our October meeting. After serving in this position for 17 years, Bethany knows the ins and outs of voting policies and practices. During her presentation, you will hear about the Election process and learn about the people behind the scenes right here in our own community!



The October meeting is at 7:00 pm on October 26th and will be held in the Dickinson Holland Union Building (HUB) side rooms located at 28 N. College Street in Carlisle.

Stacey Gatch
Programs Committee

A Carlisle Branch Program in Partnership with AAUW Harrisburg: *Carlisle Indian Industrial School Connections*

Barbara Landis, a public historian and Carlisle Indian Industrial School biographer, will present a program about Indian Schools on Wednesday, October 20th at 6 pm at the New Cumberland Public Library Foundation House. She will share some of the highlights of her experiences traveling with a team from Dickinson College to Native American communities over the past five years. This team has visited with descendants of Indian School students from South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and New York State.



Ms. Landis has also worked with individuals and nations to develop the www.carlisleindianschool.org biographical and research web pages. She urges those who study the Carlisle Indian Industrial School to recognize the complex response from descendants of school students. As a consequence of her work, Landis makes it a point to respectfully honor those students and their descendants who lived the experiment, to celebrate with those who prospered from it, and to grieve with those whose lives were diminished by it.

The New Cumberland Public Library Foundation House is located at 1 Benjamin Plaza in New Cumberland. Please contact Kathleen Gorak (717-386-7466 or kg1562@gmail.com) for information on carpooling to this evening event.

Kathleen Gorak
President

From the President

The best aspect of all leadership roles I have held over the years is that it gave me many opportunities to meet and work with people whose company I enjoy. This has especially been the case during my short tenure as AAUW Carlisle Branch President. Unique amongst those relationships is my history with Branch Secretary Angelica Mishra.

I first met Angelica years ago when I was a fairly new AAUW member and she was a fairly new Dickinson College student on the AAUW Student Organization Executive Committee. It has been delightful to see her progress over the years from successful student to successful graduate. It should be no surprise that this progress has propelled Angelica into yet another wonderful opportunity, though this time, alas, an opportunity well outside of Carlisle.

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At the end of September, Angelica moved from her home in Camp Hill to her new home near Kutztown University where she began her new job in the office of the Dean. Our Board bid her a fond farewell at our September meeting and sent her off with our best wishes and a small gift to remember us by. We will miss working with her!

While Angelica’s departure was the end of her time as our Branch secretary, this ending also ushered in a beginning for Branch member Robin Turner who generously agreed to step in to fulfill Angelica’s unexpired term. Welcome - and thank you - Robin!

And finally, a quick reminder to all our members: When you receive your new 2021-2022 Yearbook, please be sure to shred your old copy as it contains members’ private contact information.

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you this month at our Branch meeting, but also...at The Bower Native Garden and Sculpture Park...and at Book Group...and on Zoom for the next Listening Circle...and on a Topic Walk...and at the Indian School Program with AAUW Harrisburg Branch, and....well, as you can see, we’re a busy Branch!

Kathleen Gorak
President

Date to Remember

October 21st, 2021 - Latina Women’s Equal Pay Day.

Latina Women earn 55 cents for every dollar that white men earn for the same work.

To learn more about the disparity for Latina women, check out what our national organization has to say:
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/latinas-and-the-pay-gap/>

Upcoming Events

Please look over our October calendar of events to be sure you mark your calendars and complete any RSVP or sign-up that may be needed. Use the “Link to Article” section to easily find event details.

