

Fix Harrisburg: The Necessity for Legislative Rules Reform

Why does it seem that so many issues that are important to and would benefit the citizens of Pennsylvania are not addressed in our state legislature? The answer: Legislative Rules. At our **September 27 meeting** at the **Dickinson College HUB** Jean Handley from Fair Districts PA will explore how the legislative rules obstruct legislation and bi-partisan collaboration. We will also look at the Constitutional Amendment process and how it can be manipulated by the majority party and circumvent the Executive Branch of our government to achieve their desired policies. Jean will then talk about ways to advocate for change. Jean has been involved with Fair Districts since 2017 and has been the Dauphin County Coordinator since April 2017. Fair Districts is a non-partition statewide coalition with a mission to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process in Pennsylvania.

September 27th at 7pm



Beyond Suffrage Media Event – Capital Rotunda

September 21st at 10 am



The culmination of three years of work will take place at the Capitol on Sept. 21.

From the start, our goal was not just to talk about women's economic security issues, but to bring about real change. To that end, we will be presenting a white paper to our legislators and community.

The white paper, researched and written by Nancy Sigrist, Cherry France, and Kate Elkins, is intended to provide insights into the topics and issues that were discussed at Beyond Suffrage. We are hopeful it will become a resource for those in a position to make a difference in the lives of Pennsylvania women, as well as for our citizens and advocates so that they can better understand the importance of economic opportunity and equity, some of the issues that are currently roadblocks for women and some of the things that are important to

consider in order to move the financial security of women forward.

Beyond Suffrage – continued

Rep. Patty Kim, one of our panelists at Beyond Suffrage will stand with us as we call on our representatives to move pending legislation forward and better support families with initiatives and funding to make affordable childcare more available in the Commonwealth.

And, thanks to the sewing expertise of Gail D’Urso, we will also be presenting our Equity Quilt, consisting of squares created by women in the community and at Beyond Suffrage which represent calls for women’s equity.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Kate Elkins

Beyond Suffrage Media Event

We call on all AAUW Carlisle members to join us in a show of force and in support of women’s economic equity!

If you are interested in carpooling, contact Kate Elkins at kate.elkins78@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Please look over our September 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
Sept 12	11:30 am	Constitution Day: Reproductive Justice Event	RSVPs on page 7	Page 7
Sept 12	7:00 pm	Book Group	RSVP here	Page 8
Sept 13	7:00 pm	Board Meeting		
Sept 17	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sunrise Cafe	RSVP here	Page 8
Sept 20		Newsletter Submission Deadline	Submit to ncsigrist@gmail.com and staceygatch@yahoo.com	
Sept 21	10:00 am	Beyond Suffrage Media Event – State Capital Rotunda	No RSVP necessary	Page 1
Sept 27	7:00 pm	Branch Meeting – Dickinson HUB	No RSVP necessary	Page 1
Sept 28	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Momma Spriggs	RSVP here	Page 8
Oct 6	4:30 pm	Fact or fiction?	RSVP here	Page 8

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

From the President

While we are undeniably heading into the fall and our new programming year, I think a recap of Branch business over the summer is in order as much has happened since we last met as a Branch. To start with, the bi-annual State Convention in June was a wonderful weekend of learning and networking. I enjoyed meeting AAUW members from across the Commonwealth and attending informative sessions on fundraising, diversity and Title IX, to name a few. Most notable at the Convention was the Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Greatest Need Fund. Our own Patty Stibitz and Pat Markowski assembled what was unanimously regarded as the MOST awesome gift basket, appropriately named "It's a Woman's World!". All in all, AAUW PA raised \$1100 for the Greatest Need Fund and the Carlisle Branch gift basket brought in an admirable chunk of that total!

The Carlisle Branch was well represented by the number of attendees at the Convention. In attendance at one or more days were: Pat Markowski, Kate Elkins, Nancy Sigrist, Julie Manta, Molly Shane, Peggy Jennings, Cindy Sutton and, of course, outgoing AAUW PA President Ann Pehle. Thank you, Branch Members, for sending me to this event as President to represent the Carlisle Branch!

