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#### **AAUW Value Statement**

By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

#### **Mission & Diversity Statement**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to members to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national orientation, disability, or class.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

February 12, 4 pm, Branch Meeting at Moravian College

February 13, 7 pm, Board Meeting

June 9-12, AAUW National Convention, New Orleans

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## BETHLEHEM BRANCH

# BETHLEHEM BYLINES

## **Student Affiliates Group Focuses on STEM Afternoon Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013  
Moravian College  
North Campus  
Hauptert Union Building, UBC Room  
4 - 5 pm**

On Tuesday February 12, we invite branch members to join the AAUW-Moravian College Student Affiliates Group (SAG) at Moravian College for a program entitled **Empowering Girls with STEM** (science, technology, engineering and math). At the meeting, SAG members will share highlights from a one-day workshop on campus in January with area Girl Scouts. They will discuss the AAUW Self-Esteem/Self-Confidence Workshop they presented to the scouts. During the workshop, SAG led a guided discussion about what makes the scouts feel self-conscious or confident. In a non-threatening and empowering way, SAG focused on media consumption and its effects on self-esteem.

At the February Branch meeting, SAG will have invited representatives from the College's Computer Science and Brain Clubs to discuss their programs.

A member or two from the SAG AAUW STEM committee will update everyone on their work. Please plan

to join us for an enlightening discussion and to show our continued support for the AAUW-Moravian Student Affiliates Group.

#### **AAUW Policy**

AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in science, technology, engineering and math as part of our mission to break through barriers for women and girls. Our research, policy, and nationwide programs encourage members to work from their own communities to ensure that we reach equity in these important fields.

AAUW advocates for public policy at both federal and state levels that further opens the STEM fields to girls and women. The shortage of female representation touches on national as well as economic security issues and the need to have women at the STEM table, especially when it comes to developing policies that could enhance opportunities future generations of girls.

### Bacchae

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158)  
We study "Wines Around the World". Bacchae will meet at 7 pm on Valentine's Day, Feb 14, at Louise Wisser's house with Linda Robbins as co-hostess. They will share their research about the Eastern European wines we'll be tasting that night. On March 14, Jane Snyder will serve as hostess with Joanne Wagner as co-hostess, to lead us in a study and tasting of Italian wines.

### The Out to Lunch Bunch

Jeanie Keller (610-865-3543) We will meet on February 19 at noon at The Marblehead Grille and Chowder House at 4101 William Penn Highway Street, 18045. Call your reservation to Shirley McBride at 610-317-9603 or email her at: [sa.mcbride@att.net](mailto:sa.mcbride@att.net) by February 15. All AAUW members are invited to our luncheons.

### Diversity, Deeds and Dialogue

This inter-branch study group meets the fourth Wednesday. Our next meeting will be February 28 and we will be discussing differing cultural standards of beauty and reviewing an article by Maya Poran entitled *Denying Diversity: Perceptions of Beauty and Social Comparison among Latina, Black and White Women*. We'll also work on publicity and hospitality for our inter-branch meeting on March 16, 2013. For more information: Ruth at [rskoglund@rcn.com](mailto:rskoglund@rcn.com) or phone 610-509-9263.

### Contact Information Changes

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## President's Pen



Is this the year of the woman? Will 2013 be the year that women around the world demand their right to be educated, safe from harm, and paid equitably for equal work?

We read every day about women around the world taking bold stands. The young girl from Pakistan, the Indian women who are scared to walk down the street to work or ride a bus, anti-sex trafficking organizations standing boldly. Everywhere women are raising their voices and will be heard.

In our own country, for the first time, we will have twenty female Congresswomen.

As I look at the picture of the female cohort of the 113th Congress I see how vibrant and colorful they look! Reds, blues, (even a pink jacket) slacks and skirts, grey hair, blonde hair, young, old, Black, White, gay and straight. They are a truly representative palette of American women...and all hopeful! They took the risk for us. Linda Ellerbee said, "What I like most about change is that it's a synonym for 'hope.' If you are taking a risk, what you are really saying is, I believe in tomorrow and I will be part of it."