AAUW Events				
Date	Time	Event	Venue and registration links	Link to Article
Oct 4	7:00 pm	Book Group	Hosted by Virginia Mauk RSVP here	Page6
Oct 5	5:30 pm	Implementing DEIB Chair/Committee	Zoom	Page4
Oct 7	1:00 pm	Public Policy Committee Meeting	At Katie Perkowski’s House, RSVP here	
Oct 7	1:30 pm	The Bower: Nature Garden & Sculpture Park Field Trip	Carpooling planned RSVP here	Page8
Oct 14	8:00 pm	Increasing and Retaining Membership	Zoom	Page4
Oct 14	1:00 pm	Topic Walk: The Digital Divide	Thornwald Park - Register	Page10
Oct 16	1:00 pm	Topic Walk: The Digital Divide	Thornwald Park - Register	Page10
Oct 16	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at May’s Family Restaurant	RSVP here	Page6
Oct 20	6:00 pm	Carlisle Indian Industrial School Connections	New Cumberland Public Library – RSVP here	Page1
Oct 26	7:00 pm	Branch Meeting - Bethany Salzarulo, Cumberland County Elections and Voter Registration	Dickinson College HUB	Page1
Oct 26	7:00 pm	Working Across the Generational Divide	Zoom	Page4
Oct 31	All day	Deadline for adding personal info to new Membership Database	Db Link: https://airtable.com/shrr1gJHQwTLRS1C4	Page9
Nov 3	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Pizza Grille	RSVP here	Page6

WATCH for EMAILS from auwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com for updates on ALL events

What's Up in Pennsylvania?

Ann Pehle, AAUW Carlisle Past President, AAUW PA President

Monthly Programs

AAUW PA is pleased to announce monthly programs for all members on a wide variety of topics. With our new expertise with Zoom, we are now able to offer more programs, each from the convenience of home. Watch for emails from aauwpainfo@gmail.com with Zoom information. In the meantime, mark your calendar.

Implementing a DEI&B Chair or Committee

Tuesday, October 5 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Increasing and Retaining Membership—it's an All Member Project

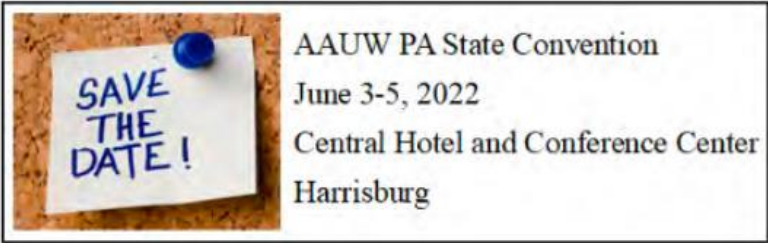
Thursday, October 14 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Working Across the Generational Divide

Tuesday, October 26 7:00pm – 8:00pm



The September **Keystoner** (AAUW Pennsylvania's quarterly newsletter) was sent to all members. Click [here](#) if you missed it.



News from National

Ann Pehle, AAUW Carlisle Past President, AAUW PA President

STEMED FOR GIRLS
— STEMEd For Girls: An Experiment with Promising Results

STEM Experiment. Research shows that girls are systematically tracked away from science and math throughout their education—which limits their training and options as adults. Engaging parents can help. [Learn how AAUW inspired hundreds.](#)

Women continue to bear a disproportionate burden of the ongoing health and economic crises. We need bold measures to ensure that both their short- and long-term needs are met. Let's make sure our elected officials hear us loud and clear: Women and families must be at the center of a strong economic recovery

TAKE ACTION
— Activist Toolkit: Putting Women at the Center of Crisis Recovery

Join the Governance Review Project

AAUW Carlisle is governed by AAUW Board Directors' Policies, branch Bylaws and branch Policies and Procedures. I am chairing a committee to review branch [Bylaws](#) and branch [Policies and Procedures](#). If you have an interest, contact me at apechle@outlook.com or phone/text 401-644-6488.

Ann Pehle, Past President & AAUW PA President

September Brought Us Back to Dickinson HUB

After a long pandemic related hiatus, AAUW Carlisle returned "home" for the September Branch Meeting in the Holland Union Building at Dickinson College. Donning face coverings, members filled the room and were delighted as they listened to Beth Kempf, Executive Director at Community Cares, who talked about the amazing work her organization is doing in Carlisle and surrounding communities. Community Cares provides outreach to community members who are currently homeless or to those at risk of homelessness by engaging with and building relationships within that population. They are able to refer clients to community resources and assist with emergency housing, using focused case management and a coordinated entry. To learn more about Community Cares, their programs, volunteer opportunities and current needs of the organization, visit streetreach@morethanshelter.org.

