

## Mark Your Calendars – A Programs Update

If you haven't already, remember to register for our **February 23, 2023 Brunch by February 15!!!** This meeting in the Courtyard Café at Carlisle High School will feature Tracy Stritch, Co-Op Coordinator at Carlisle High School. Chefs Ehly and Seros and their Culinary students have planned a beautiful meal for our enjoyment. Please try to arrive early to allow plenty of time to park and get your security badge. A tip jar will be available so we can show students our appreciation! See event flyer on [page 13](#).



Our **Fifth Annual Trailblazer Girls Recognition Event** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 21 at 1 p.m.** in the Large Group Instruction Room in the Fowler Building at Carlisle High School. Please RSVP to Gail D'Urso ([gailcdurso@gmail.com](mailto:gailcdurso@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend so we can have your security badge waiting for you at the registration desk.

Look for registration information next month for our Scholarship Banquet to be held on **April 25 at 6 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church**. Lillian Wong and the Scholarship Committee have a special evening planned.

The PROGRAM COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to plan, schedule, and implement meetings for the 2023-24 program year. If you want to have input into topics for our monthly meetings, this committee is just right for you! Contact Janet Kacsur ([jkacsur@hotmail.com](mailto:jkacsur@hotmail.com)) or Gail D'Urso ([gailcdurso@gmail.com](mailto:gailcdurso@gmail.com)).

*Gail D'Urso*  
*Program VP*



## Remembering Longtime AAUW Carlisle Member

In memory of Barbara "Linkey" Green, 5/29/42-1/6/23. Past Branch President and longtime member of AAUW Carlisle, Newcomers Club, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Daughters of the US Army. Enthusiastic volunteer with The Bookery and Wreaths Across America. Librarian. Devoted wife to her beloved late husband David. Devoted and beloved mom and grandmother and sister. Proud "Army brat." Supportive friend. News lover. Dog lover. Reader. Talker. Mensch.

Our connection to Linkey will continue on in our memories of her and in our hearts, though she will be sorely missed by all of us who were so very lucky to know her! To paraphrase Zora Neale Hurston, *such as she was, she was a precious gift*.

*Kathleen Gorak*  
*President*

## From the President

The Board convened last month and passed the following motions:

- to hold the 2023 Scholarship Banquet at Second Presbyterian Church with catered meals not exceeding the price of \$25 per attendee;
- to sponsor a bus trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens in Washington, D.C. on May 3rd at no cost to the Branch as the transportation and museum fees will be paid by the participants; and
- to approve a three part Voter Education series by the Public Policy Committee covering Constitutional Foundations and Principles of Democracy, Civil Discourse and Engagement, and Election Procedures and Ballot Issues for the May 2023 election presented at the Bosler Library prior to the May primary.

Other news shared at the Board Meeting:

- The Branch made a donation in memory of Barbara “Linkey” Green to AAUW Funds as authorized in our Policies and Procedures.
- Nominating Committee Chair and Branch Vice President Mary Brunski announced that she is still looking for nominees for two open Membership Vice President positions and Secretary. If anyone is interested in either of these Executive Committee positions or suggest a nominee, please contact Mary at [MBTEXASPA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MBTEXASPA@GMAIL.COM).
- The Finance Officers, working in conjunction with the Scholarship Chair, AAUW Funds Chair and the Communication Committee, have set up PayPal links on the AAUW Carlisle Branch website for online payments for Branch events. See sidebar.
- The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Committee scheduled a Branch leadership discussion group facilitated by Carla Christopher for Saturday, February 11th from 10 am - 12 pm at the YWCA.
- The 100th Anniversary Committee has set the date for our celebration event on the actual anniversary date - Friday, May 10th, 2024. Mark your calendars!



**AVAILABLE  
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Donate for  
Scholarship  
through PayPal  
by clicking here.