My hope is that our branch continues to take risks and be a part of tomorrow. Happy New Year.

*Randi Blauth*

## How to make friends, have fun, and be a part of tomorrow!

### Look at these new committees and say yes, I can help!

- Do you have an interest in educating girls and young women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields (STEM)? This committee is for you! Call or e-mail Randi and say YES!
- is your interest more toward public policy? Join us at 2 pm on January 25 at Randi's to plan some activities to educate ourselves and others regarding pay equity. We already have a few ideas. Call or e-mail Randi and say YES!
- **It's the Bethlehem branch's 85th anniversary in 2014!** We knew we belonged to something special and every member over those 85 years has made it so. If event planning is your thing, call or e-mail Randi and please say YES!
- If you like money, then help Linda Robertson explore new ways for our branch to fundraise. This is an exploratory committee. We're looking toward the future and want to be prepared if those NOOKS take over the book universe! Call or e-mail Linda Robertson and say YES!

We hope to hear from you. Tomorrow is knocking on your door.

## Public Policy Compiled by Bernie Gardiner

### Supreme Court Refuses to Block Contraception Mandate

On December 26, Justice Sonia Sotomayor refused a request from a Catholic-owned arts and crafts company, Hobby Lobby, to block the Affordable Care Act's contraception coverage requirement for health insurance plans from going into effect on January 1. Additionally, on December 21, A U.S. district court temporarily halted enforcement of a Missouri law that requires health insurance companies to issue policies without coverage for contraception if such services violate an employer's moral or religious beliefs. The judge ruled that the Missouri law conflicts with federal law, which, under the Affordable Care Act, requires all new health insurance plans beginning January 1 to cover key women's preventative care services, including contraception, without co-pays.



### Congress fails to reauthorize Violence Against Women Act

By Peter Granitz, APRN – Washington DC

Posted on January 10, 2012

The 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act remains law. No provisions will sunset. When Congress first wrote the bill 20 years ago, it required a check up every few years. But the Congress that just wound down failed to agree on another round of legislation. The Democratic controlled Senate passed a version extending protections to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and immigrants. That didn't sell in the Republican dominated House. So if Congress decides to revisit the Violence Against Women Act, or VAWA, both chambers must agree just who deserves legal protection. David Muhlhausen, research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, called the overall bill a federal overreach. "In general, it is bad for the federal government to be involved in what is inherently state and local crime, whether domestic violence or not," he said. Shaina Goodman...the public policy coordinator for the National Network to End Domestic Violence...said a reauthorization could lock in long term funding levels. "Programs that are operating under unauthorized funding levels are at risk of being underfunded, or defunded, or having their funding scheme tweaked that would be harmful to service providers and victims," she said.

### Sign Up Your Friends and Family for Action Network!

Visit AAUW's Take Action page of our website, where AAUW members and nonmembers alike can sign up for Action Network. PLEASE HELP!

#### Paperback I

Polly Hinder (610-865-0358) We will meet February 23 at Kathy Stephen's at 7:30 pm to discuss *Little Traces* by Tom Kremmen. We welcome new members.

#### Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) February 19 at 7:30 pm at Joanne Wagner's. Shirley Daluisio will lead a discussion of *Home Front* by Kristen Hannah. We won a contest on readinggroups.com and were chosen to review this book and submit a summary to the author's facebook page or blog. A total of 500 book groups will be doing the same thing.

#### Paperback III

Barbara Myers (610-867-5222) On February 6 at Nancy Disario's Andie Silhanek's leads a discussion on *Birds Without Wings* by Louis de Bernieres. On March 6 at Bernie Gardiner's Dianne Schellenberger leads a discussion of *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah.

#### Paperback Mystery

Linda Robbins (610-264-4416) On April 1 we will discuss Jo Nesbo's *The Redbreast* at Connie White's. New Members are welcome.

#### Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series

Lectures on NATO, Iran, China in Africa, the Euro, etc. Sponsored by YWCA, Bethlehem, lectures benefit the Senior Day Care Center. The Foreign Policy Association chooses topics, and experts from Lehigh University, Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, and NCC lecture and answer questions. Wednesdays, February 6 to March 27, 10:30 am to noon, Kirkland Village. A briefing book is included. YWCA member \$65; YWCA Senior Member \$20; Couples \$85. One Lecture: \$15. YWCA Office, 610-867-4669.

