

Right in Our Own Back Yard!

The 2022-2023 program committee is ready to travel into a new year. Beginning in September, we will meet some interesting people and explore the Cumberland Valley area from the comfort of our seats in the Holland Union Building on the Dickinson College Campus.



Before we take off, we'll get to know our travel companions at the **August Social and Silent Auction**. This kick-off event, organized by Virginia Mauk and the membership committee, is certain to be a fun evening. Meet, greet, eat and, of course, bid at the **Second Presbyterian Church on August 23 at 6:30 p.m.** See the invitation on [page 9](#) in the newsletter for complete details.



Donations will be accepted at this event for the YWCA Pad Pantry which supports CASD school nurses' pad pantry (see [page 10](#) for details).

Photos shown were taken at the 2021-2022 August Social and Silent Auction event, also enjoyed at the Second Presbyterian Church. Members await with bated breath as they learn who "won" each auctioned item in photo to the left. Photo to the right shows some Carlisle AAUW members as they enjoy a delicious dinner while sharing summer updates and friendship.

And Coming Up Next!

We have a real treat for the September branch Meeting. AAUW Carlisle has long supported Fair Districts PA in their advocacy to change redistricting rules that result in a gerrymandered Pennsylvania. We all want to see voters choosing their political leaders rather than political leaders choosing their voters. We hope you can join us as Jean Handley, Fair Districts PA – Dauphin County Leader, discusses the "Fix Harrisburg" initiative³. As always, guests are welcome. See meeting details below:



What: September Branch Meeting
When: Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Dickinson College – Holland Union Building
Program: Fix Harrisburg Initiative – Jean Handley, Fair Districts PA

Jean will discuss gridlock in the PA State Legislature and efforts to correct this. Look for Judith Gilroy's September newsletter article for more information.

*Janet Kascur & Gail D'Urso
Program Co-Vice Presidents*

From the President

Welcome back Branch Members! It's time to get ready for another busy AAUW Carlisle year! To better assist you with planning for all the programs, events and activities that our hardworking Board has planned, I've compiled a comprehensive list (as of this date) for the entire year (activities without set dates are noted with dashes):

August 2022

- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 23rd August Social, Silent Auction and Pad Pantry Drive – 6:30 p.m.
- 24th Carlisle Barracks Super Sign-Up Membership Table Event
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

September 2022

- 12th Dickinson Law School & Dickinson College Reproductive Justice Event
- 12th Book Group: Pachinko – 7:00 p.m.
- 13th Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 21st “Beyond Suffrage” White Paper Presentation at the State Capitol – 10:00 a.m.
- 24th Harvest of the Arts Voter Registration Event – 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
- 27th Branch Meeting: “Fix Harrisburg Initiative” – 7:00 p.m.
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

October 2022

- 3rd Book Group: Anne of Green Gables – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 25th Branch Meeting: “Trailblazers Across the Commonwealth” – 7:00 p.m.
- Candidate Forum Event/Information Initiative
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

November 2022

- 7th Book Group: Anomaly – 1:00 p.m.
- 10th Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter Deadline
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

December 2022

- 3rd Holiday Brunch: “How Changes in Women’s Roles Have Been Reflected in Fashion”, plus AAUW Funds’ Opportunities, and Toilet Paper Drive – 10:00 a.m.
- 9th Community Activity: Mifflinburg Chriskindlmarkt
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

January 2023

- 2nd Book Group: The Lincoln Highway – 1:00 p.m.
- 10th Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 24th Branch Meeting: “Making Visions a Reality” – 7:00 p.m.
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

February 2023

- 6th Book Group: Braiding Sweetgrass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants – 1:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 23rd Branch Meeting and Brunch: “Careers and Technical Education Programs and Facilities at Our Comprehensive High School in Carlisle” – 10:00 a.m.
- Scholarship Committee Interviews
- Black Cultural Festival Voter Registration Event
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

March 2023

- 6th Book Group: The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race – 1:00 p.m.
- 14th Board Meeting and Student Organization Graduation Cord Presentation – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 28th Branch Meeting: “Building the Beloved Community” – 7:00 p.m.
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

April 2023

- 3rd Book Group: State of Terror – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 25th Scholarship Banquet, AAUW Funds’ Opportunities and Branch Elections – 6:00 p.m.
- Trailblazers Event
- AAUW PA Annual Meeting
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

May 2023

- 1st Book Group: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post – 7:00 p.m.
- 9th Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Newsletter submission deadline
- 23rd Branch Meeting: “Therapeutic Harp” and Member Awards, Gate to Equity Award, and installation of Board Members. – 7:00 p.m.
- 27th Branch Annual Yard Sale
- New Officer Orientation
- AAUW PA Summer Retreat
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

