

## HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET Tuesday, April 25, 2023



Each year we recognize the recipients of AAUW Carlisle Higher Education Scholarship at a festive banquet among family, friends and AAUW members. This year we are awarding four \$2000 scholarships in memory of Past President Barbara “Linkey” Green for her involvement with the branch as well as the scholarship committee.

The event will be held in Carlisle at Second Presbyterian Church where we will hear from the recipients about their academic endeavors and future plans. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a Social, followed by dinner at 6:30. A brief business meeting precedes the scholarship presentation. For registration information, please see event flyer on [page 10](#).

Thank you, branch members for your continued generosity and optimism for the generation of girls and women!

**Lillian Wong**  
*Chair, Scholarship Committee*

## AAUW Carlisle Honors Carlisle High School Students

On Tuesday, March 21, AAUW Carlisle presented our fifth Trailblazer Girls Recognition Event. Kathleen Gorak, Branch President, offered introductory and closing remarks. Trailblazer Committee members Barb Attivo, Gail D’Urso, Cherry France, and Carolyn Freberg introduced our honorees. This year, our panel included Safronia Perry, Executive Director of Hope Station and a Carlisle Borough Council member, and Katy Kreitzer, Universal Technical Institute graduate and partner with her father at Kreitzer Automotive. A third panelist was unable to attend due to illness.

Trailblazer honorees are selected based on good citizenship at school, enthusiasm for their Career & Technology Education (CTE) Program, and academic competence. This year, we recognized ten seniors in CTE Programs: Breighanne Beecher, Nayleska Colon, Carly Robertson, Savanna Taylor in Automotive Technology; Laura Buhrman in Accounting; Katelyn Coldren and Amania Yaya in [\(continued on page 3\)](#)



Left to right: Dr Albert Parrillo, Director, CTE, students Breighanne Beecher, Jayde Thomas, Nayleska Colon, Cameron Threet, Savanna Taylor, Amania Yaya, Laura Buhrman, Carly Robertson and CASD Superintendent Colleen Friend. Not pictured are honorees Katelyn Coldren and Aisling Golden.

## From the President

HUZZAH!! We now have a slate of nominees to fill most of the Executive Officer openings for the 2023 - 2025 term! In March, the Board approved the following names: Kate Elkins for President; Deborah Sweaney for Program Co-Vice President; Cindy Sutton for Membership Co-Vice President; Cherry France to continue as Finance Co-Officer; and Linda Brunski for Secretary. We are all very grateful to these members who have agreed to throw their hats into the ring to serve our Branch - and equally as grateful to Nominating Committee Chair Mary Brunski who did the behind the scenes work to put together this great slate of nominees! If anyone is interested in joining this stellar group on the ballot to fill the second Membership Co-Vice President opening, please contact Mary at [mbtexaspa@gmail.com](mailto:mbtexaspa@gmail.com).

Other motions of note approved at the March Board Meeting:

- To co-sponsor a fall Clarke Forum lecture about women's reproductive health by Dr. Sarah Hill (<https://www.sarahehill.com/>) with the Dickinson AAUW Student Organization;
- To fund the Summer Retreat registration fees for the President and Vice President;
- To move investment funds from matured certificates of deposit and savings account into higher interest-yielding CDs;
- To waive Branch dues for Shape the Future new member applications;
- To send a questionnaire to Carlisle School Board candidates and post responses on our website ahead of the May primary;
- To conduct a public, in person Carlisle School Board candidate forum ahead of the November general election; and
- To award four Higher Education Scholarships.

At the state level, please remember to vote in the AAUW PA election by April 30th (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023AAUWElection>). The results of this election will be certified at the state Annual Meeting by Zoom on May 9th at 7 pm, so mark your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for the link to the meeting.

Also worth noting is the annual AAUW PA Summer Retreat on July 28th and 29th in Gettysburg. Our own "Beyond Suffrage" team of Kate Elkins, Cherry France and Nancy Sigrist will present the white paper that came out of the 2022 event in one of the breakout sessions. And, State Representative Donna Bullock has tentatively accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker at the Summer Retreat. With Gettysburg only 30 minutes away, how could we NOT go?!?

And finally, the latest update on Past President Linkey Green's memorial service is that it will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on the Square in Carlisle on Friday, May 26th at 11 am. I know many of us will want to attend this final farewell to our dear Linkey.