### Members in the News

Jan Seaman, co-chair of the *New 2 You Shoppe* at Moravian Village presided at its October opening. Sales benefit the group's Good Samaritan and Memorial Funds.

Fran Bentkowski and her cousins were featured in a *Bethlehem Press* Photo essay. They are wearing their "Polish Baking Crew" aprons and explaining their annual gatherings of kiffle and cookie baking (200 dozen).

The same newspaper touted Moravian College SAG member Kate Cohen as the organizer of this year's Moravian College outreach and lunch holiday gathering, saying Kate constantly demonstrates what service to others means. Kate also received an Alumni Fellows Award for academic excellence and service to others.

Mardi Metzger was in a photo story about *Caring Crafters* who knit caps for local chemo patients and hospitals and the military abroad.

In December in San Francisco, Sara Lynn Farwell presented a research poster at the prestigious national conference of the American Society for Cell Biology, attended by 10,000. She discussed diseases of the vasculature, focusing on atherosclerosis, neurological disorders, improved drug therapy and better characterizing cells that make up blood vessels.

Please contact the editor at [linda.c.robertson@gmail.com](mailto:linda.c.robertson@gmail.com) with news of our members' achievements.

## SAVE THE DATE: Saturday March 16, 2013 AAUW Inter-branch Meeting 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Northampton Community College Alumni Hall Room 130

View and discuss the film, *Miss Representation*, and take away new ideas.

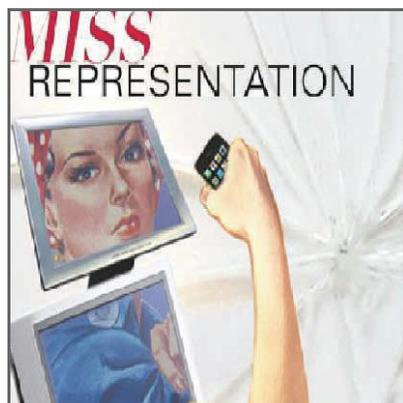
- Did you know that the average American teenager spends 10 hours and 45 minutes a DAY in media consumption? That includes television, listening to music, watching movies, looking at magazines, and time online.
- Did you know that 1 in 4 girls experience teen dating violence?
- Did you know that women make up 51 percent of the population yet comprise only 17 percent of Congress?
- Did you know that in the worlds of telecommunications, entertainment, publishing and advertising, women hold only 3 percent of clout positions?

The film presents many startling statistics. Let's help change the picture.

Join us for a thought-provoking and enjoyable morning. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, call Ruth at 610-509-9263, or email [aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com).

## MISS REPRESENTATION



You Can't Be What You Can't See

## Bus Trip - May 11, 2013 Barnes Foundation and Rodin Museum in Philadelphia

Philadelphia is known as a cultural Mecca, but its reputation is burning even more brightly with the opening of the Barnes Foundation and the renovations to the Rodin Museum, both along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. **Make your reservation now** for the Saturday, May 11, 2013 day-long outing.

The bus leaves from Enzo Travel, 3320 Airport Road at 8 am. First stop is the Barnes Foundation, a world-renown collection of Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings and objects. We will pick up audio guides and proceed through the galleries at our own pace. Save time to visit their exquisite gift shop, before leaving at noon. Our driver will drop us off in Old City for lunch on our own - a list of restaurants will be handed out. At 2 pm we re-board our motor coach for a 2:30 pm reservation at the Rodin Museum. Our one-hour guided tour allows us time to concentrate on galleries of interest before leaving at 4:15 pm. We return to Bethlehem at approximately 6 pm.

Cost is \$75 per person. Cost includes museum admissions, bus transportation, and driver gratuity. Do not wait; reservations to the Barnes are hard to get. Bus seats will be assigned in the order of checks received. Invite your friends and family and make a day of it. If you want to sit with someone, it is best to mail your checks together in a single envelope. Call Lynn with questions at 610-838-1482. Refunds only if YOU find a substitute.

