

Panel Discussion with Three Successful, International Women

The March AAUW meeting will feature a panel of three international women whose spouses are attending or teaching at the Army War College under the International Fellows Program. The women are: **Payal Talwar** from India; **Georgina Sciancalepore de Gallo** from Argentina; and **Tanja Kraemer** from Germany. A few of the objectives of the International Fellows Program include: promoting rapport with the armed forces of foreign countries to operate in peacekeeping missions and in coalition environments; establishing mutual understanding and good working relationships; and providing a broad and balanced exposure to the United States and its people, political systems, institutions, values, and way of life.

Payal is a Neuro Linguistic Programming Trainer, Life and Performance Coach and owns a business focused on content development and training. Georgina is a Pediatrician and a Pediatric Dermatologist. Tanja is an HR Director for a nonprofit that builds schools and orphanages in South Africa. Three extremely accomplished and successful women, they will address both work and education issues in their panel discussion.

Time and Date: Plan to join us in the HUB side rooms on Dickinson Campus on March 22nd at 7:00pm.



From the President

I love reading and have always been a member of a book club (or two) wherever I lived. During the month of March, book clubs everywhere may be counted on to select a book in honor of Women's History Month. In our own Book Group this month, we are reading [Susan, Linda, Nina and Cokie, The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR](#) by Lisa Napoli. Opening the cover and delving into this slim tome has been like opening the door into a room filled with some of the most interesting, trailblazing women I could ever hope to meet - Susan Stamberg, Linda Wertheimer, Nina Totenberg and Cokie Roberts*. While I knew these women by name from their work, I didn't know their interesting back stories - and I've been a NPR listener for years!

When it comes to women's history - the back stories of the trailblazers, inventors, artists, educators, advocates - why should it be relegated to one month out of the year? Given the almost equal proportion of women to men throughout recorded history, doesn't it seem like we should get a little more air time, so to speak, in textbooks and in classrooms?

We learned reading, writing and arithmetic, and we even learned George Washington chopped down the cherry tree (until we learned that he didn't), but what did we learn about the lives of women throughout history? Precious little when compared to the impact that these relatively unknown women had on our lives today - from Social Security benefits (see Frances Perkins*) to equal access to education and sports (see Patsy Mink*). Take for example that while most of us can probably remember learning "America the Beautiful" in elementary school, how many of us learned about the AAUW member, educator and social advocate who wrote that patriotic anthem (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharine_Lee_Bates)?

Here's a short list of some of my other favorite unsung, misunderstood or not sung enough women of history from A to Z:

[Addams, Jane](#) *

[Bell, Gertrude](#)

[Chisholm, Shirley](#) *

[Day, Dorothy](#)

[Edelman, Marion Wright](#) *

[Fuller, Margaret](#)

[Griffiths, Martha](#) *

[Hunter-Gault, Charlayne](#) *

[Ifill, Gwen](#)

[Jordan, Barbara](#)

[King, Augusta Ada](#)

[Lange, Dorothea](#)

[Mink, Patsy](#) *

[Nevelson, Louise](#)

[O'Connor, Sandra Day](#) *

[Perkins, Frances](#) *

[Queen Christina of Sweden](#)

[Rankin, Jeannette](#) *

[Stark, Freya](#)

[Tallchief, Maria](#)

[Underwood, Barbara D.](#)

[Vigee LeBrun, Elisabeth](#)

[Wells, Ida B.](#)

[X, Madame](#)

[Yalow, Rosalyn Sussman](#)

[Zaharias, "Babe" Didrikson](#)

* Denotes AAUW Members, fellows and/or award winners

Kathleen Gorak
Branch President

A Delicious Lunch and an Opportunity to Support Local Students

Some of you will recall that in 2019, we held our February luncheon meeting at the Courtyard Cafe at Carlisle High School. People really enjoyed that event! At this year's February Branch Meeting, Pat Boyer reminded me that, despite Covid, there are still opportunities to support students in the CHS Culinary Program.

The Culinary Arts Students offer \$10 boxed lunches once per month for curbside pickup! Click the link below to find out more.

https://www.carliseschools.org/staff_directory/carey_ehly/culinary_luncheons/

Hailey Weigner, one of our 2021 Trailblazer Honorees, recently inspected Linda Brunski's car at Carlisle Autocare Center! AND the terrific front-page article inspired by Pat Markowski's press release about the event is on display! Pretty great, right!?!

*Gail D'Urso
Trailblazers Chair*

Heads up!

Membership renewal is coming up and we would appreciate your use of the credit card link to make your dues payments. The link will be included in the email we send to you. With all the recent problems with mail delivery, especially with our post office box, we would appreciate your direct credit card payment.