**Kathleen Gorak**  
**President**

*(Trailblazers - Continued from page 1)* Health Careers; Aisling Golden and Cameron Threet in Culinary Arts; and Jayde Thomas in Engineering. It is worth noting that Aisling Golden was also recognized in her junior year and is the first student to have been recognized as a Trailblazer in both years. Each of our honorees was presented with a certificate, originally designed by Peggy Jennings, and with a stadium blanket embroidered with "Trailblazer" and our branch logo.



*Panelists: Katy Kreitzer and Safronia Perry*

We were happy to see many of the parents of our honorees in the audience as well as Paula Bussard, President of the CASD School Board, Colleen Friend, Superintendent of CASD, Mike Gogoj, Assistant Superintendent of CASD, and Tracy Stritch, Co-op Coordinator at Carlisle High and the speaker at our February Branch Meeting. Dave Appleman was in attendance to see his four Automotive Technology students be recognized by AAUW.

New this year, Dr. Parrillo hosted a breakfast in early March for the AAUW Trailblazer Committee members and for our honorees. It was a great way for us to learn a bit more about the students and to get to know them better. Culinary Arts students prepared a delicious breakfast buffet under the direction of Chefs Ehly and Seros. Past President, Ann Pehle, offered her thoughts to students which were focused on three main ideas: You are responsible for your own reputation, try to take on new responsibilities and keep learning new skills, and careers do not always follow a straight line. Students listened intently to Ann's advice and seemed grateful for the opportunity to participate in this special get-to-know-you event.



*Honorees and Trailblazer Committee Members enjoy Dr. Parrillo's "Get-to-Know-You" Breakfast prepared by the Carlisle High Culinary Arts students.*



We extend a special thank you to Dr. Albert Parrillo, Director of Career & Technical Education, and to his assistant, Leigh Hamilton, for their help and support in the planning of this event for each of the last five years and to Chef Carey Ehly, Chef Bill Seros and their Culinary Arts students for providing the refreshments, and to Cathy Seros for donating the beautiful bouquets of flowers for each of our honorees.

**Gail D'Urso**  
**Trailblazer**  
**Committee Chair**

*Left: Aisling Golden, Culinary Arts Student and Trailblazer from both 2022 and 2023 shown with her Trailblazer blanket. Aisling was not able to attend this year's event.*

## Calendar of Events

Please look over our April 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
April 3	7:00 pm	Book Group	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 7</a>
April 4	7:00 pm	Civics 9-1-1: <i>"Wanted: Informed, Engaged Citizens"</i>	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 9</a>
April 15	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sunrise Cafe	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 7</a>
April 15	7:00 pm	<i>"Holly Heroines, Stories Seldom Told"</i> at the Mt. Holly Church of God, 602 McLand Rd., Mt. Holly Springs		<a href="#">Page 5</a>
April 17	1:00 pm	Shippensburg University Fashion Archives/Museum Trip	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 6</a>
April 19	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Pizza Grille	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 7</a>
April 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>	
April 25	6:30 pm	AAUW Carlisle Higher Education Scholarship Banquet	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 1</a>
April 29	10:00 am	New Officer Orientation at Kathleen Gorak's home	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	
April 30		Last day to vote for AAUW PA elected officers and bylaw amendments		<a href="#">Page 5</a>
May 3	8:00 am	Hillwood Estates & Museum Bus Trip		<a href="#">Page 6</a>

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

**SAVE THE DATE & SAVE THE DONATIONS!!!**  
for the  
**AAUW Yard Sale**  
on **May 27th**

*Kathleen Gorak*



## Holly Heroines, Stories Seldom Told

The Mt. Holly Springs Sesquicentennial celebration will present a theatrical pageant with an historical foundation called "Holly Heroines, Stories Seldom Told." The one night only performance will be on April 15th at 7:00 PM at the Mt. Holly Church of God at 602 McLand Rd. in Mt. Holly Springs.



This ticketed event, which is also a fundraiser for the Amelia Givin Library, features many remarkable women throughout the history of Mt. Holly Springs, from the 1700s through modern times. One of those women was Miss Emelyn Trine.

Miss Trine was a Carlisle High School English teacher who transformed many young lives throughout her teaching career in the 1940s and 1960s. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women Carlisle Branch during this time and, in 1949, was editor of our first newsletter!