At the national level, AAUW has announced the proposed changes to their Bylaws and Policies and Procedures which will be up for a vote by the general membership in the spring. They also propose continuing with the Public Policy Priorities adopted May 2021. To read more about this, please follow the link to the AAUW webpage:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/?emci=0d476d65-5697-ed11-994c-00224832eb73&emdi=b0edf1f3-3398-ed11-994c-00224832eb73&ceid=1008244>

And finally, let me implore each and every one of our Branch members to heed the call to support our annual Scholarship Appeal. This year, we will award the scholarships funded by your donations in the memory of Past President Barbara “Linkey” Green. Linkey’s life attested to her commitment to education and to her community. She would have agreed with Marian Wright Edelman’s words that “Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.” Let’s unite to manifest our commitment to education through generous donations to the 2023 Scholarship Appeal. Let’s unite through our pooled donations to improve the lives of young women who may continue our work in the community to leave the world better than we found it.

Please add these events to the calendar:

February 4th at 7:30 pm - Community Activities trip to the Hershey Theatre to see “Menopause-The Musical”

February 11th from 10 am - 12 pm - DEIB Branch leadership discussion at the YWCA

February 25th - Black Cultural Festival Public Policy Voter Registration Event

March 21st at 1 pm - Trailblazers Recognition Ceremony at Carlisle High School

March 21st from 7 - 8:30 pm - Public Policy Committee Voter Education Program (Constitutional Foundations and Principles of Democracy) at the Bosler Library

March 30th from 7 - 8:30 pm - Public Policy Committee Voter Education Program (Civil Discourse and Civic Engagement) at the Bosler Library

April 4th from 7 - 8:30 pm - Public Policy Committee Voter Education Program (Election Procedures and Ballot Issues for the May 2023 Election) at the Bosler Library

April 29th from 10 -11:30 am - New Officer Orientation at Kathleen Gorak's home

May 3rd All Day - Community Activities trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens in Washington, D.C.

May 24th - 25th - Branch Annual Yard Sale Drop Off and Set Up

May 26th - 27th - Branch Annual Yard Sale

July 29th All Day - AAUW PA Summer Retreat in Gettysburg

**Kathleen Gorak**  
**President**

## To Commemorate Black History Month

"Service is the rent we pay for living," as Children's Defense Fund founder, author, lecturer and civil rights activist Marian Right Edelman often says. The breadth and depth of her service during her extraordinary 83 years is a testament to her commitment to these words, to her commitment to *act*. Let her example inspire us to ask ourselves what might we *do* to *actively* participate in Black History Month which honors the great contributions the Black community has made throughout U.S. History. Here are some suggestions\* from Terri Givens, author of Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides:

1. Support Black-Owned Businesses
2. Learn About Noteworthy Black Figures and Their Contributions
3. Donate to Charities That Support Anti-Racism Equity and Equality
4. Purchase, Read and Share Books by Black Authors
5. Support and Learn About Black Women
6. Listen to or Read "The 1619 Project" by The New York Times
7. Participate in Online Events
8. Attend Virtual Black History Month Celebrations

\*For the complete article with links to further information about each of these eight suggested actions, please visit: [https://www.salesforce.org/blog/8-ways-to-honor-black-history-month/?\\_cf\\_chl=tk=BZcVxkqjiVvzzXkHINf7dVrxSGWhNniVWGlVY4zYSM-1674276050-0-gaNycGzNB6U](https://www.salesforce.org/blog/8-ways-to-honor-black-history-month/?_cf_chl=tk=BZcVxkqjiVvzzXkHINf7dVrxSGWhNniVWGlVY4zYSM-1674276050-0-gaNycGzNB6U).

## Interest Group News

The Breakfast Club met at the Sunrise Cafe on January 21<sup>st</sup> to share good food, great fellowship and wise words. As you can see, a good time was had by all!

Seated left to right are *Pat Markowski, Patty Stibitz, Wendy Armour Dickinson, Julie Manta, Linda Press, Mary Berwick, Janet Kacsur and Gay Walker*. Photo taken by *Kathleen Gorak*.

**Please join us in February on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Sunrise Cafe for our next raucous repast!**



## Board Launches New Scholarship Donation Option

The AAUW Carlisle board is addressing the need to provide branch members with an alternative to checks when making donations and paying for branch events and activities. A pilot payment process using the existing PayPal account will be launched in conjunction with the annual appeal for donations to the branch Higher Education Scholarship fund. ***A PayPal donation button is now available on the branch website!***

**Instructions:** On the home page, look for the [Higher Education Scholarship](#) tab at the top of the page. Open the tab to see the *PayPal Donate* button on that page. Click the button to open the PayPal payment screen. PayPal donations may be made using a personal PayPal account, credit or debit card.

