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Randi Blauth, President Linda Robertson and Cathy Kotanchik, Editors

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

May 14, Scholars' Reception, 7 pm June 10, Joint Board Dinner July 12, AAUW-PA Summer Retreat Meeting

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A Celebration of Our Scholars

May 14, 2014 Advent Moravian Church 3730 Jacksonville Rd 18017 7 pm

Our annual scholarship reception will honor two adult women and 34 high school seniors from Freedom, Liberty, Saucon Valley, and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. We can almost guarantee that in a few years, we may be saying, "I knew her when...."

And in honor of our upcoming anniversary, one of these outstanding young women will be recognized as our **85th Anniversary** Scholar!

A sampling of the schools chosen by this year's scholars include Arcadia University, Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, Cedar Crest College, Delaware Valley College, DeSales University, Drexel University, Lehigh University, Lycoming College, Louisiana State University, North Carolina State University, University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University, and West Chester University.

We will also be honoring Sonia Vazquez with the Gateway to Equity award. She will address our scholars and there families. To learn more about this remarkable woman

please see the article on Page Four.

It will be great fun, especially if you are a graduate of one of these schools, to come out and greet and network with these young women while we enjoy the refreshments provided by



Sonia Vazquez

Study Group Paperback II.

Advent Moravian Church offers easy access and lots of parking.

Directions: From Route 22: Exit at Schoenersville Road and go south towards Bethlehem. Turn left at light at end of ramp onto Schoenersville Road. Turn left at light just past the exit and entrance ramps onto Macada Rd. This road is opposite the entrance to Lehigh Valley Hospital and it comes up quickly. Left at first light onto Jacksonville Road. Continue past the next light at Stokes Park Road. Pass the Hanover Township Municipal Complex and the church will be on the right.

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Bacchae

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158) We will have our closing dinner on May 8 at the Hampton Winds Restaurant at Northampton Community College. We will be providing wines to share and enjoy.

The Out to Lunch Bunch

Jeanie Keller-Powers (610-865-3543) Join us for our final luncheon on May 20 at a new restaurant, *The Broadway Social*. It is at 217 Broadway on the South Side of Bethlehem. Our hostess is Louise Seidenberger, so please call her at 610-867-5609 by May17 with a reservation. 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 May 28, we will discuss the chapter on Disability. For 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 May 15, we will meet at Kirkland Village's Marketplace 11:30 am for lunch, followed by bridge in the Sun Room. Looking for new players. 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

Women on All Fronts-an apt theme for AAUW-PA and the Bethlehem branch! Last month, ELEVEN of our members went to the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting in Gettysburg including Moravian student-affiliate copresident, Katelyn Cohen! We were everywhere! Read what your fellow branch members have to say about the meeting:

"What could be more fun at an AAUW-PA Annual Meeting than being with enthusiastic, first-time attendees from AAUW-Bethlehem! I'd say being with

them to hear from an inspiring panel of students, including Moravian's Katelyn Cohen; to hear a public policy initiatives session with panelists including Randi, and to applaud as Award Certificates in numbers were presented to our branch and its members. And this only scratches the surface!" --Susan McNamara

"The conference served as a wonderful opportunity for networking and gaining resources about AAUW. I am excited to take what I learned at the conference back to the student affiliate group to improve our programming and state-wide participation."--Kate Cohen

"The theme "Women On All Fronts" offered many diverse perspectives such as one woman's year long experiences recruiting women for the Afghan military forces to three women in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program at Penn State speak passionately about their careers, cultures, and challenges in the African nations of Swaziland, Burundi, and Namibia. These presentations provided me with inspiration and compassion with our sisters around the world. It was a great weekend, and I was happy to be part of it." --JoAnn Kelly

"One part of the convention that particularly impressed me was the thoughtful, articulate presentations made by the Humphrey Fellowship women who had all overcome terrific cultural obstacles in order to educate themselves and their children and to play important roles in the development of their respective countries. Another impressive part of the convention was the session on STEM initiatives which touched on ideas for enlarging this important program and getting financial support for it from area corporations."--Ruth Skoglund

I can't say enough good things about my experiences at my first state convention. Everything was so organized and well-planned. The speakers were wonderful, my new friends are amazing, and the food was great. I especially liked the presentation on Sister to Sister. That is such a good idea."--Sandy Rice

"I learned so much about what other branches and National AAUW are doing to promote STEM, that I can confidently encourage my granddaughter to seek out programs that will encourage her desire to be an engineer."- -Cathy Kotanchik

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AAUW Public Policy

On April 19, 2014, the majority of the US Senate voted against discussing the Paycheck Fairness Bill. Our Pennsylvania Senators voted as follows: Senator Pat Toomey voted 'No' while Senator Bob Casey voted 'Yes'. A 'no' vote was to ensure that there would be no discussion of this important bill.

