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# Bethlehem Bylines Brief

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## Opportunity to support TERRIFIC Young Women

On Tuesday, February 19, many of us experienced a WONDERFUL program presented by the AAUW Student Groups of Moravian and Lehigh. Two of them reported out their attendance at LAST Year's NCCWSL National Conference of College Women Student Leaders). Conference at University of Maryland.

This year the LEHIGH Group is trying to raise \$3,700 before March 21<sup>st</sup> to send their ENTIRE board to the conference which one described as a 'life-changing' event. Several of our branch members (me included) have already donated to this cause through a secure website ([see link below](#)) Organized by Lehigh University's Alumni Relations Office. Every cent you donate goes to the girls – not skimming off the top as Go Fund Me does.

The club is pursuing grant money too. Please look at the web page, and listen to the short AAUW-produced video. Any gift you make is **STRICTLY VOLUNTARY**. All gifts – in every amount - will be appreciated. Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team will consider a grant from a SMALL reserve account we can access. Let's see how a group of intelligent, educated women (us) can support our younger intelligent, educated sisters (Lehigh University AAUW).

Many thanks, Linda Robertson  
For the Executive Team

<https://www.lehighcrowdfunding.com/campaigns/aauw-lehigh-student-affiliate-chapter>



## Group Information :

**Bacchae** :Bacchae will meet on March 14, at 7:00, at Joanne Wagner's house with JoAnn Kelly as co-hostess 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](mailto:robaker356@gmail.com)

Our study group has really been on the move this year. In the fall, we had determined that we would spend the year learning about women in jail/prison and dedicate ourselves to helping where we could. Our study group has long wanted to become more involved with the issues we study. We have been fortunate to have a presentation from Pinebrook Family Answers, who has recently started a new program for women who reenter our communities, called "Leaving Jail: A Comprehensive, Regional Reentry Program for Women. We are presently working with them to see where we can make a difference.



**Mystery Paperback** *CALLING ALL MYSTERY LOVERS !!* The AAUW Bethlehem mystery book club reads five books a year and meet at members' houses. Our next meeting will be at Pat Slifka's on March 26, 1:30PM-3:00PM. Pat will be leading a discussion of "The Poacher's Son" by Paul Doiron. We will meet again in May and choose books for the next season. All new members are welcome to join. Please contact Mary Dawson for more information.

**Paperback I** : On March 21 at 7pm, Paperback 1 will discuss When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. Kathy Stephen hosts. All are welcomed.

**Paperback II** : PPBII BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, March 19th @7:30pm. Phyllis Wargo will be hostess and Annie Brown will review the book "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn. We welcome new members to our book group. Happy Reading, Joanne Wagner, Study Group leader

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** Jane Williams will be our hostess on March 12 at Noon at the Thai-Thai II, located at 509 Main Street in Bethlehem. Their menu can be found at "[thaithai2pa.com](http://thaithai2pa.com)" Reservations close on Friday, March 8, so please call Jane ASAP at her cell phone: 484-226-5073. Hi, Everyone, I look forward to being with you on March 12 at Thai Thai 2. As Jeanie's email indicated, please call me and leave a message on my voice mail -- or text me at the same number (just let me know who is texting). I don't answer calls without seeing the person's name so that is why I am asking you to ID yourself in a text and/or leave a voicemail message. Thanks so much. You'll love Thai Thai 2! Jane William



**Free Movie**: "On the Basis of Sex" Moravian College,  
Main Campus Prosser Auditorium (Haupt Union Building)  
March 21, 2019 8PM All welcome!!

## 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.

*'It is with your feet that you move, but it is with your heart that you dance.'*

## ***Murphy's Celtic Legacy***

*The troupe is modern while still honoring the traditions of Irish dance*

March 13, 2019

Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University **7pm**

Free Parking, Attached Garage

420 E. Packer Ave. Beth. 18015

\$18 per ticket **ONLY FEW LEFT**

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."**

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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](mailto:snowmarsh2@aol.com)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team**

**LOOKING FORWARD** — Spring is just around the corner. With the longer days and slightly warmer weather we want to encourage members to come out and join us at the exciting programs and activities coming up!

**Mid-March 2019** will showcase a program at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, *Murphy's Celtic Legacy*. A Pop-Up meeting **April 6** will feature Barbara Love, editor of "Life at Muskrat Creek: A Homestead Family in Wyoming."

In addition there is the Book Fair Sup and Shop Program — **April 16th**.

57th Annual Branch Book Fair (now at the Ice Rink) **April 25th thru the 29th**  
the Scholarship Reception is in **May**.