June 2023

- 5th Book Group Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
- 13th Board Planning Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Breakfast Club
- Dine Out

Kathleen Gorak
President

Upcoming Events

Please look over our August 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	Registration links	Link to Article
Aug 17	7:00 pm	Dine Out at Pizza Grille	RSVP here	Page 8
Aug 20		Newsletter Submission Deadline	Submit to ncsigrist@gmail.com and staceygatch@yahoo.com	
Aug 23	6:30 pm	August Social, Silent Auction & Pad Pantry Drive	RSVP here	Page 9
Aug 27	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sage Cage	RSVP here	Page 8

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

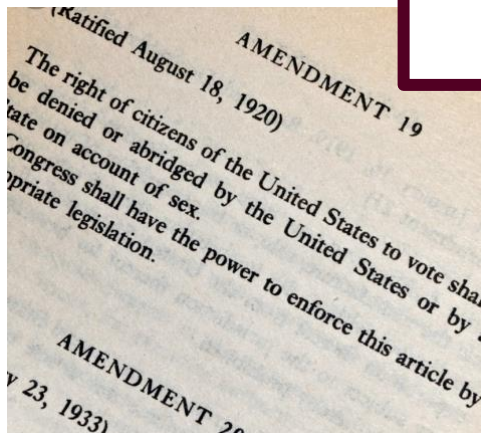
It's confirmed! We will present our Beyond Suffrage Whitepaper and Equity Quilt to our Pennsylvania lawmakers at the PA Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, September 21st at 10:00 a.m. Don't miss it!

Kate Elkins
Beyond Suffrage Committee Chair

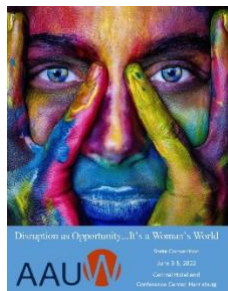
NEVER FORGET!!!

On August 26th, Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920, thereby granting women the right to vote.

Kathleen Gorak
President



What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania



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

Fun to see so many Carlisle members attend the AAUW Pennsylvania convention in Harrisburg June 3-5. Go [here](#) for summary of events, links to presentations, link to photos, and more.

FY23 started on July 1, 2022 and that means a new Board is constituted. Cindy Hall (State College) succeeds Ann Pehle (Carlisle) as AAUW President. Ann remains on the AAUW Pennsylvania Board for this fiscal year, just the first term of the new President. Click below to see publications you may have missed. 2022 [Yearbook](#) and June 2022 [Keystoner](#)

Go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> to review what AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy is paying attention to. There are updates and links to resources and webinars on:

- US Supreme Court decision on Dobbs and the Pennsylvania legislature passage of SB106, a constitutional amendment that says there is no right to abortion in Pennsylvania.
- Anniversary of the passage of Title IX.
- K-12 Public Education Funding lawsuit.

Ann Pehle

News from National AAUW Update

There is a lot of AAUW news to catch up on since the May newsletter.

- AAUW's stand on [reproductive health](#) and [Title IX](#) are covered on the [AAUW Pennsylvania website](#).
- The Student Debt Crisis was addressed in a May 3rd webinar that explored the realities and possible misconceptions about student debt. Women hold around two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion of student debt, according to AAUW's report, [Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans](#). Because of the gender pay gap, they have less income with which to repay their loans. Student debt erodes economic security and is particularly burdensome for women of color. The panelists discussed their research and efforts to help borrowers and halt abuses by the student loan industry.
- In April, AAUW announced that over \$6 million in funding to more than 320 fellows and grantees in the 2022-23 award year. Go [here](#) to learn more about the program and see a reading list of publications authored by the recipients. The names of these exceptional recipients, who will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls, were released on July 1. Searching the [directory](#) is relatively easy and when [searching on Pennsylvania](#), you will find 15 recipients—one from Dickinson College.
 - Dr. Maggie Douglas – [Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies](#)
- The (Virtual) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was held on May 24-26, 2022. Sofia Perrone, of Dickinson College and President of AAUW Dickinson Student Organization received a grant from AAUW Pennsylvania to attend.

Ann Pehle

Meet New Member, Elizabeth White-Hurst!

Elizabeth is fairly new to the Carlisle community, having moved here last September to take the position of Registrar at Dickinson College. She grew up in Virginia and attended the University of Richmond before moving to South Carolina to pursue additional higher education degrees at the University of South Carolina. These include an M.Ed. In Student Affairs, PhD. In Higher Education Administration, and a master's degree in Business Administration.