Be aware that there is a transaction fee for using PayPal which will be deducted from the donation to the Scholarship fund. This is standard for the payee's convenience of using a third party to accept money for a payment or purchase.

The board would like to extend the PayPal option at a later date to pay for the Scholarship Banquet. After these two on-line payment opportunities are used, the board will make an assessment about whether to extend use of PayPal for payments for additional branch events such as the Holiday Brunch and August Social.

***Pat Markowski***  
***Communications Chair***

## Upcoming Events

Please look over our February 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
Feb 4	7:30 pm	Trip to Hershey Theatre – "Menopause the Musical"		<a href="#">Page 2</a>
Feb 6	1:00 pm	Book Group	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 11</a>
Feb 9	3:00 pm	Public Policy Committee Meeting at Professional & Educational Empowerment Center, 219 N Pitt St		
Feb 11	10:00 am	DEIB Branch Leadership Discussion - YWCA		<a href="#">Page 9</a>
Feb 18	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sunrise Cafe	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 11</a>
Feb 20		Newsletter Submission Deadline	Submit to <a href="mailto:ncsigrist@gmail.com">ncsigrist@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:staceygatch@yahoo.com">staceygatch@yahoo.com</a>	
Feb 22	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Chen's Restaurant	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 11</a>
Feb 23	10:00 am	February Branch Brunch Meeting	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 1</a>
Feb 25	11:00 – 3:00 pm	Black Cultural Festival		<a href="#">Page 11</a>

**WATCH for EMAILS from [auwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:auwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com) for updates on ALL events**

## Understanding Generation Z

Branch meeting guest speaker, Angie Fernandez Barone from Dickinson College, briefed members at our January gathering about differences between generations with some general attributes that make each generation different. The presentation was focused on Gen Z'ers as the current generation of college students. Members became engaged in a lively discussion with many comments, thoughts and experiences shared.



Left to Right: Carolyn Freberg, Angie Fernandez Barone, Jeanne Clevenger, Cindy Sutton, Janet Kacsur

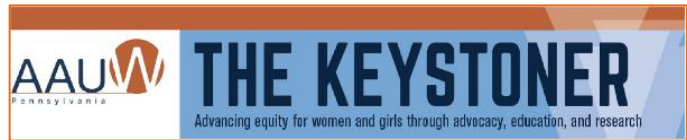
## What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW Pennsylvania's Mission-Critical Program series, via Zoom continues. Watch emails for dates and registration details. The most recent presentation was organized by AAUW West Chester/Chester County.

### Bias of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Hiring

January 11, 2023 featured Lori Andrews a Distinguished Professor of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law and Director of IIT's Institute for Science, Law and Technology. She was an adviser on technologies to Congress, WHO, NIH, CDC, and multiple other agencies. She chaired the federal ethics advisory committee to the Human Genome Project. Andrews authored eleven nonfiction books and three mysteries. She has been interviewed extensively including CBS Morning News, The Today Show, Nightline, 60 Minutes, PBS NewsHour, and Oprah. Professor Andrews' path-breaking litigation about technologies caused the National Law Journal to list her as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." Recording: [https://youtu.be/B-Ch\\_xJQJMA](https://youtu.be/B-Ch_xJQJMA)

Read the January [here](#) to catch up on the work of AAUW Pennsylvania.



**FRIDAY JULY 28 & SATURDAY JULY 29**

Gettysburg College Campus

LODGING: Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg

**SUMMER**  
**RETREAT**

WOMEN TOGETHER –  
FIGHTING ON THE FRONT LINE

July 2023 marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg where townswomen showed their mettle by nursing the wounded, turning churches and schools into makeshift hospitals, and some even fought as soldiers on the battlefield. Today AAUW Women are continuing to fight together on the Front Line for pay equity, women's comprehensive healthcare, legislative representation, Title IX education equity, fair voting practices, and legislating against abuse, violence, and persistent gender, gender-identity, and racial biases. Our theme focuses on how AAUW-PA's Strategic Plan involves "Women Together" actively "Fighting on the Front Line" for women's equity today.

