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AUGUST 2018

Start the Season September 15, 2018 BRUNCH

Featured speaker - Ann Pehle, President, AAUW-Pennsylvania

Allentown and Bethlehem AAUW Inter-branch Brunch
NEW Homewood Suites, Centennial Conference Center

Gathering at 9:30am – Breakfast at 10:00 am

3350 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley PA 18034
(across from Promenade Shops)

We are joining with our sister Branch ~ Allentown to offer a unique meeting at our area's newest convention centers. AAUW-PA President Ann Pehle is the keynote speaker at brunch in the newly opened, Homewood Suites, Centennial Conference Center across from the Promenade Shops. The Program Committee was fortunate to be able to get the **ONLY** date the Hotel had for the last six months of the year.



President Ann is a dynamic speaker with a sense of humor.

She will share news of the goals and actions of the AAUW-PA Board
as well as

present her comments on the mission and work of AAUW at the national level.

Cost - \$25 per person

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST by **September 5th**

Send your check made out to AAUW-ALLENTOWN (along with a paper stating your preference for name tag names):

Linda Robbins
414 Kenilworth Court
Bethlehem PA 18018



Hello from Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team

As summer winds down, your executive team has been planning for an interesting year of programming; continuing our partnership with AAUW Student Groups at Moravian College and Lehigh University; and implementing the National AAUW's new strategic plan, released August 1.

We have planned a series of excellent, mission-driven programs and added some fun meetings as well. We are pleased to report AAUW-Bethlehem is cooperating with AAUW-Allentown to present two joint programs in September and November. Together we can share expenses as we strive to present quality speakers, panelists and performers while reaching a larger audience.

Like many AAUW Branches across the nation, our branch transitioned to an executive team when we discovered that there are fewer individuals who are willing to assume solo leadership roles. A goal of your executive team is to reassure individuals that leadership service to AAUW-Bethlehem does not have to be overwhelming and – in fact – can be fun. Our first couple of team meetings have had serious discussion along with significant laughter.

We welcome your help in serving on new cluster teams. Clusters will focus on specific areas such as “communications” and “mission activities”. Clusters are not required to attend meetings of the executive team and can create their own schedule. Our branch can be only as vibrant as each one of the members makes it so. We are looking for your cooperation. If you are willing to “give” AAUW-Bethlehem two hours a month, you’re in. If you choose to serve in a capacity that involves 10 hours a month – even better.

Please understand that you set the parameters for your involvement.

We sincerely hope that when you joined AAUW
 – whether it was last year or 47 years ago
 – it was because you CARED about the mission and vision AAUW espouses.

We pledge to uphold that mission and vision in AAUW-Bethlehem.

Shirley Daluisio (VP, Program)
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Linda Robbins (Finance Officer)
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Bethlehem Branch Calendar 2018-2019



September 15
Saturday
9:30am registration

Inter-branch Brunch with Allentown and Bethlehem AAUW members.
Featured speaker – Ann Pehle, President, AAUW-Pennsylvania.
10:00 am Homewood Suites Centennial Conference Center, 3350
enter Valley Parkway, Center Valley, PA 18034
(across from Promenade Shops.)
Preregistration and fee of \$25 required

October 3
Wednesday
6:45pm doors open

Truth for Women – Lehigh Valley
An eye-opening presentation by Kim Checkeye, Executive Director of
Truth for Women, an organization that works with victims of trafficking and sexual
exploitation. Hear about its impact with Lehigh Valley survivors and how
community helps motivated women rebuild their lives.
Wesley Church Fellowship Hall, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem 18017. Public invited.
Hospitality: Program Committee

November 10
Saturday
9:45am welcome

“What Now? Post-Election Evaluation.”
Speakers: Bill White, MORNING CALL columnist and Christopher Borick, Profes-
sor of Political Science, Director of Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion.
10am Wesley Church Fellowship Hall, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem 18017.
Public invited. Hospitality: Program Committee

November 27
Tuesday
12:00 pm

Bethlehem Branch Holiday Luncheon
Moravian Village- Main Dining Room, 526 Wood St. Bethlehem 18018. Entertain-
ment by Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts students.
Preregistration and fee of \$20 required.

