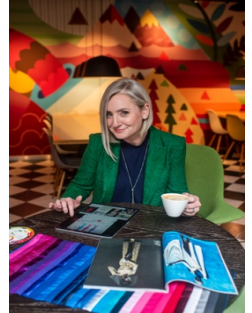


## December Holiday Brunch Featured Speaker

### The Most Important Parts of Every Woman's Wardrobe, I Guarantee You Don't Have in Your Closet

So many people buy one outfit at a time without looking at the big picture only to have a closet full of clothes they don't wear or have overworn. You can build the stylish, versatile wardrobe every celebrity has on a budget, but you have to change the way you shop. In this workshop, Lindsey Taub will teach you the stylist secret of the key pieces every woman needs to build a stylish and sophisticated wardrobe. With these pieces, you will be able to add, elevate, and accessorize to create countless outfits that will astonish your friends and keep money in your wallet. Reserve your spot at the Holiday brunch on page 3.



Lindsey Taub (she/her) is passionate about fashion, a passion that led her to a life in the luxury fashion industry where she quickly became an invested student – learning how to cobble her own shoes, make garments, and dress the top 1% to impress. Only after years of working in the industry, while attending New York City's Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), did she learn to truly understand and respect the nuances of skin tone and the spectrum of colors that goes with it.

Lindsey eventually became more intrigued with image consulting than fashion creation. She has had the joy of styling men and women and the privilege of working with the transgender community; styling people of all shapes and sizes from all walks of life. She's gained an enormous amount of knowledge while working for companies like Jeffrey NYC, Saks and was a senior stylist for MM LaFleur, in Washington, DC. The affirming and positive impact she has had on her clients has given her the inspiration to know that she can help shape your entire wardrobe and help you find your personal style.

You can learn more about Lindsey, see examples of her work, and even pick up a few tips here:

<https://www.lindseytaub.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/lindsey.taub.1>

<https://www.instagram.com/lindseytaubstyling/>

Beth McKinley

## From the President



One of the things I am proudest of is that our branch doesn't shy away from doing big things. Ironically, some things that we plan can become much bigger than we anticipated, like this CASD School Board Candidate Forum.

We have earned the reputation in the community, along with the League of Women Voters of the Pennsylvania Capitol Region, of being non-partisan advocates for voter education

and have held these forums for a number of years. Usually, there were about six or seven candidates, and we were pleased when 50 voters attended.



This year, we decided to try something new and live-stream the forum from Carlisle High School. We reserved the LGI classroom with a capacity of 60. Oh, how naive we were! We underestimated the interest in this year's election.

Ten candidates have joined together to form two opposing teams with different perspectives. That created some unique challenges in gaining the trust of both sides that our questions and format would be fair. In the end, all ten agreed to participate.

We quickly learned that the sixty-seat capacity was nowhere near enough. Superintendent Colleen Friend and her staff went above and beyond to make the McGowan Auditorium available. In the end, we had 330 registrations, and another 100 watched the livestream. The feedback from candidates after the forum was universally positive.

You can see nice coverage of our event here:

- [PennLive Coverage](#)
- [The Sentinel Coverage](#)
- [ABC27 Coverage](#)

If you missed the forum, you can watch it here (starts at 26 min.):

[Watch Forum here](#)



A huge thank you goes to Nancy Sigrist and Cherry France, our indomitable forum chairs, for navigating the many twists and turns to put on an excellent event. We'd also like to thank Pat Fox, along with Nancy and Don Schoeps, from the LWV for their valuable contributions co-sponsoring the forum. And we couldn't have done it without the help of Public Policy Committee members Kathy Gates, Theresa Rice, and Ann Pehle. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

I think our motto should be "AAUW Carlisle: We Do Big Things Well!"

**Kate Elkins**  
**President**

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

Details about the AAUW Pennsylvania Convention in April 2024 are beginning to be made public. The theme is:

### *Looking Back to Move Forward: Evolution of the Fight*

Two of the four keynote speakers are confirmed.

- **Dr. Kimberly Adams**, Professor of Political Science at East Stroudsburg University; member of the national board of NOW, the Feminist Majority, and AAUW. This accomplished political scientist will share her perspective on women's involvement in American politics.
- **Megan Kissell**, Senior Director of Policy and Membership Advocacy, will provide the AAUW perspective of advocacy in the past and present.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 5 -7, 2024**

**AAUW Pennsylvania Convention**

**Central Hotel & Conference Center**

**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

The excellent AAUW Pennsylvania-sponsored webinars are continuing in November. Watch for registration emails.