AAUW Cheer of the Week

New York Mets baseball player Daniel Murphy defended his decision to take a three-day paternity leave to be with his wife when she gave birth. After missing the team's first game, Murphy stood by the decision as "the best thing for our family."

Cheers to Murphy for defending what should be available to every family who needs leave to care for their loved ones! Urge your representative to support a federal paid family and medical leave insurance program.

AAUW Jeer of the Week

In a startling display of hypocrisy, it was revealed this week that the company Hobby Lobby's retirement funds invest in companies that manufacture abortion and contraceptive products – this despite the fact that the nationwide crafts chain is suing the federal government for requiring the company's health insurance plans to cover contraception for its employees without a co-pay. The company's 401(k) retirement plan heavily invests in companies which manufacture the same products Hobby Lobby specifically says it cannot cover under the Affordable Care Act due to its owners' religious beliefs.

Bernie Gardiner

AAUW Note Cards Are in the Mail

AAUW-National is distributing cards with original art work by AAUW members. Our donations (voluntary of course) help AAUW continue to support legislative issues such as paycheck fairness. Each card contains the artist's story and what AAUW means to her.

Paperback I

Marie Boltz (484-851-3435) We meet the third Thursday at 7:30 pm. On May 15 we will discuss *My Beloved World* by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. On June 19 our book will be *Snow Child* by Bowyn Ivey. We welcome new members.

Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) On Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 pm, Linda Federico will host and Brenda Tomlinson will lead a discussion of *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reichl.

Paperback III

Yvonne Payne (610-867-6575) On May 7, our book is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

Mystery Paperback

Linda Robertson (610-865-2087) Our closing picnic will be at Mary's on June 13 at 11:30 am. We will party while choosing the titles for the fall season.

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> > AAUW Help Line 800-326-2289 10 am to 5 pm <u>Connect@aauw.org</u>

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Our Condolences

On April 7, 2014 Muriel "Mickey" Parlin died at age 87. Mickey served as branch president from 1980-82. She was a founder of the Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church, which was started by serving to the hungry out of the back of her station wagon. Our sympathies to Stewart and the family.



June 6-8, 2014

The Moravian Writers' Conference presents opportunities to work with accomplished facultyestablished and emerging writers and publishing professionalsthrough workshops, craft talks, readings, and more. The conference welcomes writers of all genres and at all career stages. Energize your writing with challenging and supportive workshops, advance your craft with feedback from our accomplished faculty, be inspired by renowned keynote speakers, and make connections with other writers. Keynote speakers are Ursula Hegi and Laurie Halse Anderson. For information contact conference director Joyce Hinnefeld at 610-861 -1392 or

writersconference@moravian.edu

2014 Gateway to Equity Award To Sonia Vazquez

AAUW-Bethlehem will honor Sonia Vazquez with the Gateway to Equity Award on May 14 at 7 pm in the auditorium of Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road. She is the principal of Bethlehem's Donegan Community Elementary School. Ms. Vaquez's life work has been dedicated to the foundational values of AAUW: equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



In her work and in the community, Ms. Vazquez promotes and embraces these values. AAUW-Bethlehem is honoring Ms. Vazquez because as a vibrant, bilingual Bethlehem educator, Sonia embodies equity for women

through education. She has been an exceptional role model as a classroom teacher, in assistant principal assignments, and currently as principal of the most challenging elementary school in the city. With innovative programs, Sonia has improved the lives of thousands of young women (and men).

Ms. Vazquez is a vigorous advocate for community service. A sampling of her involvement includes the Southside Initiative, Leadership Lehigh Valley (2005), softball coach, Brownie troop leader, Latino Leadership Club at Broughal Middle School, and the Grandview Association board.

