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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee acknowledges and thanks these members who have accepted nominations for Branch officer positions. Amy Fields, Mary Dawson, Ann Brown and Pat Slifka agreed to serve as Co Vice-Presidents, Membership Team. Linda Robbins agreed to serve a second term as Branch Finance Officer.



Clockwise : Mary Dawson, Ann Brown,
Amy Fields, Pat Slivka and
Linda Robbins

The Nominating Committee wants to emphasize that it was a pleasure to speak with this year's candidates who – to a person – were enthusiastic and gracious about offering service to AAUW-Bethlehem. Olga Conneen, Anne Hammersmith (Co-Chair), Judy Lappen, Linda Robertson, Phyllis Wargo (Co-Chair), and Louise Wisser



Student presenters: Bettyjo LaBare, Hannah Lee, and Lexi Meisse

A MUST program for 2019 calendar

February Branch Program
sponsored by the Lehigh University & Moravian
College Student Associates
Moravian College, North Campus,
1200 Main Street 18018
Hauptert Student Union, Snyder Room
Tuesday February 19, 2019 4:15 - 5:15 pm
Women and Leadership –
Life-changing Experiences at NCCWSL
Light Refreshments

Group Information :

Bacchae :Bacchae will not meet in Feb. Next meeting is in March and details will follow. Phyllis Wargo

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 study group will meet on Feb. 21 at the home of Mardi Metzger, 5439 Comfort Circle, Bethlehem, 18017-9052 at 7PM. We will be discussing the book We Were the Lucky Ones by George Hunter. Please call Mardi if you are unable to attend, 610 866-1257

Paperback II : PPBII BOOK GROUP will meet on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30pm at Debbie Spinney's Home. We are reading "The Story Of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg. Our reviewer is Linda Federico. There is also a sequel to this book if any one wants to read that too: "The Night of Miracles" (same author) We will not discuss the sequel. Please let Debbie know if you CANNOT attend. We welcome new members.
Happy Reading Joanne Wagner

Out-to-Lunch Bunch Debbie Spinney is the hostess for the February 12 Out-to-Lunch Bunch at noon. She has chosen Urbano Mexican Kitchen & Bar at 526 Main Street in Bethlehem, which won the Diners Choice Award in 2018. The reservation cutoff is February 8, so please call Debbie at 610-865-4843 or dspin202@gmail.com , and join our party! Jeanie Power

SAVE THE DATE

Paperback Book Group read "The Cemetery Keepers Wife" by Mary Ann Mcfadden and met with the author at the Palmer Library for a further book discussion. The story takes place in Hackettstown, NJ, and the "Out to Lunch" Group has arranged a lunch with the author in Hackettstown on May 14. We will then tour the cemetery and other venues mentioned in the book. Carpooling is encouraged. No need to read the book, but it is a great read with lots of surprises. Copies may be available from study group members to borrow or may be available at book sale. Further details in upcoming BYLINES. Stay tuned and please join us.

Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team

Happy New Year, 2019!

We wish all of you and your families a healthy and productive year ahead. We also welcome our newest members who are helping to grow our Branch.

The many exciting programs and activities coming up include — February - Moravian & Lehigh student group event; March's *Celtic Legacy* performance at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University; April - Book Fair; May – Scholarship Reception, plus monthly study group meetings. Please attend these events and become involved and support our Branch as well as AAUW's national initiatives.

The Executive team is actively leading the Branch and met December 12. The agenda included finances, Book Fair update, Scholarship Committee membership, amended By-laws, and an incredible new members report. We reviewed the Holiday Luncheon which received great feedback, thus plans are in the works for a similar event in 2019.



We had a surprise visit from

AAUW National Staff

Claudia Richards and Erin Medina. They travelled from Washington to applaud our branch activity and share some of the unique and exciting programs going on at the national level.

We will continue this new partnership.

Guests with comments and requests are welcome at the team meetings – the next of which is March 20. You can contact a team member to be added to the agenda.

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)

Join us in WELCOMING Colleen !!

New member Colleen Hauser resides in Easton, PA. She has a BA in Education from Kean University and is currently working with IU 20. Colleen's interests are camping, travel, education and dancing. We hope to meet you at a program.

