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Bethlehem Bylines Brief

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS - GOOD TIDINGS TO ALL



The November 27 Holiday lunch featured entertainment by the Touring Choir of the Charter Arts School with conductor David Macbeth. Their 25 minute concert featured songs of the season and highlighted the talent of the group which performed in May in Carnegie Hall under the baton of renowned composer John Rutter. More than 50 members attended the holiday event.

Make your nominations —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

A look *back*...
and a look *forward*→



LOOKING BACK—

After three dynamic fall programs which were thought-provoking and stimulating us to action, we shared a purely social event at our branch Holiday Luncheon on November 27. It has been encouraging to see branch members attend and support our efforts to provide diverse activities.

LOOKING FORWARD—

As we approach the middle of our 2018-2019 activity year both the nominating and awards committees are seeking input from branch members. Please contribute your named candidates for branch officers and branch/community awardees.

Book Fair coordinators are also beginning to organize their strategies!

February 2019 will feature a program conducted by our AAUW Moravian College and AAUW Lehigh University Student Groups. It is always exciting to interact with young women who are growing as leaders in our world, learn about their perspectives, and what is important to them.

Branch events are already planned for the spring:

March at Zoellner--Murphy's *Celtic Legacy* performance,
April has the annual Book Fair Sup and Shop and
The Scholarship Reception is in May.

MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE BBB

We want to encourage members who were not able to attend fall programs to come out and join us sometime! We also offer a big WELCOME to our newest members and hope you take part in our activities this winter and spring! The Executive Team and Coordinators are all working hard for our AAUW-Bethlehem Branch.

We thank you for your support!

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

Joan A. Jones, 86, Lifetime AAUW Bethlehem Branch member passes away November 24



This edition of the Bethlehem Bylines Brief is dedicated to Joan.

Joan Jones, a lifetime member of the Bethlehem Branch, passed away on November 24th. She joined AAUW in July 1953. Joan was a past treasurer of AAUW, Branch Historian for many years, chairperson of the Biography Section for Book Fair, and a member of the Board of Directors.

In 2001, Joan was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by our Branch.

She was a wealth of knowledge on many subjects.

While straightening her Biography Section at Book Fair last April, she was asked if buyers were sick of Princess Diana and couldn't she eliminate the "Royals" category.

Joan - without missing a beat - replied "Not until people stop buying them."

She will be missed. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.

Group Information

Bacchae :No Bacchae meeting in Dec. We will meet on Jan. 10 at 7:00 at Rita Bergstrom's house, and Eileen Traficante will serve as co-hostess. . 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 fancy yourself as an amateur sleuth?? 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 Jan. 17 at the home of Kathy Stephen at 7PM. We will discuss Refugee by Alan Gratz. 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 : Paperback II will meet on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 7:30pm at Jeanie Powers home. We will be reading "Next Year In Havana" by Chanel Cleeton. Please call or email Jeanie Powers & let her know if you cannot attend. We welcome new members. Have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas season! See you in the new year! Happy Reading ...Joanne Wagner

Out-to-Lunch Bunch We're starting the new year with a noon lunch at Pat's Pizza & Bistro, 1426 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, on January 8. The reservation cutoff is January 5, so please call hostess Amy Field at 610-703-5834. Come wish your friends Happy (belated) New Year! -Jeanie Powers

NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Madison Scarfaro resides in Whitehall, PA. She is a recent graduate of Wilkes University with co-majors in Political Science and Criminology and minors in Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies. She is a local field representative for a national nonprofit organization. Her interests are politics, public policy, campaigning and coaching sports.

Elizabeth Iobst received her BA from Millersville University and an MA from San Francisco University. She is a retired educator and currently works part time with young children and families as a play therapist. Her interests are books, music and children.

Mary Elizabeth O'Connor is a retired educator and psychologist residing in Bethlehem. She received her BA from Misericordia University, MA in Irish Literature from University of Scranton, M. Ed from the College of New Jersey and Ed. D from Rutgers University. Mary Elizabeth's interests are speaking, writing, classical music, travel and politics as it affects women.

Patricia Lorenz a Bethlehem, PA resident graduated from Kutztown University with a BA and received her M. Ed from Lehigh University. Prior to retirement, Patricia worked with Kidspace, Northampton County Children & Youth and Whitehall High School. She is interested in social causes, animal and children's issues and concerns.

Andrea Farina is a retired educator residing in Bethlehem, PA. Andrea received her BA from Marywood University and a M. Ed from the College of New Jersey. Her interests are art, music, poetry and social justice.

Judith Jermyn resides in Bethlehem, PA. Judith has a BSN from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and an RN from the University of Illinois. Judith's interests are golf, reading, visiting museums and she is a Master Gardener.