**Ann Pehle**  
**AAUW Pennsylvania Nomination Committee Co-Chair**

## News from National AAUW Update

The Speaker opening and selection process consumed Washington D.C. and the solution is an ultra-conservative speaker. It wouldn't be an overstatement that we will need to play defense against legislation that negatively impacts women and girls. Even passing the ERA is now in a political snag because of the fear such an amendment will codify abortion. Paid Leave, Paycheck Fairness Act, Title IX rule revisions on dealing with campus assault (to undo what Betsy DeVos instituted during her Secretary of Education stint) are all still on the table. And AAUW continues to advocate for passage.

Be on alert for legislation and write your Congressional Representative. No matter which political party, they need to know you support gender equity for women and girls.

**Ann Pehle**  
**AAUW Pennsylvania Nomination Committee Co-Chair**

Branch Fundraising

Holiday Brunch Centerpiece Opportunities

This year we are back at the Dickinson College HUB, Social Hall East. This allows us to give you opportunities to win beautiful centerpieces! Opportunities will be available as follows:

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the brunch!

- \$20 for 12 tickets
\$10 for 6 tickets
\$5 for 3 tickets
\$2 for 1 ticket

Becky Morgenthal
AAUW Fund Chair



AAUW ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10 a.m. Arrive early for the best parking spots!
Social Hall East, Holland Union Building, Dickinson College

Beautiful seasonal centerpieces will be available as "Opportunities" for you to take home.

- 10:00 Social
10:10 "The Most Important Parts of Every Woman's Wardrobe That You Don't Have in Your Closet."
Speaker: Lindsey Taub, Personal Stylist, will share her thoughts and expertise.
10:50 Brunch Served
11:45 Brief Business Meeting
12:00 Adjourn

BRUNCH MENU:

Classic Italian Frittata, Bacon, Home Fries, Fruit Salad, Chocolate Chip and Blueberry Muffins, Dessert,
Coffee, Tea, Juice, Water

Please bring your donations of tampons and pads for YWCA's Pad Pantry.

Mail Reservation Form and check, payable to AAUW Carlisle to:
Gail D'Urso, 25 Alters Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 by Tuesday, November 21st.

Dietary Restrictions?

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

Brunch cost per member or guest: \$20.00 Total Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Carlisle 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*Esther Propel Shaw, Early Civil Rights Activist*

Although she was not a member of AAUW Carlisle, Esther Propel has a strong connection to Dickinson College and helped integrate the AAUW Washington, D.C. branch. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dickinson College in 1919, she never spent a single night on campus. As an African American, she was not allowed to live in the Dickinson dormitories and had to commute from her home in Harrisburg. She was the first African-American woman to graduate from Dickinson. After college, Esther moved to Washington, D.C., and spent most of her adult life there. She married Andrew Shaw in 1925 and found employment in the segregated Washington, D.C. public school system. She taught middle schoolers languages, algebra, and penmanship until she retired in 1952.



Esther Propel Shaw saw the disparity between our country's stated values and the reality of life for African Americans. She became active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League. She wrote poetry and essays about these disparities and frequently contributed to NAACP and Urban League publications. In response to a lynching in nearby Maryland, Propel penned her most famous poem, *Flag Salute*. She juxtaposed the story of the lynching with the words of the pledge to the American flag. *Flag Salute* was printed in the NAACP journal in 1934 and then reprinted on its cover in 1940. A creative group of Washington writers formed an African-American literary society, and Esther Propel joined them. The Dickinson photo archives show her dancing at a small party honoring leading African-American poet Langston Hughes' birthday. Most anthologies of Harlem Renaissance writings list Propel's name and poems, including *Flag Salute*, in their collections.

White American women joined the American Association of University Women, while their African-American counterparts joined the National Association of College Women. AAUW's national bylaws listed education as their only stated membership requirement, but there were few African-American women in AAUW during the 1940's. Segregation was written into the by-laws of many local branches, including the Washington, D.C. branch.

Suffragist and civil rights activist Mary Church Terrell forced the issue in 1946. She had earlier been a member of AAUW but let her membership lapse. She applied for reinstatement to the Washington, D.C. branch. Her credentials were impeccable: She held a B.A. and an M.A. from Oberlin, studied abroad for two years, and taught at Wilberforce University and in the Washington D.C. high schools. The D.C. branch turned down her membership request strictly based on her race.

