

L.E.A.F Project Leadership, Education And Farming Project

LEAF is a farm-based youth employment program launched by Executive Director, Heidi Whitmer in 2013. "The project envisions a community in which our youth, as well as the community members of our region are connected to the food that nourishes them, the land on which it grows and to each other."

LEAF provides paid internships to youth ages 14-18 to work alongside farmers and chefs in the greater Carlisle region. The opportunity to plant, harvest, prepare and market the produce from the base farm as well as partner farms is a tremendous experience. <http://www.leafprojectpa.org/>

Learn more about LEAF's mission and growth on May 24 at our AAUW-Carlisle membership meeting.

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



From the President

If April is the month in which our Branch traditionally celebrates the Best and Brightest of the future with our Scholarship recipients and Trailblazers, then May is the month of celebrating the Best and Brightest within our midst! Be sure to join me for our end of year Branch meeting on the 24th when we will announce our Outstanding Woman, Member Making a Difference and Named Gift Honorees for 2022. The considerable volunteer hours given by these women engaged in consequential Branch work stands in stark contrast to the national trend within non-profit organizations which indicates, according to a December 2021 Gallop Poll, that volunteers and volunteer hours remain well below pre-pandemic levels. Moreover, even within our AAUW PA community, we are one of only 13 branches honoring members in all three award categories! Clearly our Branch enjoys an abundance of riches amongst our membership - - but the same can also be said of our wider community as you will soon see with the presentation of our Gateway to Equity awards also at our May Branch Meeting.

Please note these other important May dates you don't want to overlook:

- Register for our bi-annual State Convention by **May 13th** so you may join me and all of AAUW PA at the Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg from June 3rd through the 5th for good networking, good information, good gift baskets, good fellowship and good food! Your next opportunity to attend a State Convention won't be until April of 2024! (<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/registration-and-payment-2022-state-convention/>)
- Vote in the AAUW National Election by **May 16th** (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>) and then be sure to vote in the State Primary Election on **May 17th** (<https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Upcoming-Elections.aspx>). Let your voice be heard at the ballot box!

Kathleen Gorak
Branch President

SPARK JOY AT THE BRANCH YARD SALE

Flowers are blooming and the weather is warming but the thing that really says, "Spring is here!" Is cleaning out those cupboards and closets! What better motivation to toss and edit your flotsam and jetsam than knowing you'll be supporting AAUW Carlisle's first ever Branch Yard Sale to benefit our 100th Anniversary Celebration? Great donation items are collectables, toys, baby clothes, books, kitchenware, jewelry and artwork in clean and working order. (For a more complete list of items to donate and items NOT to donate, please see the April newsletter).



Plan to bring your new or gently used treasures to Carole Dewall's garage at 330 Acre Drive, Carlisle, between Sunday, May 22nd and Friday, May 27th for our merry band of volunteers to sort and price before the big day. The sale will begin bright and early on Saturday the 28th - at 7 am, if not before - and will run until about 3 pm. We could use help on the day of the sale (taking money during the sale and then boxing up items at the end of the day) as well as help with organizing and pricing throughout the week leading up to the sale. Please contact Kathleen Gorak at kg1562@gmail.com or (717) 386-7466 with questions or to schedule your time to volunteer!

Hoping to see you ALL at the sale!

Kathleen Gorak
Branch President

Upcoming Events

AAUW May 2022

Date	Time	Event	Venue and registration links	Link to Article
May 2	7:00 pm	Book Group	RSVP here	Page 5
May 5	4:00 pm	Beyond Suffrage		
May 12	10:00 am	Carlisle Indian School Tour	Register here	Page 5
May 13		Last day to register for State Convention	Register here	Page 4
May 21	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sunrise Cafe	RSVP here	Page 5
May 24	7:00 pm	Branch Meeting	HUB – Dickinson College	Page 1
May 25	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Pizza Grille	RSVP here	Page 5
May 28	7:00 am	Branch Yard Sale	Carole DeWall's 330 Acre Drive, Carlisle	Page 2

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

Members' Program Ideas and Input Needed!

As the year draws to an end, the Programs Committee is asking for your thoughts, ideas, and input for future programs. We welcome your feedback and would love to hear about new, exciting, and interesting speakers or topics that you believe our organization would find beneficial and suited to the mission of AAUW.

Please send your thoughts to Janet Kacsur or Gail D'Urso.
Thank you for your help.

*Judy Wheaton
Program VP*

Dates to Remember!

