

March AAUW Events

Book Club

Monday, March 4 at 1:00 pm
 "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks
 Cindy Sutton, 1 Briar Oak Lane, Carlisle
 Future Book selections [here](#):
 RSVP [here](#):

Breakfast Club

Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 am
 Sunrise Cafe, 231 N. Hanover St., Carlisle
 RSVP [here](#):

Trailblazer Girls' Recognition Event

Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 pm
 Carlisle High School, LGI
 Find out more and RSVP [here](#):

Topic Talk: Public Policy 101

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm
 1165 Fleming Dr., Mechanicsburg
 Find out more and RSVP [here](#):

Dine Out

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm
 Grand Illusion, 26 W. High St., Carlisle
 RSVP [here](#):

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Wednesday, March 20
 Submit [here](#):

March Branch Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm
 HUB Side Rooms 204 & 205 Dickinson
 College
 Find out more here



BUT WAIT! There's MORE!

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Utilizing Agriculture Education to Enhance the Lives of Ugandan Girls Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm

Rebecca Whigham, Family & Consumer Science teacher
 Big Spring Middle School



What's for dinner? This frequently asked question could have multiple responses for those of us with a variety of options. Not so, however, for many who find the security of available healthy food to be a challenge. Rebecca Whigham teaches her students about food sustainability and consumption of products with consideration for others.

Through this work she was chosen as a World Food Prize Global Guide and subsequently, she was selected to join ten other United States educators as a part of the US Department of Education Fulbright-Hays program.

These educators traveled to Uganda this summer and spent a month collaborating on a food security project at the all-girl St. Katherine's School. Becky will share her experience and the role of home economics in global food security. You won't want to miss it!

Becky is a graduate of Kenyon College with degrees in Sociology and American Studies. She also studied at the Australian National Outdoor Leadership School and has a teaching certificate from Wilson College. Prior to her current position her work included ten years at the Diakon Wilderness Center in the outdoor challenge program, long term substitute teaching in public schools and time at home with her children. Becky and her husband are parents of a 12 year old daughter and an 8 year old son.



Cindy Sutton

Letter from the President

On February 3, our AAUW Carlisle Board took three hours out of their busy weekend to brainstorm and do some strategic planning. We evaluated all that our branch does (and it is A LOT), how it fits into our mission, and what resources—funds and womanpower—it all requires. There is a tendency to work in our own silos and not realize how interconnected our areas of responsibility really are. We can and should all be proud of the incredible women in our branch who volunteer their time and expertise to advance our mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

Today is the beginning of Women’s History Month. This year the theme is “**Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.**” It recognizes that women’s advocacy is the source of the societal change that has moved history forward. Lately, a tide has pushed back against equity, diversity, and inclusion which makes our work more important than ever. We need to remain strong and stand up for our priorities when some aim to misinterpret, exploit, or discredit them.



Here’s to keeping up the impactful work we do!

Kate Elkins
President

Trailblazer Girls’ Recognition Event

Trailblazer!

Join us on **Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00 pm** for our sixth annual Trailblazer Girls’ Recognition Event.

Our panel for the event will include:

Amanda Hamman, a 2017 graduate of the CHS Culinary Program and, now, a Saute Cook at Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar in Harrisburg.

Samantha Corl, a local finance and insurance services professional who has created her own success.

Jennifer Ickes, a lab manager at the Research & Innovation Center at Carlisle Construction Materials.

Chef Ehly and the Culinary students will be providing light refreshments in the Courtyard Café following the event. We hope you can come!

RSVP to Gail D’Urso (gailcdurso@gmail.com) by **March 8** to be sure your badge will be waiting for you at the security desk. Plan to arrive a little early to allow time to park and to get to the Large Group Instruction room in the Fowler Building at Carlisle High School.

The Trailblazer Committee



The Public Policy and Membership Committees invite you to attend the 1st Topic Talk

Public Policy 101: Learning about Key Priorities, Programs and Volunteer Opportunities.

