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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

September 13, 6pm Branch Supper and Nurse-Family Partnership

October 11, 7 pm Meeting, Nepal

October 22 AAUW-PA District East Conference; all are welcome

November 9, Breakfast at *Starters* and Tai Chi

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BETHLEHEM BRANCH

BETHLEHEM BYLINES

How Early Intervention Can Change Lives A Vital Program Benefitting First Time Mothers and Their Babies

**Central Moravian Church
Nitschmann Hall
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
6 pm**

"I learned to take it easy, to be calm with my baby, to try to understand her talking to me. I learned to not give up my dreams and to stay in school. I love being a mom and having someone who loves and looks up to me, and I love her back. The Nurse-Family Partnership program helped keep me healthy and smart."

Sara Klingner, NFP program manager, gets notes like this from many of the hundreds of first time moms who have graduated in the 10 years since the local program of this national protocol to improve the health of moms and babies began.



Adam will soon learn to turn that book right-side up!



Mariah and Paris, young clients of the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's Nurse-Family Partnership

Following our 6 pm potluck supper, Sara will share many stories - some heart-breaking or humorous, all inspiring about the people - the clients and dedicated nurses - who are the NFP of the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's.

One NFP nurse wrote, "Why do I love this job? It's because I share my talents with so many moms who would not have the chance to learn how to function in the world and follow their heart's desire of becoming the best mother she can."

We guarantee this is one meeting you do NOT want to miss.

We thank Paperback I for providing hospitality. Friends and spouses welcome. Return the reservation form on Page Four to Joanne Wagner by September 9.

Bacchae

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158)
We will meet on September 8 at 7:30 pm at Phyllis' to taste a few wines and plan our schedule for the year. We will discuss the trip to New York Finger Lakes in October. Anyone interested in joining the group is invited.

The Out to Lunch Bunch

Jeanie Keller (610-865-3543) All AAUW members are invited to our luncheons. On September 20 at noon we meet at *Asia*, winner of Best Asian Restaurant for the second year in a row, in Allentown. Please call our hostess Lynn Bittner (610- 838-1482) with reservations by September 17.

Going Places

October 26 we will experience the newly refurbished Allentown Art Museum and see the Renaissance and Baroque exhibition. We will lunch first at *Taste of Italy* on Catasauqua Road near the airport. For reservation or information call Yvonne Payne at 610-867-6575.

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President's Message from Susan P. McNamara

In June I joined, as a first-timer, other AAUW members from across the country for the National Convention in D.C. I went primarily because I felt a sense of obligation as a branch president to do so - to learn more about just where National was in terms of AAUW identity and priorities and, most of all, its sense of connection with and obligation to branches. In a word, I was not especially enthusiastic about taking four days in June for this event. From the first session, a briefing on AAUW Lobby Day, however, I was glad I had opted to give the convention a try. Not only glad! I was impressed! "Actions for Equal Pay: Advocacy and Programming to Close the Gap," "How to Create an Irresistible State or Branch Officer Experience for Your Volunteer Leaders," a special Interest group session for "Young Members," Luncheon with talk on "Lead, Laugh, or Get Out of the Way," a panel on "Safe Schools: Bullying and Sexual Harassment in American Middle Schools" or a skill building session "How to Get the Best Out of All Four Generations in Your AAUW Community," provide only the most minimal illustration of the range, depth, and quality of the entire program. This was an event that proved AAUW as a national organization assured of its mission and vision, increasingly alert to the value of on-going assessment of its action priorities, and sensitive to the need for strengthened bonds with individual members, states and branches.

In May, the Bethlehem Board held a special meeting, devoted to one issue "programs" with a capital P. We talked about programming in the broadest sense, including meeting programs, interest groups, special events, and activities. The Branch calendar listed in our new Yearbook reflects some of the ideas about programs that emerged: you will note some variety in meeting formats, times, and venues. You will find somethings 'old' - a Covered Dish Dinner in September and an Inter-branch luncheon in March; you will find somethings 'new' - a Breakfast meeting in November and an AAUW-PA District East Meeting in October. Across this year you will learn of new opportunities beyond these scheduled monthly programs: a celebratory event in honor of Book Fair's Fiftieth Anniversary and a movie event for the powerful film shown at National Convention, "Miss Representation," a depiction of the role of media as it shapes images of women and girls. The Moravian College Student Affiliates anticipate our joining them for events and programs at the College. The new diversity study group has additional ideas in mind as well. Beyond this, in collaboration with Allentown and Easton branches, we are working to develop a web-based common calendar of programs and events at which members of all three branches will be welcomed.

As we look forward, together, to this coming year, then, my hope for our branch is that each member will make a 2011-2012 'new year's resolution' to be a 'first-timer' at some program, activity, or event. Get a taste of something that you might not have tried otherwise. Dip into something that's unfamiliar--even if you do so, just because you're asked to do so, or because you feel an obligation to try, or just because.... I'm willing to bet that you, too, might discover that you're not only glad you did. You might be impressed!

