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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**

May 10, 7pm Scholars Reception

TODAY: Vote - AAUW Election

June 16-19, AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC

#### **AAUW-Bethlehem Website**

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## BETHLEHEM BRANCH

# BETHLEHEM BYLINES

## Book Fair Dollars Benefit Scholars! May Reception Honors Scholarship Recipients

**Central Moravian  
Nitschmann Hall  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
7 pm**

The parents, friends, and relatives of scholars from Liberty High School, Freedom High School, and Saucon Valley High School will be proud observers as AAUW-Bethlehem confers well-deserved scholarships on twenty college-bound young women at our final meeting. Three additional awards will be made to women who have returned to college after their education was interrupted.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are Myra Jones, Norma Ferguson, Sandy Utley, Louise Wisser, Lynda Schoeninger, and Fran Bentkowski (chairman). After many interviews and hours spent reviewing the qualifications and applications of this year's candidates, the Committee will be introducing the 2011 recipients to Branch members.

The majority of these awards are funded by the 2010 Book Fair. At press time Book Fair Chairman Linda Robbins reported that "more than \$30,000" was raised at our 2011 Book Fair, setting the stage for



2010 AAUW-Bethlehem Scholars

another wonderful scholarship program next year.

We will also celebrate Fran Bentkowski as the recipient of this year's Branch *Outstanding Woman Award* and Trisha Moller as our *Emerging Star*. The Branch's Fifty Year Life Members will be recognized as the 2011 Educational Foundation honorees.

Many thanks to Bacchae, the wine Study Group, and to the Current Book Exchange for providing refreshments for this festive event.

### **Bacchae**

Phyllis Wargo (610-797-9158)  
Our theme is California wines. On  
May 12 we will celebrate with our  
yearend dinner meeting.

### **The Out to Lunch Bunch**

Jeanie Keller (610-865-3543) All  
AAUW members are invited to the  
May 17 luncheon at *Marbelehead  
Grille and Chowder House*, 4101  
William Penn Highway. Call hostess  
Marge Gotshall (610-866-7746) by  
15 with your reservation.

### **Email Update**

Lynda Schoeninger has a new  
email: Lysch79@gmail.com

### **Tutoring Program Remembered**

In 1970 I was President of AAUW-  
Bethlehem and needed to know  
more about the tutoring program  
Ruth Kent started. She suggested I  
pick up Elizabeth Bees at Moravian  
College at 3 pm and drive her to  
Donegan School. Elizabeth tutored  
a little girl and I returned her to  
the College.

In 2010 I met Elizabeth at a church  
meeting and she remarked how  
wonderful that tutoring was. Now  
Elizabeth Anyfantis, she lives in  
Greece and is STILL in touch with  
her tutee, who, 40 years later, is  
now a grandmother herself.

Nancy Foster

### **AAUW Help Line**

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Or

Connect@aauw.org

### **Association Website**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

AAUW-PA Website

[www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)

## **President's Message from Susan P. McNamara**

Early in April, while sorting books at Book Fair, Yvonne Payne found a fragile, browned, newspaper tear-out tucked into a book. "Bethlehem AAUW Entertains..." was all that remained of the header in the "Here & There" section. The event: "Fifty-six junior and seniors home from college for the holidays were guests of the **Bethlehem branch, American Association of University Women**, yesterday at the annual **Christmas Chocolate.**" That "Mrs. T. Spilman" was among the branch officers who greeted the students provided the telling clue to the year of this announcement and event. Mrs. Spilman (Bobbie) is listed in our yearbook as Past President, 1966-1968. Walking back into one's own heritage or a cherished organization through a discovery like this often turns out to inform, even illuminate, the present. And so it is with this uniquely well-timed one.

On March 30th, AAUW-Bethlehem's Honorary Life Members were guests of the Board at a Tea held at the home of Shirley McBride. The occasion: a recognition and celebration of their selection as the Branch Educational Funds Honorees for 2010-2011. A welcomed time for "seeing some old friends," the afternoon also led to some 'walking back' of its own.

Past President Nancy Foster told a story involving a Moravian College student, whom Nancy regularly drove to Donegal School to a tutoring session with a young girl. Many years later our volunteer tutor approached Nancy at an event, beginning a reunion with a version of "I'm not sure you recognize me, but I know who you are." Besides bringing back good memories of the years when AAUW members interacted with Moravian College students, it reminds us of the self-perpetuating possibilities, the great value and rewards of serving as role models and mentors: tutor and her former tutee had remained in touch across many years. (For Nancy's words, see sidebar this page)

At the same time as our more senior members were enjoying their own time together, the young members of the emerging AAUW-Bethlehem Student Affiliate were busy preparing their first budget request as a fully recognized, Moravian College student organization. They established themselves as leaders in the College's Take Back the Night (TBTN) March and Rally, and they planned for and held a second annual AAUW Pay Equity Day Bake Sale and Speak Out. AAUW-Bethlehem sponsored the TBTN Reception and participated in the March and Rally. Shirley Daluisio and Randi Blauth served as judges of the event's Creative Expression Contest. A few weeks later several affiliates gave a Saturday morning to lend a hand with sorting at Book Fair.

