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Bethlehem Bylines Brief

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When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation

November 6 General Election

Polls Open 7am ~ 8pm

Women's Votes Matter

If you are not at the table, you are on the menu!

Where do your candidates stand on these issues.?

Check out the *AAUW Action Fund 2018 Voter Issue Guide*

AAUW supports and encourages informed decisions

- ◆ Pay Equity
- ◆ Paid Family and Medical Leave,
Parental Leave, and Sick Days
- ◆ College Affordability
- ◆ Campus Sexual Harassment and Violence
- ◆ Reproductive Rights

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

It's time to make your nominations for AAUW-PA State AWARDS

Presented in the April Branch meeting

Awards

Outstanding Woman – A member for meritorious service to the Branch and community.

Member Making a Difference– A member who has made a contribution toward the mission of the branch during the past year, exemplifies the spirit of AAUW, need not be a branch officer or committee chair and may be new to the branch or an unsung hero.

Gateway to Equity-Honors individuals or organizations that have shown by action or philosophy that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research.

Nominations are due to Cathy Kotanchik or Linda Robbins by 12/31/18. Please submit the reason for the nomination and a few sentences about the candidate.

Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team

Fall is the time for AAUW Branches to connect and collaborate with AAUW State and National; concentrate on Get Out the Vote; and prepare nominations for branch officers.

Your executive team is doing all that and more as you will read in this newsletter. Finance Officer Linda Robbins attended the State Board meeting. Our members are planning to go to the November 3 Fall Focus District meeting and branch members volunteered five times to staff voter registration tables. Our informal count recorded contacts with more than 600 citizens, many of whom were already registered and ready to vote. Plan to come to the Saturday morning November 10 forum to hear our expert panel analyze what election results tell us. The Program Committee is offering daylight programming for all of you who tell us that you do not care to drive at night.

Your attendance will tell us if daytime meetings should be continued. Guests are always welcome.

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Jo Ann Kelly (Secretary)
Cathy Kotanchik (Immediate Past President)
Linda Robertson (VP, Program)
Linda Robbins (Finance Officer)
Ginny Stanglein (VP, Program)



Nominations Sought for Branch Officers

The Nominating Committee is starting its work for officers to serve in 2019-2021.

Nominate a person or a team of persons for the positions of:

President, Vice-President for Membership or Branch Finance Officer,

Please send your suggestions to Linda at LCRob123@PTD.net no later than November 10, 2018.

You can nominate yourself for any position and we applaud such action.

REMINDER ...

BRANCH BYLAWS VOTE

_____ YES
_____ NO

Send ballot to Linda Robbins 414 Kennilworth Ct. 18018
Or bring with you to the Holiday Lunch on November 27th
(See October Bylines Brief for details)



“WHAT NOW” : A Public Forum
Examining Results of November General Election

Everyone is Welcome

Presented by AAUW-Allentown and AAUW-Bethlehem



Mary Erdman
League of Women
Voters
Fair Districts PA



Bill White
Opinion Writer
Morning Call



Megan Diskin Monahan
Asst. Professor, History
Cedar Crest College

Saturday November 10, 2018

Wesley Church Auditorium 2540 Center Street Bethlehem, PA 18017

Doors Open 9:45 am Program starts 10:00am

American Association of University Women is a non-partisan fact-based organization with a membership of more than 170,000 women. Our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through Research, Education and Advocacy.

Our Vision is EQUALITY FOR ALL

SHAPE THE FUTURE EVENT: Join Today at Half Price

National AAUW Website : www.aauw.org

Questions about the event contact : www.bethlehem-pa.aauw.net



November 10 “What Now? Post-Election Evaluation.”

—Wesley Church Fellowship Hall. **Branch members wanted to arrive 9:30am to assist chairs/membership and refreshment tables set-up and as greeter . Also help need after event to help break down.** Event begins 10:00am. This event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and a **SHAPE THE FUTURE EVENT** . Please Contact Shirley Daluisio, 610-866-7919 if you are attending and willing to help.

Wanted: Volunteer to keep our Branch calendar updated.

We have a calendar on our website that will be more effective if updated with all of our meetings/study group/etc. Our volunteer calendar-keeper would add events, day, time, place and brief descriptions to the gmail calendar which will be linked to the calendar on the website. The most activity would happen in August when the Branch yearbook is published, with updating the specifics as they become available through the year. Cynthia Weber will get you started and will be available for questions.