Public Policy

AAUW Action Network

Compiled by Bernie Gardiner

VoterEd@aauw.org

Please support access to health insurance for women's preventive care and contraception. Send a message to E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA@dol.gov in support of the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine regarding health insurance coverage for preventive health care under the new health care law and to reject expansion of exemptions for "religious employers". Religious refusal exemptions would allow employers to determine the types of contraception, if any, that would be covered by health insurance to their employees. The expansion for "religious employers" could impact employees at schools, hospitals, charities and elsewhere, according to AAUW. A draft of a prepared message can be found at VoterEd@aauw.org.

Email your personalized message to EOHPSCA2713.EBSA@dol.gov. Also, don't forget Twitter and Facebook and all of your other friends. Follow AAUW on Twitter and read the award-winning AAUW Dialog Blog for discussion, information and advocacy for women and girls.

If you have questions, contact connect@aauw.org or call 800-326-2289 between 10 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday. If I can help, e-mail me, Bernie Gardiner, at bnkgardiner@rcn.com or call me at 610-861-2925.

AAUW Calendar Sale

An AAUW Fundraiser

Marge Gotshall (610-866-7746) announces that the perennial favorite spiral-bound calendars with large date blocks are available for \$6 and benefit the AAUW-Bethlehem Scholarship Program for area high school seniors. Study group chairs should call Marge to get calendars to take to their meetings. She will bring calendars to the fall branch meetings.



Paperback I

Norma Ferguson (610-515-1901) On September 15 at 7:30 pm we will meet at the home of Froy Thompson (610-868-2511) to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) On September 20 at Shirley Daluisio's (610-865-3419) Joanne Wagner will lead a discussion of *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund. In October Louis Wisser will host and Phyllis Wargo will lead the discussion of *Firefly Lane* by Kristen Hannah. New members are welcome.

Paperback III

Barbara Myers (610-867-5222) We changed our meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month. On September 7 at 1 pm Barbara Myers hosts and Jane Stone leads a discussion of *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. On October 5 Mary Anne Mitrison hosts and leads discussion of *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. On November 2, Jane hosts and discusses *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. New members welcome.

Current Book Exchange

Marge Gotshall (610-866-7746) We exchange hard-back books on the best sellers list to read individually - no meetings. New members welcome. Call Marge for details about the next rotation.

Mystery Paperback

Linda Robbins (610-264-4416) On October 27 at 1:30 pm Shirley Daluisio (610-866-7919) hosts and Yvonne Payne leads discussion of *The Abominable Man* by the Swedish writing duo of Sjowall and Wahloo.

Need a Ride to Meetings?

We want all interested members to be able to come to the general meetings so if you need a ride, call, and we will match you with another member from your geographic area who has volunteered to provide rides. (One of our volunteer drivers is Shirley Daluisio in northeast Bethlehem.) Please call Yvonne Payne at 610-867-6575 and she will arrange pick up for you.

Members in the News

Norma Ferguson was pictured in a June issue of the *Bethlehem Press* for her work with the WE program at Nitschmann Middle School. WE is a mentoring program. Thirty-nine seventh graders met with 32 mentors. The program increases motivation and reduces student absenteeism.

Sue Pettit is a member of the *Quilts for Wounded Veterans Club*. The *Morning Call* profiled the group, led by respected quilter Mary Louise Brion, on July 1. Sue and other dedicated stitchers have produced and donated more than 100 quilts to soldiers returning from the Middle East. It takes 2 weeks to finish a square quilt to cover the lap and legs of a veteran in a wheelchair. **To donate money for fabric**, mail to Brion, 415 High ST, Bethlehem PA 18018-6103

Stacey Zaremba, one of our newest members, was honored by the YWCA at its annual meeting August 18 when she received the Volunteer of the Year award. She is also the YWCA's Board of Directors' incoming President.

Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.

William E. Simon

Let's Read Math Activity

During the 2010-2011 school year, the *Let's Read Math* program was presented to 17 classes in five elementary schools in the Bethlehem Area School District: Calypso, Donegan, Fountain Hill, Thomas Jefferson, and Freemansburg. Sixteen volunteers from the Allentown and Bethlehem Branches participated, interacting with a total of 326 students...164 girls and 164 boys.

Teachers, school administrators, and students were very appreciative of our efforts, and the group received positive feedback on our evaluation forms.

As we start a new academic year we have requests from four additional elementary schools including Ritter in Allentown. We welcome new volunteers and provide training. Please call me at 610-866-7462 for information.