Like the newspaper clipping, Nancy's story and the Student Affiliate activities touch one of the fundamental truths of the power that AAUW has been and can continue to in the lives of women. Ours is an organization that nurtures leadership in support of principled causes. In doing so it creates bonds that extend over generations. It is important that we take advantage of moments like those offered by the clipping, Nancy's story and the events surrounding them to reflect on what will remain essential to the strength of

## President's Message Continued from Prior Page

AAUW: That we remember and honor our past but not become stuck in what was; that we take pride in our well-established traditions and habits but remain willing to risk trying the new; that we cherish our many, comfortably long held friendships but become willing to open ourselves and to work on behalf of the new, the young, the others from whom we might learn.

*Susan P. McNamara*

## Pay Equity Day Bake Sale

Moravian College Student Affiliates Raise Money for Non-Profit  
"New Beginnings"



Thanks to our members for providing baked goods and to the college students for staffing the table of goodies. Along with treats, they distributed information facts about pay inequity in the U.S.

### Paperback I - 50th Anniversary

Myra Saturen (610-974-9385) On June 16 at 6:00 pm we will meet at Marblehead Grill and Chowder House, William Penn Highway to discuss *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci. Please call or email Myra by June 2 with your reservation.

### Paperback II

Debbie Spinney (610-865-4843) On May 17 at Myra Jones' (610-865-3419) our book is *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. New members are always welcome.

### Paperback III

Barbara Myers (610-867-5222) On May 10 at 1 pm Jane Snyder (610-703-7404) hosts and leads the discussion of *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus. The June 14 meeting will be a luncheon at Silver Creek Country Club when we will select readings for the fall.

### Current Book Exchange

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

### Mystery Paperback

Connie White (610-867-8398) On June 29 at 12:30 pm we will have a salad lunch at Linda Robertson's (610-865-2087). We will discuss *The Tourist* by Olen Steinhauer.

**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. (We do have a list of volunteer drivers!) Please call Yvonne Payne at 610-867-6575 and she will arrange pick up for you.

**Thoughts of Our Members**

Dorothy Fair a 50 Year Life Member and door greeter at our AAUW programs at Kirkland Village is now in assisted living there. Her son said she would appreciate cards and notes sent care of: Phil Fair, 918 Greenhouse DR, Bethlehem PA 18017-1117.

After an unexpected hospital stay, Nancy Light is doing well at home.

MaryPat Beebe had back surgery April 6 and is recovering at home.

**Our Sympathies**

To Lancaster-based member and Book Fair stalwart Claire Ashby on the death of her father-in-law on March 29, 2011.

To Book Fair chair Linda Robbins on the sudden death of her husband Stan on April 12, 2011.

**Contact AAUW-PA President**

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**Convention Dates**

AAUW-PA Annual Meeting  
April 30, 2011 - State College PA

AAUW National Convention  
June 16-19, 2011 - Washington DC

## 2010-2011 AWARDS AND HONOREES

### OUTSTANDING WOMAN: FRANCES BENTKOWSKI (FRAN)

A graduate of Indiana University of PA, Fran earned her M.A. in 1977 at Lehigh. She joined AAUW-Bethlehem in 1984 -5. Following a career as English teacher, basketball and volleyball coach, assistant principal, and principal, Fran remains active in Freedom High School's Circle of Excellence program.



A natural and accomplished leader, Fran has served as AAUW-Bethlehem *Let's Read Math* community outreach and volunteers' coordinator and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Appointed to the Board in 2007-2008, Fran is responsible for

keeping our By-Laws up to date. She is an enthusiastic member of the Bacchae group. In addition to her contributions for AAUW, Fran is a member of the executive board of The Center for Humanistic Change, a non-profit organization. A busy woman, Fran, never-the-less, is always ready at the drop of the proverbial hat for time on the golf course. In short, Fran Bentkowski brings to our branch good judgment, wise counsel, a strong work ethic, and a terrific sense of humor.

### EMERGING STAR:

#### TRISHA MOLLER

A graduate of the College of New Jersey, Trisha earned her Ph.D. in 2004. She joined AAUW-Bethlehem in 2008. Having taught at St. Francis de Sales University and Lehigh University, she is presently an Adjunct Professor at Moravian College.