The Executive team is actively leading the branch and met February 2. The agenda included finances, nominating committee membership, Book Fair update, and follow-up to the December visit from AAUW National Staff. We also offer a big welcome to our newest members and hope you take part in our activities this spring! The Executive Team and Coordinators are all working hard for our AAUW-Bethlehem Branch. We thank you for your support! 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)

### ***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.

Let's WELCOME .... HELLO !!!

New member Nancy Konn resides in Easton, PA. Nancy is recently retired from BASD as a special education teacher; she has a BS in Special Education and an MS in Literacy from East Stroudsburg University. Nancy is interested in live theater, travel and sewing. Ask her about her rescue dogs when you see her at Book Fair.

Maureen Quinn is a recent transplant to Bethlehem from the Philadelphia area. Maureen has a BS from Long Island University and MA from New York University in Nursing and teaches part time at Community College of Philadelphia. Her interests are women's issues, politics, travel and baking.

Please welcome Nancy and Maureen when you see them at a program.

**Helpers Wanted**...Friday, April 26, 6:15pm+ UUCLV, 424 Center St., 18018

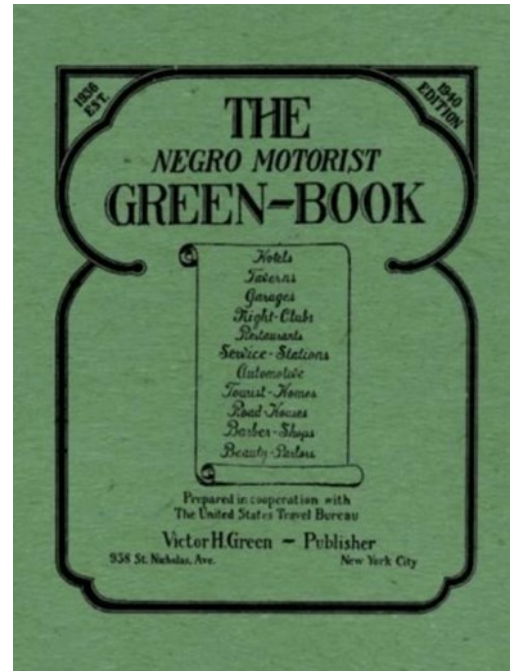
A Lehigh Valley Progressive Event: Tabling (community groups encouraged to put up tables with their group information displayed--AAUW Bethlehem will have a table.) 7pm+ Fourth Friday Film Series--brief film, two presenters on theme of "Reclaiming Our Democracy and Our Environment for Our Children and Grandchildren." Contact Linda

Robbins lrob164832@aol.com or 484-347-4416 if you can help. or event info, Tom Ulrich, (610)-882-1136

**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

## TRAVELING WHILE BLACK

This virtual reality documentary is an eye-opening twenty minutes of what it is like to live Black in the United States. This brief documentary is the creation of a native Eastonian, Roger Ross Williams, whose direction puts **you** center stage as you experience what life was like for Black citizens who traveled within our country from about 1936-1966, the era of THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK. If you aren't familiar with "The Green Book," it was a directory of safe and welcoming places a negro citizen could stop to sleep, eat, or use the restroom when traveling. Although the book is not in use today, the documentary also helps the viewer understand and experience what is still happening today to our Black citizens as they drive or walk down a street. Williams hopes *Traveling While Black* will open a much needed dialogue among us all. You can experience it by going to [www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006276181/traveling-black-us-greenbook.html](http://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006276181/traveling-black-us-greenbook.html). This will not be a true virtual reality experience, but it comes close. Why not have your study groups view and discuss it?



-Randi Blauth, Diversity Chair

## A FUN AFTERNOON

Many D:DDers met at The Journey Home in Easton for an afternoon of tea and creativity. Dr. Bonnie Winfield, who runs the art studio and maker space offers open studio time, creative art and journaling workshops, and a Sip and Create Tea Party on Sunday afternoons.

To support Dr. Bonnie and her work with women both in jail and those who have reentered our communities, we met at the studio and had a great time creating simple works of art. You can nurture your creative spirit, too! Check out [thejourneyhomeeaston](https://www.thejourneyhomeeaston.com) on Facebook or the blog at [www.thejourneyhome.blog](http://www.thejourneyhome.blog). Hold a group get together there and have a blast!



Fran, Barb, Rosemary, Susan, Toni and Dr. Bonnie (in front) with their masterpieces!

## Welcoming ...

Recently an AAUW member shared that she had attended a different church as her church was not offering services that day. During the after services coffee, she found herself standing alone; no one came over to welcome her or to introduce themselves. She really didn't feel that she wanted join a group that felt that unfriendly.