AAUW National took the position that their by-laws governed all local chapters, while the D.C. chapter claimed local autonomy. The fight was played out in the courts and at the AAUW national conventions from 1946 to 1949, and in 1954, the Washington D.C. branch was integrated.

In 1955, Dickinson College surveyed its graduates, and Esther Propel Shaw proudly listed membership in the Washington, D.C. branch, AAUW, and the National Association of College Women in her answer to this question. Dickinson College now houses the Propel Shaw Center for Race and Ethnicity.

**Deborah Sweaney**  
100th Anniversary Committee

***Plan to Attend!***

The 100th Anniversary Committee continues to plan for the branch's Birthday Bash on  
**Friday, May 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM**  
at the Cumberland County Historical Society.

You won't want to miss the great food and drink, music, and a program that features a speaker from our National AAUW organization.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Scholarship Committee

### 2024 HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application for our annual \$2,000 higher education scholarship will be submitted to 11 local academic institutions, Scholarship.com, the Sentinel, the AAUW website, and in our Carlisle branch newsletter. To increase awareness, please encourage and recommend to friends, family members, neighbors, and colleagues.

**Lillian Wong**  
*Chair of Scholarship*

### If I Could Do It Over, Would I Join the Military?

The program at our October 24 meeting featured four military veteran members of our branch. COL Ruth B. Collins, AUS, COL Julie T. Manta, AUS, LTC Carol McNulty, ASAFR, and CPT Lillian M. Wong, AUS, discussed their decisions to join the military and for Ruth and Julie, to remain in the military! Each woman talked about how she was recruited and some of the challenges she faced in the male-dominated Armed Services. The women agreed that the military provided career training and advancement and travel opportunities that each of them is grateful for. After their individual talks, they answered questions from the members. The 31 members in attendance appreciated the personal and professional insights that our trailblazing veteran members shared with us.



**Gail D'Urso and Deborah Sweaney**  
*Program Co-Vice Presidents*

## Interest Groups and Upcoming Events

### *Upcoming Interest Group Schedule*

**Book Group**—Here's a look at the great line-up of interesting reads starting in September! Join us for the fun!

Date	Time	Hostess	Book
11/6	1:00 PM	Darlis	<i>Begin Again: James Baldwin's America</i> by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.
1/8/24	1:00 PM	Kathleen G.	<i>Museum of Innocence</i> by Orhan Pamuk
2/5/24	1:00 PM	Virginia	<i>The Paris Bookseller</i> by Kerri Maher
3/4/24	1:00 PM	Cindy	<i>Horse</i> by Geraldine Brooks
4/1/24	7:00 PM	Patricia M.	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury
5/6/24	7:00 PM	Patricia Y.	<i>Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone</i> by Benjamin Stevenson
6/3/24	6:00 PM	Marcellos	

**Breakfast Club**—Saturday, November 4 at 9:00 AM at Sunrise Café (231 North Hanover Street, Carlisle)

**Dine Out**—Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 PM at Chen's (310 North Hanover Street, Carlisle)



AAUW Events				
Date	Time	Event	Registration links	Link to Article
Nov. 4	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Sunrise Café 231 North Hanover Street, Carlisle	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 5</a>
Nov. 6	1:00 pm	Book Group: <i>Begin Again</i> by Eddie Glaude, Jr., Darlis' home.	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 5</a>
Nov. 15	6:00 pm	Dine Out at Chen's 310 North Hanover Street, Carlisle	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 5</a>
Nov. 20		Newsletter Submission Deadline	Submit to <a href="mailto:hellers@pa.net">hellers@pa.net</a> and <a href="mailto:peggy@drj4college.com">peggy@drj4college.com</a>	
Dec. 2	10:00 am	Holiday Brunch & Membership Meeting Social Hall East, Dickinson College HUB	Submit Reservation Form on <a href="#">Page 3</a>	<a href="#">Page 1</a> and <a href="#">Page 3</a>
Dec. 10	TBA	Governor's Residence Holiday Open House	RSVP <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Page 6</a>

## *Governor's Residence Holiday Open House*

Save the Date! Join your AAUW friends for a festive visit to the Governor's Residence Holiday Open House in Harrisburg on Sunday afternoon, December 10, 2023. This is a free event, with a decorated house tour, music, and other seasonal fun.

Details are being finalized; please indicate your interest to Jenifer Johnson at [jjpackard56@gmail.com](mailto:jjpackard56@gmail.com).