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Home of Theresa Rice
1165 Fleming Dr, Mechanicsburg
Beverages, Appetizers & Lite Fare provided

RSVP by March 15th to Theresa Rice at tdrice228@verizon.net

April AAUW Events

Tour Carlisle’s Historic Courthouse & Old Public Graveyard

Friday, April 12, 1:30 pm
Find out more [here](#)
RSVP [here](#) by April 1

AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Conference

April 5-7
Find out more [here](#)
Register [here](#):

Scholarship Banquet

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm
Find out more [here](#)

Tour Carlisle’s Historic Courthouse & Old Public Graveyard
“High Above and Six Feet Under?”
Friday, April 12, 1:30 pm

When Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart demanded the surrender of Federal troops in Carlisle on July 1, 1863, Union General William Smith replied, “Shell and be damned!” You’ll be relieved the shells aren’t still flying as we visit the restored courtroom of Cumberland County’s 1846 Old Courthouse and (if you wish!) climb up to enjoy the view from the bell tower.

A short walk south lies the Old Public Graveyard, where “Heroine of Monmouth” Molly Pitcher (Mary Hays McCauley), Pennsylvania Impressionist Esther Groom, and other noted Carlisle residents lie beneath a picturesque collection of cemetery art and monuments. History, art, and eternal rest!

We’ll once again be guided by Matt March of the Cumberland County Historical Society. A CCHS fee of \$10 cash per attendee will be collected before the tour. Please RSVP to [Jenifer Johnson](#) no later than **April 1**, to ensure we have a minimum group size.



SAVE THE DATE
The 3rd Annual AAUW Yard Sale
 Saturday, May 25
 Pre-sale Friday, May 24
 More information about this fundraiser will be available in the April newsletter!

Scholarship Appeal Fund Update

We are so delighted to report that as of February 9, we have raised \$4,605 for this year’s Scholarship Appeal fund. If you have not yet supported this year’s fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund, please send in your donation by March 5.

I have extended the deadline to give our members another 2 weeks to support the scholarship fund.



Please make your payments through PayPal as noted on the letter you

received, or mail your check by **March 5.**

Becky Morgenthal
 AAUW Funds Chair

100 Year Birthday Celebration Will Be Here Soon!

Mark your calendars and watch the mail for an invitation to not one, but two celebratory events both taking place on **Friday, May 10.**

At 10:00 am a bronze plaque commemorating the founding of the AAUW Carlisle Branch will be unveiled in Old West on the Dickinson College campus. This is the very building where the inaugural meeting of the branch took place, and we are honored to have the current college president, John Jones, offering remarks. Be a part of this short, but historic ceremony. Seating will be available.

The celebration continues at 6:00 pm at Cumberland County Historical Society. Light hors d’oeuvres prepared by Carlisle High School culinary arts students will be served along with wine and other beverages. Music, flowers, photos and a time to socialize with other members and guests will be followed by a reflective and inspiring program. AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell will be a guest speaker!

The 100th Anniversary Committee has been working diligently to organize events and hopes to have all members attend. It is a remarkable achievement to reach this 100 year milestone... be sure to be a part of the celebration!

100 Year Anniversary Committee

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW PA

March is the beginning of a busy time for AAUW Pennsylvania and you, an AAUW member. **Watch for subject-specific emails**—yes, there will be many. Here is a rundown of the AAUW Pennsylvania topics requiring your attention.

- Changes to the **AAUW Pennsylvania Bylaws** summarized [here](#). The comment period is open until March 15, with a Zoom meeting to discuss and answer your questions on March 5. Voting is April 3 until 11:59pm April 30. Votes will be ratified at the May 4 annual meeting.
- Voting for **AAUW Pennsylvania elected officers** for the 2024-2026 term is summarized [here](#). The annual election for AAUW Pennsylvania began on February 23, and continues until 11:59 pm April 30. This term, positions up for election are: President, Program Vice President, and Marketing & Communication Vice President. All the votes will be announced and ratified at the affiliate's annual meeting on May 4.

Vote online using this link
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024_Officer_Election

AAUW Pennsylvania Conference

April 5-7, 2024

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Registration is **OPEN**

Go [here](#) for the complete agenda, information, and registration



Registration **CLOSES MARCH 15 Don't Delay!**
The theme, "Evolution of the Fight: Looking Back to Move Forward" will highlight AAUW's achievements within the broader context of the women's movement.