Miss Trine's lifespan intersected with that of Amelia Givin's and some suspect that she played a role in the Mount Holly Springs farm girl going to Dickinson College, and then Columbia University, and led to her career as an English teacher.

Tickets for the 7 pm performance are available for purchase at the Amelia Givin Library for \$10. Tickets for the 5:30 pm pre-show hors d'oeuvres are \$25. A number of AAUW members have already said they plan to attend the performance. Will you join us?

**Kathleen Gorak**  
President

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

This is the season to vote for AAUW Pennsylvania elected officers and bylaw amendments. This year, the elected office positions are Membership VP, Finance Officer, Secretary. And there is a bylaw change to add the position board director, Marketing & Communications Vice President. Please go [here](#) to read about the candidates, the instructions, and **cast your vote by April 30, 2023.**

If you missed any of **AAUW Pennsylvania's Mission-Critical Program series**, via Zoom, you can catch up with summaries and links to the recordings [here](#). Topics were: New Pennsylvania Project, War on Ukraine, Bias of AI in Hiring, News Savvy, Communicating Across Generations, Where Do Your State Legislators Stand on AAUW Issues?, Pennsylvania Reproductive Rights after Dobbs.



The March Keystoner, to learn of the work of AAUW Pennsylvania, is [here](#).

It is confirmed! The Beyond Suffrage team are presenting their amazing work in a workshop at the AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat. Plan to attend to support these branch members.

# SUMMER RETREAT

Mark your calendar and watch for registration information.

**FRIDAY JULY 28 & SATURDAY JULY 29**

Gettysburg College Campus

LODGING: Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg

**Ann Pehle**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair**

## Upcoming Adventures!

**Monday, April 17, 2023 1:00 P.M.**



***Fashion Archives and Museum of Shippensburg University  
(Re)Shaping the Body - Exhibit***  
501 North Earl St.  
Shippensburg, PA

If you attended the branch holiday brunch in December you heard Dr. Karen Bohleke speak about the new exhibit that was to debut this spring. It is nearly ready to launch, and we are scheduled to tour this exhibit featuring undergarments worn by women through the ages.

The tour is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. If you wish to carpool, we will meet and park in the parking lot near Noble Blvd. of the Carlisle Commons RC Movie Theater at 12:15 P.M. Please RSVP to Cindy Sutton at [suttonc3@gmail.com](mailto:suttonc3@gmail.com) or 717-385-0242 **by April 12**. When you RSVP, let Cindy know if you will be meeting to carpool or making other arrangements.

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

***Bus trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens.  
Washington, D.C.***

This tour is all set to go with a full bus of branch members and friends! We will be leaving from the parking lot of the Point at Carlisle Plaza, East High St. at **8:00 A.M.** Attendees should watch for emails with detailed information closer to the date of the trip.



**Cindy Sutton  
Community Activities Chair**

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE****Becky Morgenthal, Fundraising Chair****Scholarship Appeal Fund Update**

Our 2023 Scholarship Appeal, named in memory of former Past President Barbara (Linkey) Green, raised net available scholarship funds in the amount of \$9,048.93 for the use of the Scholarship Committee. Thank you all for your generous donations and for being part of the 2023 Scholarship Appeal in memory of Linkey.

The 2024 Scholarship Appeal will begin the evening of our Scholarship Banquet. Unlike the past, we will be at the Second Presbyterian Church which does not allow us to offer “opportunities.”

This year, we are asking you to bring a monetary donation and place it in the donation basket on the reception table. Everyone who attends the banquet will receive one ticket. At the end of evening, we will draw tickets to award the centerpieces as door prizes.

Donations collected at last year’s banquet raised a record Five Hundred Dollars. Let’s try to break the 2023 record to start the 2024 Scholarship fund.

**Becky Morgenthal**  
**Fundraising Chair**

**INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES****Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair****Upcoming Interest Group Schedule**

**Breakfast Club:** Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 9:00 am at Sunrise Café, 231 North Hanover Street, Carlisle. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson 717-514-3322 or [warmourdickinson@hotmail.com](mailto:warmourdickinson@hotmail.com).

**Book Group:** Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Hosted by Cherry France at 77 Presidents Drive, Mechanicsburg, 17050. RSVP to Cherry at [mdfrance100@gmail.com](mailto:mdfrance100@gmail.com) or (717) 554-6600. The book is The State of Terror by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny.

