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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 11, 4 pm Branch Meeting at Moravian College

February 27, 1 pm Book Sale
Captains' Meeting

March 8, Inter-branch Luncheon

March 18, 7 pm Evelyn Murphy
Talk

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Tell it Like it Is

Presented by the AAUW Student Affiliates at Moravian College

Moravian College
North Campus
Hauptert Union Building (HUB)
UBC Room
February 11, 2014
4 pm

advisor to the Affiliates Group
Stacey Zaremba at
szaremba@morvian.edu.

This is a rare afternoon meeting and we will enjoy daylight driving so plan now to call a friend and ride together.

Joint Branch/Affiliates Meeting

On Tuesday, February 11, at 4 pm we invite branch members to join in the Annual Student Affiliate/Bethlehem Branch Joint Meeting! The affiliates, who have been sponsoring monthly Brown Bag lunch events at Moravian College thought it would be interesting to discuss these brown bag lunch topics with branch members.

The topics have included: Sex on Campus (hooking-up), Human Trafficking, and Feminism: What's in a Name?

We look forward to having a dynamic intergenerational conversation about these topics.

Please join us! The meeting will be held in the UBC room in the HUB at Moravian College.

For information, contact AAUW-Bethlehem Board member and

Other Affiliate-Sponsored Programs

The spring semester is very active for the AAUW Student Affiliates. On Thursday, January 23 at 7pm the Affiliates hosted a movie showing of the award-winning *Girl Rising* in the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex 116 at Moravian College.

On Saturday, February 8, the students will be organizing and running a workshop on self-esteem and confidence for young girls at the Science and Girl Scout event held at Moravian.

Other Affiliate-related events to look forward to this spring at Moravian College include Feminist Coming Out Day, Pay Equity Events, and *Take Back the Night!*

Bacchae

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158)
We meet on March 13 at Phyllis' house to taste and evaluate floral wines. Louise will serve as co-hostess. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Phyllis.

The Out to Lunch Bunch

Jeanie Keller-Powers (610-865-3543) Join us February 18 at the Benner House restaurant. TV Chef Gordon Ramsey supervised a re-do of the restaurant, which is located at 1028 Broadway, Bethlehem 18015. Please Rsvp (610-838-1482) with our hostess Lynn Bittner by February 15. We invite all AAUW members to join us.

Diversity, Deeds and Dialogue

This inter-branch study group meets the fourth Wednesday at 7 pm We are reading *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity* by Andrew Solomon, which explores many unusual varieties of human experience. On February 26 we will discuss the chapter on Downs Syndrome. For more information, contact Ruth at 610-509-9263 or at rskoglund@rcn.com.

AAUW Bridge

The bridge group meets the third Thursday of each month, October-May, excluding December. On March 20, April 17, and May 15, we will 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, before the bridge date to reserve a seat.

President's Pen



If you don't think that many women are falling through the cracks, think again.

Although we do have the highest percentage of women in Congress than ever before (17%), legislatively there are still many barriers to a quality standard of living for us. Here are some current statistics as noted recently in *The Shriver Report, A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*:

- Two-thirds of minimum-wage workers are women.
- Women earn 77% of every dollar a man earns.
- More than 70% of low-wage workers get no paid sick days.
- Forty percent of all households with children under the age of eighteen have mothers who are either the sole or primary source of income.

Even if these statistics don't affect you, they probably do affect someone you know--a friend, your children? Many Americans don't have a safety net. They don't have parents to help them. They're tired, overworked, underpaid, caring for children, caring for parents, with little reliable affordable day care available. And a striking statistic about all this is that these factors don't just affect the urban poor as usually thought. And according to *Atlantic.com*, half of American jobs pay less than \$33,000 per year and one quarter of those pay \$22,000 or less!