Catherine Gumlock resides in Bethlehem PA. Cathy graduated from Juniata with a degree in French and completed her M. Ed at Lehigh University. She is a retired teacher who has taught at both the middle school and elementary levels. Cathy is interested in reading, knitting, quilting and education.

Judith Siegfried received her BS from Penn State, MS in Education from Temple University, and both an MS in Counseling and an MBA from Lehigh University. She is retired and resides in Riegelsville. Judith has rejoined the Bethlehem Branch after a brief hiatus. Her interests are government, reading, politics, and current events.

We welcome Madison, Elizabeth, Mary Elizabeth, Patricia, Andrea, Judith J, Catherine and Judith S to our Bethlehem Branch .



Photo of Madison at the November 3 Public Forum on the Election.

Stay tuned for more announcements about how you can get involved.

For many of us, AAUW is in our blood. We have seen many societal changes over the decades that were driven by the women of AAUW nationally and our country is better for their involvement. During this season of gratitude and thankfulness, we will celebrate those women pioneers and continue to work with our newest, younger members to strengthen this tradition of involvement.

AAUW: Bethlehem Branch Joint Workshop ***Advantages and Opportunities for Student Activism, Self-Actualization, and Building Communities***

On Saturday, October 27, 2018 a workshop ,“ AAUW: Advantages and Opportunities for Student Activism, Self Actualization, and Building Communities” was offered as part of the 2018 Bridging the Student Gap Conference sponsored by the Diversity Committee of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, (LVAIC). Presenters were Hannah Lee, President and Lexi Meisse, VP of AAUW-Lehigh; Bettyjo LeBare, VP of AAUW- Moravian; Stacey Zarembo, faculty advisor, AAUW-Moravian; Randi Blauth, Diversity / Inclusion Coordinator, AAUW-Bethlehem; Susan McNamara, College Relations Co-ordinator, AAUW-Bethlehem; and Toni Hoffman, Public Policy officer and C/U Liaison, AAUW-Easton.



We are thankful to those who presented in the workshop. (from left to right) AAUW- Moravian; Stacey Zarembo, faculty advisor, student presenters Bettyjo LeBare, Hannah Lee, and Lexi Meisse and AAUW-Bethlehem; Randi Blauth, Diversity /Inclusion Coordinator.

The workshop provided an overview of the AAUW organization, its mission, programs and values and focused on opportunities for advocacy offered by AAUW Student organizations and on modeling of activism on campus by student leaders from AAUW Moravian and AAUW-Lehigh. Accompanied by PowerPoint slides, speakers addressed specific topics including: AAUW Issues such as Voting Rights, Student Debt, Title IX, Reproductive Rights; Finding Your Voice; Becoming a Campus Change Agent; Networking; Campus Action Project Grants; and Developing Leadership Skills.

Attendees also learned about many AAUW perks including free student memberships for College/University Partner colleges/ universities; cross-generational opportunities and branch support including scholarships to attend NCCWSL (National College Conference for Women Student Leaders). As they left the program, each received a swag bag full of goodies including copies of *Barriers and Bias*, *The Simple Truth*, and *Deeper in Debt* along with AAUW Postcards and Vote Tattoos.



During this workshop there was close interaction between the presenters and attendees. This made the event extremely beneficial to all involved

THE RESULTS ARE IN.....NOV 10 Public Forum on Election Results SUCCESS !!!

Ninety people attended the Forum and asked more than 40 questions in a civil manner. Our informed panelists provided insightful, thoughtful answers. The morning demonstrated once more that AAUW is a leader in the non-partisan, national conversation about American politics.



Panelists:

Bill White- Opinion Writer Morning Call
Megan Diskin Monahan -Asst. Professor,
History Cedar Crest College
Mary Erdman- League of Women Voters
Fair Districts PA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION !



The Bethlehem Branch offers our sympathy and condolences to ..



Life Member Sandy Utley,
whose husband Ronald died November 23, 2018
and
Life Member Mary Pat Beebe,
whose husband Bill died November 26, 2018

Addresses are available in our 2018-19 Bethlehem Branch Yearbook

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.





Moravian College AAUW Student Group— Election Day Activities

The Moravian AAUW group was determined to support the midterm elections by ensuring that students on campus had the opportunity to exercise their civic duty and vote. In partnership with the WGSS program and the DEI House as well as other faculty and organizations around campus, we walked students to Moravian College's polling station. We distributed "I Voted" stickers and had a prize wheel--each student that voted got a small prize. We provided hot chocolate, coffee and cookies all day long.



~ SAVE THE DATE ~

AAUW-Lehigh and AAUW-Moravian Student Associates

Invite AAUW-Bethlehem Members

“WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP: VALUES AND VISION”

February 19, 2019 Branch Meeting
4:15-5:15pm

Hauptert Union Building (the HUB)
MORAVIAN COLLEGE – Main Campus

Watch for More Details...





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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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