Please let Cynthia know if you are interested.

Group Information

Bacchae :Bacchae will next meet on Thurs., Nov. 8th at 7:00. The location and name of hostesses will be listed later on our Bethlehem AAUW website. 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 Margaret 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 !! Do you enjoy solving mysteries? Discuss the solutions with like-minded readers and join our mystery book club. We read five books a year and new members are welcome. In January we are reading "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins. That meeting will be at Marilyn Achey's house on Jan. 22, 1:30-3:00 PM. Contact Mary Dawson for more information. Join us!

Paperback I : Paperback 1 will meet on Nov. 15 at 7 PM at the home of Norma Ferguson, 134 Glenmoor Circle, Easton to discuss Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan. New members are welcome. In this group, members choose and read same paperback book of various genres for discussion at meetings. Thanks. Kathy

Paperback II : Happy Reading Thank you, Joanne Wagner, PPBII leader

Out-to-Lunch Bunch The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will begin our new schedule on the SECOND Tuesday of the month - November 13th. Our hostess is Rita Bergstrom (610-365-2566), and she has chosen the **Apollo Grill** at 85 West Broad Street, Bethlehem. Please contact Rita by Friday, November 9th, to reserve your place at the table. The Apollo's website is apollogrill.com , so take a look at the menu! Hope to see the regulars and greet some newcomers! - Jeanie Powers

Ten members of AAUW Bethlehem Paperback II Study Group attended an Author event at Palmer Library on Oct. 16, 2018.

We met Maryann McFadden (second from right in dark jacket), author of **THE CEMETERY KEEPER'S WIFE**, a novel of historical fiction about the real Tillie Smith, servant girl at Centenary Seminary/College in 1886. A large statue of Tillie in Union Cemetery in Hackettstown, NJ, piqued Maryann's interest as a young child and eventually led Maryann to research Tillie's past and circumstances of her horrible death at age 19. Fantastic, gripping novel and surprisingly, new factual evidence about Tillie's story keeps occurring to author Maryann since the novel came out in April 2018!



DIVERSITY DEEDS and DIALOGUE

On Wednesday night, the Diversity: Deeds and Dialogue study group visited The Journey Home in Easton. A Journey Home is “an expressive art-based program for women in the Northampton County Correctional facility” and also has a community art studio on Sitgreaves Street in Easton.

Dr. Winfield, the director and owner, is dedicated to helping women through art therapy by combining trauma-informed care and restorative practices.

Dr. Bonnie Winfield sharing stories and practices with the DDD group.



Some members of the DDD group listening intently as Dr. Bonnie discusses the actions of *The Journey Home*

On Tuesday night, some members of the DDD had the opportunity to attend a meeting on Ending Mass Incarceration ***Smart Justice PA program*** sponsored by the Easton NAACP, the Northampton County League of Women Voters, and POWER Interfaith of the Lehigh Valley. Nick Pressley, community organizer from the PA ACLU gave an informative talk on the many problems facing our criminal justice system in PA. Afterwards, attendees had the opportunity to hear from a panel of local residents working for change through POWER Interfaith and other organizations.

ACLU joint presentation of the Smart Justice PA program one of the issues is ending mass Incarceration.



A STATEMENT ABOUT HATE

“AAUW states that violent crimes motivated solely or primarily by bias or hatred intimidate communities and must end.” So, as Diversity Officer of our branch, I’ve been waiting for a statement from AAUW National concerning the pipe bombs and the attack and killing of two African Americans and eleven Jews last week. If indeed, AAUW supports the statement above where are they now?

Some of us struggle with the role AAUW should take concerning hate that doesn’t concern our mission. But our mission is about equity and equality: hate is definitely not about those. Nor, is hate a partisan issue.