The conference secured **outstanding** speakers.

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH

Secretary

Pennsylvania Department of Human Service

Kimberly S. Adams, PhD

Professor of Political Science, East Stroudsburg University

Board of Directors AAUW National and National Organization for Women (NOW)

Meghan Kissell

Senior Director, Policy and Member Advocacy

AAUW National

Gisele Fetterman

(our most prominent speaker in conference history)

Nonprofit Founder, Hugger, Dreamer

AND, wife of Senator John Fetterman

Ann Pehle

AAUW PA Conference Committee Member

News from National—AAUW Update

AAUW is proposing a Bylaw change to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. This is referred to as "open membership."

Voting will take place **April 3-May 15**. Most members will receive emails from vote@simplyvoting.com with their unique Elector ID and Password to vote. All members without an email address on file or who have unsubscribed from AAUW national emails will receive a paper ballot by mail. No additional paper ballots will be sent during the voting period.

Resources (2024 proposed bylaws; Open Membership toolkit; AAUW Election FAQ) can be found at

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

Another resource and information source is <https://openupaauw.org/>.

Ann Pehle

AAUW Pennsylvania Nomination Committee Co-Chair

Public Policy & Membership Committees Collaborate

Black Cultural Festival

The Membership and Public Policy Committees joined forces on Saturday, February 24 at the Black Cultural Festival, hosted by Hope Station, at the Stuart Community Center in Carlisle. Volunteers from both teams highlighted a couple of key Public Policy issues including Paid Family Leave and Fair Funding for Education. They also offered discounted memberships to potential new members using AAUW's *Shape the Future Program*. New members were encouraged to come by or volunteer to experience the festival and to see how AAUW handles a tabling opportunity. We had many great conversations, introducing people to what AAUW is and all that our branch does in the community. Several women took home our membership application. Event volunteers included Gail D'Urso, Kate Elkins, Cherry France, Sharon Heller, Kelly Spasic, Patty Stibitz and Cindy Sutton.



Topic Talks Return!

The Public Policy Committee is bringing back the popular **Topic Talk Series**. Topic Talks provide an opportunity for members and their guests to learn about and discuss topics in a smaller group setting much like a book club discusses a book. Prior to the event, attendees will receive brief articles or information about the topic at hand that will provide background information for the discussion. The Topic Talk will be moderated by someone with expertise and knowledge about the subject being discussed.



The first Topic Talk for this new season will be **Public Policy 101: Learning about key priorities, programs and volunteer opportunities**. AAUW members join our organization in large part because of the advocacy work we do to improve the lives of women and girls. At Public Policy 101, we will discuss the importance of advocacy and how to support current legislative bills. Attendees will learn what we are doing in the Carlisle Branch, how members can advocate directly with their legislators, become part of the Public Policy Committee and/or volunteer at their events. This Topic Talk will be of special interest to our newest members who are not yet familiar with the Public Policy Committee's work but we also encourage any member who has an interest in learning more about Public Policy to attend. The event is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm** and will be hosted by Theresa Rice at her home. New members recently received an advance invitation from the Membership VPs with encouragement to check out the fun! Members can also click [here](#) to see the invitation with specific details including how to sign up!

Kathy Gates
Public Policy Chair
Cindy Sutton
Co-Vice President, Membership
Nancy Sigrist
Co-Vice President, Membership

Two Minute Activist!

We encourage all AAUW members to sign up for the Two Minute Activist in order to have your voices heard. Click here for more information and to sign up:

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

Kathy Gates
Public Policy Chair

2024 AAUW Higher Education Scholarship Banquet

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our scholarship recipients!