Our retreat will begin in Pennsylvania Hall (which was a Civil War hospital) and continues with a full program, luncheon and guest speakers on Saturday July 29. Options for pre-retreat excursions are planned for Friday evening as well as historical post-retreat excursion options.

**Ann Pehle**

## News from National AAUW Update

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, FINALLY passed as an amendment to the omnibus spending package. President Biden signed this critical bill into law on December 29, 2022. Read Gloria Blackwell's statement [here](#). AAUW advocated on this issue from the very beginning. Every member who responded to Two Minute Activist's requests to share your support made this happen.

Effective June 27, 2023, employers will be required to provide basic accommodations to pregnant workers, such as carrying a water bottle or taking bathroom breaks. The legislation will enable millions of workers to provide for their families without compromising their health or pregnancies. This is the most significant protection for pregnant workers in decades! [Learn more](#) about the law from AAUW partners at A Better Balance.



### NCCWSL is in-person in 2023!

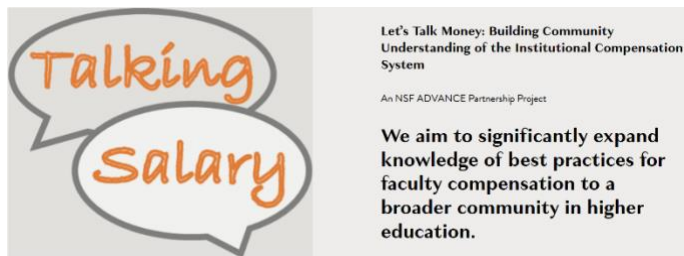
Tell every college woman you know to explore attending NCCWSL this year. NCCWSL 2023 Early Bird Registration Is Open. Go [here](#) and scroll down for lots of information.

Attendees stay in University of Maryland dorm rooms.

NCCWSL is the premier conference for elevating leadership, advocacy and equity for college women. This year, we're offering an engaging half-day STEM workshop designed to inform and inspire students across majors. Spread the word!

### New Pay-Gap Analysis Highlights Disturbing Trends

In December, AAUW published the [most recent update](#) to the Simple Truth, our signature report on the gender pay gap. The analysis shed light on the devastating effect of the pandemic on women's economic security. It found that, in 2021, all women workers (including those in full- and part-time roles) took home only 77 cents for every dollar all men workers did. In addition, more women than men worked part-time (59% vs 41%), positions that earn less per hour and have reduced access to family-friendly benefits like paid leave.



### AAUW Partners on National Science Foundation Grant: Let's Talk Money

Building on AAUW's strong pay equity and salary-negotiation research and programs, AAUW has a five-year partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology and Aspire/The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU).

[Let's Talk Money: Building Community Understanding of the Institutional Compensation System](#) aims to share best

practices for faculty compensation to a broad community in higher education.

### Power Partnership: AAUW & Ms.

This year, Ms. celebrates 50 years as a groundbreaking feminist magazine. And AAUW has been the premier organization advancing gender equity for 141 years. Over our long and overlapping histories, both AAUW and Ms. have sparked new laws and ushered in social movements. Now, as part of a special partnership, we're pleased to offer AAUW members a [free, one-year subscription](#) to Ms. And everyone can access AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell's recent [Ms. article](#) about the need to push harder for women leaders.



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair

### Bus Trip to Hillwood Museum and Gardens Washington, D.C. Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Plan to join AAUW Carlisle Branch on a bus trip to Hillwood Museum and Gardens on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. This historic property was the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post and is an experience “inspired by the life of its founder and her passion for excellence, gracious hospitality, art, history, and gardens.” Read more about Hillwood at [www.hillwoodmuseum.org](http://www.hillwoodmuseum.org).

We will leave Carlisle at 8:00 A.M. and travel by coach bus to arrive in time for an introductory film and docent guided tours of both the mansion and the gardens. Our tour of the mansion is scheduled for 11:30 followed by a tour of the gardens at 12:30. Special exhibits will also be included with time for exploration on your own. We will leave the museum at approximately 3:00 P.M. Cost for transportation, admission and tours is \$75.