**Dine Out:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Grand Illusion, 26 West High 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

### Civics 9-1-1 Raises Community Awareness

The Public Policy Committee's non-partisan civics engagement series, **Civics 9-1-1**, is well underway. In the first two of this three part series, we explored our constitutional foundations and long-held democratic norms, discussed how to separate facts from disinformation and how to have a civil conversation. Part three will address the election system and discuss how citizens can become engaged in local community and civic activities.

Session I, "**American Democracy: What We Believe**", was held on March 21<sup>st</sup> with over 35 people in attendance. AAUW Carlisle members, Dr. Marybeth Ulrich, Professor of Government at the U.S. Army War College and Judge Mary (Cherry) France (retired), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District, PA, discussed our *Constitutional Foundations and Principles of Democracy*. The audience also learned about citizen obligations that, when followed, will serve to promote a healthy and sustainable democracy.



*Marybeth Ulrich & Cherry France pair off during Series I.*



*PPC Committee members on opening night left to right: Nancy Sigrist, Marybeth Ulrich, Cherry France, Kate Elkins and Kathy Gates.*

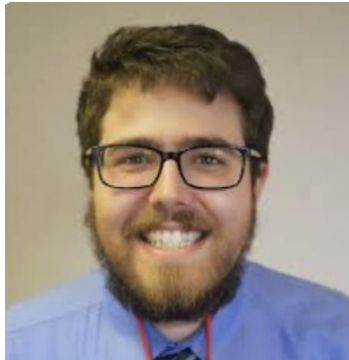


Session II on March 30<sup>th</sup>, entitled **“Fact or Fiction: Disinformation & Civil Discourse”**, featured Cumberland County Commissioners Jean Foschi and Vince DiFilippo who discussed the importance of finding common ground, providing examples of how they work across the political isle to further the people’s business, and Chris Baxter, Founder and Executive Director, Spotlight PA, who discussed how to identify disinformation and the effect of social media. Kate Elkins moderated and guided attendees through 9 tips for effectively exchanging ideas with those who have opposing opinions and different values.



Above, left to right: Chris Baxter, Jean Foschi and Vince DiFilippo. Left Top: Audience of 50 listen to Chris Baxter’s disinformation talk. Left Bottom: Kate Elkins as moderator and Civil Discourse “coach”.

**Coming up for Session III on April 4<sup>th</sup> is “Wanted: Informed, Engaged Citizens”.** Leading a discussion of elections and other civic engagement opportunities will be Bethany Salzarulo, Director, Cumberland County Bureau of Elections, Paula Bussard, President, Board of Directors, Carlisle Area School District and Stephen Caruso, Capitol Reporter, Spotlight PA. Please pass the word and plan to join us at Bosler Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. Registration is requested and you can do so by clicking here: <http://bit.ly/3lnEp85>



Left to Right: Paula Bussard, Stephen Caruso and Bethany Salzarulo

**Marybeth Ulrich**  
Public Policy Chair

## *AAUW Higher Education Scholarship Banquet*



Tuesday April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Second Presbyterian Church, 528 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013  
\$23.00 per person

**RSVP by April 18**

### **Buffet Dinner:**

- Chicken Piccata
- Gluten-free Stuffed Shells
- Roasted Vegetables
- Salad
- Bread
- Decaffeinated Coffee, iced tea, water
- Chocolate Cake or Carrot Cake

**NOTE:** An online payment option is planned but the website changes are still under construction. Watch for an email blast with directions once it is functional. Otherwise, please send this reservation form and check (payable to: AAUW Carlisle) to Gail D'Urso, 25 Alters Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.

***Deadline for registration and payment is April 18.***

Your name:

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Guest name:

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Guest name:

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Please note any dietary concerns:

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Total # attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.00 each.    Enclosed check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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The Board welcomes questions:

[aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com)

## Get Active

### Committees seeking members

#### **Fundraising**

Contact Becky Morgenthal ([bhmorgenthal@gmail.com](mailto:bhmorgenthal@gmail.com)) to learn more.

#### **Membership**

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

#### **Programs**

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

#### **Public Policy**

Contact Marybeth Ulrich or [ulrichm@pa.net](mailto:ulrichm@pa.net)

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aren’t going into your junk or spam folder.***



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