Executive team is seeking a member... If we experience the loss of a branch member or significant other, to send a card to the family, submit a small article to the *Bethlehem Bylines* and to inform the branch.

We will notify you as we learn any specifics and will provide initial cards and stamps.

You will be reimbursed for any additional expenses.

Contact Linda Robbins 484-347-4416 lrob164382@aol.com

‘It is with your feet that you move, but it is with your heart that you dance.’

Murphy's Celtic Legacy

March 13, 2019

Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University

7pm

Free Parking, Attached Garage

420 E. Packer Ave. Beth. 18015

\$18 per ticket

Everyone Invited



AAUW-Bethlehem will gather at Lehigh University on March 13 for ***Murphy's Celtic Legacy***, a contemporary celebration of the world-wide delight in Irish musical performance that has captured broad cultural attention among concert-goers for decades.

Director Chris Hannon's exciting and brilliant choreography, showcased in this 2019 energetic 40-concert tour across the U.S., brings to the Zoellner Arts Center top-flight entertainment in the Irish modern tradition. This acclaimed show merges traditional and contemporary dance with the lilt of Irish song, delighting audiences with its excellence and excitement. Lilt and lighting combine with costume and choreography for a superbly staged evening of Irish entertainment.

Tickets must be pre-paid and can be ordered from Ginny Stanglein no later than March 7, 2019. Tickets will be mailed to you. No refunds.

"We usually can't choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how we dance to it."

Mail your check payable to *AAUW-Bethlehem* and mail to
Ginny Stanglein, 3659 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem PA 18015-5424.
Questions 610-217-8827 or snowmarsh2@aol.com

NAME(S): _____

_____ Tickets @ \$18 = \$ _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Let's Read Math - Final Report

After 10 wonderful years of Let's Read Math, I am sorry to report that we will not be providing this community outreach program this year. When we started 10 years ago, we were all quite younger and as the years have progressed, some of our members can no longer volunteer for this activity. For many of us, we have become so busy with so many activities (and that is good thing!!) that our days that we can volunteer have become limited. After trying twice to secure dates, I am afraid that we just did not have enough people on enough days to offer the program to the schools. We need a minimum of six volunteers in order to begin negotiating for dates with the schools, and we just did not reach that threshold often enough.

Perhaps if we take a one year hiatus, we can try for a comeback next season. I have enjoyed working and meeting with every one of you. It has been a great collaborative effort between the Allentown and Bethlehem branches. I know the teachers and the children appreciated each and every one of you. Thank you for your dedication!!

This is a great group who enjoy fun and fellowship while working with children. If you are interested in joining this merry band of volunteers, please contact me at fbentkowski@verizon.net.

This program has a place for any and all volunteers. Come join us!
Fran Bentkowski

Book Fair JEOPARDY GAME

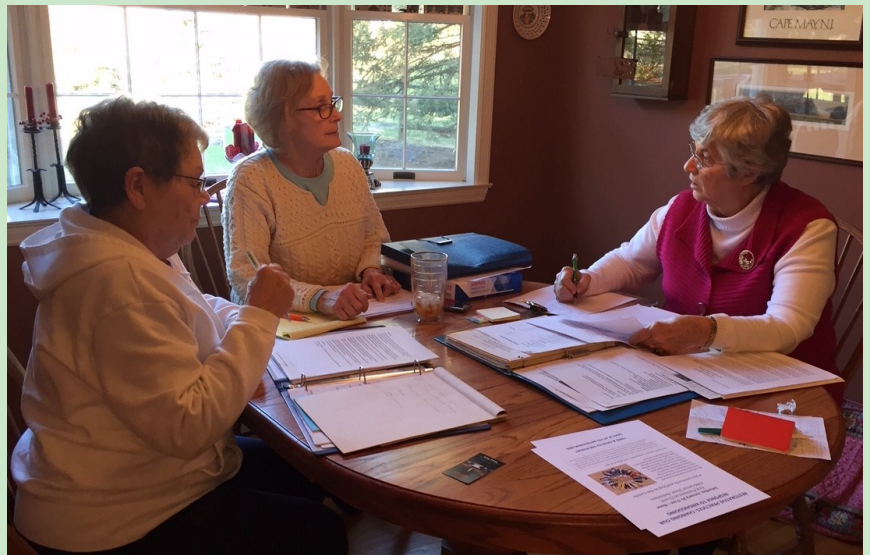
You're playing Jeopardy.