In addition to this special speaker, members heard updates from various committee chairs and officers, approved a new budget and enjoyed the after meeting social time with refreshments and lots of good cheer!



Fundraising

Becky Morgenthal, AAUW Funds Chair

August Social: A Successful Fundraiser

AAUW Fund committee thanks all the members who donated items for the Silent Auction held at the August Social. There were 28 donated auction items, and all items were sold. The generosity of our 30 members in attendance, we raised \$903 for branch initiatives.

The Kaffe Klatsch's held the end of June and beginning of July raised \$360. Thanks to those of you helped us raise a total of \$1263 for branch initiatives so far this year. Our next fund raiser will be at the Holiday Brunch.



Scholarship

Lillian Wong, AAUW Scholarship Chair

Committee Seeks Volunteer

Our branch's Higher Education Scholarship Committee is looking for a member to fill a three-year term in a very special, focused group with an extraordinary mission. Our Higher Education Scholarship has allowed young women to continue their educational journeys while promoting AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls.

If you are interested, have questions, love education and are available to help in this very rewarding process, let us know! Contact Lillian Wong, Scholarship Chair, at wongtooth@comcast.net.

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Book Group: We will discuss Gifts from the Sea by Ann Morrow on Monday, October 4th at 7:00 pm. Virginia Mauk will host. Please RSVP to Virginia at virginia.mauk@gmail.com.

Breakfast Club: Saturday, October 16 at 9 am at May's Family Restaurant 1900 Spring Road. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

Dine Out: Wednesday, November 3 at 6 pm at Pizza Grille 1007 Ritner Highway. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson by Wednesday, October 27 at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Beth McKinley, Chair



Next Listening Circles Topic: Disrupting Ableism



Access Living, a support for people with disabilities in Chicago, defines ableism as “the discrimination of and social prejudice against people with disabilities based on the belief that typical abilities are superior. At its heart, ableism is rooted in the assumption that disabled people require ‘fixing’ and defines people by their disability. Like racism and sexism, [ableism](#) classifies entire groups of people as ‘less than,’ and includes harmful stereotypes, misconceptions, and generalizations of people with disabilities.”

Plan to join us for the next Listening Circles virtual event in October, where we learn to Disrupt Ableism.

Date and Speaker to be Announced.

Ageism Event Provided Insight into an “ism” That Will Touch All

On September 21st, 17 AAUW Carlisle members joined us for an informative session with our special guest, Cathy Bollinger, Managing Director of Embracing Aging. During our program, Cathy helped us learn how to disrupt negative thinking about aging and reframe the narrative about older adults. She also gave tips to help ensure our communities are great places in which to grow up and grow older. The DEIB Committee appreciates your participation as we continue our “listening” journey!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair

Participating in community activities is a great way to get to know the members of AAUW Carlisle Branch as well as enjoy what our local community has to offer. We hope you will be able to join us! Please RSVP for all events to Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242. As always, guests are welcome!

October Community Activity

Thursday, October 7, 2021

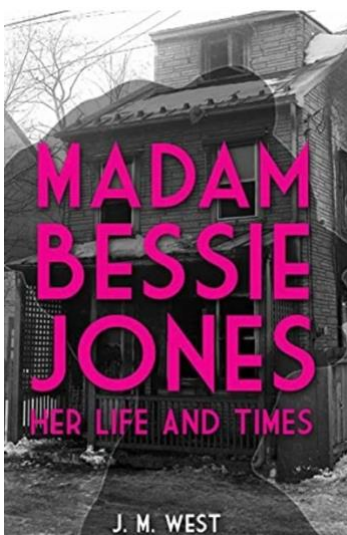
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

The Bower: Native Garden and Sculpture Park
 1190 Bower Rd.
 Shermansdale, PA

Spend the afternoon exploring this private project that just opened to the public this spring. Featuring woodlands, naturalized landscape, gardens and large scale sculpture and land art, the six acre meadow is surrounded by thirty acres of woodlands so there is plenty to see. To learn more about the park, visit their website: www.thegardenbower.com.