Just prior to the State Convention, our Branch held its first ever annual Yard Sale which was a huge success. We raised \$1062.48 for the 100th Anniversary celebration and helped numerous members Kondo-ize their homes. All of this could not have been done without the above-and-beyond work of Carole Dewall whose yard sale know-how, unflagging energy and fabulous real estate location made this sale the success that it was. Carole is game to give it a go again next year, so I've put it on the calendar for 2023 with the two of us co-chairing this fundraiser. Start saving your stuff, Branch Members!

Deep gratitude for the generous gift of time and energy goes to: Cindy Sutton, Carolyn Freberg, Pat Markowski, Mary Berwick, Lillian Wong, Sandy Gilleo, Barb Attivo, Carol McNulty, Paul McNulty, Tom Dewall, Janet Kacsur and Rita Schlansky. And a hearty "Thank you!" to all the generous donors: Carole, Cindy, Carolyn, Pat, Mary, Lillian, Barb, Carol, Janet, Rita, Molly Shane, Julie Manta, Ann Pehle, Gail D'Urso, and Virginia Mauk. (My apologies if I've missed anyone on this list.) All donations were either sold, donated to other nonprofits or put on Free Cycle.

Just after the State Convention, the Board met for our annual Planning Meeting in preparation for our 2022-2023 programming year. At that meeting, the Board passed the following Motions by unanimous consent:

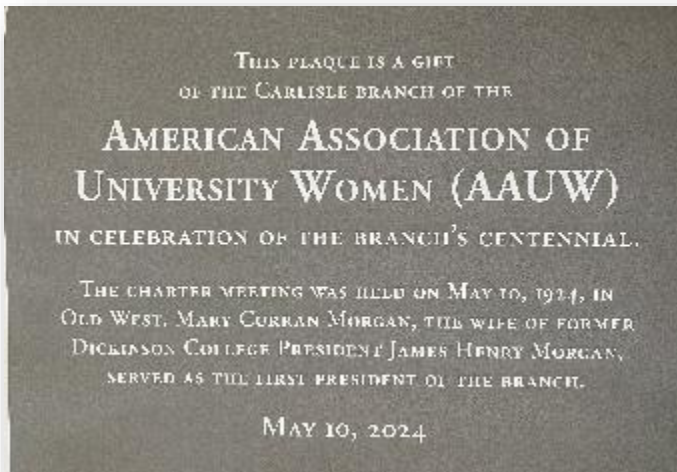
- Motion to approve an additional \$45 to cover the full State Convention registration rate
- Motion to approve participation in the Penn State Dickinson School of Law and Dickinson College Reproductive Justice event scheduled for September 12 ([page 6](#))
- Motion to budget \$600 for the August Social to pay for pre-packaged meals
- Motion to cover the \$112.58 cost of a canopy to be used for AAUW outdoor events

While we did our best to take care of all outstanding Branch business prior to our summer break, we nevertheless found ourselves Zooming for Special Board Meetings in July and August to vote on Motions in need of a timely response. Over the summer, the following Motions were passed by unanimous consent:

- Motion to promote Branch membership at the Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club Super Sign-Up event on August 24th
- Motion to partner with a number of community organizations in voter registration events and cover our registration costs during the 2022-2023 programming year
- Motion to pledge \$500 from a restricted, anonymous donation "for public policy or other programming" to the funding of the Reproductive Justice event to be held on September 12th



From the President – continued



- Motion to increase funding of the 100th Anniversary commemorative plaque at Dickinson College (pictured here) by \$131.28 due to increased production costs, for a revised total of \$1134.08.

Kathleen Gorak
President

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW Pennsylvania is holding Zoom webinars/meetings covering AAUW mission issues. The first one was August 25, 2022 entitled Pennsylvania Reproductive Rights after Dobbs. If you missed it or wish to view again, go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-aauw-pa-webinars/>. The speakers were:

- Sue J. Frietsche, a senior staff attorney and founder and director of the Women's Law Project's Western Pennsylvania office, who discussed a case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in which she represents abortion providers challenging the state's ban on Medicaid funds covering abortion.
- Dr. Sarah Horvath, Medical Director, Planned Parenthood Keystone spoke about the medical issues of abortion legislation.