At these wages, can we ensure that our families are getting the food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and education that they need to stay healthy and keep pace with our high-demand society? Shriver's report interviewed more than 3,000 adults about the issues of gender, marriage, education and the future. Here are some more statistics from the report:

- Seventy-five percent of low-income women wish they had put a higher priority on their education and career, compared to 58% of the general population.
- Thirty-seven percent were married, compared with forty-nine percent of all polled.
- More low-income women than men regret getting married when they did.
- Nearly a third with children wished they had delayed having kids or had fewer of them.

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“Violence against Women” Project Program #2 “Demystifying Rape, Sexual Assault and Hook-Ups on College Campuses”

**Lehigh University
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30 pm**

This program is a continuation of the first program held at Northampton Community College on November 20, 2013. The format of the program will include a panel of professionals from Lehigh University on the many sides of abuse that occur in close relationships, and an education/outreach person from Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. There will be prepared questions that describe possible scenarios and also questions from the audience for the panel to address. The moderator, Dr. Rita Jones, is Director of the Women's Center at Lehigh University.

The Violence against Women Project is part of a state-wide AAUW effort to educate and inform about the vastness of the everyday occurrence of violence, of all types, in close relationships and what can be done about it.

The committee looks forward to lots of AAUW membership support for this project. Please consider coming to this interesting and enlightening program at Lehigh University.

Bernie Gardiner

2013 Giving Back Project

Branch Supports Communities in School at Lincoln Elementary School

AAUW-Bethlehem members supported our 2013 Giving Back project with **61 of our members donating \$3,045** for after-school programming, focused on developing leadership in girls, at Lincoln Elementary School, Bethlehem.

Since we started Giving Back in 2009, our members have contributed \$16,046 to programs that parallel AAUW's vision to inspire lifelong learners and create leaders one girl or one woman at a time. The Board of AAUW-Bethlehem sends a hearty “well done” to each and every one of you who supported this project.

“Thank you so much for perceiving the need and working so hard to promote equity in our community. As a result of the women of AAUW's work, Lincoln will be able to offer **Dream Big!**, an after school program emphasizing goal-setting for female students and yoga. Please know that AAUW-Bethlehem has an open invitation to visit our school and we would love to welcome them.”

Lisa Regan, CIS-LV at Lincoln Elementary School

Paperback I

Marie Boltz (484-851-3435) We meet the third Thursday at 7:30 pm. On February 20, Polly Hinder is our host for a discussion of *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver. On March 20, we will discuss *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. We welcome new members.

Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) We meet at the home of Phyllis Wargo on February 18 at 7:30 pm. Jeanie Keller-Powers will lead the discussion of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. This is a biography of Dr. Paul Farmer and describes his work in Haiti. We hope to have a native of Haiti join our meeting to add her insights about this country. New members are always welcome.

Paperback III

Yvonne Payne (610-867-6575) On February 5, Jane hosts a discussion of *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. On March 5, our book is *Catherine the Great, Portrait of a Woman* by Robert Massie.

Mystery Paperback

Linda Robertson (610-865-2087) Our next meeting will be at Connie's on April 29 from 1:30 - 3 pm to discuss *Salvation of a Sinner* by Keigo Higashino.

Our Condolences

To Olga Conneen on the death of her mother Mary Fartuch at age 98 on December 27, 2013.

Take Action!

In late December, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued a last-minute procedural injunction for the requirement that religiously-affiliated non-profit organizations provide contraception coverage to their employees through third-party insurers — pending a response from the federal government defending the requirement. In its response, the Department of Justice argued that an injunction was inappropriate since any religiously-affiliated non-profit may simply fill out an accommodation form and not be bound by the requirement. In other news, the Supreme Court announced that it will hear arguments on the constitutionality of requiring for-profit businesses to provide contraceptive coverage.

[Write a letter to your local paper](#) about these cases and the impact they could have on women and everyone else! Speak up now to keep your boss out of your personal health care decisions.

