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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

December 7, Holiday Dinner,
Saturday Evening

January 8, Mini-Meeting

January 23, Mini-Meeting

AAUW-Bethlehem Website

Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net

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Holiday Dinner Saturday, December 7, 2013

Northampton Community College
Fowler Campus (Southside)
Barnette Room #605
511 E. Third Street, 18015
5-8 pm

Bring a spouse, friend, potential new member and a favorite family dish or \$10 per person. Please sign up with MaryAnne - mitrisin@rcn.com or call Olga at 610-248-3109 so we can plan accordingly.

January Mini-Meetings

We are continuing with our popular January mini-meetings. As space in homes is limited, please call the hostess to reserve a spot.

Wednesday, January 8 -- 2pm -
- Half the Sky is a film, produced by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, about human rights violations against women in developing nations. This look at the plight of women is a powerful story, but more importantly, it tells us what can be done about it. Hosted by Debbie S. call 610-865-4843.

Thursday, January 23 -- 3 pm -- Embracing Opportunities

Sharon Zondag, a former Senior Vice-President at Piercing Pagoda and administrator of Planned and

Major Gifts at Northampton Community College, is now starting a new phase of her life as a bee keeper! She will share her journey and that of honey bees in this delightful presentation. Hosted by Olga C.; call 610-248-3109.

"Friending" the Internet: Learning Facebook and other Social Media programs will be presented in late January. Our host will be Moravian College, with help from our student affiliates.

Trisha Moller will teach us the ins and outs of Facebook, answer questions about social networking, and demonstrate the basics of your online account of friends. If time, we can also explore Skype – face to face video calling, YouTube – online videos of all types from the serious newsworthy to the stupid, and Twitter – another online social networking service and microblogging service (think short one liner texts) where a user can follow friends, experts, celebrities, and breaking news. **We will have access to computers but laptops are welcome!** Call Trisha directly to get on the roster!

Bacchae

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158)
We meet January 9 at Fran's house to taste and evaluate fruity wines. Jeanne will serve as co-hostess. We will be tasting herbaceous wines. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Phyllis for details.

The Out to Lunch Bunch

Jeanie Keller-Powers (610-865-3543) Come join us in January! We invite all AAUW members to our luncheons.

Diversity, Deeds and Dialogue

The next meeting of Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue will be in January. Join us for a stimulating exchange of ideas. For more information, contact Ruth at 610-509-9263 or rskoglund@rcn.com.

AAUW Bridge

The bridge group meets the third Thursday of each month, October-May, excluding December. Meet at Kirkland Village's Marketplace 11:30 am for lunch, followed by 18 hands of bridge in the Sun Room. Looking for new people--need not be an AAUW member. Please join us as a regular or a sub! Contact Shirley Daluisio, 610-866-7919.

President's Pen



At this season of thanksgiving, miracles, and joy, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support and friendship, not only at this difficult time in my life, but for all the things you do to make this branch the most interesting, vibrant branch in all of Pennsylvania. Thanks for your energy and commitment to your daughters, sisters, and all women everywhere by being a part of something bigger than yourselves-AAUW.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, peaceful season.

Randi Blauth

Let's Honor Our Members and Community Volunteers

It is time to think about candidates for the 2012-13 Outstanding Woman and Teal Honorees. The criteria for the nominees are as follows:

Branch TEAL Award: This recognition is for a recent-term contribution by an unsung branch hero or a branch member exemplifying the spirit of AAUW. This new award honors a member who made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year.

Outstanding Woman: This award is offered through AAUW-Pennsylvania, recognizing a branch member who has given meritorious service to the branch and to the community over multiple years.

Please let Shirley Daluisio know your nominees for these prestigious, meaningful awards by December 15, 2012. Email to budshirl@hotmail.com or call her at 610-866-7919.

AAUW Recognizes the Community, Too

Each year local branches choose an individual, group, or organization that made a difference to women and girls' success and/or equitable treatment. Please help the committee identify the best candidates possible.

Send your nominees to President Randi by December 15, 2013. Call Randi at 610-974-9711 or send an e-mail to read4joy@ptd.net

Women in the White House in JFK's Administration

While this issue of the Bylines is “going to press,” our country is commemorating and remembering the death of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963. As part of that process, we should take time to consider the role of women in the Kennedy administration, a phenomenon which is not widely known or recognized. In fact, Kennedy was a politician who keenly understood the growing importance of women in the workplace. After decades when women were told their place was only in the home, two-thirds of Kennedy's White House staff were women. They wrote letters for the President, coordinated media coverage, and helped to create new government agencies. One of them, Mary Ann Orlando, participated in the creation of the Peace Corps. Another, Jean Lewis, was in charge of all logistics for key political events such as the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in 1960. Of eight staffers in the Press Office, five were women. It is true that none of them were named to top level positions as heads of the agencies they served, and true too that they were often relegated to the basement for lunch while the men dined in the White House dining room. But, still, they were the forerunners of women in government and business in the United States.