February, 2019
Date TBA

**Program with Moravian College and Lehigh University AAUW Student
Groups.** Moravian College, 1200 Main Street 18018. Attendees of the National
Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL) will share their experiences.
Information about this program will be found on all AAUW Bethlehem Branch
communications. Hospitality: Student Groups.

March 13, 2019
Wednesday
7:00pm

Members and Friends Night Out at Zoellner Arts Center.
MURPHY'S CELTIC LEGACY - Enjoy performers from famous Irish shows in this
dance spectacular! Zoellner Arts Center, 420 East Packer Ave. 18015. Tickets(\$18)
will be pre-ordered/distributed before the program date. More information to follow

April 16, 2019
Tuesday
6 - 8 pm

Branch Members Book Fair Sup and Shop/Annual Meeting.
Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Rd., Bethlehem 18017.
Fellowship, food, and shopping! Hospitality: Program Committee.

May 15, 2019
Wednesday
7:00pm

AAUW Bethlehem Scholarship Dessert Reception.
Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Hanover Twp., 18017.
Celebration of 2018-2019 scholarship award winners and their families.
Hospitality: Bacchae

Group Information

Bacchae :The first meeting for Bacchae will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 at Phyllis Wargo's house. We will choose our "theme" for the year and create our calendar. Group tastes and studies wine in all aspects. New members welcome

Best Sellers Book Exchange: Each member purchases a recently published book, which is then circulated throughout the group on a monthly rotation. There are no meetings. New members welcome. Contact Margret Mahoney 610-691-1835

Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue: Members of this group come from the Bethlehem, Easton and Allentown branches to discuss issues around race, age, gender and more. This group is concerned with social action as well as social justice. Using various media, the group examines the role of society in the problems of diverse populations (age, gender, race ability and religion). We meet the 4th Wednesday, of the month at 7:00pm. Join us for conversation and action. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Baker robaker356@gmail.com

Mystery Paperback *CALLING ALL MYSTERY LOVERS !!* The mystery book club study group reads five books a year and meets at members' houses. Our meetings are Tuesday afternoons from 1:30- 3:00 PM. On September 25 we will meet at Nancy Light's house to discuss "The Madman of Bergerac", by Georges Simenon. We continue in October, January, March, and May. We try to choose paperback books that are easily available and often include one "classic" mystery as well as more modern novels. We are sometimes inspired by the large selection of mysteries at the book sale. Please join us – we welcome new members. For more information contact Mary Dawson

Paperback I : Paperback Book 1 meeting Thurs. Sept 20 at 7 PM at the home of Froy Thompson., 2621 Nottingham Rd. Bethlehem. We will discuss David McCulloch's book, John Adams. New members are welcome. In this group, members choose and read same paperback book of various genres for discussion at meetings. For directions call 610-868-2511. Thanks. Froy

Paperback II : Paperback II Book Group meets the third Tuesday of every month, except December, from September to May. Our first meeting of the 2018-2019 year is on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30pm. Shirley Daluisio will be hostess and reviewer will be Deb Spinney. Our book to read: "The Ice Cream Queen Of Orchard Street" by Susan J. Gilman. Please contact Shirley if you CANNOT attend. New members are welcome so if you would like to join us also contact Shirley-610-866-7919. In this group, members choose and read same paperback book of various genres for discussion at various meetings. Thank you, Joanne Wagner, PPBII leader

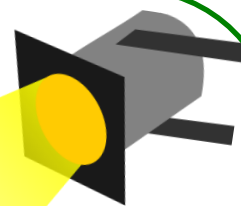
Out-to-Lunch Bunch A new season of the Out-to-Lunch Bunch! Linda Robbins will be our September 18th hostess at Melt (2880 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley, at the Promenade Shops). Reservations close on Friday, September 14, so please mark your calendars and make your reservations now by calling Linda at 484-347-4416. Group samples area restaurants. Branch members are welcome to attend any month. - Jeanie Powers



September 15 - Allentown and Bethlehem Branch will co-host brunch with speaker AAUW-PA President Ann Pehle to be held at Homewood Suites Centennial Event Center. **Branch members wanted to greet and register guests at sign-in table.** Contact Shirley Daluisio, 610/866-7919 if you are attending and willing to help.

