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**April Branch Meeting ~
Supper & Shop at Book Fair
Tuesday April 16
Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Rd.
6pm – Business Meeting Followed by Supper**

Election of Officers/Team Members

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate:
Co Vice-Presidents/Membership Team - Ann Brown, Mary Dawson,
Amy Fields and Pat Slifka; Finance Officer - Linda Robbins.

Recognition of Branch Award Recipients

Mary Dawson is receiving our Outstanding Woman of the Year. Her community service includes singing 38 years with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem and being the Choir's archivist for 5 years. Mary also sings with the Allentown Symphony Chorus and volunteers at the Southern Lehigh Public Library. For AUW, She has served as Vice-president for Program and will be serving on the new Membership Team; she is coordinator of the Mystery Paperback Group.



Catherine Kotanchik is being recognized as the Member Making a Difference. After spending many years living abroad in England and Belgium, Cathy returned to the U. S. and joined our Branch. Almost immediately she agreed to serve as President-Elect and followed up with a three year stint as President during which the branch investigated the concept of merging with other Lehigh Valley Branches. She continues to serve on the Executive Team, offering wisdom and insight. Cathy works part time in real estate title operations.



Linda Robertson plans a special supper starting after the meeting. Menu includes: Fern's chicken salad sliders, Panzanella (bread salad), Martha Stewart's deviled eggs, date, walnut and blue cheese log with crostini, frosted brownies and more.

Finally, plan to check out the incredible assortment of books and buy, buy, buy. It would be great to start off the 2019 Book Fair with member purchases totaling \$300-\$500 that night.

Your AAUW-Bethlehem Executive Team

APRIL GREETINGS, SUNSHINE AND SPRING WEATHER AHEAD FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



By the time you read this message, my hopes are that snow and cold are behind us.

Moving forward, we hope to see you at the new Book Fair location, sorting and organizing, and at the Sup and Shop event on April 16.

Dues notices were mailed March 31. If you do not receive a letter, contact Linda Robbins, Finance Officer. Branch members pay \$85, Life members \$25, and our Honorary Life members owe nothing. Supplementary contributions are always welcomed to help fund our national organization; additional information about national programs appear on the reverse of your letter.

Our Program Team worked with our Membership Team to host several programs using AAUW's *Shape the Future Campaign*. I am pleased to report we added 11 new members with these efforts, enabling our branch to offer one free membership for the year 2019-20. You will be eligible for free dues IF we receive your dues renewal by April 29. If your name is chosen in the random drawing to be held April 30, we will return your original check. Good luck and get those renewals in early.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Book Fair through April and at the Scholars' Reception in May.

Linda Robbins, Finance Officer
For the Executive Team
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)

EQUAL PAY DAY RALLY

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019, 1PM to 2PM

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Pennsylvania has not updated the state Equal Pay Act since 1959! Things need to change. NOW !!

Join members and friends as we rally in Harrisburg for a long overdue update to our state equal pay law.

Our Moravian College Student Group is asking for our help.

April 2 is Pay Equity Day – the calendar date on which US women finally reach the average pay for US male workers.

The students are sponsoring a campus bake sale on April 2 – you can bet these young women will have a CLEVER twist on how to sell baked goods – one that emphasizes pay inequality. Let's show our support for our Student Group AAUW members.

DETAILS:

Date is 4/2/2019

Place: HUB (Hauptert Union Building) – Main Campus

NEEDED/REQUESTED: Cookies, brownies, bars, etc.

TIMING: Deliver to campus no later than 10:30 am

Contact Person for Questions: Stacey B. Zaremba, Professor of Psychology, Moravian College,



szaremba@moravian.edu (610) 861 - 1563

April is Here, April is Here, April is Here, April is Here!!! **IT IS BOOK FAIR TIME**

April is Book Fair month and we need you to help us get ready for the sale on April 25th - 29th. Our new location at the Bethlehem Ice Rink will bring some new challenges but we think we are ready to meet them head on.

Here is what you . can do to help:

Advertise the book sale: Email and print copies of our **flier** and send or deliver to all of your friends and neighbors. Pick up **bookmarks** at the ice rink to distribute in your neighborhoods, doctor offices, businesses, etc. Place a **yard sign** (available at the ice rink) in your yard or a nearby street.