It was President Kennedy who created the first and only Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, chaired by none other than Eleanor Roosevelt. Kennedy foresaw increasing numbers of women entering the workforce, and he stated, “This is a matter of great national concern, and in this great society of ours we want to be sure that women are used as effectively as they can [be] to provide a better life for our people, in addition to meeting their primary responsibility which is in the home.” His words gave lip service to the traditional view of women as only homemakers, but at the same time he nudged the country to consider how the talents of women could be expressed in the public sphere.

Fifty years later, we look back on Kennedy's Commission on the Status of Women and consider it to have been remarkably progressive. Indeed, the report it issued helped to pave the way for the women's movement. The commission's recommendations included such matters as guaranteed paid maternity leave and subsidized day care, neither of which have come to fruition yet in our own time. Clearly, we still have much work to do to achieve full equality and parity in the workplace. Yet we can thank those women who broke out of the mold fifty years ago and created new possibilities for all of us to build upon.

Facts based on an NPR-WBUR article by Deborah Becker 11/15/13.

Ruth Skoglund
Diversity Chair

Paperback I

Marie Boltz (484-851-3435) We meet the third Thursday at 7:30 pm. On January 16 Mardi Metzger hosts a discussion of *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin at Mardi Metzger's. On February 20 Polly Hinder is our host for a discussion of *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver. We welcome new members.

Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) We meet at the home of Jeanie Powers on January 21. Louise Wisser will lead the discussion of *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. New members are always welcome.

Paperback III

Yvonne Payne (610-867-6575) Please phone for information about the January meeting.

Mystery Paperback

Linda Robertson (610-865-2087) Our next meeting will be at Polly Hinder's on January 28 from 1:30 - 3 pm to discuss *A Dreaming of the Bones*, by Deborah Crombie.

AAUW Calendars For Sale

Calendar chair Marge Gotshall added the Collection and Sales Dates for our 52nd Book Fair to the calendar. She has only 5 left. They cost \$6 and can be ordered at 610-866-7746. Proceeds from this fundraiser support our Scholarship Program.

AAUW's Educational Opportunities Fund

Webinar Announced

Join AAUW and the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau on **Thursday, December 12, at 11 am, ET** for a webinar designed for those on the front lines of preparing women for careers in STEM.

Speakers include representatives from the Women's Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Society of Women Engineers, and the National Institute for Women in the Trades, Technology, & Science, as well as AAUW Senior Researcher Andresse St. Rose. A live Q&A session will follow. Register now!

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How can you, your daughters, granddaughters and other women you know get help achieving their dreams?

AAUW knows that educational opportunity can provide women with a lifetime of success. That is why AAUW maintains and promotes an Educational Opportunities Fund. What is achieved through the fund?

Fellowships and grants are awarded including for those for specific projects, career development, community action and for selected professions.

The Fellows Alumnae Initiative is a network women can access to connect with other women who have been past or who are present recipients of AAUW grants and fellowships.

Weeklong camps, called AAUW Trek, which provide inspiration for 8th-grade girls in science, technology, engineering. And math career possibilities.

For example, career development grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Special consideration is given to women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.

Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Funds are available for distance learning. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States, or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for PhD-level work. For an application go to: <http://www.act.org/aauw/cdg/index.html>.

The grants described above are by no means all the ways AAUW helps women financially to secure their educational and career aims. To find out about more opportunities go to the national AAUW website.

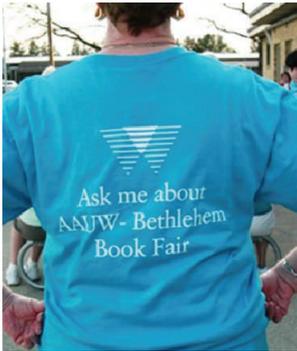
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Branch Member

Nominating Committee Meets

Chair Phyllis Wargo reports the committee has had its initial meeting. Their charge this year is to nominate candidates for the positions of president, president-elect, vice-president(s) for program, and new members for the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving as an officer of the branch, do not hesitate to call Phyllis at 610-797-9158. Self-nomination is encouraged.