October 3 - TRUTH FOR WOMEN presentation. Wesley Church Fellowship Hall. **Branch members wanted to arrive 6:30 pm to help with chairs and or refreshments set-up.** Event begins 7:00pm. Contact Shirley Daluisio, 610-866-7919 if you are attending and willing to help.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE



Linda Federico resides in Easton, PA. Linda graduated from Rowan University with a BA in Elementary Education and has rejoined the Bethlehem Branch after a brief hiatus.

Kristina Hollingsworth a Bethlehem, PA resident graduated from Bucks County Community College and attended the University of Pennsylvania. She is a retired realtor. Her interests are reading, art and animals.

Claire Ressler a Bethlehem, PA resident graduated from Vassar College and received her MPA from Syracuse University. Claire has recently rejoined the Bethlehem Branch and her interests are cooking, books, reading and travel.

Jane Williams resides in Bethlehem, PA. Jane received her BA from West Virginia University, M.Div. from Drew University and a PhD from Lehigh University. She is a professor emerita of Moravian College. Jane's interests are reading, gardening, watercolor and activism.

We welcome Linda, Jane, Kristina, Claire and Jane to our Bethlehem Branch.

AAUW Proudly launches NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Since 1881, AAUW has been breaking down barriers for women in education, in the workplace, and in our communities — locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Our founders refused to accept the status quo and demanded access for women at every level of our society.

Today, AAUW's 170,000 valued members and supporters celebrate and reflect on the organization's rich past and meaningful impact for women and girls.

2018 Strategic Plan

Our mission is bold –

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our vision — Equity for all.

Our values – Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

In keeping with our mission to advance gender equity for all women and girls, the strategic plan is focused on four macro areas of work: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership and Governance and Sustainability.

Go to: www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/ for more details



BOOK FAIR 2019 DATE CHANGE!

Surprise!

*The 2019 Used Book Fair has been **MOVED BACK TO APRIL**, instead of the June dates previously announced.*

We received a call from the Bethlehem Recreation Department advising us, the ice rink is very possibly, extremely hot during the month of June. They strongly suggested we use the rink in April. Despite some advance publicity at our recent Book Fair about the June 2019 dates, we decided that the April sale dates would serve our members and our customers best. The April rental dates are confirmed with the City of Bethlehem.

We apologize for any inconvenience this change of dates may cause.

We continue our Book Fair activities even through the summer. We were contacted by a NJ resident who wished to donate her "library" to our sale. We picked up her books for storage in late August. She had some real finds for us so the effort was worth the road trip.

If you've done some summer reading, save those books for donation for the 2019 sale!

The 2019 dates are:

2019 Sale Dates: Thursday, April 25-Monday, April 29, 2019

Donation Dates: Monday, April 1-Monday, April 23, 2019

Book Sorting: April 2-April 24, Monday through Saturday, 9am-Noon

Kick-Off Koffee: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 10am

Happy reading,
Debbie Spinney, Book Fair Coordinator
Rita Bergstrom, Book Fair Coordinator

57th ANNUAL BOOK FAIR FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT — June 2018

BOOK FAIR SALES	\$ 43,398
AMAZON SALES	<u>3,999</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 47,397
EXPENSES	<u>6,740</u>
<i>NET PROFIT</i>	\$ 40,657



OUTSTANDING JOB BY COORDINATORS DEBBIE SPINNEY and RITA BERGSTROM
and
ALL THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS !!!

BEST YEAR YET AND INCREASED SCHOLARSHIPS !!!

Linda Robbins, Finance Officer



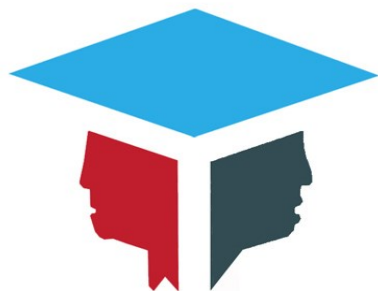
Sunsational Summer Shots



Clockwise from Top:

Shirley and Buddy Daluisio celebrate 35 years of Musikfest in **Bethlehem PA**. Debbie Spinney, center, poses with her college friends at the **Black Lake in Iceland**. Linda Robertson along husband Don and family tour the **Galapagos in Ecuador**. Beth Corroda sets her turtle Tiny free in the **PA Poconos** for repopulation. Anne Hammersmith appreciates the Statues in **Spain**





Scholarship Update

Do you ever wonder what happens after we present the scholarship winners the awards after our May reception? I received this email from Karen Sims, one of our non- traditional recipients from 2011!

