

Upcoming AAUW Events

Book Club

Monday, October 7, 7 pm
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Virginia Mauk;
103 N Old Stonehouse Road, Carlisle
RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson [here](#)
Preview 2024-25 Book Selections on page 4

Breakfast Club

Saturday, October 12, 9 am
Sunrise Cafe (231 N. Hanover Street).
RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson [here](#)


Dine Out

Wednesday, October 23, 6 pm
Momma Spriggs (160 York Road, Carlisle)
RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson [here](#)

Submit to the November Branching Out Before

Sunday, October 20
Submit to Peggy Jennings [here](#)

October Membership Meeting

Protecting Yourself from Fraud and Scams
Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm
Room 102 Stern Center, Dickinson College
Jerry Mitchell, Outreach Specialist
Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
More Info Here 

Meadowbrooke Gourds Fundraiser

Thursday, October 24, 1:00 pm
More Info & RSVP address on page 3

Junior Achievement Volunteer Opportunity

Tuesday & Wednesday October 29 & 30
Carlisle High School
More Info & RSVP address on page 2

December Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 7, 10 am
Dickinson Social Hall East
*Enjoy Brunch & a Festive Performance by
Cantate Carlisle!*
Preview future Membership Meetings on page 6

Protecting Yourself from Fraud and Scams

Jerry Mitchell, Outreach Specialist
Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm
Room 102 Stern Center, Dickinson College
**Please note this alternative location from our usual HUB
meeting spaces.**

Artificial Intelligence is becoming increasingly intertwined in our daily lives. Fraudsters are developing new, lucrative ways to utilize AI to infiltrate peoples' identities and financial accounts. This meeting will focus on ways we can protect ourselves from scams and fraud, particularly as they relate to artificial intelligence, and other new kinds of schemes intended to defraud people.

Our presenter, Jerry Mitchell, is an Outreach Specialist with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Mitchell has worked in state government for 18 years, focused on computer application development, cyber-crimes, and fraud. He has trained more than 800 employees across Pennsylvania on the latest application software and system protocols. He has taught department employees internet safety and prevention of identity theft by cloning of identities and personal devices.



Mr. Mitchell attended Harrisburg Area Community College and received his Trainer's Certificate from Penn State Harrisburg.

Letter from the President

I write this just after our Carlisle contingent returned from the first-ever AAUW Atlantic Conference in Glen Allen, VA. AAUW Carlisle was well-represented by Ann Pehle, Nancy Sigrist, Cherry France, and Jenifer Johnson.

We enjoyed seeing National CEO Gloria Blackwell again. Out of several presentations, the most interesting one was from the President of a County School Board in rural Maryland, who has been battling the Moms for Liberty forces there. We were also able to choose from numerous breakout sessions. My favorite was one on utilizing social media. We were fortunate to have two honors college students from South Carolina join us who patiently educated us “grey hairs” and had some great tips.

Nancy, Cherry, and I led one of the breakout sessions about our successful Civics 9-1-1 Series. The room was full, and the interest was high from branches interested in doing something similar. There were so many questions that we ran out of time. We will be sending all who attended the resources and links to our material and videos of all three sessions. Not only has our branch been recognized by our State organization, but we have now made a name for ourselves along the entire Atlantic Coast for our impactful work!

Kate Elkins

News from the September Board Meeting:

The \$500 Trailblazer Award was initially conceived to honor our 100th anniversary. The CTE Program so appreciated it that the Board has now voted to continue it annually.



Kate Elkins, Nancy Sigrist, Cherry France



Ann Pehle, Jenifer Johnson, Kate Elkins, Nancy Sigrist, Cherry France

Junior Achievement Volunteers Needed!



Our January 2024 branch meeting showed how easy it was to participate as a volunteer supporting Junior Achievement (JA) STEM activities for 9th graders. We had the script in hand and completed the actual activity. Now is the time to put those experiences to work.

The first opportunity is Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday October 30 at Carlisle High School. Volunteers will receive a video link to the activity in advance and hands-on training for the activity the day of volunteering. JA makes all the necessary arrangements and sends assignments and parking information well in advance.

For more information or to volunteer contact [Lillian Wong](#) or [Barb Attivo](#) (click name for email link).

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please welcome two new members to our branch who joined at the August social.