She was born in Bethlehem and raised in an Hispanic family, speaking both Spanish and English. A telling quote from Sonia is, "Everything I do, I pride myself in doing the best I can. Having been mentored by a variety of people who are specialists in their fields has been one of my greatest fortunes, providing me with a well-rounded foundation which has been greatly beneficial in my work."

She also said: "first and foremost I am a citizen of Bethlehem, and throughout my 30 years in education, my work has been in Bethlehem or its immediate neighbors—the Southside, the Northeast, Fountain Hill area, and Freemansburg. In each assignment I worked strategically to empower students, teachers, and fellow administrators. I learned the power of teamwork, data-driven information, and how to make the right choices based on what is right for the bigger vision, not what others want for themselves. Choices may not always be popular, but if one is armed with the right information and the strength of convictions, the right choices are the only choices."

Sonia's colleague Shelly Smith wrote in support of her nomination, "Sonia has a gift for pulling the best personality and best work out of people. I saw that day-in and day-out while working for her. She is always appreciative of anything anyone can contribute to a project she is working on, helping her students to excel. She always gave me confidence and that helped shape me as a better person."

AAUW-Bethlehem is pleased to honor Sonia Vazquez.

2014 Book Fair The Agony and the Ecstacy



Forgive the poetic license above, but it probably describes the 'Linda's Squared' as we successfully completed the 52nd year of Book Fair. As we picked up the last of the equipment and took a last look around, it hardly seems possible what we accomplished on the last sale day. Our attempt to locate another book seller to sell our leftovers was a dismal failure as the man's truck was too small and we still had lots of books and no dumpster. Many stalwart hands loaded cars and trucks for many more trips to the recycling center. But we did

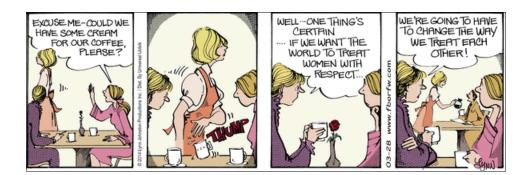
it.

Our combined efforts raised \$39,625.03 (gross). Last year's total was \$38,702. And believe it or not, we sold fewer books. Our exit poll indicated that 80% of the shoppers liked the new days. So, we will discuss timing at our Celebration Lunch as well as many other issues.

Many hands make light work and about 25% of the branch responded to sorting and resorting and stacking books to help make this a success, from picking up strawberry boxes, trips to recycle center, opening and closing the building and being a chair of a book category. This dedicated group is aging, as are we, and we need new blood to help. We hope you will look to the future and step forward so we can continue. WE NEED YOU.

Many thanks to all those devoted workers. There are no words to convey the level of thanks to their commitment and no prize too great for their service.

> Línda Robbins 610-264-4416 Línda Zímmerman 610-866-7319



AAUW-PA Summer Retreat

The AAUW-PA Summer Retreat will be held on Saturday, July12, 2014 at the Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA. All interested members are welcome to attend. If you would like more information about the retreat you can call President Randi at 610-974-9711. You can register directly by clicking on this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ julyregistration2014

BREAKING NEWS:

The Obama administration has released the first report from its newly created White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault. AAUW applauds the report for outlining the necessary steps to address the epidemic of sexual violence at U.S. colleges and universities. The report looks to be a aame-chanaer for survivors, students, and schools nationwide. The report creates a website to compile best-practice resources and enforcement tools in an easyto-use location, requires the Department of Education to develop a list of Title IX coordinators at colleges and universities, issues helpful quidance to answer schools' questions about following Title IX, and encourages increased use of student surveys on campus climate.

Fundraiser for Judith's Reading Room

May 8 through the 10th are in-store sales at Barnes and Noble, Lehigh Valley Mall. On-line sales are May 8-May 13. Judith's Reading Room earns pennies on the dollar from every sale that uses our exclusive ID number-11340411—at check out.

AAUW-Bethlehem: Membership Assistance Fund

We have a branch Membership Aid Fund, started with a gift from Berry Richards. Any prospective member who wants to join but cannot afford the cost of dues can apply for an award of one-third the cost, renewable once. If you would like to contribute to the new fund, you can write a check payable to AAUW-Bethlehem and put "Membership Aid Fund" in the memo. Please mail directly to treasurer Beth Corroda at 2226 Lafayette Avenue, Bethlehem 18017-5018.