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Cost is \$75 per person. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ included.

### Study Groups

Lynn Bittner (610-838-1648) We have someone to co-chair a new study group "Out to the Movies". We need a volunteer to partner with her. If you are willing to co-chair, call Lynn or email her at [lynbit@mailbag.com](mailto:lynbit@mailbag.com).

### Message from AAUW President, Carolyn Garfein

AAUW will unveil a new logo and website in February! Over the past few years, AAUW has undergone many changes to ensure our continued strength, growth, and nationwide leadership on behalf of women and girls. The new logo, developed by a board working group and the national staff, introduces a bold, bright look that complements our reinvigorated branch activities and expanding international efforts, and it works well with our lively publications, robust social media presence, and soon-to-be updated website.

The new website will enhance our thriving online community, offering members and supporters a variety of new and improved tools to engage each other and our issues. We will launch the new logo and the website on February 20. They will also be featured in the February 21 issue of Mission & Action.

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### Association Website

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
AAUW-PA Website  
[www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)

### **President Obama Promotes Equal Pay in Inaugural Address**

After he was sworn into office on for his second term, President Obama gave a speech in which he acknowledged the need to confront and eliminate inequality throughout our society. Obama, who signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act as his first law in 2009, specifically cited the work we must do to achieve pay equity, saying: "Our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers, and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts."

AAUW is pleased that the president elevated the issue of pay equity in his inaugural address. One of AAUW's top priorities in the president's second term is passing the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers.

### **New Report Confirms Women's Economic Well-Being Lags behind Men's**

According to a new report released by Legal Momentum, women still lag behind men in economic well-being. Although today women surpass men in educational attainment, men ages 21-30 are better off than women of the same age group based on 8 measures of economic well-being, such as salary and employment rates. These findings support the conclusions of AAUW's research on the pay gap that women working full time one year out of college earned an average of 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers.

## **Nominating Committee Offers Slate**

**Co-Vice-President for Membership: Dorothy Viglione:** Dorothy is a graduate of West Chester University and earned a Master's Equivalency Degree from the State of Pennsylvania. She is retired, having taught elementary vocal music in the Easton Area School District for 30 years. She has been married to her husband Michael for 42 years and they have two sons, Michael of Bethlehem and Mark of Havertown. Her interests include reading, gardening, golfing, traveling, and playing the piano and timpani. She is a member of the RTO orchestra of the Lehigh Valley and is a part time employee of Values Into Action, a company that provides support for adults with disabilities.

**Co-Vice-President for Membership: Brenda Tomlinson:** Brenda has been a longtime member of AAUW. She is a graduate of East Stroudsburg University earning both Bachelor's and Master's degrees there. A retired elementary teacher, she taught in the Nazareth Area School District for 28 years. She is involved in AAUW's Let's Read Math and Paperback II interest groups. She and her husband Lowell have two married sons. David and Stephanie live in Garnet Valley, PA and Brett and Amy reside in Summit, NJ. They have 4 grandchildren. Brenda's interests include reading, volunteer work for her church and for Reach Out and Read at Lehigh Valley Hospital, traveling, golfing, and spending time with her grandkids.

**Treasurer: Beth Corroda:**

Beth Corroda likes to say she was born and bred in Bethlehem PA. It is her home, where she grew up and lives today. In 1985, she graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School and was the recipient of a scholarship from the AAUW-Bethlehem. She has an Associate's degree in General Studies with a math minor from Northampton Community College. After graduation she worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. While working as an employment cost analyst she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Science degree in Management along with her Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from DeSales University. She married Jeffrey Bloom of Bethlehem Township and they purchased their home in Bethlehem. In 2000, Beth underwent the first of five back surgeries. This was the start of the decline of her back and the reality of the decline of the Bethlehem Steel for Beth and Jeff. Since 2002, Beth has been a Financial Advisor and until recently was actively involved in the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. She was on the board of the Women's Council for five years, and also served a year as Vice President of Programs. She chaired their Scholarship Fundraising. Today, she is no longer active with the Chamber of Commerce, due to chronic back problems.

