



BRANCHING Out

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June/July AAUW Events

Book Club

Monday, June 3

Marcello's; 900 Cavalry Rd., Carlisle

RSVP [here](#)

Breakfast Club

Saturday, June 22 at 9 am

Sunrise Cafe 231 N. Hanover St., Carlisle

RSVP [here](#)

Saturday, July 13 at 9 am

Sunrise Cafe 231 N. Hanover St., Carlisle

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Deadline for Submission to the August Branching Out

Saturday, July 20

Submit [here](#)

August Membership Meeting & Silent Auction

Tuesday, August 27 at 6 pm

Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle

More information [here](#)

See pages 6, 7, and 8 for photos of the 100th Anniversary celebration.

See page 2 for photo of Taytum's graduation!

Letter from the President

What an **AMAZING** day we had celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Our day began in historic Memorial Hall in Old West at Dickinson College, where our charter meeting was held. We thank President Jones' wife, Beth, who stood in for him at the ceremony. We owe a debt of gratitude to Kathleen Brennan, Past Branch Historian, who along with Kathleen Gorak, Past President, worked side by side with Dickinson to pay tribute to our joint history with a plaque commemorating our founding. The significance of that beautiful room didn't fully sink in until I attended our dear friend Taytum's graduation last Sunday. All graduates pass through that room and descend the front steps as their names are called to receive their diploma. Memorial Hall, which recognizes Dickinson College's long history, now recognizes ours too!

The day culminated with our festive celebration at the Cumberland County Historical Society! We were treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres and dessert prepared by the culinary students from our Carlisle High School CTE program. It is a testament to our branch that both our State President AND National CEO joined in our gala. I was fortunate to spend a couple of hours before our celebration with Gloria and I can tell you that she is both an impressive woman, but refreshingly approachable, with a wonderful sense of humor. We can feel confident that she is the right woman for the difficult job of CEO. Gloria's words to us were inspiring!

Our panel of past and current Presidents of the AAUW Dickinson Student Organization provided a fresh perspective on what has been achieved and the work we still need to do. It is comforting to know that, with incredible young women like these, our future is bright!

On a disappointing note, Gloria's job has become more challenging with the result of our recent bylaws election. In spite of all of our efforts, especially Ann's, Molly's and Jenifer's, it's difficult to swallow that the National bylaws change, removing the degree requirement, didn't pass. The fact that we were so close (65.1% of the necessary 66.6%) is little consolation.

I remain confident that all of us will continue to represent the mission of the organization that we had hoped the vote would reflect. It is a real comfort to do this work with all of you incredible women! Hold your heads high. The fight continues!

Kate Elkins
President



THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!

This year we interviewed eleven applicants and worked hard to select five recipients worthy of our branch mission to support women and girls in higher education in every walks of life.

Thank you Gail D'Urso, Carolyn Freberg, Kathleen Gorak, Sharon Heller, Rose Smith, and Cindy Sutton.

Thank you, members, for your generous donations and Becky Morgenthal, Funds Chair, and Cherry France and Molly Shane, Finance Officers in managing the contributions.

Lillian Wong
Chair, Scholarship Committee



Kate Elkins, Taytum Robinson-Covert, Past-President of the Dickinson College AAUW Student Organization, and Safronia Perry, Past Executive Director of Hope Station.
A celebration of Taytum's graduation from Dickinson

Join the Scholarship Committee!

Did you enjoy the Scholarship Banquet while learning how our branch is contributing to the future of women and girls through higher education?

For the upcoming year, we are seeking two capable members for three-year terms.

Please contact Lillian Wong 717-319-7296 or wongtooth@comcast.net



Book Group

Date	Time	Hostess	Book
Monday, June 3	6:00 pm	Marcello's; 900 Calvary Road, Carlisle	Suggestion: Due to Construction, use Route 11 and turn left onto Calvary Road.