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AAUW's Public Policy Fund

AAUW's Public Policy Fund supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Programs sponsored by this fund include advocacy on Capitol Hill and in the White House, assistance to women as their own advocates through information and voter registration drives, and field organizing that engages individuals and branches through impact grants, the "AAUW Action Network," the "Two-Minute Activist" and "Washington Update." These reports keep members up-to-date on their legislatures, on societal/political issues on which AAUW has taken positions and on what actions we can do to promote a more just society.

AAUW public policy position research and writings have informed educators and help create change, while also boosting our organization's visibility. AAUW studies have raised awareness of issues such as gender inequity in education, "hostile hallways," or bullying in school, and others.

To find out more about this AAUW fund and others, go to the national AAUW website at www.AAUW.org.

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Branch Member

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What can we do? These are families--American families. Their daily struggle to keep afloat affects everyone's lives-- think minimum wage, a fair wage, unemployment insurance, healthcare, the Family and Medical Leave Act which provides unpaid leave so many can't afford to use it. Think about the quality of our workforce: the training and retraining that many of our workers need.

In March, you will have the opportunity to attend two programs that touch on these issues so we can stay informed and learn how to help change these dreary facts.

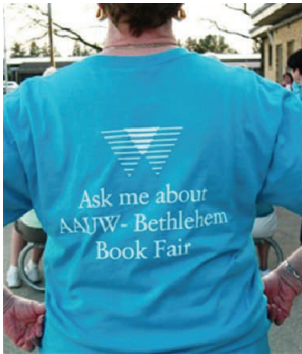
At this year's inter-branch luncheon on March 8 you can hear respected speaker Dr. Nichola Gutgold of the Pennsylvania State University speak on empowering women.

On March 18, our own branch, through the work of the pay equity committee, brings you nationally renowned speaker, Dr. Evelyn Murphy, founder of the WAGE project (Women Are Getting Even) to speak on the state of women's work in the U.S.

Please support your fellow women and come to both with daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, husbands, and friends of any gender.

Randi Blauth

2014 Book Fair



Now that it's officially 2014, we know that the Book Fair will be here in just a matter of weeks. Have you seen our eleven-minute Book Fair video about the Book Fair process which highlighted last year's Book Fair and Scholarship Reception? Are you getting as excited as we are to get things rolling? We have begun advertising and, believe it or not, we have already collected a goodly number of books. Fortunately, we have some wonderful volunteers like Ruth Skoglund who are willing and able to store numerous boxes of

books for us until March when the Pool Building is open, and we have a few loyal packers, lifters and haulers who will pick up and deliver at just about any time of year. While we don't encourage early collection because the books must be moved twice, if a great opportunity comes along, we definitely take advantage of it if at all possible.

We must report two important date changes for our Book Fair volunteers. Due to the scheduling of the Scholarship Reception on May 14, The Celebration Luncheon will be delayed by one week to May 21 and the Men's Breakfast will follow on May 22. Please mark your calendars.

How will you be involved with the Book Fair this year? Feel free to contact either of us anytime. We'd love to hear from you!

Captains, please remember our vital Captains' Meeting on February 27 at 1 pm at Linda Robbins' home. We have much to discuss.

Linda Robbins

610-264-4416

Linda Zimmerman

610-866-7319

Needed: an Editor for Face Book

Did you know that AAUW-Bethlehem has a Face Book page: AAUW Bethlehem PA.

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.

Members' Holiday Supper a Delight!

The December dinner was a great success. MaryAnne Mitrison handled the pre-registrations and the Board of Directors was in charge of hospitality. Fifty people attended, including 16 spouses or friends. A wide variety of delicious foods was available. Linda Zimmerman created a video of last year's book sale and scholarship reception, which was shown during dessert. The video was enjoyed by all. Many of the spouses were part of the sale and enjoyed the trip down memory lane along with our member participants.



From Left: Connie White, Polly Hinder, Olga Conneen, and Ruth Skoglund.