8 AAUW Leaders Launch Projects for Women at CGI U 2014

AAUW had the honor of bringing a group of 8 AAUW-affiliated students to attend Clinton Global Initiative University at Arizona State University. The group included a current AAUW International Fellow, a Career Development Grant recipient, and six AAUW e-student affiliates representing universities from across the country. The students projects ranged from increasing women in science and technology careers to ending sex trafficking. We are proud of these eight amazing women as they change their communities. For more go to http://www.aauw.org/article/aauw -leaders-at-cgi-u-2014/

Dolly Amaro of Northampton Community College and an estudent affiliate of AAUW is pictured along with a description of her project.

World Book Night April 23 We Celebrate Shakespeare's Birthday by Distributing 240 Books

It's an experience many of us take for granted: opening a brand new book, feeling the pristine pages and inhaling that special new book smell. What better way to get non-readers to start reading, than to give them brand new books written by popular authors?

Each year book titles are chosen for World Book Night USA by an independent panel of librarians and booksellers. The authors of the books waive their royalties



Beth Corroda joins GED students and their teacher as they show off books they chose at WBN 2014.

and the publishers agree to pay the production costs for the specially-printed World Book Night books. Individuals complete online applications to become book givers. The books are then shipped to local book sellers and libraries for pickup.

AAUW-Bethlehem was chosen again this year to be a "Group Giver" for World Book Night. Susan McNamara picked up our 12 boxes of books which had been sent c/o Moravian Bookstore. In preparation for the special day, we had planned three book-giving parties. Susan distributed

boxes of our 9 different book titles to each of the three teams.

The first party took place at the GED class run by The Program for Women and Families in Allentown. Linda Herkalo, Beth Corroda, Ruth Skoglund, and Cathy Kotanchik introduced the students to AAUW and the World Book Night project. Scott Turow's *Presumed Innocent* was especially popular with the students. Two adult case workers were also at the party. These women work directly with women in Northampton and Lehigh County prisons and took an armful of books for these women, too.

Jo Ann Kelly, Mary Dawson, Kathy Stephen, and Norma Ferguson hosted the second Book-Giving Party at Manor Care Health Services at Westgate. There were about thirty residents in attendance. The non-fiction book, Young Men and Fire, particularly appealed to the men at the party. There were enough copies to give everyone the Agatha Christie novel, After The Funeral. The Activity Director will schedule a book discussion after the residents have read the mystery.

The Mollard Hospitality Center at New Bethany Ministries was the venue for our third party. Olga Conneen, Marie Boltz, Bernie Gardiner, and Myra Jones gave books to about twenty clients of the Bethlehem shelter. They left some extra books for New Bethany to give to new clients as they arrive. The staff commented that they were disappointed that we didn't have a novel available in both English and Spanish, like we did last year. Hopefully, next year, WBN will be able to send us these choices, which encourage book discussions between people who read in different languages.

We had wonderful feedback from both the AAUW volunteers and the recipients of the WBN books. Refreshments added to the party atmosphere and both volunteers and the staff at each facility are looking forward to doing it again in 2015.

Cathy Kotanchik

AAUW-Bethlehem 2014-2015 Membership Dues Renewal Form Please Complete Paying Your Dues by May 15, 2014

Dues for 2014-2015 total \$75. Of this amount, \$16 stays with the branch to support programs and activities; \$49 (of which \$46 is tax-deductible) goes to National in support of advocacy work for women's equity and graduate level scholarships; and \$10 goes to AAUW-PA.

Please mail to Treasurer Beth Corroda, who can answer questions about the availability of partial dues assistance (a member must re-apply annually).

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Dues must be paid to the AAUW-Bethlehem Treasurer by May 15 for member information to be included in the 2014-2015 Yearbook.

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Officers Installed and Awards Presented April 8, 2014 at The Pool Building



Congratulations to President Ruth Skoglund (left) and Presidentelect Cathy Kotanchik. Co-Vice-Presidents for Program Stacey Zaremba and Shelley Speirs were on duty at Moravian College the night of Branch Elections.