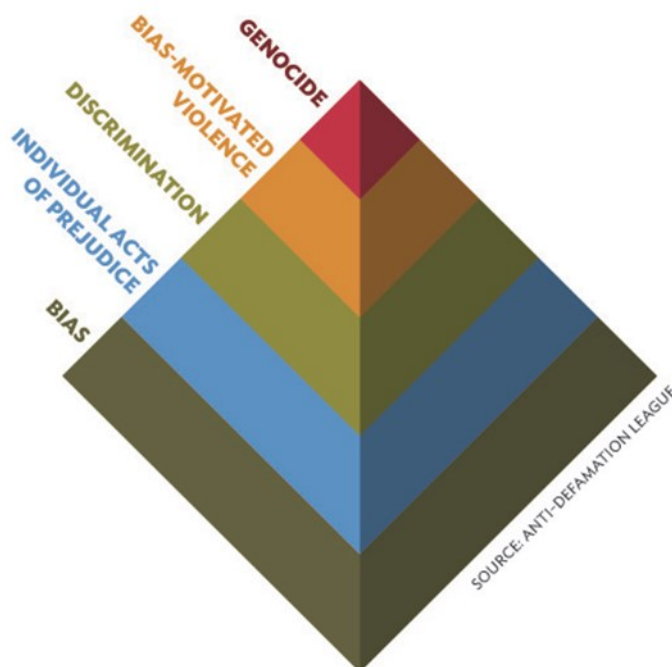
We must be careful not to shrug off the extreme culture of hatred and violence that is permeating our country. There is a danger that we will become immune to attacks. Some of us compartmentalize them, others don’t think it affects them so they choose to ignore the problem. Everyone deals with hate and violence differently. But, deal with it we must.

Look at The Pyramid of Hate, taken from Anti-Defamation League resources, below. “This pyramid shows biased behaviors, growing in complexity from the bottom to the top. Although the behaviors at each level negatively impact individuals and groups, as one moves up the pyramid, the behaviors have more life-threatening consequences. Like a pyramid, the upper levels are supported by the lower levels.

If people or institutions treat behaviors on the lower levels as being acceptable, results in the behaviors at the next level become more accepted.” You can easily see how hate can grow and pervade society if not addressed.

Take time to learn what you can do to speak up and speak out. It’s easy to be a bystander, but NOW is the time to pay attention and get involved. A few organizations that you can check out are: splc.org (Southern Poverty Law Center); tolerance.org (Teaching Tolerance); and adl.org (Anti-Defamation League). Write or call your representatives. Ask them to speak out and also to make sure legislation doesn’t discriminate. Talk to your friends and family.

If we don’t speak out is that not complicity? Where are our better angels?



AAUW Bethlehem ~ Holiday Luncheon

November 27, 2018 ~ Noon

Moravian Village ~ Main Dining Room

Special Entertainment

The Touring Choir ~ Lehigh Valley Charter Arts High School

Cost \$20

Reservation deadline is November 21, 2018

GUESTS are Welcome

We are recognizing our Honorary Life Members

Vegetable Soup

Choice of Entrée

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Shrimp Caesar Salad

Pasta Primavera

Carrot Cake

Mail your check to: Linda Robbins, 414 Kenilworth CT, Bethlehem PA 18018 by November 21
Check is your reservation. No refunds.

NAME(S): _____

___ Chicken	@ \$20 per diner = \$	_____
___ Shrimp	@ \$20 per diner= \$	_____
___ Pasta	@ \$20 per diner= \$	_____

Questions to Shirley at 610-866-7919

BOOK FAIR—POOL UPDATE

Some progress has been made by the City of Bethlehem regarding the renovation of the Memorial Pool. In case you missed this update from Senator Lisa Boscola, here is what she reported at the press conference in October: Bethlehem's Monocacy Park, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Secretary Dunn announced the Wolf Administration's additional \$1 million investment for the project - bringing the **total state investment to over \$1.5 million**. DCNR money is supported by the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Senator Boscola was able to assist the City in securing two grants through the Keystone Communities Program totaling \$542,000.

"The Memorial Pool renovation project ranked as the City of Bethlehem's highest priority in its 2017 Parks and Pools Plan," Senator Boscola stated. "Enhancing the park and pool infrastructure in our communities is vitally important. Improving these assets provides a low cost recreational opportunity for our families. Investing in our local pools and parks, improves our quality of life, enhances our communities and makes them more attractive places to live. It is why I am proud to team up with Governor Wolf, Secretary Dunn and Bethlehem to make this project a reality," Boscola added.

Book Fair Coordinators. Rita and Debbie



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“like” and “follow” our branch page.***

Then, share, share, share!

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

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