Hillwood Estate

There is a café on site that serves both sit down meals (reservation suggested) or an express counter for sandwiches, beverages, etc. There is also seating on the grounds for you to enjoy lunch that you are welcome to bring from home.

Plans also include an early dinner stop on the way home which will be at your expense.



Marjorie Merriweather Post

Additional details will be sent as they are confirmed.

This promises to be a wonderful day! We need to have 38 reservations in order to maintain the transportation cost so please send your reservation as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to AAUW Carlisle Branch and sent to Cindy Sutton, 1 Briar Oak Lane, Carlisle, PA 17015. As always guests are welcome and encouraged.

For questions, Cindy can be reached at [suttonc3@gmail.com](mailto:suttonc3@gmail.com) or 717-385-0242.

**Cindy Sutton**  
Community Activities Chair

### Christkindl Market: A Feast of Food, Fun & the Fantastic!

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, AAUW members and guests gathered for an afternoon of Christmas cheer in Mifflinburg at their famous Christkindl Market. Through a sea of humanity, we enjoyed wonderful treats like warm apple strudel, were delighted by a comedic juggler who entertained the crowds, bringing laughter and amazement, and poked through the various artisan stalls for just the right purchases. Thanks to Kate Elkins for organizing and leading our group!



# Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Beth McKinley, Chair

## The DEIB Committee: Progress Made and What's Coming Next

As a national organization, AAUW has adopted a bold strategic plan which includes promoting inclusion and awareness in order to create an equitable, sustainable, and inclusive membership reflective of today's world. This means members becoming more comfortable sharing their perspectives outside of diversity trainings and to address diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in all aspects of their work and lives. The initiative seeks to encourage ongoing dialogue that will inspire all members to bring these values to their personal and professional interactions.

In January of 2021, our Branch leadership created the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee to help our branch turn the AAUW National DEI framework into actionable goals and strategies, and to help our members understand how it factors into every decision made in the branch and ultimately, in our member's lives.

The three core components of the DEIB Committee efforts include:

- conducting a comprehensive audit of the branch, including our governance, policies, and procedures, the membership's experience and understanding of DEIB, and our external partner's view of our DEIB efforts in the community,
- developing a program to educate and inform the membership on a variety of DEIB topics while conducting, and
- being a resource to all committees, leaders, and members as they discover ways to incorporate DEIB into their programs and events.

To meet these objectives, the Carlisle Branch of AAUW has performed a variety of activities to assess the current state of our organizational inclusiveness and measure the membership's interest in the topic. This included conducting an external survey of community partners as well as hosting a pilot program, called Listening Circles, in the fall of 2021. The purpose of this program was to gauge the interest of our membership in DEIB topics. The program included four virtual events on racism, ageism, ableism, and gender/LGBTQ+ discrimination and was attended by more than 40 participants.

Data from the community partner survey indicated that we have work to do internally as well as externally if we are to intentionally adopt DEIB as a core value of our Branch work and relationships. In order to more fully digest the data collected and consider the subsequent recommendations of the survey, a special meeting of the Board of Directors, which also included other Branch Leaders, was held in March 2022.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it became clear that the leadership needs further discovery and discussion regarding the Branch's perceived and actual organizational inclusiveness. And while there are resources available on the national AAUW website that may be helpful in that effort, the DEIB Committee approached the board to consider hiring a professional facilitator, so that all leaders, including our DEIB Committee members, can participate fully and without reservation.

At its November 2022 Board meeting, the leadership of AAUW Carlisle voted to conduct an internal assessment and hired the Rev. Carla Christopher (she/her), a local DEIB leader with a deep bench in facilitating conversations with organizations like ours. Carla who was also a panelist at one of our Listening Circles pilot programs, will facilitate small group discussions with the board and other leaders in the Branch (10:00 am on February 11 at the YWCA) as well as help to facilitate a branch-wide survey of all members, to better understand our interest, capacity, and experience working in DEIB concepts. Lastly, she will work with the DEIB Committee to create an action plan for the entire branch, based on the outcomes of the external and internal assessments.

We are excited to learn more about our members and how the long work of creating Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging will help each of us and as a Branch, both now and in the future. If you are interested in helping to lead our branch in this meaningful work at this important time, contact the DEIB chair, Beth McKinley.