2014 Book Fair



Linda's squared are trying to keep you informed in each issue of the *Bylines*, in an effort to generate branch interest in volunteering this year and to positively impact our scholarship funds.

Book Fair is not a contest between chairs or years. It is similar to playing golf- always trying to beat your own last score.

New ideas and changes in appearance do not demean the work of previous chairs, they only enhance it. The basic procedures for our Book Fair

were set in place over many years by Myrna, Cinda, Margaret, Claire, Karen, Nancy and others. It is our job for the present and future to utilize these strategies and to build on them and to enhance through new marketing and selling ideas.

The current chairs, captains and volunteers work countless hours behind the scenes. I know we all appreciate the time and dedication of these loyal volunteers. We encourage you to join the force. The sales team is equally important, and we hope when called you will volunteer for two or three shifts this year. But without the sorting, pricing and displaying over 50,000 books for six long weeks, there would be no need for sales.

Dates are reserved for the building, tables ordered, and we will be working with the printer in January to order posters and book marks.

As the holidays approach and thoughts turn to giving, jot a note on your calendar to give of yourself to the AAUW Book Fair. You may find you receive more than you give.

Don't forget the Captains' Meeting Thursday, February 27 at 1pm, hosted by Linda Robbins.

Happy Holidays from the Book Fair Team

Linda Robbins

610-264-4416

Linda Zimmerman

610-866-7319

Interbranch Lunch Set for March 8, 2014

Our inter-branch luncheon will feature speaker Nicola Gutgold, whose topic is empowering women. We will gather at noon at Northampton Country Club. Several branches will present their Gateway to Equity awards. Plan now to attend.

Senate: Filibuster Change

There's been a lot of hype around the Senate's action to adjust its rules for considering judicial and executive nominations. As usual, AAUW is here to cut through the hype and break down what this change means for women and girls. First, a little bit of background: In U.S. history, Congress has filibustered (i.e. blocked a confirmation vote of) only 168 presidential nominees. An astonishing 82 of those nominees have been filibustered in the last four years, including three qualified women recently nominated for the DC Circuit Court and subsequently filibustered. What yesterday's rules change means is that frustrating gridlock is over. Starting with nominee Patricia Millett, the Senate will be able to give D.C. Circuit nominees, and most other presidential nominees, an up-or-down vote. We are hopeful that the confirmation process is back on track, and we will continue to encourage the Senate to end obstructionism on nominees as well as critical legislation. Thank you to the thousands of AAUW members who have consistently urged the Senate to confirm nominees in a timely manner. With your help, we can continue our efforts to give judicial nominees the up-or-down votes they deserve.

Erin Prangley
AAUW, Associate Director,
Government Relations

Women Hit Workforce Milestone

A recent Department of Labor report showed a record 67.5 million working women, beating the 2008 pre-recession record of 67.4 million. While women have gained back the jobs lost during the recession, the overall employment gains for women have not kept pace with population growth and the gender wage gap persists in many of these professions.

State Spotlight: Connecticut

We applaud the leadership of Gov. Dannel Malloy (D-CT) in commissioning a nine-month study and pay equity report released recently. The report cited AAUW's research on the gender pay gap and recommended many of the policies for which AAUW advocates, including policies that allow workers to discuss wages and programs that encourage girls to consider science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

Progress: Women in the Military

Congratulations to the three women who became the first female graduates of the Marine Corps Infantry training course! These ladies performed the same exercises as men over a 59-day training camp. Although the women will not join infantry units while the Armed Forces continues to study how to lift the combat ban for women, this graduation ceremony still represents a significant crack in the military glass ceiling.

Cultural Pot Luck Dinner We Need Your Reservation Now!

Our second annual Cultural/Ethnic Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 5-8pm at the Northampton Community College, Fowler Center - Room 605 (sixth floor) on the south side. A parking lot adjoins the building.

Make a treasured family recipe and enjoy an evening with great company and good food. Bring your spouse, partner or a potential new member. Your dish can be homemade or purchased! You can make an ethnic dish or choose one of your favorite recipes to share. If your stove is out of order, a \$10 donation is requested. Hospitality will be by the Board of Directors.

Please send Reservations to: Mary Ann Mitrison by phone at 610-837-7693 or by email at mitrison@rcn.com by **December 3, 2013** with the following information:

- Name(s) of attendee(s)
- Food that you will share:
- Appetizer: hot/cold
- Salad: pasta/greens
- Dessert: cake/cookies/pie/ other
- Country of Origin of your dish!