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## Nominating Committee Offers Slate

She continues her community involvement by working on the AAUW Book Fair. She joined AAUW-Bethlehem in 2004, volunteering at the Book Fair. She will be the cashier smiling while calculating your book sale total. She and her husband, with their three basset hounds and three box turtles still live in Bethlehem. Beth continues to work part time providing financial services, to families and small businesses throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Secretary: Jo Ann Kelly: Jo Ann is a Lehigh Valley native having lived in the Nazareth area for the past thirty-five years. She received a bachelor's of science degree in Elementary Education at Kutztown University and a master's of science degree in Education at Temple University. During her teaching career of 24 years in the Catasauqua and Nazareth School Districts she guided first, second, and third graders to become life-long learners. After retiring, she worked for Lehigh County Community College, assisting adults earn their high school diplomas. Today, Jo Ann continues to foster of love of reading and books in both children and adults by working part time at the Nazareth Memorial Library. She was married to her John for 43 years before he lost his battle with cancer in August 2012. Her family includes a daughter and two sons along with a five-year old granddaughter and a fifteen-month old grandson. In summer, Jo Ann enjoys spending time outdoors cultivating her vegetable garden, bird watching, and tending to her flowers. She and her husband liked fishing, camping and boating. Fall will find her harvesting those garden vegetables into homemade jams, salsas, relishes, and tomato-based foods. Reading continues to be an life-long pastime. Jo Ann has been a member of AAUW for several years and is active in the Bacchae study group and mostly recently involved with Let's Read Math program. She has supported the annual Book Fair by sorting and working at the sale. She is a member of the Nazareth Area Woman's Club and a volunteer at the Nazareth Area Food Bank. Jo Ann is actively involved in her church community, singing in two choirs and serving as an extraordinary minister. She continues to enjoy spending time with her grandchildren, staying active, and becoming a more visible member of AAUW.

Members standing for election to the 2013 Nominating Committee are Joan Jones, Shirley McBride, and JoAnne Wagner. Continuing members are Karen Donald, Judy Lappen, Phyllis Wargo and Susan McNamara.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nominating Committee  
Yvonne Payne, Chair, Shirley Daluisio, Karen  
Donald, Judy Lappen, Phyllis Wargo, Susan  
McNamara, and Louis Wisser*

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Rep. Charles W. Dent: 2455 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (202-225-6411) or 3900 Hamilton Blvd., Ste. 207, Allentown PA 18103 (610-770-3490)

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### Lehigh's College of Education Presents *Transforming STEM*

The College of Education at Lehigh University proudly presents: *Transforming STEM: From Global Agenda to Classroom Success*. At 6pm on February 5 we will experience an informative and invigorating evening. ACT 48 will be available and tickets are \$10. Event description <http://coe.lehigh.edu/STEM2013>. Call for tickets at 610-758-2787 or box office hours at <http://zoellner.cas2.lehigh.edu/box-office.education@lehigh.edu>

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## Final Report: 2012 Giving Back Project Branch Partners with VNA's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)

Treasurer Myra Jones reports final numbers for the 2012 Giving Back project. Sixty-seven donors gave a total of \$3,780. This is a record high amount for the branch's charitable appeal.

In December, Myra and project honorary chair Louise Wisser presented our gifts to Sara Klingner, the program manager of the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's Nurse-Family Partnership at their offices. Sara showed them a closet filled with books to be distributed to the youngsters participating in this nationally recognized program of early education and parent training. She explained how quickly the closet empties and that AAUW-Bethlehem's contributions will be used to pay for the spring book orders.

Many of us are blessed with strong, healthy children and grandchildren who have so many advantages. For the most part, we never worry about them having the privilege of a good education. Your gift to *Giving Back* could provide a meaningful step on the road to self-sufficiency for a first-time young mom.



## Book Fair Angels

While most of our members were getting into the December holiday spirit, a devoted group of members and their husbands were demonstrating another type of spirit- that of giving of their time and efforts to help a worthy cause-- our April Book Fair. A generous Lehigh professor was retiring and he sent an e-mail to Book Fair Co-Chair Linda Z, "Would you like my office full of books?" She checked with her Co-Chair, Linda R, and the appropriate section chair, He replied that he'd be in California but he'd contact her again when he returned to Bethlehem the first week in December.