Watch for emails inviting you to attend these webinars/meetings focusing on AAUW mission issues. The next one is September 29th, and will focus on the November 8 general election—especially state representatives and senators.



Check out the new page on AAUW Pennsylvania's website.

[Meet the AAUW Pennsylvania Board members](#)

With the new fiscal year, AAUW Pennsylvania has a new President and Vice President of Programs and all new appointed officers. Meet them on the webpage.

It's not too early to put these on your calendar so you don't schedule over them. More information about the location and agenda will be shared as the dates approach.



2023 Summer Retreat – July 28-29, 2023

2024 State Convention – April 12-14, 2024

Ann Pehle

News from National AAUW Update

If you follow AAUW on Facebook, you have seen many posts related to these current topics.

- Studies find that bias is the strongest factor keeping women from pursuing male-dominated degrees, including in STEM fields. Check out [Gender Tracking in Higher Ed](#).
- An article in [Education Week](#) outlines new research about the critical role teachers and parents play in getting girls interested in STEM subjects, and ultimately increasing the number of women in STEM careers.
- The [Reproductive Rights toolkit](#) has been updated.
- Applications are being accepted for [AAUW fellowships or grants](#). These have changed lives!

Ann Pehle

Cultural Opportunity with AAUW Harrisburg

AAUW Harrisburg has once again extended an invitation to our members to join them on a cultural trip to Washington, D.C. and the National Gallery of Art to see the upcoming “Sargent and Spain” exhibit on **Sunday, November 13**. This exhibit will feature approximately 120 dazzling oils, watercolors, and drawings, many of which are rarely shown publicly.



Sargent was celebrated as *the* leading society portraitist of his era and he influenced a generation of American painters. His personal captivation with Spain resulted in a remarkable body of work over three decades that documents his extensive travels throughout the region. Sargent responded to the country’s rich culture by producing landscapes and marine scenes, pictures of everyday life, architectural studies and sympathetic portrayals of the locals he encountered.

The roundtrip bus transportation and exhibit costs are \$75, with pick-up at the Penn Harris Radisson

in Camp Hill at 8:30 am and drop-off at the same location. The bus will depart Washington, D.C. at 4:30 pm. Lunch will be on your own at the National Gallery or a nearby restaurant. The reservation deadline is October 13, 2022 with full payment by check due to Barbara Warfel, AAUW Harrisburg Culture Culture, 619 Haldeman Blvd., New Cumberland 17070.

For further information please contact Barbara directly at warfelb@yahoo.com or (717) 774-5559.

Constitution Day: Reproductive Justice in the Wake of the Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn *Roe v. Wade*

Penn State Dickinson Law, Dickinson College and the Department of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (WGSS), the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch, and the YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County invite you to join us on **Monday, September 12** for a series of reproductive justice events as we champion reproductive rights in the wake the fateful decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Speakers for this event will be:



Kimberly Mutcherson

Co-Dean and Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

Dean Mutcherson is an award-winning professor whose scholarship focuses on reproductive justice, bioethics, and family and health law. She has presented her scholarship nationally and internationally and publishes extensively on assisted reproduction, families, and the law. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics and the Columbia Law School Center for Gender and Sexuality Law.

Melissa Murray

Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law, New York University (NYU) Law

Professor Murray teaches constitutional law, family law, criminal law, and reproductive rights and justice at NYU Law. Her research focuses on the legal regulation of sex and sexuality and encompasses such topics as marriage and its alternatives, the marriage equality debate, the legal recognition of caregiving, and reproductive rights and justice.



Mireille Rebeiz

Associate Professor of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies & Francophone Studies at Dickinson College

Dr. Mireille Rebeiz (She/Her) teaches gender identity and international human rights laws at Dickinson College. Her teaching and research focus is on women's, gender, and sexuality issues in armed conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa.



Schedule of events on following page

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11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Learn with Dean Mutcherson and Professor Murray. Members of the community and partnering organizations are invited to attend this free event located in Dickinson College's Sean Center Great Room. Lunch will be provided and seats are available to the first 50 people who RSVP so reserve your seat(s) early.