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm
HUB Social Hall, Dickinson College
RSVP by Thursday, April 11



Buffet Dinner

Spinach Mandarin Salad
Honey Balsamic Glazed Chicken
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable du Jour
Dinner Rolls with Butter
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,
Tea, Ice Water
Carrot Cake with
Cream Cheese Frosting

\$25 per person (\$26.25 if paid through PayPal)

Check (payable to AAUW Carlisle)
can be mailed to Gail D'Urso/25 Alters Rd./Carlisle, PA 17015
OR
Pay by credit card through PayPal at

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7U9VTG6MDS45G

Please complete and return the form below **ONLY** if you are bringing guests or have dietary preferences or concerns.
Mail form to Gail D'Urso at the address above.



Please note any dietary preferences or concerns:

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total Attending (@\$25): _____

____ I am enclosing a check payable to AAUW Carlisle

____ I have made payment through PayPal.



Book Group Information

Date	Time	Hostess	Book
Monday, March 4	1:00 pm	Cindy	<i>Horse</i> , by Geraldine Brooks
Monday, April 1	7:00 pm	Pat Y.	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> , by Ray Bradbury
Monday, May 6	7:00 pm	Pat M.	<i>Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone</i> , by Benjamin Stevenson
Monday, June 3	6:00 pm	Marcello's	

100th Anniversary T-shirts On Sale Again!

We are grateful that so many of you ordered our 100th Anniversary shirts back in September. A number of members have asked if they could still order the shirt, and we have so many new members that we are launching another sale. This time, we also have a long-sleeved option! Even if you already have our short-sleeved shirt, you can add the long-sleeved shirt to your wardrobe!

Our branch was founded in 1924 with the considerable support of Dickinson College President J.H. Morgan. Although very much a proponent of co-education, Dr. Morgan felt compelled to warn the women, "You must constantly remember that the good of the college always comes before any feministic shenanigans!" It is only fitting that we memorize his words on our 100th Anniversary shirts.



Use the link below to order until March 14.

Short-sleeved shirts are \$25. Long-sleeved shirts are \$32.

When ordering, you can avoid the \$10 shipping charge by choosing "Ship to Kate Elkins."

IMPORTANT: The short-sleeved shirts are in Women's sizes; the Long-sleeved shirts are Unisex.

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AAUW Carlisle 2023-2024 Board Members

Elected Officers

President: Kate Elkins

Vice President: Mary Brunski

Membership VPs: Nancy Sigrist, Cindy Sutton

Program VPs: Gail D'Urso, Deborah Sweaney

Finance Officers: Cherry France, Molly Shane

Secretary: Marina Young

Past President: Kathleen Gorak

Appointed Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds: Becky Morgenthal

Communications: Pat Markowski

Community Activities: Jenifer Johnson

Interest Groups: Wendy Armour Dickinson

Public Policy: Kathy Gates

Scholarship: Lillian Wong

STEM: Barb Attivo, Lilian Wong

Appointed Off Board Committee Chairs

College Liaison: Elizabeth White-Hurst

Historian: Mary Bloser Berwick

Appointed Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

100th Anniversary: Jean Foschi, Jeanna Som

Appointed Coordinators

Newsletter Editor: Peggy Jennings

Social Media: Kate Elkins

Trailblazers: Gail D'Urso, Barb Attivo

Webpages: Stacey Gatch, Sharon Heller

Yearbook: Virginia Mauk

Zoom Coordinator: 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

Not receiving branch information?

Make sure emails from aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com aren't going into your junk or spam folder.

Get Active! Committees seeking members



Join the Program Committee!

Do you know an individual or organization doing impactful work that AAUW members should hear about?

Do you want to learn more about topics related to AAUW initiatives?

Join our program planning committee!

The Program Committee for the 2024-25 year is forming now. On Wednesday, March 27 at 4pm we will meet to brainstorm a list of potential presenters. We would like to have as many members involved with this process as possible to ensure a selection of diverse and engaging programs next year.

Contact Deb Sweaney
dlsmo@embarqmail.com

Gail D'Urso
gailcdurso@gmail.com

Join the Public Policy Committee!

The Public Policy Committee would like to invite AAUW members, but in particular our newest members, to join our team. You are welcome to attend one of our PPC Zoom meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm or volunteer at any of the events. We look forward to your participation.

Contact Kathy Gates
kgates808@comcast.net

Join the Membership Committee!

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Cindy Sutton
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