Members without email addresses will be sent paper forms via the USPS.

Linda Brunski

Dates to Remember!

Annual Membership Renewal

Deadline is 7/1/2022

---Kathleen Gorak, President

Trailblazers 2022 will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022, in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) Room in the Fowler Building of Carlisle High School. --- Gail D'Urso, Trailblazers

The Black Cultural Festival



AAUW Carlisle Members were joined by students from our AAUW student chapter at Dickinson College in staffing a voter registration table at the 6th annual Black Cultural Festival at Carlisle Masonic Center February 26th.

Upcoming Events

AAUW March 2022

Date	Time	Event	Venue and registration links	Link to Article
Mar 7	1:00 pm	Book Group	RSVP here	Page 9
Mar 8	7:00 pm	Virtual - Women in Mali, presented by Mariam Dembele	Register here	Page 6
Mar 16	7:30 pm	Virtual - Follow the Money ...to school	Register here	Page 6
Mar 19	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sage Cafe	RSVP here	Page 9
Mar 22	7:00 pm	Branch Meeting	HUB – Dickinson College	Page 1
Mar 23	6:00 pm	Dine Out at El Rodeo	RSVP here	Page 9
Mar 29	7:30 pm	Virtual - Lifting as We Climb: Our Journey with AAUW	Register here	Page 6

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

BEYOND SUFFRAGE: Reclaiming the Future

Women's Economic Security Forum

We're excited to announce that the event which we had spent months planning before COVID is happening!! Our wonderful band of community partners has joined forces again, along with new partners to host what we hope will be an impactful forum on women's economic security issues. The pandemic has only magnified the challenges women face competing in today's economy.

The forum will be **Thursday, May 5, from 4-8pm** at the Cumberland County Historical Society, 21 N. Pitt St., Carlisle.

This community forum will bring together leaders and members of the community to listen, learn and discuss important issues that impact the economic security of women. The evening will feature two sessions - one on **Social Bias and Barriers** and one on **Workplace Challenges Magnified** (to include the effects of the pandemic on women). Each session will include a keynote speaker and a panel discussion with local experts. We will then break into working groups to discuss issues, individual experiences and ideas for actions that will have a positive impact.

Aaysha Noor, Head of DEI at Giant will be our keynote for the **Social Barriers and Bias** session and has lined up the following panelists:

- Stephanie Jirard, Professor of Criminology, Shippensburg University
- Rep. Patty Kim, PA House of Representatives, 103rd District
- Tina Nixon, VP Mission Effectiveness, Diversity & Inclusion, UPMC Pinnacle
- Latino and Immigrant perspective - Mirna Gonzalez, CASA

The **Workplace Challenges Magnified** session will be led by our Keynote - Donna Bickford, Dickinson College Dir. of Women's and Gender Resource Center. Our terrific panel will be:

- Paid Leave - Karen Showalter (MomsRising)
- Equal Pay - Barbara Price (AAUW PA)
- Affordable Childcare - PennAYC - Kim Early and Steve Doster
- Small Business Perspective - Nicole Miller, Mgr. Cornerstone Coffee House
- Government Perspective - Randy Teplitz, Chair of PA Commission for Women

Our objective is to compile community feedback from the evening in a **white paper which will be presented to our Pennsylvania legislators** as they consider several bills that will impact women's economic security, including equal pay, paid leave, and the minimum wage.

We will also be creating an **Equity Quilt**. Participants will be given a fabric square and asked to depict examples of how they have experienced inequities in their lives which have hindered them from economic success. Volunteers will sew them together into a quilt which will also be presented to legislators at the Capitol.

A meal will be provided. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!!!

Kate Elkins
Beyond Suffrage Chair

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

AAUW Pennsylvania is pleased to offer the following virtual programs and promote Branch programs.

March 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: From AAUW Doylestown, Makefield Area, Lower Bucks: *Women In Mali*, presented by Mariam Dembele, AAUW Fellow studying for an MBA at Wharton School. Register at: [https://ccp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-iogjsuG9AINeWYAh16DJHJiB_IJg7i](https://ccp.zoom.us/join/https://ccp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-iogjsuG9AINeWYAh16DJHJiB_IJg7i)

March 16, 2022, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.: AAUW hosted Panel Discussion: *Follow the Money ...to school*. Dr James Scanlon, retired WCASD superintendent, PA Senator Carolyn Comitta, Chester County, Mr. Lawrence Feinberg, Public Education Advocate, PA Charter Change. Register at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrde6grTMqHtTmxCoTa27LzZc06D4L91zU)

March 29, 2022, 7:30-8:30 p.m.: *Lifting as We Climb: Our Journey with AAUW*. Dr. Lisetta Garcia, Penn State University Assistant Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging and Dr. Kimberly S. Adams, Professor of Political Science, East Stroudsburg University share their journey with AAUW, their passion for AAUW's mission, and why they think AAUW is relevant and needed today. Register at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdO6trigrHtVFh980uqi_qjvavRy4vi61](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdO6trigrHtVFh980uqi_qjvavRy4vi61)

Watch for the March Keystoner – AAUW Pennsylvania's newsletter. The first page includes the first glimpse of the speakers at the June State Convention.