Yellen Confirmed as First Female Federal Reserve Chair

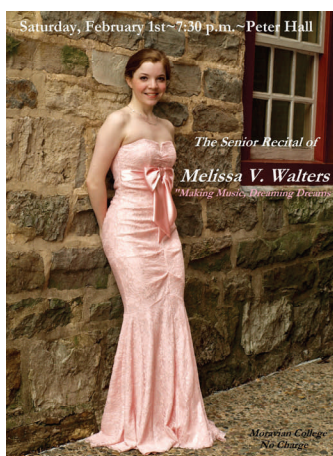
The Senate confirmed Janet Yellen as the next Federal Reserve Chair in January. Yellen, who was serving as vice chair, will be the first woman to serve in the chair position. Not only was she the most qualified, but she's also wicked smart! President Obama also nominated Stanley Fischer, the former governor of the Bank of Israel, to serve as the Fed's vice chair; he also nominated Lael Brainard and Jerome Powell to serve on the Fed's Board of Governors.

Melissa Walters

Senior Recital at Moravian College

Saturday, February 1 at 7:30 pm in Peter Hall, South Campus

"Making Music, Dreaming Dreams"



Moravian College encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Department of Music at music@moravian.edu or call 480.861.1600 at least one week prior to the event.

This is a free concert. Melissa will sing music from the Renaissance to the 20th century including opera and art songs. A small reception will follow the performance.

Melissa has been a key member of the AAUW Affiliates at the College. Let's all support her recital.

AAUW Wilmington Book Sale

The area's largest sale of gently used books has been scheduled by the Wilmington branch of the American Association of University Women. The 45th annual Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale, to benefit college scholarships for Delaware women, runs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 27-March 2, at Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Brandywine Hundred, DE 19803. For more information, visit <http://wilmington-de.aaup.net/booksale>, call (302) 428-0939 or e-mail aaupwilm@gmail.com.

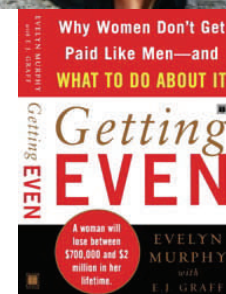
Evelyn Murphy

Founder of WAGE Project Speaking in Bethlehem
March 18, 2014 at 7pm

Over her career, a woman graduating from college this spring or who graduated from college in the last 20 years will make \$1 million less than the young man who graduated with her unless she acts to make sure she is paid fairly.

Because of the wage gap, more women than men fear—and experience—poverty, or teeter right on the edge. They are missing almost a quarter of their rightful earnings—money that few women can afford to miss. Eleven million older American women (and only four million older men) make do with less than \$8,300 a year, the federal definition of poverty. Nearly three times as many women as men live at subsistence level in their old age. The wage gap isn't some meaningless abstraction. It adds up. Discrimination is costing women (and their loved ones) the paychecks, pensions, and security that they need and deserve.

Evelyn Murphy is founder and President of The WAGE Project, Inc, (Women Are Getting Even) a nationwide, grassroots, action-oriented organizations dedicated to eliminating the gender wage gap by getting women paid fairly. The audience will learn about valuable skill sets to use to negotiate in their own lives — in the workplace and beyond. She will give her audience a look at the tools and techniques to be comfortable, confident and committed to getting paid what they are worth. It will be a priceless experience for students of any age. Bring your neighbor, sister, grandchildren, and anyone who interacts with young people. Her appearance is funded in large part by an Arts and Lecture Grant from Moravian College.



AAUW-Bethlehem: Membership Report

Please Welcome Our Newest Member

Carole Reese Carole earned her bachelor of science in education degree from Kutztown University (1975) and a master of arts degree in social relations from Lehigh University (1992). She is the Chief Research Officer and Director of Special Projects at Moravian College. Her interests include working with international students and higher education research.