Our group is limited to fifteen people and we will carpool once we know who is going. Dress comfortably and bring a snack. There is still room so just let Cindy Sutton know if you would like to participate: suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242



September Event at Castlerigg Wine Shop

The house was filled with members and guests as they gathered at Castlerigg Wine Shop in Carlisle when local author J.M. West discussed her research and answered questions about her latest book, "Madam Bessie Jones: Her Life and Times." Needless to say, there were lots of stories to be told, including a few from the audience. Several members grew up in Carlisle and could recall stories and historical moments during her storied past. Great fun with lots of back and forth, this was a fine way to spend an afternoon. If you are still interested in this book, it can be purchased at History on High, Amazon, The Bookery at Bosler Library, or Sunbury Press.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Gail D'Urso and Virginia Mauk, Membership VP

Share a Ride-Bring a Friend

Do you drive by an AAUW member's house or neighborhood on your way to an AAUW activity? When you get to the event, do you wonder why that member isn't in attendance? Sometimes, we need a reminder, a little nudge, or A RIDE to get to the events. Look at the yearbook and see who lives near you and before the next event, give them a call and give them a ride! Your effort will increase attendance at events, build relationships, help a friend, and save gas!

If you need assistance identifying those who may need a ride or live close to you OR you yourself could you a ride, contact Gail D'Urso at gailcdurso@gmail.com or Virginia Mauk at virginia.mauk@gmail.com and they will be happy to connect you with other AAUW members.

*Gail D'Urso & Virginia Mauk
Membership Co-Chairs*

AAUW Carlisle: Moving into the Future

As most of you know keeping track of data can be a big undertaking. Keeping track of 100 AAUW Carlisle members is no different. To make things easier, Ann Pehle and Virginia Mauk met with a team of bright women, completing a summer internship, from Dickinson College over a year ago to create a new, secure, database for our organization. This database will keep track of all of our member's information to include name, address, phone number, email, education, careers, and skills. It will also help the board keep track of attendees at events, committee membership, volunteer activities, donations, awards and board positions.

Populating the database is easy because it relies on YOU for the information. By using this link <https://airtable.com/shrr1gJHQwTLRS1C4> you can fill in your own information. Double check yours for accuracy and then click SUBMIT. Once you submit your information, the database will be populated for the AAUW team to manage information, members and print future yearbooks.

Please add yourself to the database by October 31. For questions, please contact Virginia Mauk at virginia.mauk@gmail.com.

Virginia Mauk, Membership Co-Chair

HOW TO PRINT WITHOUT A PRINTER: A Tip from Linda Brunski

While you're reading the Newsletter, and you're thinking "I would like to print this article" – what to do if you don't have a printer? The Bosler Memorial Library has a service that can help you.

Just go to the library, up to the second floor to the Non-Fiction section. Bring your smart phone or laptop, and the librarian will help you print your document. The charge is \$0.25 per page. Easy-peasy.

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Chair

Topic Walk: The Digital Divide, October 14th & 16th

Lack of access to computers and high-speed internet is creating a digital divide between more affluent, urban students and low income, minority, and rural students. Efforts to address this problem will be discussed, including the expansion of rural broadband in Pennsylvania and a partnership in Philadelphia between business leaders, educators, and non-profits called PHLConnectD, which is working to get computers into the hands of low-income students and to provide technical assistance to use this tool effectively

To keep our walking group small, there are two dates to choose from: Thursday, October 14 at 1pm
or
Saturday, October 16 at 1pm

We will meet at Thornwald Park by house/amphitheater parking lot.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44AAAC28A2F94-october>

Questions? Call Katie Perkowski 334-202-0366



Fall Candidate Forum

Keep an eye on AAUW Carlisle's Facebook page and website. By October 18, the Public Policy Committee will post a **Meet the Candidate** web page with information and videos featuring Carlisle Area School District school board candidates. This is a continuation of our spring candidate forum and will give voters an opportunity to learn more about the CASD School Board candidates. Once published, please share the Facebook link or web page with others!

