



BRANCHING Out

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Upcoming AAUW Events

Breakfast Club

Saturday, August 17, 9 am
Sunrise Cafe (231 N. Hanover Street).
RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson [here](#)

Deadline for Submission to the September Branching Out

Tuesday, August 20
Submit to Peggy Jennings [here](#)

August Membership Meeting & Silent Auction

Tuesday, August 27, 6 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle
More information [here](#) and [here](#)

And Here



Book Club

Monday, September 9, 7 pm
The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson
Wendy Armour Dickinson;
1111 Pheasant Drive, North
RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson [here](#)

Preview the 2024-25 Book Selections [here](#)

September Membership Meeting

Why Girls Must Learn History
Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm
HUB Side Rooms
Dr. Cathy Gorn, Executive Director,
National History Day

Preview the 2024-25 Membership Meetings [here](#)

STEP INTO THE SECOND CENTURY OF AAUW CARLISLE BRANCH

With the 100th anniversary celebration behind us, the Carlisle Branch of AAUW is ready to step into the next century with enriching programs and exciting opportunities to grow our membership and promote our mission.

It all begins with the annual Membership Social and Silent Auction on Tuesday, August 27, at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle.

Please join us and bring a friend or two to enjoy a light supper, rekindle friendships and hear about what is planned for the upcoming year. It promises to be a fun evening that you won't want to miss.

Details about how to contribute to the Silent Auction are on page 3.

Please RSVP before August 15! See page 2 for more information!



A Note About Member Contact Information

Because our newsletter is posted to our public website, for privacy reasons, we will no longer include personal email addresses or phone numbers as text in the newsletter. We will include only a "clickable" link with the embedded email address. If that function doesn't work on your computer, please consult the branch Yearbook for member emails and phone numbers.



Letter from the President

Welcome to another wonderful AAUW year ahead! Many of us are still riding the high of our 100th Anniversary events. We've, hopefully, recharged our batteries over the summer and are energized for all that lies ahead.

Our Program Committee has planned outstanding speakers for our branch meetings, including one who was interviewed on CBS Sunday Morning this year!

Look for notices from our Public Policy Committee as we approach this incredibly pivotal election, with the future of women's rights on the ballot. I am pleased to announce that Theresa Rice and Kelly Spasic have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs!

I can't wait to see all of you at our August Social. Please invite friends to join you for what is always a fun evening and let Pat Markowski know what you'll be donating to our Silent Auction (More information on page 3!). This is the event that provides the primary funding for all of our important work during the year, so I know you will be as generous as you've been in the past. Don't forget to RSVP by August 15!

See you all on August 27!



Kate Elkins

**Membership Social and Silent Auction
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
Second Presbyterian Church 528 Garland Dr. Carlisle, PA
\$16 per person**

Please RSVP by **August 15** to [Janet Kacsur](#) (Click on name to connect to email)

You can pay online through PayPal using this link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9D3XRNUTTK9G2

(It may say "donation," but it is actually the payment for the meal.)



Or send a check in the amount of \$16 per person payable to AAUW Carlisle Branch to Janet Kacsur, 104 Hope Dr. Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Name _____

Guest(s) _____

Any dietary restriction _____

Amount enclosed _____

Contributions for the Silent Auction

It is August and time to get ready for the annual membership social and silent auction.

The silent auction is our top fundraiser to cover this year's operating expenses. We welcome donations for the auction with the following guidelines:

- 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.

To register* a donation, email your item description to [Pat Markowski](#) (click on name for email address) or call her directly (phone number listed in the branch Directory). Include the value of the donation, and a suggested starting bid. Registration will be accepted through August 21.

Last year we earned a generous \$1649 on 26 items sold!

The Finance Officers have again requested that everyone pay by check to make it easier to track items and payment. Payments will be collected by the Finance Officers directly after the member social, **so bring your checkbook!**

***To avoid confusion at the meeting site, please do not bring an item for auction that has not been pre-registered.**

Becky Morgenthal
Chair, Fund Committee

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thanks to all who renewed memberships this spring and summer. We are delighted to know so many members want to continue AAUW's advocacy for women and girls. Because AAUW now has memberships renewing each year when current memberships expire, not everyone renews at the same time. Please watch your emails from AAUW to alert you when your renewal is due. Follow instructions to renew on line or you can mail a check to the branch at PO Box 815 Carlisle, PA 17013.

Dues are \$72 for national, \$12 for state and \$20 for branch totaling \$104.

We welcome two new members to our branch:

Sherry Eichorn who has transferred from the Harrisburg Branch and
Huyen Nguyen who we met at the YWCA Persimmon Awards.

We are delighted to have them as new members and look forward to getting to know them.

Janet Kacsur
Cindy Sutton
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Book Group

Date	Time	Hostess	Book
Monday, Sept 9	7:00 pm	Wendy	<i>The Demon of Unrest</i> ; Erik Larson
Monday, Oct 7	7:00 pm	Virginia	<i>Animal Farm</i> ; George Orwell
Monday, Nov 4	1:00 pm	Kathy	<i>The Frozen River</i> ; Ariel Lawson
Monday, Jan 6	1:00 pm	Panera	<i>The Women</i> ; Kristin Hannah
Monday, Feb 3	1:00 pm	Pat M	<i>James</i> ; Percival Everett
Monday, Mar 3	1:00 pm	Panera	<i>Dinners with Ruth</i> ; Nina Totenberg
Monday, Apr 7	7:00 pm	Janet	<i>Lives of Girls and Women</i> ; Alice Munro
Monday, May 5	7:00 pm	Darlis	<i>Within Arm's Reach</i> ; Ann Napolitano
Monday, June 9	6:00 pm	DINNER	1794 Whiskey Rebellion



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 capable members for three-year terms.