Brenda Tomlinson & Dorothy Viglione

Lobby Day in Harrisburg

On a cold morning in December, Bethlehem Branch members, Bernie Gardiner and Susan McNamara, and Easton Branch President, Toni Hoffman, joined me for AAUW-PA's first Lobby Day in Harrisburg. Susan and Toni shared with Bernie and me that our top issue, Senate Bill 75, Anti-Trafficking Legislation, had passed the Senate unanimously the previous day. This was great news, and meant that we could begin our meetings with the senators with a warm, "Thank you!"

We stopped at the Harrisburg-Hamburg Sheraton, where we joined delegations from other PA branches for a two-hour training session. Betty Hooker, AAUW-PA Public Policy Co-chair, introduced us to Nicole Lindemyer, Esq., Community Education Director from ACCESS/VAC/YWCA York, who spoke about 4 AAUW supported issues: human trafficking, adequate funding for domestic abuse programs, a moratorium on permits to drill for gas in State Forest Lands, and the PA Safe School Act. She provided great tips on how to make the most of our meetings with the senators. Two women from AAUW National, who had come from Washington, shared their expertise on lobbying. Finally, equipped with handouts, and fortified with cookies, fruit, and coffee, we drove to the Capitol Building.

I had made an appointment with my local state senator, Patrick Browne, Senate Majority Whip. His assistant had warned me that the day's senate session was likely to extend past our 1 pm appointment time. This turned out to be the case, but, since SB 75 had just been unanimously passed, we were able to voice our thanks for the Senator's support. We left handouts detailing AAUW's support of our three other issues.

Susan had an appointment with her senator, Lisa Boscola. Senator Boscola, who is an AAUW-Bethlehem member, received us personally. We thanked her for her support of the human tracking bill and discussed the other three issues. She requested her assistant to follow up on details of several of the issues.

Toni Hoffman had an appointment with Senator Bob Mensch's office. Senator Mensch was unavailable, but his Chief of Staff, Matthew Azeles, met with us and we discussed the details of AAUW support for the funding of domestic abuse programs, the State Forest gas drilling moratorium, and the PASS Act, currently stalled in the House.

After our meetings, and a photo op on the steps of the Capitol Building, we walked to the Strawberry Square shopping center for a late lunch. We agreed that it had been a most interesting day. The AAUW training session had made the day much less intimidating. Another Lobby Day PA is being planned for the spring. So, if you want to express your concerns to your legislators face-to-face, please join us on our next trip to Harrisburg.

Cathy Kotanchik

See Lobby Day photos page 12

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 1 E. Broad ST, Ste 120, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (610-868-8667)

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AAUW-Bethlehem: Nominating Report Candidates for Elected Officers

President: Ruth Skoglund: I grew up on Chicago's south side near the University of Chicago, attended Grinnell College, a small liberal arts school in Iowa, and taught English for a year in Thessaloniki, Greece as part of Grinnell's Fifth Year Abroad program. After that enriching experience, I embarked on a Master's program at the U. of C. in English and History and became a high school teacher in Chicago during some of the most turbulent years of the 1960s when gang warfare erupted regularly, and civil rights issues prompted walk-outs and confrontations. Eventually, I left the front lines of urban education for a job teaching reading comprehension to adults returning to school. I married and had two wonderful children, and in 1980 the family moved to Lansdale PA for my then-husband's work.



Those were turbulent times, as my marriage fell apart, and I realized that I was not cut out for classroom teaching. My thoughts turned to the law, and I remembered that I had been afraid to consider applying to law school after college because at that time it was not a career that many women undertook. Now it became a challenge that I could not resist, which led to attending law school at Temple University and embarking on a second career. For 14 years I commuted from Lansdale to a law practice in Allentown until I moved to the Lehigh Valley and could spend the next 8 years commuting 10 minutes to work. I now wonder how the family managed during those years, but we did. I was surely inspired by the many women world-wide who have found creative ways to juggle the demands of parenting, homemaking and work.