Editor's Note: My spouse and I had a delightful time at this event last year. Give yourself a treat and make a reservation today. Linda Robertson



Olga Conneen, Trisha Moller, and Marie Boltz at the 2012 Holiday Buffet. Mark your calendars for December 7 this year.

AAUW LOBBY DAY IN HARRISBURG WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

You can be a lobbyist! If we make an afternoon appointment with our State Legislator on Wednesday, December 11, to lobby for AAUW Public Policy priorities, AAUW will give us a brief training session at the Harrisburg/Hershey Sheraton. Wear purple (optional) to show your support for funding for domestic abuse programs. Other issues include human trafficking, no drilling for gas in state parks, and support for SAFE schools legislation. Lobbyists will then drive to the Strawberry Square parking garage and walk the two/three long blocks to the Capitol. After we meet our legislator, we will join AAUW at the food court at Strawberry Square for an informal debriefing. Please check the website for further details: aauw-pa.aauw.net. If you would like to join a small group going to Harrisburg from Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 11, please email Cathy Kotanchik at ckotanchik07@gmail.com or telephone 610-393-3036 to plan carpooling and the day's Senate appointment.

Can't come to Harrisburg? Please become a Two-Minute Activist by going to aauw-pa.aauw.net and click on the Petition against Human Trafficking. Each name on this petition strengthens our voice with the Senators in Harrisburg.



Forty people attended AAUW-Bethlehem's excellent panel discussion about Violence Against Women at NCC. The program was funded, in part, by a grant from AAUW-PA. Thank you, Bernie Gardiner and the volunteer committee that worked through the summer to design the event.

Needed: an Editor for Face Book

Did you know that AAUW-Bethlehem has a Face Book page? You can find us at AAUW Bethlehem PA.

It is up, it is running, and we need an editor. If you are willing to spend two to three hours monthly to update our page, please email President Randi at read4joy@PTD.net or phone 610-974-9711.

Our Face Book page is attracting notice, especially from younger women and we must maintain a page with current news and interesting photos.

Addresses For Elected Officials

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.: 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510 (202-224-6324) or 840 Hamilton ST, Ste 301, Allentown, PA 18101 (610-782-9470)

Senator Patrick J. Toomey: 502 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 (202-224-4254) or 1150 South Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103 (610-434-1444)

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)

State Legislators

Sen. Lisa M. Boscola: 458 Capitol Building, Senate Box 203018, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3018 (717-787 4236) or 559 Main ST, Ste 270, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (610-868-8667)

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AAUW-Bethlehem: Membership Report

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Cynthia Hasz: Cynthia earned her bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College (1972) and a master's degree +36 from Chestnut Hill College (1992). Her interests include hiking, gardening, reading, birding and cooking.

Jihyun "Jenna" Kim: Jenna is a graduate of Sogang University, Seoul Korea where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1992. At Northampton Community College she earned an accounting specialized diploma in 2011. Her interests include the arts, museums, and traveling.

Brenda Tomlinson
Dorothy Viglione

Looking Ahead to 2014

Evelyn Murphy to Speak in Lehigh Valley

April 8, 2014, is Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the year before. Our branch is planning several activities to highlight the inequality of pay for women.

To launch our discussion, we will host a public lecture by Evelyn Murphy, former Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Founder of the Wage Project. Ms. Murphy will speak the evening of Tuesday March 18, 2014 in Prosser Auditorium at Moravian College. Her appearance is funded in large part by a prestigious Arts and Lecture Grant from Moravian College. Please save that date and plan to attend.

2013 Giving Back Project

Branch Supports Communities in School at Lincoln Elementary School

AAUW-Bethlehem members are supporting our 2013 Giving Back project generously. As of the end of November, **49 of our members donated \$2,535** to help with after-school programming, focused on developing leadership in girls, at Lincoln Elementary School, Bethlehem, a school named a "Community School (CS)" in 2006. We hope to surpass the \$3,000+ our members donated in 2012.

Lincoln's vision parallels AAUW's vision to inspire lifelong learners and create leaders one child at a time. Lincoln's results are stunning: improvement in academics, decreased disciplinary referrals, and increased student engagement.

Your participation is voluntary. Please send your check made out to "Communities in Schools L.V." to Treasurer Beth Corroda at 2226 Lafayette Ave., Bethlehem PA 18017-5018.

Your gift will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Communities In Schools

Lehigh Valley



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Time Sensitive Material

Save The Date! Mark Your Calendar!

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

6-8 pm

AAUW-Bethlehem to hold its
85th Anniversary Celebration

An evening reception will honor the branch's 85 years of commitment to
"equity for women and girls"

(There will be additional information in future *Bylines*.)