She is an avid reader, particularly of biographies, and enjoys cooking and yoga. Hiking is a favorite pastime, and she has visited all the National Parks in South Carolina. She also enjoys spending time with her dog Petey, a spotted Pit Bull-Lab mix.

Elizabeth attended her first AAUW Carlisle meeting in May and is interested in learning more about the Carlisle community. She is concerned about all the issues facing women and girls, so the mission of AAUW is attractive, and she may become involved in Public Policy as she becomes more comfortable with branch activities. She hopes to expand her community contacts as she becomes acquainted with members of the branch.

Pat Markowski
Communications Chair

BRANCH BOARD AND COORDINATOR CHANGES

We welcome Elizabeth White-Hurst as the newest member of our Board as the Branch College Liaison to our Dickinson College Student Organization. Elizabeth is the Registrar at Dickinson College so she is well placed for her new volunteer role as Liaison. She also serves as Dickinson College's representative to AAUW Carlisle.

Stacey Gatch, who currently holds dual positions as our Zoom Master and Co-Newsletter Editor, has now also assumed the duties of Webmaster. We are fortunate to have this energetic polymath amongst our ranks!

Kathleen Gorak
President

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair

It was indeed a delightful time when a group of AAUW Carlisle members toured the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg in July. The art exhibits were varied and extremely interesting, and the building itself was just as wonderful to see. What was once a bank offered two floors of exhibits and even used the walk-in vault for display! A stroll through the Broad Street Market enticed some of us to purchase unusual grains and some delicious baked items on the way to enjoying lunch at Millworks.

If you have suggestions for additional community activities please share them with Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242. Participating in an activity is a great way to meet and enjoy members of the branch.

Cindy Sutton Community
Activities Chair

Fundraising

Becky Morgenthal, AAUW Funds Chair

AAUW Branch Members, it is August and time to get ready for the annual membership meeting and silent auction. Below are the guidelines prepared by the Fund committee to make sure we make the most money by selling items that have proven to be “the best sellers” from the past 2 years.

- Bring a donation of homemade baked goods/jam/jellies, plants, artwork, themed baskets, craft or
- Team up with a fellow member(s) to create one item for auction or
- Donate a gift card from a local business
- Limit donations to 1 per person
- Limit auction to 20 items

There will be no sign-up form because most members did not complete it last year. So, members will sign-up through email or phone call to a designated committee member. **Our 2022 contact is Pat Markowski. To contact Pat, phone 717-458-8591 or email pmarks22@comcast.net no later than August 18, 2022.**

Contributors are asked to suggest the opening bid which is then recorded on the bidding sheet.

Winners will be identified by a fund committee member (Pat Markowski & Kate Elkins); members will pick up their purchases (Becky Morgenthal); members then take their bid sheets and check to the finance officers.

The August 2021 auction earned \$903.00 by selling 28 items donated by our membership. It was earmarked for branch initiatives. Best sellers at the 2021 auction were wine, jams, jellies, decorative and garden related items.

**Becky Morgenthal
AAUW Fund Chair**

Scholarship

Lillian Wong, AAUW Scholarship Chair

VACANCY ON THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!

The Scholarship Committee is on a search to fill a vacancy on the committee for the 2022-2025 term. We wish to thank Stefanie D’Amore for her years of service as we combined our collected skills and gifts while reviewing all the applications and making impactful decisions. We will miss Stefanie as she embarks on a new teaching position in northwest Pennsylvania. Good luck!

Interested persons may contact me or any of our committee members for further information. Committee work will begin January 2023.

**Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair**

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Come Join the Fun!

I joined the Harrisburg Branch of AAUW when I was relatively new to the area and living in Mechanicsburg. My goal was to make friends with like-minded women.

At the end of the first year, I considered not renewing my membership. I decided to renew because I enjoyed working on the book sale. Sorting and pricing books at the barn with other branch members was like participating in a special interest group. It gave me the opportunity to get to know branch members on a more personal level than what attendance at a monthly meeting could offer. Many of those branch members from the book barn remain dear friends and are part of my support system.

I know that you are very busy. If you are working, you are juggling long workdays and family. If you are retired, you are juggling busy volunteer days, family, travel and other interests. The Carlisle Branch has three interest groups that are open for you to drop in and enjoy. They will enhance your branch experience.

The interest groups are:

- Book Group:** Group meets September through May (excluding December) for book discussions and in June to select the books for the upcoming year. We read a mystery, classic, book focused on women's history, book focused on diversity and 4 other from any category.
- Breakfast Club:** Group usually meets on the third Saturday of the month throughout the year at 9 am at either Sunrise Café or Sage for sustenance, coffee/tea and conversation. Significant others/spouses are welcome.
- Dine Out:** Group usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the year at 6 pm at either Momma Spriggs, Pizza Grille or El Rodeo. Significant others/spouses are welcome. Talking over supper is a wonderful way to get to know someone or to catch up.