First Trailblazer Cash Award

On May 8, Finance Officer Cherry France presented a \$500 check to Samantha Kennedy, one of the five Career & Technology Education students selected as Trailblazers for the 2023-24 year. Using a rubric designed by Barb Attivo, committee members scored each of the five Trailblazers on a variety of criteria. Samantha emerged as the committee's choice for this award commemorating AAUW Carlisle's 100th Anniversary. Samantha enjoyed her courses in the Business Academy program. She helped manage the Bison Corner School Store and at C-Luv Thrift Store. She will attend HACC to complete General Education courses and then plans to study Social Media Marketing at Shippensburg University.

Dr. Albert Parrillo, Director of CTE at the Carlisle Area School District, presented many awards to students in the various career areas and programs of study. AAUW was one of very few outside groups presenting awards to students. Barb Attivo and Gail D'Urso, Trailblazer Co-Chairs, were pleased to be in the audience to see Cherry present the award to Samantha Kennedy.

Gail D'Urso and Barb Attivo
Co-Chairs, Trailblazers



Cherry France, Barbara Attivo, Samantha Kennedy, and Gail D'Urso

Supportive Partnership for Youth (SPY)

On Monday, June 24, 165 at-risk elementary-aged students in the Carlisle and South Middleton School Districts will start their SPY summer camp experience. This summer, there will also be a new SPY location in Newville, so starting on July 8, 25 Big Spring 1st and 2nd graders will be the first SPY Big Spring campers! Monday-Friday, from 8am-3:15pm, for 6-weeks, campers will engage in activities designed to promote academic achievement and foster personal growth. Over 95% of SPY campers come from low-income homes. SPY's free camp gives these under-resourced children an equal opportunity for a thriving future!

For the hard-working mothers of our campers, SPY means so much more. SPY's free program is affordable childcare during the summer months, keeping their children safe and nourished so they can continue to work and provide for their families. SPY is a supportive partner for single, working mothers as they face a myriad of challenges.

Community support is the only way SPY is possible. They are looking for volunteers, at least 15 every day, to help prepare, deliver, and serve food. Donations of classroom items are also needed to help ensure enough supplies to effectively enrich the lives of deserving children.

AAUW's mission is to empower women and girls. Helping SPY by donating your time or supplies is a great way to live out our mission! Here is the link to volunteer: <https://www.timetosignup.com/spy2024/>

A list of needed supplies can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA62EA4FE3-49681775-wish>

SPY is extremely grateful for any support you can provide!

Jeanna Som
Executive Director, SPY



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

This has been a banner year for new members to the Carlisle branch! Thanks to all of you who invited prospective members to our programs and events; we hope you will continue to do so.

When the branch hosts a Shape the Future event and guests join AAUW at the event, our branch can accrue free national memberships. This year we were eligible for three of those free national memberships. So, anyone who brought a guest to the branch and that guest joined was entered into a drawing. We are pleased to announce the winners of the free national memberships: Katie Perkowski, Carol McNulty and Mary Brunski. Congratulations!

The next Shape the Future event will likely be the August social so be thinking of people you know who might like to join us as we enter our second century of advocating for women and girls!

Renew Your Membership!

Watch your email for notices from national AAUW that your membership is due for renewal. It should be one year from your **current membership expiration date. For newer members, this should correspond to 1 year from the date you joined. For many of us “seasoned” members, it will be the end of June, as for many years, everyone had the same renewal date.** Accompanying this notice will be instructions for renewing on line. Please note that you will need to reset your password by clicking that you “forgot” your password. An email will be sent to you that will then allow you to complete the process.

Alternately, you can send a check in the amount of \$104 to cover national, state and branch dues. It should be payable to AAUW Carlisle, and sent to PO Box 815, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Nancy Sigrist
Cindy Sutton
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership



Join the Membership Committee!