META BOWMAN may be familiar to some of you as she was awarded our Higher Education Scholarship in previous years and was our program speaker this past May.

JENNIFER WALESKI joins us at the invitation of her sister Erin Markan. We look forward to getting to know these new members and hope they will enjoy the many opportunities that AAUW Carlisle offers.

If you are a current member and your membership is expiring you will receive a notice from AAUW to renew.

Please reply promptly to this notice and renew either on line at the national website or by sending a check for your dues to the branch post office box: AAUW Carlisle Branch PO 815 Carlisle, PA 17013.

If you have any questions about the renewal process please contact either Janet Kacsur or Cindy Sutton who will be happy to help you.



*I've ALWAYS
wanted to go
there!*

Meadowbrooke Gourds

Thursday, October 24, 1 pm

You can follow through on your wishes

AND contribute to

AAUW Carlisle's Trailblazers \$500 grant to one of the 2025 Trailblazer awardees.

A donation of \$20 will give you a behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrooke Gourds production studios and the opportunity to create a flower-shaped bird feeder for your yard or to give as a gift to your favorite bird lover.

*Absolutely,
I would
visit
AGAIN!*



Which phrase have you said?

EVERYONE is welcome!

Bring friends, family, neighbors.

HBCU Fair

(Historically Black Colleges & Universities)

Thursday, October 3

9 am—2 pm; Allison Hall, Dickinson College

Can you volunteer or donate?

Sign up at:

<https://www.cwfdw.org/>

RSVP to Gail D'Urso [here](#) by October 10.

Carpools will be available at the old BonTon parking lot and at the Allen Road Sheetz.

If you are driving on your own, the address is:
125 Potato Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015



Book Group

Date	Time	Hostess	Book
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

More From the August Membership Meeting



Lillian Wong



Molly Shane and Cherry France



Ann Pehle and Rita Schlansky

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

Interested in contributing your time and talents at the AAUW state level? Personally, I have found it very rewarding. The AAUW Pennsylvania Nominating & Elections Committee seeks nominations for Finance Officer, Secretary, and Vice President Membership. The two year term is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Go [here](#) for job overview, board meeting dates, how to apply, and how to nominate someone (from whom you received their permission).

Because I know you like to plan, mark your calendar for the **AAUW Pennsylvania 2025 Summer Retreat on June 27-28, 2025, in the State College area.** You don't want to inadvertently schedule a vacation and have to miss this event! 😊 Details will be shared as they are finalized.

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

2024 General Election Important Dates

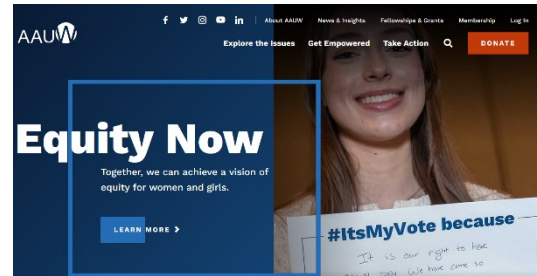
- Oct. 21** Last day to register to vote in the election. vote.pa.gov/Register
- Oct. 29** Last day to apply for a mail ballot. vote.pa.gov/MailBallot
- Nov. 5** Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. vote.pa.gov/Polls
- Nov. 5** Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. vote.pa.gov/County

Get ready to vote vote.pa.gov



News from National AAUW

Look who made it to the AAUW website home page! Colette Costlow is an AAUW Pennsylvania intern and senior at St. Francis University. I am fortunate to work with Colette on AAUW Pennsylvania College/University Liaison projects.



When you join AAUW Carlisle, you are joining a larger organization—AAUW, or as many times referred to as AAUW National. One of the many reasons to be proud of AAUW is the annual awarding of Fellowships & Grants.

On September 9, AAUW announced it had awarded **\$6.2 million** to women scholars and community organizations. The awards were given to 261 women and community-based organizations to advance gender equity, access, and educational and professional opportunities for women and girls. Go [here](#) to read the press release.

AAUW is one of the largest funders of graduate women's education and, since 1888, has provided \$146 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to more than 14,000 women from 152 countries.

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

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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Branch website is:

<http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>

Like us on Facebook: @AAUWCarlisle

The Board welcomes questions:

aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com

Not receiving branch information?

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aren’t going into your junk or spam folder.

Preview this year’s Membership Meetings!

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

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.



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