I know that many of you have other interests, such as hiking and gardening. If you are willing to lead an interest group, I will help establish it.

If you are interested, please let me know. (warmourdickinson@hotmail.com or 717-514-3322).

Upcoming Interest Group Schedule

Book Group: No August meeting. We will return in September to read Pachinko by Min Jin Lee on the 12th.

Breakfast Club: Saturday, August 27th at 9:00 am at Sage Café, 22 W. Pomfret St., Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

Dine Out: Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 pm at Pizza Grille 1007 Ritner Highway, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson by Wednesday, October 27 at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

Wendy Armour Dickinson
Interest Group Chair

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Virginia Mauk, Membership VP

Don't Miss This Special Event!



Membership Social & Silent Auction

Tuesday, August 23 @ 6:30 pm

Second Presbyterian Church
528 Garland Street, Carlisle

GROW, verb: to increase in size or expand;
to have an increasing influence



The August Social is a time to **GROW**. *Grow* by reconnecting with members, meeting new members, and by inviting guests to attend and *grow* our Branch. It is also an opportunity to hear about upcoming programs, public policy initiatives and social activities necessary to *grow* awareness of the AAUW mission.

The August Social is a time to *grow* our branch initiatives fund through your contributions and support of our annual silent auction (see silent auction article). It is also an opportunity to *grow* the CASD Nurse's Pad Pantry with your donations (see programs article). So, come out for the evening on August 23 and **GROW** with AAUW Carlisle!

Dinner (pre-packaged) will be provided curtesy of the branch. **RSVP by Thursday, August 18** for yourself (and your guest if accompanied) along with any dietary restrictions to:

Virginia Mauk at 240.338.2862 or virginia.mauk@gmail.com.

Virginia Mauk
Membership Chair

Give Yourself a Big Pat on the Back!

That's right, you all deserve a big pat on the back for supporting our Carlisle AAUW Branch with your membership renewal! Your renewal shows your dedication to our common cause--the equity of girls and women.

Those renewing early were entered into a drawing to win \$30 of Love Buck\$ to spend same as cash in downtown Carlisle. Lucky winners were Donna Bickford, Linda Brunski, and Gay Walker.

Your renewal comes with a fantastic year of programming, both informative and fun; opportunities to volunteer with voter registration, DEIB and public policy advocacy; and fellowship with members working toward a common goal. Take advantage of your membership now and enjoy all AAUW membership offers!

Virginia Mauk
Membership Vice President

Rally for Reproductive Rights Draws AAUW Carlisle Members



Ann Pehle, Kate Elkins, Pat Markowski and Cherry France.

Standing Up and Standing Tall!

AAUW Members standing tall and masked behind Minority Leader Joanna McClinton (our February 2022 Branch Meeting program speaker) on June 27th at the Rally for Reproductive Rights at the PA State Capitol.

PAD PANTRY DRIVE

Once again it's time to help the YWCA stock their Pad Pantry with pads and tampons for the coming school year. Please bring bags of these supplies to our August Social on the 23rd and we will transport them to the YWCA as a donation from the members of AAUW Carlisle. Thank you in advance for your help in providing our Middle School and High School students the supplies they need to comfortably attend school, participate in sports and go on school trips!

Kathleen Gorak
President

**AAUW Carlisle
2022-2023 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Kathleen Gorak

Vice President - Open

Membership VPs – Virginia Mauk, Co-VP open

Program VPs –Janet Kascur, Gail D’Urso

Finance Officers – Cherry France, Molly Shane

Secretary – Mary Berwick

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

Appointed Off Board Committee Chairs

College Liaison – Elizabeth White-Hurst

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – Beth McKinley

Historian – Kathleen Brennan

Appointed Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

100th Anniversary – Jean Foschi, Jeanna Som

Appointed Coordinators

Newsletter Editors– Nancy Sigrist, Stacey Gatch

Social Media – Kate Elkins

Trailblazers – Gail D’Urso, Barb Attivo

Webmaster – Stacey Gatch

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 2022-2023 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 Kascur (jkacsur@hotmail.com) or Gail D’Urso (gailcdurso@gmail.com).

Committees seeking members

Fundraising

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

Membership

Contact Virginia Mauk (virginia.mauk@gmail.com) for more information and to discuss your interest.

Public Policy

Contact Katie Perkowski kperkowski@gmail.com

Scholarship

Contact Lillian Wong wongtooth@comcast.net

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