Contact Nancy Sigrist
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SUCCESSFUL BRANCH YARD SALE

Now that our third annual yard sale is behind us, I am happy to report that the Branch made at least \$1474 to help fund our Higher Education Scholarship, NCCWSL and Camp Invention scholarship! Additional profits will be added from the sale of some donated jewelry items to Marjorie's Jewelry in Carlisle, and possibly from consignment proceeds from Red Door Consignment Gallery in Harrisburg for some unsold, donated items. This success - which topped our proceeds from the 2023 sale - would not have been possible without my favorite Yard Sale Co-Chair, Carole DeWall, whose boundless energy, indefatigable saleswomanship and prime real estate location can be credited with much of our success! She is as easy as pudding to work with and possesses an upbeat persona that makes even sweaty work seem fun. *Thank you, Carole!*



Kathleen Gorak, Carol McAnulty, Carole DeWall, and Julie Manta

Of course, yard sales are nothing without donated treasures to sell. Thank you to: Wendy Armour Dickinson, Barb Attivo, Mary Berwick, Carole DeWall, Gail D'Urso, Terri Glueck, Jenifer Johnson, Janet Kacsur, Julie Manta, Pat Markowski, Carol McAnulty, Becky Morgenthal, Ann Pehle, Rita Schlansky, Molly Shane, Nancy Sigrist, former AAUW member Holly Smith, Rose Smith, Patty Stibitz, Cindy Sutton, and Lillian Wong!! Without your generous donations, we wouldn't have had a yard sale! And for the loans of tables upon which we displayed the treasures, grateful thanks go to: Carole DeWall, Gail D'Urso, Kate Elkins, Jenifer Johnson, Pat Markowski, Virginia Mauk, Carol McAnulty, Nancy Sigrist, Cindy Sutton, and Lillian Wong.

Finally, to all of the hard working, sweat stained Gals of the Garage—*many* thanks go out to you, too! Thank you for volunteering your time, expending your energy and lending your expertise to set up, organize, sell, take down and clean-up this whole operation - all with good humor: Barb Attivo, Gail D'Urso, Terri Glueck, Janet Kacsur, Julie Manta, Pat Markowski, Carol McAnulty, Becky Morgenthal, Rita Schlansky, Nancy Sigrist, Cindy Sutton and Lillian Wong.

Thank you, everyone, for coming together once again to raise money to support the work of our Branch!

Kathleen Gorak
Co-Chair, Yard Sale

August Membership Meeting and Silent Auction

As we prepare to take our June & July break, I just want to remind everyone that our August membership meeting, Tuesday, August 27 at 6:00 pm, includes our annual Silent Auction. As you travel through the summer, you might find some items that would fit the Auction.

Just to refresh your memory, below are the criteria for auction items:

- Limit donations to one per person, or team up with another member to create a multi-item donation.
- All items must be unused, clean, and have all parts included
- Wine, jams, jellies, art, decorative and garden-related items are best sellers, as well as gift cards to local businesses and restaurants.



See you in August!

Becky Morgenthal
Chair, AAUW Funds



A Celebration of 100 Years!



Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO and Kate Elkins AAUW Carlisle President



Beth Jones, Dickinson College First Lady



Jean Foschi



AAUW Carlisle Branch Presidents, Past and Present
Ann Pehle, Kathleen Gorak, Wendy Armour-Dickinson,, Kate Elkins, Kathleen Brennen, Cindy Sutton, Becky Morgenthal



Gloria Blackwell



Kate Elkins



Jeanna Som



Jean Foschi



AAUW Carlisle Board members



Angelica Mishra, Sofia Peronne, and Taytum Robinson-Covert, AAUW Dickinson past and current Presidents



Jean Foschi, Aaysha Noor, Safronia Perry



Pat Boyer And Virginia Mauk



Jillian Collins



Rita Schlansky and Deborah Snelson



Molly Shane and Carole DeWall



Karen Kirkham and Carol McAnulty

AAUW Carlisle 2023-2024 Board Members

Elected Officers

President: Kate Elkins

Vice President: Mary Brunski

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Program VPs: Gail D'Urso, Deborah Sweaney

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... Just a few more photos



Marina Young, Janet Kascur, Nancy Sigrist and Bob Sigrist



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