#### About our Facilitator, the Rev. Carla Christopher

Carla Christopher (she/her/hers) is a poet-activist, cultural competency trainer, and ordained redevelopment/congregational vitality pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one of the first out LGBTQ Black women ordained in her denomination. Carla was the 4th Poet Laureate of York, PA and has toured the globe as a performer, repeatedly published and award-winning author, public speaker, and workshop facilitator / trainer. She specializes in areas of creative writing and storytelling, community-based advocacy and activism, trauma-informed care and mindfulness, diversity, and cultural competency.



Carla currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop in Charge of Justice Ministries, Lower Susquehanna Synod (south central PA region) and on the pastoral teams for the digital ministry, Release Faith, and Heidelberg United Church of Christ in York, PA. She also writes regularly for Disrupt Worship, ELCA World Hunger, Sparkhouse, Sundays and Seasons and others.

When not preaching and teaching, Carla is a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Commission for LGBTQ Affairs and the York City Human Relations Commission, moonlights with the poetry-funk fusion band, Groove Ink, and shamelessly spoils her dog.

#### COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Carla has a long and diverse background in working with community partners and organizations like ours, to develop authentic awareness and meaningful impact by helping people to put ideas into action. Her recent collaborations and the spaces where she has spoken/taught are numerous. To learn more about Carla and the impressive list of organizations she has worked with, go to her website by clicking here: <https://carlachristopher.com/poetry-creative/workshops/>

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Becky Morgenthal, Fundraising Chair

## Another Fun(d) Opportunity Just Around the Korner!

The AAUW Fund Committee has board approval to reactivate our fundraiser called the Kaffee Klatsch. A Kaffee Klatsch is an opportunity for small groups to get together for coffee and a sweet. Volunteer hosts will provide the beverage and sweet to groups of six to eight in their homes. Attendees will donate \$12 for this sweet opportunity.



**We are looking for Volunteer Hosts during the months of February, March & April, 2023.** To sign up to be a volunteer host, please contact Becky Morgenthal by email -[bhmorgenthal@gmail.com](mailto:bhmorgenthal@gmail.com) or cell phone 717-574-6653.

## Holiday Brunch Scholarship Fund Results

Our club continues to support our fundraisers and we keep breaking records!! We are so delighted to report that this year's Holiday Brunch broke records. An anonymous donor put a \$100 bill in the jar and **Thank You** to whomever you are!! When the tally was added up, the funds team had \$495 and another generous donor added \$5 to make it \$500. Thanks to everyone who supported our first fundraiser for the Barbara (Linkey) Green Scholarship Fund for 2023.

I want to personally thank Gail D'Urso, Kate Elkins, Patty Stibitz, Cindy Sutton and my entire Fund committee for stepping up and volunteering to run the fundraiser while I was sick with COVID-19 and COVID Long. It was a frustrating time for me not to be with all of you. Finally, President Kathleen Gorak for your continued support and guidance through all our fundraising events.

Our 2023 Scholarship is being named for former Past President, Barbara (Linkey) Green. The appeal letters are being processed and should arrive in your mailboxes by the end of January 2023. Our Branch has always been so generous, and we are excited and honored to name this year's scholarships after Linkey.

**Becky Morgenthal**  
*Fundraising Chair*

### INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

## Upcoming Interest Group Schedule

**Breakfast Club:** Saturday, 18 February 2023 at 9:00 am at Sunrise Cafe (231 North Hanover Street Carlisle). RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson 717-514-3322 or [warmourdickinson@hotmail.com](mailto:warmourdickinson@hotmail.com).

**Book Group:** Saturday, 6 February 2023 at 1:00 pm at Darlis Simonton's home (1218 White Birch Lane, Carlisle). RSVP to [darlissimonton@embarqmail.com](mailto:darlissimonton@embarqmail.com) or 717-245-2681. The book is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall.

**Dine Out:** Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 6:00 pm at Chen's, 310 North Hanover Street, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson 717-514-3322 or [warmourdickinson@hotmail.com](mailto:warmourdickinson@hotmail.com).