Annual Membership Renewal

Deadline is 7/15/2022

---Kathleen Gorak, President

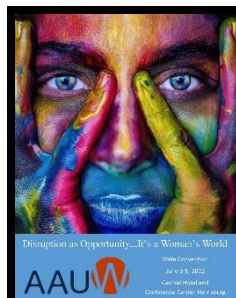
Beyond Suffrage

*May 5th from 4-8pm
21 N. Pitt St., Carlisle.*

WHAT'S UP IN PENNSYLVANIA? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

The website for the 2022 State Convention is up and running. Check out <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2022-state-convention/> for the agenda, registration and payment links, hotel information.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is MAY 13



Disruption as Opportunity...It's a Woman's World

AAUW Pennsylvania State Convention

June 3-5, 2022

Central Hotel and Conference Center

Harrisburg

NEWS FROM NATIONAL AAUW Update



Registration for the (Virtual) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) on May 24-26, 2022 is now open. Tell every young college woman you know to check out the agenda and registration information [here](#). [There](#) are scholarships available. And, for students from Pennsylvania and/or studying in Pennsylvania, scholarships are available from AAUW Pennsylvania. Go [here](#) for information. Thank you AAUW Carlisle for contributing to this fund!

In early April, you received an email from Shannon Wolfe, AAUW Managing Director & Chief of Staff, with your Member ID and Voter PIN and the link to the National Elections. Please vote by May 16th.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>

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VOTE 2022

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Chair

It was a second try, but we had a beautiful sunny day for our (Her)Story Walking Tour. Those on the tour were treated to entertaining narratives of famous and infamous women of Carlisle by Jennifer Oswald from TimeKeeper Tours.

Carlisle Indian School Tour Opportunity

The next activity is a tour of the Carlisle Indian School with a special invitation to visit the former home of the superintendent of the school (now the home of member Missy Breckenridge). The tour is a joint venture with the Harrisburg branch of AAUW and will be on Thursday, May 12 at 10:00 A.M. Participation is limited, but there are a few open spots remaining. If you wish to attend, please reserve with Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242.



INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Book Group

Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm at the home of Cindy Sutton. Book is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson

Dine Out

Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 pm at Pizza Grille, 1007 Ritner Highway, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson

Breakfast Club

Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am at The Sunrise Café, 231 North Hanover 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 Renewal Time – Watch for the email soon

Well Done, Sister Suffragette!

Mrs. Banks, in the movie *Mary Poppins*, leads the charge with “Votes for Women” and sings “Our daughters’ daughters will adore us, and they’ll sing in grateful chorus, well done, Sister Suffragette!” AAUW is still striving today, in the same spirit as the fictional Mrs. Banks, to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. By renewing your membership in AAUW Carlisle, you will be supporting this important mission.

Renewing your AAUW Carlisle membership online is quick easy and gives you an opportunity to update your personal information. You will soon receive an email from memberinfo@aauw.org with the Subject “**AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022**”. Note that your member number will be in the subject line. The email will provide a link taking you directly to your member account on the AAUW.org website. The transaction takes less than five minutes. Pay your annual dues (National, State, and Carlisle) totaling \$97, contribute to AAUW Funds, and receive an email confirmation.

A paper membership form is also available and included in this newsletter. Please make your check out to AAUW Carlisle Branch and mail to the address listed on the form.

As an incentive to renew early, those registering by June 1 will be entered into a drawing to receive \$30 in Carlisle Love Buck\$ that can be spent just like cash in over 65 downtown businesses. Three lucky winners will be drawn in early June. If you have any questions concerning membership renewal, please contact Virginia Mauk (virginia.mauk@gmail.com) or Linda Brunski (lb_penna@hotmail.com) and they will help you though the process.

Virginia Mauk, Membership VP
Gail D'Urso, Membership VP

Linda Brunski, Finance Officer
Cherry France, Finance Officer



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Lillian Wong, Chair

Over 30 members and guests shared in our first in person Scholarship Banquet since 2019! April 26 was a great day indeed to meet and listen to 2022 recipients at the Stern Center on Dickinson Campus. It was a great day indeed when the scholarship award was raised to \$2000 by the continued support of our membership. Each of the young women proved worthy through academics, financial need, work experience, persistence and perseverance. The winners were Meta Bowman of Shippensburg University, Samantha Martin of Gettysburg College and Claire Stoner of Duquesne University. They thanked AAUW for the scholarship and shared their future educational endeavors.

A huge thank you goes to Becky Morgenthal as AAUW Funds Chair for coordinating contributions and to our committee members, Missy Breckenridge, Stefanie D'Amore, Gail D'urso, Carolyn Freburg, Rose Smith and Cindy Sutton for their time and diligence in the application process and the interviews.

Check the website for photos and more details about the recipients.

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

Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair



Winners Meta Bowman (printed dress) of Shippensburg University, Samantha Martin (black dress) of Gettysburg College. Claire Stoner of Duquesne University not pictured.

**AAUW Carlisle
2021-2022 Board Members**

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Program VPs – Judy Wheaton, Janet Kacsur
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Interest Groups – Wendy Armour Dickinson
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Scholarship – Lillian Wong
STEM – Barb Attivo, Lillian Wong

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Trailblazers – Gail D’Urso
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Yearbook – Mary Brunski
Zoommaster – Stacey Gatch

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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.

Public Policy

Contact Katie Perkowski kperkowski@gmail.com

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