Please contact [Lillian Wong](#) or [Gail D'Urso](#).
(Click on names for email addresses)



AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference

It's important to know you are a member of an organization larger than Carlisle or Pennsylvania.

Attend the AAUW Atlantic Conference just north of Richmond, VA--September 27-29, to share and learn and enjoy the company of other like-minded women.

Kate Elkins and Cherry France and other AAUW Pennsylvania members are presenting. For the agenda, conference and hotel registration, click [here](#).

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania has a budget (finally) and included a victory for public school funding. This was the first budget since the Commonwealth Court ruling declaring the Pennsylvania education funding process unconstitutional. The good news is that public schools received more money than in past years and the allocation starts with funding the schools in most need —rural and city districts, primarily. More good news: there are no additional voucher programs. Our opposition to voucher programs stems from their discriminatory practices, lack of accountability, and funding with public dollars. A great overview of the new budget regarding education is [here](#).

Thank you to Kate Elkins for representing AAUW Pennsylvania at the June 24 press conference urging the Pennsylvania House and Senate to move their Paid Family Leave legislation. HB181 is still in the House waiting for a vote, and SB850 is lingering in the Senate Labor & Relations Committee. Please contact your Pennsylvania Representative and Senator to urge their support for passing Paid Family Leave.

As we all know, 2024 is an election year. All Pennsylvania House Representatives and many Pennsylvania Senators are on the ballot. Nationally, many US Congress districts and Senator Casey's Senate seat are on the ballot. As we see at the state and national level, these local votes matter for AAUW issues supporting economic security and women's rights. Review the Representative, Congressional Representative, State Senate, and national Senate candidate positions on AAUW issues before casting your ballot.

Ann Pehle
AAUW Pennsylvania College/University Liaison
AAUW Pennsylvania Nomination & Elections Co-Chair

From our May Membership Meeting



News from National AAUW

The big issue right now is the potential attempt of courts and the federal general assembly to prevent the new Title IX regulations being approved. You will remember that former Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, gutted the Title IX process of investigating campus sexual assault—favoring the aggressor and removing due process elements for victims and survivors. The Biden administration has worked to rewrite the Title IX regulations and AAUW national was part of the process. The final step is to have the US Congress and US Senate pass a bill to approve. There is a real danger that because of transgender provisions, Title IX will be eliminated. For more on the AAUW position, please read [this](#).

AAUW members helped pass Title IX 50 years ago and we need to do that again. To learn more and participate in the Two Minute Activist, please do so [now](#). The July 12, 2024 Washington Update to all AAUW members is also a great resource for more information.

Ann Pehle
AAUW Pennsylvania College/University Liaison
AAUW Pennsylvania Nomination & Elections Co-Chair



Lillian Wong, Member Making a Difference, and Kate Elkins, branch President



Meta Bowman, our May Membership meeting speaker.



Cherry France, Outstanding Woman, and Kate Elkins, branch President

AAUW Carlisle 2024-2025 Board Members

Elected Officers

President: Kate Elkins

Vice President: Nancy Sigrist

Membership VPs: Cindy Sutton, Janet Kacsur

Program VPs: Deborah Sweaney, Jeanna Som

Finance Officers: Cherry France, Molly Shane

Secretary: Marina Young

Appointed Committee Chairs

AAUW Funds: Becky Morgenthal

Communications: Pat Markowski

Community Activities:

Interest Groups: Wendy Armour Dickinson

Public Policy: Theresa Rice, Kathy Spasic

Scholarship: Lillian Wong, Gail D’Urso

STEM: Barb Attivo, Lilian Wong

Appointed Off Board Committee Chairs

College Liaison: Katie Schweighofer

Historian: Mary Bloser Berwick

Appointed Coordinators

Newsletter Editor: Peggy Jennings

Social Media: Kate Elkins

Trailblazers: Gail D’Urso, Barb Attivo

Webpages: Sharon Heller

Yearbook: Virginia Mauk

Zoom Coordinator: Stacey Gatch

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aren’t going into your junk or spam folder.

Preview this year’s Membership Meetings!

Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm HUB Side Rooms
Dr. Cathy Gorn, Executive Director, National History Day
Why Girls Must Learn History

Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm, Dickinson Stern Center
Jerry Mitchell, PA Attorney General’s Office
Protecting Yourself from Fraud and Scams

Saturday, December 7, 10 am, HUB Social Hall
Holiday Brunch

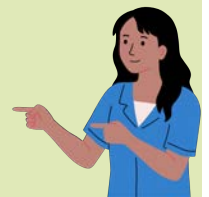
Tuesday, January 28, 7 pm HUB Side Rooms
Maureen Cantwell, PSU Master Gardener, Cumberland County
Vegetable Gardening

Thursday, February 25, 7 pm, HUB Side Rooms
Lisa Kessler-Peters
Life and Redemption after Experience in the Justice System

Tuesday, March 25, 7 pm, HUB Side Rooms
Marcia Drozdowski, CEO of Carlisle YMCA
Trailblazing the World of Female Executive Leadership

Tuesday, April 29, 6 pm HUB Social Hall
Scholarship Banquet

Tuesday, May 27, 7 pm, HUB Side Rooms
Emily Schmidt
Cracked Pot—Aging Out of the Foster Care System



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