The category is Book Fair. We give you the answers, you give the questions. Go!

- 1 - Bethlehem Ice Rink.
- 2 - April 1, 2019
- 3 - April 2, 2019
- 4 - April 23, 2019
- 5 - April 25-29, 2019

Your Book Fair coordinators are busy preparing for the 57th annual Used Book Fair. We thank all the section chairs and members who have already volunteered in other capacities. As always, we can use more volunteers in a couple areas as well as sorters and sales day volunteers. Please contact us to let us know what you can do to help.

Looking forward to the camaraderie and fun of Book Fair,
Rita Bergstrom (ritabergs@netscape.net)
Debbie Spinney (dspin202@gmail.com)



Above Rita, Deb and Louise are already hard at work.

Jeopardy questions:

- 1-What is the location of the 2019 Used Book Fair?
- 2-What is the set-up date for the Book Fair?
- 3-When is the Kick-off Coffee at the Ice Rink?
- 4-What is the last date donations will be accepted for the Book Fair?
- 5-What are the sale dates for the 57th Annual Used Book Fair?

POP UP MEETING SCHEDULED: *Local Author/Editor To Speak at Pop Up Meeting*

Life on an isolated ranch in Wyoming in 1905 was difficult for Wellesley College graduate Ethel Waxman. On Saturday April 6 at 1pm, Ethel's granddaughter Barbara Love will share the story of how she and her sister decided to compile her grandmother's writings into a fascinating book titled *Life on Muskrat Creek*. She will show part of a short video segment from Ken Burns' The West that was based on these diaries and letters. More details to follow.

From the Archives Chair,

As we begin our anniversary year, I thought I would remind us of some of our history from 1969.

AAUW- Bethlehem had 551 members
 Study Groups numbered 21 with two bridge marathons
 General meetings were held every first Tuesday, 8pm, at the YWCA
 Crystal Ball was held at Hotel Bethlehem
 Connie White held the position of Treasurer, now Finance Officer
 Held seats on the boards of Children's Theater, LV Community Council, Senior Citizen's Council,
 Friends of the Library as members of AAUW
 Contributed \$2500 to Fellowships Funds
 Book Fair net receipts \$2923
 Annual dues \$12.50
 Enjoy !!
 Linda Robbins

WHAT IS LAF AND WHY ARE WE SUPPORTING IT?

Karen Peiffer, AAUW-Allentown

AAUW champions and advances equity for women and girls through a variety of programs and initiatives. We know about scholarships and research fellowships and pay equity rallies and Title IX support and buying radium for Marie Curie. But why are we asked to raise money for LAF? How does the Legal Advocacy Fund fit into the wider AAUW framework?

We can find an answer in the mission statement: AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination. "Funding" is self-explanatory, but the support system is equally important. LAF started in 1981 with a pilot program to support women seeking justice for gender discrimination. That pilot became the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system.

A case must meet these minimum requirements for consideration:

1. Be filed in state or federal court, preferably at the appellate level
2. Address sex discrimination in the workplace or academia, including topics like unfair pay, tenure or promotion denial, pregnancy discrimination, Title IX violations, and sexual harassment or sexual assault
3. Have the potential to set or reinforce precedent for future cases on gender discrimination

LAF supports brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for Title VII, Title IX, equal pay, sexual harassment, and tenure denial violations. The Fund allocates \$100,000 annually to help fund landmark cases such as *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* and *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents, such as *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*.

For our plaintiffs, LAF goes beyond financial support. LAF can provide organizational support as an amicus signatory or other statement of support. LAF offers plaintiffs emotional support, a family of AAUW members present at significant legal proceedings. LAF provides advice and information to individuals with question about their rights on campus and in the workplace with regard to gender discrimination, harassment, and assault. LAF Case Support Travel Grants make it possible for members to meet AAUW plaintiffs and advocates and hear their stories at AAUW state and regional conventions.

You can learn more about the LAF and the important work to which we as AAUW members all contribute at aauw.org. Under "What We Do", click on Legal Advocacy Fund.