The professor sent Linda an e-mail on Tuesday, December 4th, asking when she could pick up the books. "Would Wednesday or Thursday work?" he wondered, since he'd be moving to Lake Tahoe that weekend. That was mighty short notice, but hey, we'd do anything for those books! Right? He also asked, "What will you be driving?" Linda was only available on Thursday and she would be driving her Toyota Camry. "Well," he replied, "I don't think that will be large enough since I have 40-50 linear feet of books." Oh my! Meanwhile, Linda R was out of town. Here's where the angels swooped in.

Linda sent out a frantic e-mail call for help to the section chairs and in only a few hours received just what she needed. Dave Myers would bring his pickup truck, Nancy and Geoff Marsac would drive their van, Jane Snyder, Yvonne and Ed Payne-Spitzer and Linda would take their cars and Charlie Daluisio would meet at Linda's house to help unload.

Linda collected 45 boxes from assorted State Stores, the cars met at Linda's and loaded the empty boxes, drove to Lehigh and got to work packing the boxes while Dave, Ed and Geoff delivered them to the loading dock and packed the truck. You've never seen such teamwork and enthusiasm! The books were small and didn't fill all 45 boxes. The vehicles headed to Linda's, unloaded both the full and the still-empty boxes, and headed home all within about an hour.

Many thanks to generous Lehigh Professor Moon who thought of us as well as to our official "Book Fair Angels".



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### Gender Pay Gap in First Jobs

A study in *Bloomberg Businessweek* shows the gender pay gap among graduates from top business schools is growing. Some of the pay gap can be attributed to factors such as career choice, as women are less likely than men to go into finance or investment. However, a recent AAUW report that controlled for all factors that affect earnings found that in 2009, women one year out of college who were working full time earned, on average, an unexplained 7% less than their male peers.

AAUW believes that equal pay for equal work is a matter of justice for women. Wage discrimination affects the economic security of families and women's retirement security.

### House Averts Fiscal Cliff, Sets Up Another Showdown in February

On January 1, the House of Representatives passed the Senate bill to pull America back from the so-called 'fiscal cliff,' the combination of tax and spending changes that could have sent the US economy back into recession. In the next 2 months, Congress will need to find a solution to avoid deep cuts to education, funding for civil rights enforcement, women's health programs, and workforce training programs.

The deal is not perfect, but it includes several AAUW-supported provisions that will help women and their families, such as extending the *American Opportunity Tax Credit (\$2,500)*, to help college students and their families pay tuition and related expenses and ending the payroll tax holiday to protect Social Security's long-term solvency.

## Last of the AAUW January Mini-Meetings

### Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

On January 28 at 7pm, Randi Blauth will show an abridged version of "Half the Sky", the phenomenal book-turned-documentary which is taking the world by storm and inspiring multi-generations to make a difference in the lives of women and in turn, changing the world! If you have not read the book or viewed the film, you must attend. It is shocking, inspiring, heart-breaking, empowering, and full of hope all in one. A passionate discussion is sure to follow. Contact information: 610-974-9711 or [read4joy@ptd.net](mailto:read4joy@ptd.net).

### Eliminating Racism: How Far Have We Come?

*The YWCA of Bethlehem invites you to:*

**Dinner Dialogues**

**Thursday, February 28 • 6:00 pm**

**Bring your thoughts and a dish!**

Join the YWCA of Bethlehem and community friends for an engaging potluck event in one of four members' homes. This will be an opportunity for respectful discussion. We hope to create community and share ideas to fulfill our mission of "eliminating racism."

Reservation deadline is February 10. Contact President Randi for details at [readforjoy@ptd.net](mailto:readforjoy@ptd.net)

### Little Known Facts About Martin Luther King, Jr.

We all know things about Rev. King and maybe we want to know more. Here a few facts that maybe you didn't know!