In retirement, I have found challenging volunteer opportunities in the ESL field and currently as a court advocate with Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. I am active in AAUW, serving on several committees and as Diversity Chair. From my association with AAUW members, I have learned what a huge difference a spirited and determined group of women can make. Together I hope that we can build on the wonderful work that has been done by our Branch to promote education and equity for women and girls. We are part of a wave of women who are becoming increasingly empowered to take on greater roles in our community and country. It's an exciting time to be a woman and to be part of AAUW-Bethlehem.

Cathy Kotanchik: President Elect: I earned my bachelor of arts degree from Emory University in Atlanta and my master of arts from Kings College, University of London. When our daughters were in pre-school, Bob and I moved to England for ten years. After ten years back in Pennsylvania, and when the girls were both in graduate school, Sperry, which became Unysis, sent us to Europe again. This time we spent five years in Brussels where I was



on the Board of the American Women's Club of Brussels and co-editor of their monthly magazine, *Rendez-vous*. We moved to East Allen Township twelve years ago and I joined Weichert Closing Services, its title company. I handle the SE Pennsylvania title work for Weichert Workforce Mobility, Inc. I became active with AAUW-Bethlehem and I discovered a focus for my passion for empowering women and girls to achieve equality in every aspect of their lives. Although the Equal Rights Amendment has not passed in the necessary number of states to be ratified, the efforts of women in organizations like ours continue to change the mentality of Americans towards the wisdom of equality.

Co-Vice-President, Programs: Stacey Zaremba: Stacey is a Full Professor at Moravian College. She teaches classes in Psychology and Women's Studies and holds a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Experimental Psychology. Stacey serves on the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Bethlehem. She is the Faculty Advisor to the Moravian College AAUW Student Affiliate group. She is also a board member of the Eastern Psychological Association. Stacey's passion is activism; she works with her students to move people from "thinking the good" to "doing the good," which creates a more just and caring world. Stacey received the 2010 Outstanding Breast Cancer Survivor award from the Philadelphia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. In 2011, she was recognized as YWCA's Volunteer of the Year. Stacey also received The Timothy M. Breidegam Memorial Faculty and Administrators Award for unselfishly giving her service to the Moravian College community and the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Stacey received the 2013 Faculty Advisor Award for her work with the student affiliate group and it was the same year that the group won the Omicron Delta Kappa Organization of the year. The mission of AAUW is consistent with Stacey's passions and near and dear to her heart. Her work with the student affiliates, the diversity group, and the many subcommittees she has served on continues to keep her engaged in the work of AAUW.



Co-Vice-President, Programs: Shelley Speirs: Shelley is the Director of Annual Giving for Moravian College's Office of Institutional Advancement. She also serves as the Co-Chair for the Women's Studies Advisory Council. Shelley holds a bachelor of science degree in Hospitality Management from East Stroudsburg University where she was also a member of the Women's Gymnastics Team and Phi Sigma Sigma sorority.



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**Lehigh University
Tuesday, February 18,
2014 at 7:30 pm**

AAUW Factoid

More than 50 plaintiffs in 9 gender equity cases received case support from AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund in 2013. Nine *Case Support Travel Grants* allowed Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiffs to travel to AAUW state conventions cross the US to speak about their experiences. Fifteen LAF *Campus Outreach Grant* projects helped branch members and campus teams collaborate to educate college students about Title IX, sexual assault prevention, fair pay, and women in leadership.

YWCA Sponsors Lectures

The Great Decisions Foreign Policy winter series of eight lectures begins February 5 at Kirkland Village at 10:30 am. We have two world-renowned speakers, Dr. Hussein Ibish and Babak Yektafar, in addition to Lehigh, Moravian, Muhlenberg, and NCC faculty. Following each lecture is a Q&A. The YWCA of Bethlehem is the sponsor. Cost: lectures plus book: \$85; \$105/couple (bring a friend). Information is available at www.ywcabethlehem.org or by calling 610\867-4669 ext. 101.