A young professional with two, young children, husband, and a love of mathematics, Trisha is our College/ University Relations officer, serving as Moravian College Student Affiliate Liaison. She supports our technology/ social media activities and writes a *Tech Talk* column for Bylines.



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She also volunteers with *Let's Read Math*. Her curiosity, intellectual energy, enthusiasm for AAUW-Bethlehem, its activities and members are infectious.

### Education Foundation (EF) Honorees: Branch Life Members



Foreground: Nancy Foster, Anne McGeady, Cynthia Geiger, Marie Boltz, and Cathy Barrett. Standing: Betty Cooper, Connie White, Joan Jones, Cinda Jensen, Marge Gotshall, Miriam Szanyi, Betty Wellner, and Anna Minner.

For their many contributions and years of dedication to AAUW-Bethlehem, for their continuing presence as role models and mentors, and for the deep feelings of connection to one another and the membership at large, we honor the Branch's Life Members as individuals and as a group: Marilyn Achey, Catherine Barrett, Marie Boltz, Elizabeth Cooper, Dorothy Fair, Nancy Foster, Janice Frederiksen, Erna Fritz, Cynthia Geiger, Margery Gotshall, Cinda Jensen, Joan Jones, Anne McGeady, Anna Minner, Muriel Parlin, Miriam Szanyi, Mary Elizabeth Wellner, Constance White.

Attending a tea in their honor, held at Shirley McBrides' home on Tuesday, March 30, they enjoyed an afternoon of renewing connections and remembering good times. We hope to see many of these women at the May 10 Scholarship Reception at which time they will again be recognized as award recipients.

### New Interbranch Study Group

#### Focus is Diversity

Randi Blauth (610-974-9711) We will meet at Wegmans, Route 512, at 7:00 pm on May 13 in the upstairs cafeteria. If you have a curiosity, an interest, or a passion about diversity and social justice issues, consider coming to the group! This organizational meeting is for suggestions and ideas for books, films, and other areas of diversity that interest you. We'll be discussing our vision as well as a day and time for us to meet. Please email attendance to Randi at: [read4joy@verizon.net](mailto:read4joy@verizon.net)

#### AAUW Position on LGBT Rights

For too long, the civil rights protections guaranteed to millions of Americans have been denied to members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) communities. AAUW's Public Policy Program reaffirms our commitment to "vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights," and further includes a new plank advocating "freedom in definition of family and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures."

AAUW believes that discrimination against any class of persons has no place in our country. No Americans should be denied the full range of civil rights and civil liberties due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Such rights and liberties include freedom from workplace discrimination, the right to marry, the guarantee of spousal/partner benefits - including the ability to care for dependent children - and the ability to serve one's country in uniform. Unless and until LGBT persons are able to enjoy the same rights and freedoms as their heterosexual counterparts, America's promise of equal justice under law will remain unfulfilled.



## TECH TALK

### What's What in the Tech World?

You've heard the new buzz words of technology but with the blogging, the tweeting, the wiki-whating?, it may be hard to keep track of it all. And what the heck are they used for anyway? Here is a quick reference to understanding some of the trends.

Electronic mail, or **email**, is an electronic version of writing letters. It is an easy, quick, and convenient way to communicate with people, even if the receivers are not available when the email is sent. With email, you can send a mass message to multiple people as opposed to sending one postage letter through "snail mail". However, disadvantages of email include losing social interaction as well as spread of junk mail, such as spam (unsolicited commercial email) and emails coming from seemingly trusted sources.

**Google Docs** is a free, Web-based word processor, spreadsheet, form, presentation, and data storage service offered by Google. It allows users to create and edit documents online while collaborating in real-time with other users.

**Skype** is a software application that allows users to make voice calls over the Internet. Skyping is just like making a "video phone call".

*Trisha Moller*

## Ballots Mailed for AAUW National Voting

### Vote on Proposed Changes to Bylaws and National Candidates

Ballots can be returned by U.S. Mail or voted on-line. Note your AAUW Member number. All ballots must be received at National headquarters no later than a May 31 postmark or by June 12 if voting on-line. Please see article on page 8, March 2011 *ByLines* for more information.



At the Kick-off Coffee, 2011 Book Fair Chairman Linda Robbins and the Branch presented flowers and baskets of toiletries to former Book Fair Co-chairs Nancy Disario and Karen Donald.

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**More Photos of Our 50+ Year Life Members**



From Left: Anna Minner, Miriam Szanyi, Betty Wellner, Joan Jones, Cathy Barrett, and Connie White at tea at Shirley McBride's home.