Bernie Gardiner, Public Policy Chair, (left) was given the Branch Spotlight Award and Book Fair Co-Chair, Linda Zimmerman is the 2014 Outstanding Woman.



President Randi announced that several women were honored for their special contributions to our branch this year. We made our contributions to AAUW EF in their names. They are Fran Bentkowski, Shirley Daluisio, Stacey Zaremba and the Committee for the 85th Anniversary (the members of Paperback II). President Randi recognized Joan Jones for her many years of outstanding service as a member of the AAUW-Bethlehem Board of Directors.

AAUW Members ranked "BEST MEMBERS IN THE WORLD"!



According to research, the members of AAUW are ranked "Best" in the world. AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman asserts: "No other organization has this volume of devotion and loyalty from its members." To recognize the energy and the number of hours AAUW members dedicate to the organization's mission, AAUW celebrated its first Member Appreciation Week in March. So let's all sing a little Tina Turner:

"You're simply the best, better than all the rest. Better than anyone, anyone l've ever met "

In addition, the AAUW staff sent this message to members:

"We can't imagine empowering women and girls without you. After all, for the last 132 years, AAUW members, supporters, and volunteers have changed history by actively improving the lives of women and girls. Your local programs, fundraisers, and advocacy efforts have led to countless past victories — and will lead to countless more. It takes so many tasks to keep an organization like AAUW working all over the world. Yet you do them every day, and the results are powerful. For your work, your passion, and your commitment to AAUW, there are no words but "thank you."

Happy Member Appreciation Week! With our deepest gratitude,

The AAUW National Staff

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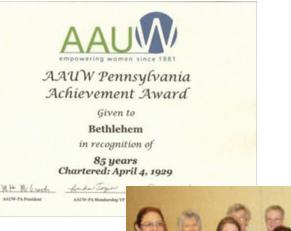
(April 9, 2014) Women are the primary or cobreadwinner in 6 of 10 families. Mr. Obama recognized "Equal Pay Day," the date that symbolizes how far into this year a woman must work on average to catch up with what an average man earned for the previous year, by signing two executive orders to help reduce the persistent pay disparities. One order prohibits federal contractors from retaliating against employees for sharing salary information with co-workers. The other directs the Labor Department to adopt regulations requiring federal contractors to report salary data to the agency, including sex and race breakdowns, that can be used to target government enforcement. Mr. Obama's action will apply to 26 million Americans who work for federal contractors, more than 20 percent of the work force.

The Pew Research Center last year

found that women earned 84 percent of what men earned in its study of the hourly wages of all workers, including those who work part time. Similarly, a 2013 review by the Economic Policy Institute of annual hourly wages for men and women with college degrees, including salaried and hourly workers, found that the men earned on average \$33.71 per hour and the women just \$25.35 an hour.

Even controlling for hours, occupations, marital status, and other relevant factors, collegeeducated women earn less than their male counterparts, according to a recent study by the American **Association of University** Women.

Memories from the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting





AAUW-Bethlehem delegation to convention.

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AAUW-National Vice-President Julia Brown addressed the attendees.



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Moravian College Affiliates member Kate Cohen on Student Panel.

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Time Sensitive Material

President's Pen Continued from Page Two

"I went to the 2013 PA state convention to get to know my fellow board members better and to see what is happening within AAUW at the state level and at other Pennsylvania branches. What I got was an education on women's issues locally, and globally, from women who have traveled the world trying to advance equality. The specific details of the convention may fade in time, but the memory of the passion that was displayed will remain with me for years." --Beth Corroda

"My best memory of the convention was hearing the Humphrey Scholars speak as a panel. I had the privilege of sharing dinner with them and learning more about Namibia, Swaziland and Burundi, their accomplishments and trials and their hopes for the future. I will be going to Botswana and Namibia in August and we shared emails, so I hope to reconnect."—Linda Robbins

"I enjoyed my first AAUW conference. Attending the sessions provided me with some good ideas for future branch programs. A highlight for me was getting to know the members of our Bethlehem branch better."- -Stacey Zaremba

The next annual meeting will be in two years. I hope you will attend. It truly is an amazing experience.

Randí Blauth