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Shelley is currently pursuing her master of business administration degree from Moravian College Comenius Center. Shelley is passionate about women's issues and sits on the Board of the YWCA of Bethlehem where she is part of their Women's Program Committee, Development Committee and Coalition on Racism and Race Relations. She has worked in the non-profit development/fundraising profession for over 13 years, five years as the Director of Donor Relations and Events for the former Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center, Inc Warren County. In this position, Shelley was certified with 80 hours of domestic violence and sexual assault training and in 2006, was featured in the *New Jersey Star Ledger* as a subject matter expert in an article titled "Heritage of service inspires victims' advocate". Shelley is a sports and outdoor enthusiast whose passion is to travel, discover, and create independence and confidence in young girls and women through empowerment, leadership development, and the pursuit of healthy lifestyles. She is looking forward to aligning her experience and passion with the mission of AAUW serving as Co-Vice President, Programs. Shelley lives in Bethlehem Township with her husband Gayland and their dog Kona.

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Serving for their second year are Joan Jones, Shirley McBride, and Joanne Wagner. Nominated to serve for a first term are the following: Bernice Gardiner, Myra Jones, and Margaret Mahoney. Randi Blauth will sit on the committee as immediate past president. Joan Jones will serve as Chair.

*Respectfully Submitted
Phyllis Wargo, Chair*



President Randi presents checks totaling \$3,045 to Tim Mulligan, CEO of Communities in Schools—Lehigh Valley. Our gifts will support the *Dream Big* program at Lincoln Elementary School. For more, see article page 3.

Inter-Branch Luncheon

THE ALLENTOWN, BETHLEHEM, EASTON AND POCONO BRANCHES OF AAUW

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2014 AT 11:30 am
NORTHAMPTON COUNTRY CLUB
5049 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY, EASTON, PA 18045

Gateway to Equity Awards

Dr. Nichola Gutgold

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of
Communication Arts and Science, The Pennsylvania State
University, will speak on "Empowering Women"

Vegetable Soup (meat-free)

Choice of Entree

Salad Nicoise: grilled tuna on lettuce with capers, olives, and green beans

Vegetable Napoleon: roasted peppers, smoked mozzarella, and portabella mushrooms between layers of puff pastry

Trio Salad: (gluten-free) chicken, tuna and egg

Chocolate Mousse with Cookie

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Tea

Directions:

From Allentown, Bethlehem or Easton: follow I-78 E to PA-33N (Exit 71). Take the William Penn Highway exit and turn right for 1/2 mile. From Pocono: follow PA-33 S to William Penn Highway. Turn left for 1/2 mile. Northampton Country Club is on the left.

Register by **February 26**. Mail to Susan Nenstiel, 2889 Aronimink Dr, Macungie, PA 18062. Your check for \$25 per person should be made payable to AAUW-Allentown.

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Phone: _____

Entrée: ☐ Salad Nicoise ☐ Vegetable Napoleon ☐ Trio Salad

NCC Students Gets AAUW Grant

Dalairis "Dolly" Amaro is a student at NCC and an e-affiliate of AAUW. Last September, Dolly contacted President Randi, who gave her the information to apply for an AAUW National *Community Action Grant*.

Dolly was successful and designed a series of four workshops to be presented at NCC in the Spring Semester. The workshops called "Parents Achieve Success Now" will offer solid information for parents, activities for children, food, a raffle and time to network with other parents.

Dolly told Randi, "I am planning on attending law school and felt becoming involved with your organization was a great opportunity to build leadership skills, make great connections, and also be involved in the cause that I want to focus my legal career on: women's rights."



Dolly, and many other talented, vibrant young women across the United States exemplify the tenets of AAUW and our action-oriented organization. Congratulations, Dolly.

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Time Sensitive Material

2013 AAUW Lobby Day in Harrisburg PA



AAUW-Bethlehem members Bernie Gardiner, Susan McNamara, and Cathy Kotanchik along with AAUW-Easton's Toni Hoffman are seen with Senator Lisa Boscola and Matthew Azeles, Senator Bob Mensch's Chief of Staff.