## *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun... CARS!!!*

For most people, cars provide reliable transportation. For a few of our members, cars are a source of fun, pride, nostalgia, and adventure.

### *Mary Bloser Berwick and her Crossfire*

We just meant to go on a test drive that summer day. The dealer told us we could take the Crossfire home to see if it would fit into our garage. Ha. We didn't take the Crossfire home that day, but a few days later, it did come home with us. A friend of mine calls it my half car. What fun to drive, zero to sixty miles per hour in six seconds--nice to know when you are entering the Interstate. You have to be careful as to exactly how fast you are going. Speed is so easy to achieve without realizing how fast you are traveling. No, we have never been stopped. It belongs to William and Mary Bloser Berwick, but I am the one who almost always has the pleasure of driving the Crossfire.



### *Gail D'Urso and her 2002 Thunderbird*

When I was just five years old, my big sister's best friend, Maria, drove a 1957 Thunderbird. I thought that car was fantastic. It sported a hardtop with a porthole, or Maria could drive it with the convertible top down. Over the years, Thunderbirds got bulkier and less unique and were eventually discontinued. In 2002, however, Ford re-introduced the car with its "heritage series," combining the looks of the past with modern safety features and performance. I was enthralled! When I turned 50, I really wanted to celebrate with one of those beauties, and my dear husband, Marty, gave in. We found a gorgeous model painted "Thunderbird blue." We took it for a test drive and then took it home. Our T-bird spends most of its time in the garage, but it is a joy to drive, with its low growling engine sound and wide wheelbase. Next year, we will have had this sweet car for twenty years! Time flies when you're having fun.



### *Jenifer Johnson and "Bluebird," a 1956 Packard Patrician*

In April 1956, I was almost born in the back seat of my parents' 1955 Packard. I grew up going to car shows in the antique cars my Dad restored. So, it was inevitable that, once I had a bit of spare cash, my first classic car would be a '55 or '56 Packard. Enter Bluebird, my 1956 Packard Patrician, in January 2020. I drove her home from southern Virginia, and have been completing minor restoration tasks since. She's a bit of a cosmetic work in progress but drives like a dream! Look for us on the streets of Carlisle!



### *Sharon Heller and her Mini Cooper*



We had been searching for a Mini Cooper for a few months and finally found a decent deal in Pittsburgh. So October 9th, 2018, we took a trip out there with my daughter-in-law and the 2 dogs. We wanted to be sure the dogs would fit in the back of the Countryman! The one tunnel along the turnpike was CLOSED, so we stopped at a rest stop and had lunch. Luckily, the tunnel was open when we finished, and we made it in time to finish our deal. I drove home with Tracy (DIL), and Gary took the dogs, and I really had to watch my speed as it goes FAST without you realizing! This month it's paid off, and I'm still loving it! So happy I got my Mini!

**AAUW Carlisle  
2023-2024 Board Members**

**Elected Officers**

**President** – Kate Elkins  
**Vice President** – Mary Brunski  
**Membership VPs** – Nancy Sigrist, Cindy Sutton  
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**AAUW Funds** – Becky Morgenthal  
**Communications** – Pat Markowski  
**Community Activities** – Jenifer Johnson  
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**Public Policy** –Kathy Gates  
**Scholarship** – Lillian Wong  
**STEM** – Barb Attivo, Lillian Wong

**Appointed Off Board Committee Chairs**

**College Liaison** – Elizabeth White-Hurst  
**Historian** – Mary Bloser Berwick

**Appointed Ad Hoc Committee Chairs**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Jean Foschi, Jeanna Som

**Appointed Coordinators**

**Newsletter Editors** – Sharon Heller, Peggy Jennings  
**Social Media** – Kate Elkins  
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**Webmaster** – Stacey Gatch  
**Yearbook** – Virginia Mauk  
**Zoommaster** – Stacey Gatch

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The Board welcomes questions:  
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# Get Active

## Committees seeking members\*

**Fundraising**

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

**Membership**

Contact Nancy Sigrist ([ncsigrist@gmail.com](mailto:ncsigrist@gmail.com)) or Cindy Sutton ([suttonc3@gmail.com](mailto:suttonc3@gmail.com)) for more information and to discuss your interest.

**Public Policy**

Contact Kathy Gates [kgates808@comcast.net](mailto:kgates808@comcast.net) for more information.

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 Make sure emails from [aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com)  
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