Research books: Research books for online sales. Fifteen minutes of training by Linda Zimmerman or Cynthia Weber at the Ice Rink and you can do the research at home on your computer or tablet.

Sort books: Join us Monday through Saturday, April 3-21, 9am to 12pm to sort the thousands of books we anticipate will be donated. Laugh, talk and mingle with members and community volunteers.

Sell books: We need help on the sale days to check out books. **Give Myra Jones a call (610-865-3419) or email (myraejones@gmail.com)** to sign up to work one or more shifts on the sale days, April 25-29.

Clean up: If you don't mind getting a little dirty, we could use your help with clean up on Monday, April 29th from 1:00 until about 4:00pm.

Join the fun on these dates:

April 2: Kick-off Koffee; 10 am @ the Ice Rink warming building. Tour the facility!

April 2-April 23: Sorting and pricing 9-12 Monday-Saturday; no evenings

April 16: AAUW Branch members "Small Plates & Shopping"; 6-8pm

April 25: Preview sale day; entry fee; 2-6pm

April 26-29: No fee sale days; times vary April 29: Clean out of ice rink and warming building, 1pm – 4pm

Looking forward to seeing you this month, Debbie Spinney and Rita Bergstrom, Co-chairs

AAUW Moravian Student Equal Pay Day Sale on April 2, 2019:

To Anyone who plans to DELIVER baked goods

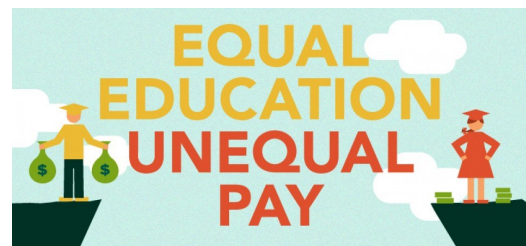
Stacey Zaremba will be at the HUB (Hauptert Union Bldg.) at 9:40am to accept your offerings.

Pull up at the main doors and there should be helpers to get the goodies from you.

Stacey's cell # is 215 534 1317

With this timing, any of us who intend to
CONTINUE ON to the **Book Fair Opening Coffee**
MEETING at ICE RINK will be good to go.

THANKS SO MUCH, Stacey!!



PS If you just can't do this timing, Call and leave a message for Linda Robertson to drop off your goodies (610-865-2087)

Group Information :

Bacchae :

Bacchae will meet on April 11 at Louise Wisser's house at 7:00. A guest speaker from a Wines and Spirits Store will be joining us for a presentation. Amy Fields will be serving as co-hostess. Thanks, Phyllis

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

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 CWe 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 April 18 at 7pm, Paperback 1 will discuss A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. Kathy Stephen hosts. New members are welcomed

Paperback II : PPBII will meet this month on Tuesday, April 9th @7:30pm at Linda Zimmerman's home. Please note that we are not meeting the third Tuesday of the month due to the Book Fair "Sup & Shop" on the 16th. We will be reading any AUTOBIOGRAPHY or MEMOIR (readers choice) Each member gets to discuss their book within 7 MINUTES. This way EVERYONE gets the same amount of time for reviewing their book choice. Please contact Linda Zimmerman and let her know if you CANNOT ATTEND. We welcome new members. Thank you, Happy Reading Joanne Wagner

Out-to-Lunch Bunch OUT-TO-LUNCH voted to concentrate on the Book Fair, so no April lunch. Hope to see you at our "road trip" on May 14. Linda Robbins will be our hostess. -Jenae

SAVE THE DATE

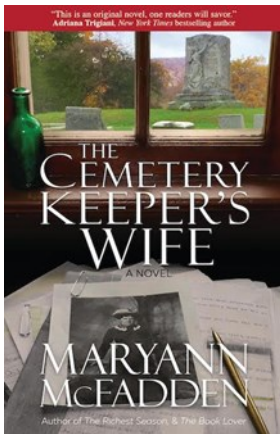
Paperback II and the **Out to Lunch Bunch** invite you to join us for another visit with the author. First the book was read and discussed, then the Book Group and other guests met with Maryann McFadden at Palmer Library for another book discussion.

She has graciously agreed to join us for the May "Out to Lunch Bunch" and take us on a tour of the cemetery. She has written another book "Cape Cod Light" which you may wish to purchase and obtain a signature.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:30- meet at Mama's Restaurant, 260 Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, NJ Carpool to cemetery for tour 12:00 Lunch with the author.