- In 1964, at age 35, he was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
- A Gallup poll noted King is the second most admired person in the 20C
- In a Discovery Channel contest, he was voted the 3rd Greatest American of all time
- Presently there are 730+ U.S. cities that have streets named after King.
- King is 1 of 10 20C world martyrs who has a statue at Westminster Abbey

## UPDATE: AAUW-Bethlehem Scholarship Recipient Sandra Ross: A Success Story

Sandra L. Ross, recipient of a 2012 AAUW scholarship for "non-traditional" students, women whose education has been interrupted, recently wrote a letter to the members of the Bethlehem Branch of AAUW to update us on her professional growth.



In addition to using our scholarship to enroll in the final stages of earning a Specialty Diploma from Northampton Community College as a Medical Assistant, Sandra told us that, upon being recommended by her professor to Lehigh Valley Family Physicians, she was hired to begin work December 18, with the assurance that she can complete another semester, as well as receive on the job training. Sandra concluded her letter, "It is a great event in the next chapter of my life. You have made this possible and I sincerely thank you."

This shining example of the impact we have on the women of our community is great motivation as we start working on Book Fair 2013, our primary fundraiser for scholarships for local female students.

### 'Twas the Night Before Book Fair 2013

Oops, that was from the December issue, but we hope this starts you thinking. While it may be still two months away for the real work, it's time to get bookmarks, posters and flyers ordered, flyers mailed and publicity campaigns begun. We want to thank Linda Robertson and Cathy Kotanchik for handling the publicity. Linda Zimmerman is also placing key ads in obscure places.

February 26 is the captains' meeting at the home of Linda Robbins. All captains and section chairs are invited. New volunteers are also welcome, if you wish to learn more about the Book Fair and how to get involved. You may end up with a surprise.

**Don't forget- New Date for Kick Off Koffee is Tuesday, March 19 at 10 am. Also new this year is 4-7pm Collection and Sorting time on Wednesdays.**

Please call with any ideas or suggestions. See you soon.

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### ***Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization***

Over the past year, AAUW advocates have worked tirelessly to pass a reauthorization of VAWA that protects all victims, and specifically improves campus safety. Thanks to your hard work the Senate did just that in the spring of 2012, but, unfortunately, the House failed to take up a bill with similar provisions before the end of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. . . . While programs for survivors, the criminal justice system, and local law enforcement will continue. . . we won't see the necessary, life-saving, and violence-preventing improvements we've been fighting for take effect. We also have to start over in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress making the argument for these improvements to VAWA. Many members of Congress agree, and so it is our hope that our forward momentum will push the bill over the finish line.

**Register Today for AAUW's National Convention in New Orleans!**

Let the good times toll at AAUW's 47<sup>th</sup> National Convention, to be held in beautiful and historic New Orleans! Join us June 9-12, 2013, to learn about opportunities to improve your branch and develop new skills; share what being an AAUW member means to you; and hear speakers and presenters such as Lily Ledbetter and Melissa Harris-Perry. Register now and celebrate breaking through barriers by *Leading across Generations* for 131 years!

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## **YWCA of Bethlehem Race Against Racism**

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, the YWCA of Bethlehem will hold its seventh annual Race Against Racism 5K Walk/Run beginning at the YWCA of Bethlehem offices located at 3895 Adler Place, in Hanover Township in Bethlehem. Registration and packet pick up will take place at 8:00 am and the race will begin at 9:15 am. Following the 5K walk/run around the industrial complex, the YWCA of Bethlehem will award the top three overall male and females and the top male and female from the following age groups; 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and over 60.

The cost of the event is \$25 for adult pre-registration or \$30 day of event; students are \$10 and children 5 and under are \$5. For on-line registration visit [www.ywcabethlehem.org](http://www.ywcabethlehem.org) to register. Registrations can be taken over the phone or via e-mail, contact Corrina, Director of Development, at (610) 867-4669 ext. 105. The first 100 registrants will receive a Race Against Racism t-shirt.

The YWCA of Bethlehem's Race Against Racism 5K serves as the largest annual fundraiser for the YWCA's racial justice programming which includes reading circles, study circles, and the Racial Justice Education program.