Welcoming new people into a group can add to its overall diversity and strength. Who knows maybe that person is the alto your chorus needs or is well versed on California wines. Maybe you're looking to add new members or you might just be looking to expand your circle of friends. Whatever the setting, you can welcome new people by creating a friendly environment, inviting them to join you, and avoiding overwhelming or ignoring them.

Smile. Remember that first impressions are difficult to undo. A warm smile and friendliness can make people feel more comfortable. Be approachable and open to talking to people. Make eye contact. Laugh easily.

Introduce yourself. Try exchanging simple introductions. You might say something like "Hi, my name is Gilda and I'm the Treasurer of this organization. What's your name?" Introduce people to one another. There is nothing worse than being in a room full of strangers and not knowing anyone's name.

Find out what they enjoy and what they're good at. Everyone wants to feel that they have something to contribute. Finding out some basic information helps in providing the newcomer with a quality experience.

Invite them to other events. Once the event is over, invite them to come back for the next event or even to something unrelated to the group; perhaps you are going to the movies soon. Invite them along.

— Anne Hammersmith

### **Come Celebrate NEW! Mark your calendar NOW! Book Fair Sup and Shop--Tuesday April 16, 2019, 6-8pm**

NEW Location-- Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Rd.!  
NEW honorees--Outstanding Woman and Member Making a Difference!  
NEW officers to be elected!  
NEW supper menu to savor!  
NEW books to purchase and treasure!  
NEW friends!

### **Marsy's Law seeks to Amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to Provide Equal Rights for Crime Victims**

While the accused and convicted have numerous rights in the Pennsylvania Constitution, crime victims only have statutory protections. Statutory rights are insufficient because victims have no recourse if their rights are violated. These rights include: the right to court notification, the right to be present at court proceedings, the right to read a victim impact statement and the right to timely restitution. Marsy's Law would give victims a voice in criminal justice proceedings, not a veto.

It's important to recognize that Marsy's Law is not a partisan issue. In fact, Marsy's Law passed unanimously in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate during the 2017-18 legislative session. In order for the initiative to appear on the November 2019 ballot, Marsy's Law must again pass in both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Marsy's Law (House Bill 276) is currently sponsored by Representative Sheryl Delozier. To learn more about Marsy's Law for Pennsylvania, please visit our website, [www.marsyslawforpa.com](http://www.marsyslawforpa.com). You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates at @MarsysLawforPA.

Madison Scarfaro, new AAUW-Bethlehem Member and Field Representative for Marsy's Law for PA

AAUW does not have a position on Marsy's Law for PA. An opposing viewpoint can be read at this link: <https://www.mcall.com/opinion/yourview/mc-opi-marcys-law-pennsylvania-20190211-story.html>

**THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING...**  
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**AND IT'S COMING FAST!**

When this newsletter reaches your e-mailbox,  
 there will be less than a month before we begin our 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair.

The Book Fair Committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and reviewed the new layout for the tables, questions were asked and answered, and a lively discussion about all things Book Fair ensued. Our new location at the Bethlehem Ice Rink brings us a new reality for set up, sorting and selling. The pictures shown here show the Committee in conversation as they review the table set up for each section.

There is still much the entire branch membership can do to help make this our best Book Fair ever! The Kick-Off Koffee is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM, when donations and sorting will begin; the last day for donations is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. **We hope to see you there.** Each morning (Monday-Saturday) from 9-12, we will be sorting our donations and setting up the different Book Fair sections. **We hope to see you there.** One other important date to mark on your calendar is our Annual Sup and Shop evening on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8. **We hope to see you there.** The Book Fair will be held from April 25-29; we will need assistance as cashiers and other helpers during the sale. **We hope to see you there.**

We will have 130 eight-foot tables set up in the Ice Rink beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Since birds can freely fly though the rink, we will need to cover the tables and books each night. We are asking that our members search their homes for tablecloths, sheets, fabric that you know you won't use, drop cloths, tarps, etc. that can be donated for this cause.

They can be dropped off at the rink beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> and, if labeled with your name, they can be picked up on the last day of Book Fair, April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you don't need your donated item returned, we will save it for next year.

As an aside, using the "Marie Kondo Method" of "tidying up", Deb found 6 tablecloths that she no longer uses that are now ready for the rink!

Thank you in advance for your donations.

April is always an exciting time for AAUW-Bethlehem; we hope you can join us for whatever time and talent you have to share. We look forward to working with you again.

Your Book Fair Chairs,

Rita and Deb