4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Moderated Keynote Panel with Dean Mutcherson, Professor Murray and Dr. Rebeiz. Members of the community and partnering organizations are invited to attend this free event located in Dickinson Law's Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150 RSVPS so reserve your seat(s) early.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Virginia Mauk, Membership VP

A Growing AAUW Carlisle

AAUW Carlisle members kicked off the 2022-23 membership year on August 23 with our Annual August Social. This year's theme was 'GROW' in terms of how we can grow as a branch, grow our mission, and how we can grow as AAUW members. Those in attendance enjoyed good food, great company and conversation, and a spirited silent auction. Thanks to those members who came a bit early and stayed a bit late to make sure everything was in place for an enjoyable event.

As we grow through this year's programs and activities, learning about organizations and initiatives in the community, let's not forget the importance of personal growth and connection to other members of our Branch. Challenge yourself and introduce yourself to someone you may not know at a Branch meeting, carpool with members to meetings and events, or pull out your yearbook and connect with the person above and below your own name. AAUW Carlisle members have so much to offer, let's get to know each other a bit better this year!

Virginia Mauk
Membership Vice President

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair

Participating in a community activity is a great way to get to know other members of the branch and become more connected to the organization. It is also a wonderful way to experience places and events you might not otherwise have an opportunity to enjoy. Having said this, what interests you? If you have an idea for an activity please let us know and we will see if we can make it happen. Contact Chairwoman Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242.

COMING UP...

If you attended the branch meeting last January you were able to hear Carmen James speak about the Mt. Tabor Restoration Project in Mt. Holly Springs. For those of you wanting more information you can join tours being offered to the public on Saturday, September 10 or Saturday, October 8 from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. RSVP to www.mttaborpreservation.com. This is not an AAUW sponsored activity but a public offering we thought might be of interest to you.

FACT OR FICTION?

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

Castlerigg Wine Shop
110 South Hanover St.

Join us for this Timekeeper Tour (in total comfort without the walking) led by historian Jennifer Oswald. She will be offering a collection of some of the most oddball and quirky stories found in Carlisle's history. Some are so strange and ridiculous, could they be true? Jennifer's thoroughly researched and entertaining style will keep you guessing as she shares these remarkable stories that she has been gathering for years. Cost for the "tour" is \$12 payable to Jennifer at the time of the presentation.

While enjoying the presentation you can choose to purchase a beverage from the wine shop and/or order appetizers from the kitchen that will be open for us. Castlerigg will host us in the cozy and private side room of the shop. It promises to be an enjoyable afternoon. Please RSVP to Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242 by October 4.

As always, guests are welcome. Invite your friends!

Cindy Sutton
Community Activities Chair

Fundraising

Becky Morgenthal, AAUW Funds Chair

AAUW Fund Silent Auction Results

The Membership & Silent Auction meeting was a really fun and profitable evening and I want to thank everyone who donated items and those who bid on them. We had a total of \$994 in bids, matching amounts of \$655 with a grand total of \$1649 from this year's silent auction. Last year we raised \$903 on the silent auction for a comparison. The private donors who stepped up to match the highest bids were a wonderful surprise and took the silent auction to a new level of fundraising. Thank you whomever you are! I want to thank Pat Markowski for organizing the silent auction, Kate Elkins for announcing the winning bidders and Virginia Mauk who was the runner from the auction tables to Kate. Team work always works. Thank you AAUW members especially our President, Kathleen Gorak and members chairs, Virginia Mauk and Janet Kacsur for making the 2022 Membership & Silent Auction meeting the largest fundraiser since I became the Chair of this committee.

*Becky Morgenthal
AAUW Fund Chair*

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Upcoming Interest Group Schedule

Book Group: September 12th at 7:00 pm. Book is Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Breakfast Club: Saturday, September 17th at 9:00 am at Sunrise Café, 231 North Hanover St., Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com

Dine Out: Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 pm at Momma Spriggs, 160 York Rd., 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*

**AAUW Carlisle
2022-2023 Board Members**

Elected Officers

President – Kathleen Gorak

Vice President - Open

Membership VPs – Virginia Mauk, Co-VP open

Program VPs –Janet Kacsur, Gail D’Urso

Finance Officers – Cherry France, Molly Shane

Secretary – Mary Berwick

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 Kacsur (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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