<https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/CASD>

Volunteer Opportunity

The Program Manager for the Professional & Educational Empowerment Center (a joint program of Hope Station and Dickinson College), Teresa Rice, is looking for volunteers to work the sign-desk at the computer lab during open hours. It's low key volunteering - you can catch up on reading or do a crossword puzzle while serving the community.

The mission of Hope Station's PEEC is to expand technological access by creating an inclusive space that connects community members to job readiness training, educational programming and technical skill building workshops. Sign up below or reach out to Teresa Rice with any questions at ricet@dickinson.edu

PEEC is located at 219 N. Pitt Street in the former Cyberspace location.

Sign up here: <https://www.timetosignup.com/peeccomputerlab/sheet/1318609/>

Public Policy Updates

Paid Leave: Thank you to AAUW members in the 92nd and 193rd districts who reached out to their representatives currently serving on the committee reviewing the Family Care Act. AAUW Pennsylvania supports this bipartisan piece of legislation that establishes a state-managed insurance fund to provide paid family leave benefits for working Pennsylvanians, without imposing costs on business owners

PA School Funding: AAUW Carlisle passed a resolution supporting the petitioners of the PA School Funding Lawsuit, which addresses Pennsylvania’s inadequate school funding system which fuels some of the deepest inequality between school districts in the nation. The trial to prove that our current funding system violates our state constitution’s guarantee of a quality public education and equal treatment under the law has been rescheduled to begin November 12, 2021.

GOTV: AAUW hosted a voter registration table at Harvest of the Arts and at Hope Station’s Ice Cream Social in September. Thanks to those that volunteered to help register voters, one of the most important activities we do



STEM

Barbara Attivo and Lillian Wong – STEM Chairs

STEM Volunteer Opportunity Cancelled for October!

Thank you for lending a listening ear during our branch social asking for volunteers. The Junior Achievement of South Central PA has cancelled the event at Carlisle High School. Hoping for a new date.

**AAUW Carlisle
2021-2022 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Kathleen Gorak

Membership VPs – Gail D’Urso, Virginia Mauk

Program VPs – Judy Wheaton, Janet Kacsur

Finance Officers – Linda Brunski, Mary France

Secretary – Angelica Mishra

Past President – Ann Pehle

Appointed Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds – Becky Morgenthal

Communications – Pat Markowski

Community Activities – Cindy Sutton

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – Beth McKinley

Historian – Kathleen Brennan

Interest Groups – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Newsletter – Nancy Sigrist

Public Policy – Katie Perkowski

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Social Media – Kate Elkins

STEM – Barb Attivo, Lillian Wong

Trailblazers – Gail D’Urso

Webmaster – Ann Pehle

Yearbook – Mary Brunski

Zoommaster – Stacey Gatch

Branching Out is published August to June by the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch.

Branch website is: <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>

Like us on Facebook: @AAUWCarlisle

The Board welcomes questions:

aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

Get Active

Program Hosts Needed

The 2021-2022 Programs Committee is asking for your help. We need hosts to support our meetings for the coming year. Please consider sponsoring these wonderful events as we begin in-person meetings again at Dickinson College. Thank you for your continued support.

Please contact Janet Kacsur (jkacsur@hotmail.com) or Judy Wheaton (judywheaton@gmail.com).

Committees seeking members

Fundraising

Contact Becky Morgenthal (bhmorgenthal@gmail.com) to learn more.

Membership

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

Public Policy

Contact Katie Perkowski kperkowski@gmail.com

Scholarship

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Governance Review Project

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