SAVE THE DATE
Disruption as Opportunity...It's a Woman's World

AAUW Pennsylvania State Convention
June 3-5, 2022
Central Hotel and Conference Center
Harrisburg



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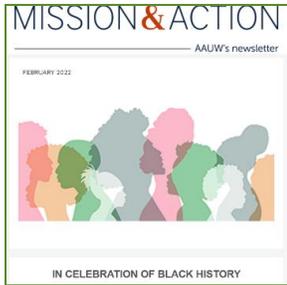
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News from National AAUW Update

AAUW Community Portal, the membership portal is finally here! You received an email on February 16th from Katrina Sun Breese inviting you to log in and begin managing your giving, membership, contact details and personal preferences. Register for a [special webinar](#) on Thursday, March 3 at 3:30pm for in-depth training on the new system.



If you deleted without reading the February 17th Mission and Action email, you missed an update on AAUW’s celebration of Black History Month. Read it online [here](#).

Ann Pehle
Past President and AAUW-PA President

DID YOU SAY ELEVATOR PITCH?

Submit your best recruitment pitch to AAUW PA for a chance to win.

The grand prize winner will receive a free AAUW PA 2022 Convention registration. Two runners-up will receive AAUW PA t-shirts from Lands' End and swag. All winners will be featured in the Keystoner.

DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSION:
APRIL 10, 2022

CONTEST INFORMATION

- The contest is open to all PA Branch & National Members.
- You may enter as many times as you like from March 10th, 2022 until April 10th, 2022.
- Entries must be sent through submission link ([click here](#)).
- Judging will be done by blind review of AAUW PA board members.
- Notice will be sent through email by April 30th, 2022.
- Prizes will be awarded at the AAUW-PA 2022 Convention or sent through mail.
- Written submissions must be no longer than 200 words.

DETAILS

Can you explain the AAUW mission in one minute or less? Can you attract interest and finish with a call to action or to join?

Elevator pitches must refer to and support the AAUW mission without using the actual mission statement.

Pitches must be interesting and exciting - something different to entice.

Questions?
AAUWPAMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM
aauw-pa.aauw.net

Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Beth McKinley, Chair

Stand Against Racism Challenge

YWCA Carlisle and Cumberland County is an important and valued community partner with AAUW Carlisle. We have stood shoulder to shoulder with them in fulfilling their mission to empower women and eliminate racism on many occasions. We hope you will seriously consider participating in the Stand Against Racism Challenge.

Each day of the challenge you will be presented with activities such as reading an article, listening to a podcast, reflecting on personal experience and more. Participation in an activity like this helps us to discover how racial injustice and social injustice impact our community, to connect with one another, and to identify ways to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination.

You can register at the link below and on their website, <https://ywcacarlisle.org/social-justice-initiatives/racial-justice/stand-against-racism-challenge/>

There are also a number of resources available in the Racial Equity Personal Action Plan to help you on your personal journey. And don't forget to sign up to run or at least attend the annual **Race Against Racism Race** on May 14th. More information on that coming soon.

The DEIB Committee would like to know if you are participating. Please email Beth McKinley, Chair of the DEIB Committee, when you sign up and then share your stories and reflections throughout the month of April. This will help to inform our internal understanding of our membership engagement as a branch as well as help to maintain these important community partnerships.

Special Note: Unless given express permission, the personal stories and reflections shared with the DEIB Chair will remain anonymous to other members of the committee and branch.

The Stand Against Racism Challenge is returning April 2022!

The **Stand Against Racism Challenge** is designed to create dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of race, power, privilege, and leadership. Participants log on to the challenge app on their phone or visit the challenge website and are presented with challenges such as reading an article, listening to a podcast, reflecting on personal experience and more. Participation in an activity like this helps us to discover how racial injustice and social injustice impact our community, to connect with one another, and to identify ways to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination.

The challenge is returning this year, April 4th – May 2nd, culminating in our annual **Race Against Racism** on May 14th! Race details coming soon. Register for the challenge today! Make sure you select Carlisle & Cumberland County under **Which YWCA are you participating with?** to learn alongside our community.