**Wendy Armour Dickinson**  
*Interest Group Chair*

### Public Policy Committee

Marybeth Ulrich, Chair

## Voter Registration Upcoming at Black Cultural Festival

AAUW Carlisle Public Policy Committee will be conducting voter registration at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Cultural Festival on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 3:00. The festival will be held at the Carlisle Masonic Temple, 1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle. We encourage members to come out and support this event and our friends from Hope Station. There will be a variety of resource vendors, Black-owned vendors, food, music, performances, and an award-giving ceremony.

## Planning Underway for Civics Series

There is a divide in this country not only in our political positions but in almost all aspects of our daily lives. It seems imperative that citizens have a strong understanding of our democratic foundations and institutions and can engage in our democracy in a civil and effective way. To that end, Public Policy is preparing for a three-session Civics Series at the Bosler Library. The series will be open to the public. Our focus will include the fundamentals of democracy, civic discourse and the May election. The three sessions will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm as follows:

- March 21 - Constitutional Foundations and Principles of Democracy
- March 30 - Civil Discourse and Civic Engagement
- April 4 - Election Procedures and May 2023 Ballot Issues.

Please mark your calendars and watch for further details as our planning comes together.

**Marybeth Ulrich**  
*Public Policy Chair*

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Lillian Wong, Scholarship Chair

## Higher Education Scholarships for 2023

The Higher Education Scholarship Committee announces the receipt of seven applications for 2023. The committee will now move forward with reviewing the applications, confirming references and preparing for face to face interviews which will take place on February 18 at Bosler Memorial Library. At the March Board Meeting, the names of the recipients and the number of scholarships will be approved and announced.

This year the scholarships are dedicated in memory of Past President, Barbara (Linkey) Green.

Thank you to committee members Missy Breckenridge, Gail D'Urso, Carolyn Freberg, Rose Smith, Cindy Sutton and Mary Beth Ulrich for their time and expertise.

**Lillian Wong**  
*Scholarship Chair*



## Rally for Roe in Harrisburg, January 22nd, 2023

Front and center at the state capitol, local AAUW members let their voices be heard. From right to left: Sofia Perrone, Dickinson College AAUW Student Organization President, Kathleen Gorak and Olive Stern, Dickinson College AAUW SO member.

# February: Cancer Prevention, Heart Health, and Celebration of Chocolate Month.

***Join us for the Annual AAUW February Brunch!***



**Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.** Arrive early for best parking spots!  
 Courtyard Café in the Fowler Building at Carlisle High School

**Schedule:**

10:00 Social

10:10 Speaker: Tracy Stritch, Cooperative Education Coordinator CTE Programs & Facilities

10:50 Buffet Served

11:45 Brief Business Meeting

12:00 Adjourn

**BRUNCH MENU:**

*Cream of Asparagus Soup with Crackers*

*Herb Potato Roll with Whipped Butter*

*Greek Style Chicken Breast*

*Petite Maryland Style Crab Cake*

*Calico Rice Blend with Dry Roasted Wild Rice, Parboiled Brown Rice, Red Rice and Job's Tears*

*Seasoned Vegetable Medley with Snow Peas*

**Desserts:** *Lemon Tea Cake, Chocolate Linzer Cookie*

**Beverages:** *Iced Tea, Water, & Coffee*

**Brunch cost per member or guest \$18.00. SAME PRICE AS 2020!!!**

A tip jar will be available to show our appreciation to Chef Ehly, Chef Seras and their students and to support their trips to Bedford Springs and Hotel Hershey.

Please mail Registration form and check, made payable to **AAUW Carlisle**, to:

**Gail D'Urso, 25 Alters Road, Carlisle, PA 17015** by February 15, 2023.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AAUW Carlisle 2022-2023 Board Members

### Elected Officers

**President** – Kathleen Gorak

**Vice President** – Mary Brunski

**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** – Marybeth Ulrich

**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

**100<sup>th</sup> 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

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### Committees seeking members

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#### **Membership**

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

#### **Nominating**

Contact Mary Brunski ([mbtexaspa@gmail.com](mailto:mbtexaspa@gmail.com))

#### **Programs**

Contact Janet Kacsur ([jkacsur@hotmail.com](mailto:jkacsur@hotmail.com)) or Gail D’Urso ([gailcdurso@gmail.com](mailto:gailcdurso@gmail.com)).

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