Fran Bentkowski
Coordinator

Reservation Form for September Branch Dinner Meeting

Respond via: email to jmfwagner@live.com or U. S. Mail to Joanne Wagner, 227 Hobson St., P.O. Box 369, Tatamy, PA 18085 or call her at 610-258-9259. Please make a reservation for you and a friend or spouse by September 9.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I will bring:

Main Dish Salad: ____

Fruit Salad: ____

Vegetable Salad: ____

Dessert: ____

Donation Option (payable to AAUW-Bethlehem) \$8.00: ____

Join AAUW-Bethlehem Share This Enrollment Form with a Friend

Many people are unaware that membership in AAUW is open to any man or woman holding an associate degree or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Please share this news and this form with an interested friend. AAUW-Bethlehem is gaining members every year and we want to share the experience of our vibrant branch with everyone.

For questions, please contact Treasurer Myra Jones (610-865-3419) or Membership Yvonne Payne (610-867-6575)

Name: _____
Last First Maiden

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street

City State 9-Digit Zip Code

Phone: _____
Home Business Cellular

College/University: _____
Institution Degree Year(s)

Email Address: _____

() Occasionally our mailing list is made available to carefully screened organizations and companies. Check if you do not want to participate.

Current Dues: \$75

Send payment payable to Bethlehem-AAUW and application to: Myra Jones, 2229 Main ST, Bethlehem PA 18017-3700.

New Interbranch Study Group

Focus is Diversity

Randi Blauth (610-974-9711) We will meet September 27 at 7 pm at Rosemary Baker's in Palmer Township to discuss *A Home on the Field: How One Championship Soccer Team Inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America* by Paul Cuadros. About faith, loyalty and trust, this book was the all freshman read at Moravian College. We will also review the article "Privilege, Oppression, and Difference".

If you are a member of the Allentown, Bethlehem, or Easton Branch and have a curiosity, an interest, or a passion about diversity and social justice issues, consider coming to the group! Please email attendance to Randi at: read4joy@verizon.net

Change of Address

Cathy Barrett, Moravian Village, 526 Wood Street, Apt. 408, 18018 Bethlehem PA Her phone remains 610-868-9100.

AAUW Yearbook

2011-2012 Bethlehem Branch AAUW Yearbooks will be mailed in September to those members who have not previously received yearbooks by hand distribution. If you have any questions or concerns, please call editor Shirley Daluisio at 610-866-7919.

Our Sympathies

To Emmeline L. Dimmick on the sudden death of her husband Leonard on June 15, 2011.

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AAUW-Bethlehem Welcomes New Members

Jeanette (Jan) R. Seaman and her husband Bill recently relocated from



Allentown to Moravian Village and reside at 572 Riverwoods Way, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Her contact information is: Home: 610/625-0451, Cell: 610/349-6777, and email address is jrseaman1@gmail.com. She is a 1959 graduate of Chatham with a bachelor of science. Jan is a member of the Lehigh Valley Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community and was formerly director of the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living. She is an enthusiastic

member of our *Let's Read Math* group and holds a dual membership in AAUW-Allentown.

Stacey Zaremba is a professor of psychology at Moravian College. Her areas of interest include: psychology of women, experimental analysis of behavior, behavioral pharmacology, physiological psychology, and the relationships between nutrition, brain development, and behavior. Dr. Zaremba is director of Moravian's women's studies program. She earned her bachelor of arts from City University, New York in 1982; and a master of arts and doctor of philosophy from Fordham University (1984 and 1988). She is the new president of the board of directors of the YWCA, Bethlehem. Stacey is the faculty advisor for our Moravian College AAUW Student Affiliate group. She resides on 9 acres at 1420 Reed Lane, Kintnersville, PA 18930. To contact Stacey: Home 610-346-8321, Cell: 215-534-1317, and szaremba@moravian.edu.



**AAUW-PA Proposes Statewide Virtual Book Group
September 30 Deadline for Receiving Your Contact Information**

Contact Toni Hoffman (610-252-7020) (email: TSH44@PTD.net) if you are interested in taking a brief survey about the possibility of AAUW members across our state joining a virtual, free conference call style, or Skyped reading group.

Format under discussion suggests quarterly (not in summer) sessions lasting an hour and a half.

Send Toni your contact information and she will get back to you.

AAUW-PA DISTRICT EAST MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2011
All Members are Invited
Something for Everyone!

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, North Building
3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem PA 18020-7599

Hospitality: 9:15 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Educational Panel Discussion Important to Every Pennsylvanian

The Marcellus Shale Question:

- What we should know
- What we might do
- How we can start

Box Lunch and Sharing Time

Updates and Looking Ahead

- AAUW National Convention Report
- New Public Policy initiatives
- Virtual Book Groups
- Social Media
- Decisions on AAUW-PA Voting Procedures
- Awards changes
- S.T.E.M. Success
- Preparations for AAUW-PA convention
- Film Sharing *Miss Representation*
- AAUW for Young Professionals

Registration

- Early Bird Fee \$13 until September 30
- Fee is \$14 after September 30
- Form to Follow
- For Information 610-861-8066

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Time Sensitive Material



Some of the 12 AAUW members who attended an August screening of *The Help* gathered afterwards to discuss the movie in detail. Members from all three Lehigh Valley branches are participating in our newest study group on Diversity.