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**STAND
AGAINST
RACISM
CHALLENGE**
A Virtual Community of Growth

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INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Book Group

March 7th at 1:00 pm at the home of Darlis Simonton – Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie by Lisa Napoli - RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson

Dine Out

Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm at El Rodeo, 398 East High Street, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson

Breakfast Club

Saturday, March 19th at 9:00 am at Sage Cafe, 22 Pomfret Street, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson

If you are interested in joining one of these groups or starting one for another activity, please contact Wendy Armour Dickinson (717) 514-3322 for phone or text OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com).

*Wendy Armour Dickinson
Interest Group Chair*

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Gail D'Urso and Virginia Mauk, Membership VP

AAUW Dues Update

Membership is an important part of belonging to an organization, especially one with a mission as vital as AAUW. In 2021, AAUW National set a staggered dues increase through 2023. National dues for 2022 are set for \$67. This amount, with AAUW PA at \$10 and AAUW Carlisle at \$20 puts total dues renewal at \$97.

The 2023 Renewal Campaign will begin in May. A mission as important as supporting the equity and empowerment of women, is a mission worthy of our support!

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

AAUW FUNDS

Becky Morgenthal, Chair

AAUW Fund Scholarship Appeal Letter

Thanks to our generous members, we have raised over \$5,000 thus far. If you have not sent your donation to our largest fundraiser of the year, please do so as soon as possible as we close out this year's scholarship fundraiser. Again, thanks to all the members who have donated.

Member Yard Sale – Details Soon!

AAUW Fund Committee is working on a new, fun and exciting **Yard Sale** to raise money for our programs. We will embrace your unwanted treasures in clean, un-broken and workable condition. Please **DO NOT** send adult clothing, shoes or hats; electronics, textbooks/encyclopedias, upholstered furniture and stuffed animals. Stay tuned to the monthly newsletter for more details.

Becky Morgenthal
AAUW Fund Chair

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Lillian Wong, Chair

2022 Higher Education Scholarship Applications Update

The Higher Education Scholarship Committee completed a successful interview on February 19 with three highly qualified applicants. Upon presentation and approval at the March Board meeting, the applicants will be notified. Their names and schools will be announced in the April newsletter along with an invitation to the Scholarship Banquet. Again, thank you for your generosity in support of annual scholarship!

Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Chair

Afghan Refugees in Carlisle

Several AAUW members have asked for an update regarding the Afghan refugee situation in Carlisle. We have confirmed that Carlisle is now home to 20 families, making up almost 100 Afghan refugees. A task force has been created made up of community members, representatives from local nonprofits, Carlisle Barracks and churches to offer assistance with resettlement. The task force has identified thirteen Afghani refugee families in Carlisle and has matched individual family or church sponsors with all of them. The families are currently staying in local hotels and the need for housing is quite urgent. They do have access to government funds for rent, but the amount doesn't go very far in the Carlisle market. If you know of any potential rentals please reach out and let us know, our market is very hot right now and it isn't easy to find affordable properties.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in some way with the families, contact Betsy Walters at Carlisle United Methodist Church, trollmom@icloud.com or via text 508-494-0981, or feel free to reach out to me with questions as I am engaged with the task force (kperkowski@gmail.com). Right now, we are primarily focused on housing and on sourcing transportation. However, there is an ongoing need to help the women (who don't necessarily drive or speak much English) with language, transportation, shopping - even figuring out recipes and measurements and food choices. Please let us know if you would like to help!

Katie Perkowski
Public Policy Chair

AAUW Carlisle 2021-2022 Board Members

Elected Officers

Branch President – Kathleen Gorak
Membership VPs – Gail D’Urso, Virginia Mauk
Program VPs – Judy Wheaton, Janet Kacsur
Finance Officers – Linda Brunski, Cherry France
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Past President – Ann Pehle

Appointed Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds – Becky Morgenthal
Communications – Pat Markowski
Community Activities – Cindy Sutton
Interest Groups – Wendy Armour Dickinson
Public Policy – Katie Perkowski
Scholarship – Lillian Wong
STEM – Barb Attivo, Lillian Wong

Off Board Chairs

College Liaison – Donna Bickford
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – Beth McKinley
Historian – Kathleen Brennan

Other Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editors – Nancy Sigrist, Stacey Gatch
Social Media – Kate Elkins
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 still looking for program hosts for the 2022 meetings. Sign up today! 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.

Nominations Committee

Contact Pat Markowski pmarks11@comcast.net

Public Policy

Contact Katie Perkowski kperkowski@gmail.com



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