“Hello Fran,

It has been more than a few years, but I saw an announcement for your upcoming book fair and thought...now is the time.

I am a former recipient of your scholarship for Non-traditional students. It had been quite some time, but I am now in a position to be able to support some other women like me who decided to return to school to complete their studies.

Through the help of AAUW, I was able to complete my bachelor’s degree at DeSales University. Shortly thereafter, I was promoted to the position of Director of Information Processing at Lehigh University. I was also able to continue my educational pursuits at Lehigh earning my Master’s degree In Educational Leadership in 2015. In February of 2017, I accepted the position as Director of Gifts and Records Management in Advancement Services at North Carolina State University. This opportunity was definitely worth the relocation to NC.

The support shown by AAUW was inspiring in that I was able to connect and understand that there was an entire community of women rooting for my continued success. Completing my degrees created new opportunities for me within my career path in immeasurable ways.

I would like to be able to contribute to the scholarship fund in support of others who like me will benefit from the boost that I received from Bethlehem AAUW. I am grateful to the support from AAUW and wish you the best for another successful year in supporting women of all ages in their pursuit of their educational aspirations.”

Best regards,
Karen Sims, M.Ed

Karen enclosed a check for \$250.00 to be added to the scholarship fund. So to all of our AAUW sisters in our branch, who give of their time and talents to make our book fair such a rousing success, know that your efforts are very much appreciated!!

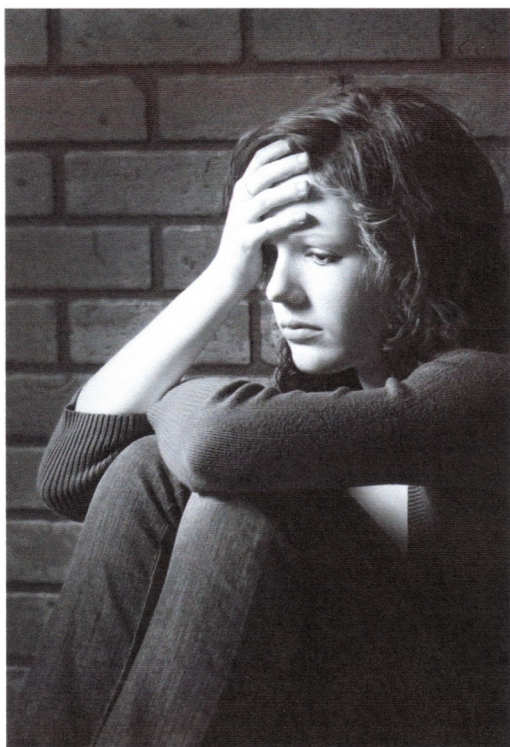
Bella Pompa send a note to Finance Officer Linda Robbins when she received her cash award. We wanted to share this beautiful note with all of you who work so diligently on the Annual Book Fair. Please read it and know that ALL appreciate your work to generate dollars for scholars.

“To All the Wonderful Women of AAUW,
I just wanted to express my utmost gratitude to all of you for awarding me the generous scholarship that will help me pay for Boston University. What you all do to assist women in furthering their education is inspirational and I cannot thank you enough for touching the lives of women all over. I enjoyed talking to everyone at my interview and at the ceremony.

Thank you so much! Sincerely, Bella”

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 3, 2018



Each changed life affects countless others, Imagine the Possibilities.

**The American Association
of University Women of
Bethlehem INVITES YOU...**

**Join us for an eye-opening
presentation by
Kim Checkeye,
Executive Director of
Truth for Women, an
organization that works
with victims of trafficking
and sexual exploitation.
Come hear about Truth for
Women's impact with
Lehigh Valley Survivors
and how the community
helps motivated women
rebuild their lives.**

6:45 PM – 8:45 PM
PROGRAM STARTS AT 7:00PM

Wesley Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
2540 Center Street, Bethlehem 18017
Bethlehem.pa.aauw.net
For more information: 610-865-2087



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Get the word out to your friends about
all the great things AAUW does!

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