Please contact Linda Robbins 484-347-4416/lrob164832@aol.com to reserve a seat for lunch and arrange carpooling to NJ. **Deadline 5/10/19**

Sounds like a great way to enjoy Spring.



Local Author ~ Saturday Afternoon Program
Joint Presentation of AAUW-Bethlehem and Bethlehem Area Public Library
April 6 from 1-2:30 pm

This is a *Shape the Future Event*: A NEW member who pays membership (through June 2020) at the event, pays Half-Price



Ethel Wazman Love

After years of hearing the stories of their Wellesley College-educated grandmother's adventures, beginning with her five-year courtship by John Love, a Scottish immigrant, and culminating with their 1910 move to the rugged ranch life of Wyoming, Barbara Love and her sister compiled her letters into "Life on Muskrat Creek" (2018). Barbara will share her grandmother Ethel's adventures and show a short video clip from film maker Ken Burns' "The West" which used Ethel's letters. To order a personal copy of Barbara's book, call the publisher Rowman & Littlefield @ 1-800-462-6420 or online www.rowmanlittlefield.com. Use the Promo Code UP30AUTH19 to get a 30% discount, \$34.98 including shipping/handling & taxes. Also available on Amazon.

To register for the event the Library asks us to go to this link:
<https://www.bapl.org/events/stories-of-life-on-muskrat-creek/>

April is AAUW Bethlehem's 90th Anniversary!

Just nine years after American women were granted the vote, university women in Bethlehem came together to form a branch of AAUW. Within two decades, members would face the stock market crash, The Great Depression, and The Second World War. All these challenges strengthened our mission to empower women and girls. Sixty years later, we are focusing our energies on making an impact to equality in the workplace and equal pay for equal work.

AAUW has done the research on the Gender Pay Gap, which effects not only women's salaries, but their bonuses, their employee retirement plans, and the amount of Social Security they receive when they retire. Surprisingly, the pay gap is larger than the 80% average in professions where women must obtain the highest standards of education: financial managers (65% pay ratio), physicians and surgeons (71% ratio), accountants and auditors (78% ratio.)

This year AAUW is providing a FREE **Work Smart** One-Hour Salary Negotiating Workshop at salary.aauw.org, and hopes to train 10 million women by 2022. What better way for us to mark our 90th anniversary than to spread the word to every woman who is working now or who will be working in the near future?

Say "Happy Anniversary" to your branch by contacting every woman you know. Even if your working days are over, you have daughters, granddaughters, nieces, friends and neighbors, who deserve to have the chance to improve their economic security. I plan to share this information with my Spinning and Yoga Classes. I have already emailed the information to my daughter, granddaughter and two nieces. Even my Hairdresser wants the info!

Cathy Kotanchik
 Past President

Scholarship News

Ever wonder what has happened to our previous scholarship winners?

They go on to bigger and better things. KAYLA VALENTI, a 2017 graduate of Liberty High School and a recipient that May of one of our awards has been attending NCC (Northampton Community College) for the past two years. She will graduate this spring, but she is far from finished with her education.

We have been notified that she is a Semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (see the release below) Prestigious Scholarship for Community College Transfer Students. Kayla is now in the process of deciding on her four year college to finish her undergraduate degree. The recipients will be announced in April.

**Congratulations, Kayla!! Bethlehem AAUW will be rooting for you.
We are very proud of your educational accomplishments.**

Fran Bentkowski
Scholarship Chair

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

KAYLA VALENTI Announced as Semifinalist for Prestigious Scholarship for Community College Transfer Students from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Lansdowne, VA (January 22, 2019) – The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced today that it has named KAYLA VALENTI, student at Northampton Community College, as a semifinalist for its prestigious community college transfer scholarship. Through the **Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship**, the Foundation supports high-achieving community college students as they transfer to some of the top four-year institutions in the country to complete their bachelor's degrees. This year's semifinalists were chosen from a pool of nearly 1,500 applicants attending 369 schools in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

"Countless highly-talented and motivated students begin their college experience at community college, and our recent 'Persistence' report shows that they excel after they transfer," said Seppy Basili, executive director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "We're pleased to recognize this incredible cohort of semifinalists for their academic drive and achievement."

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April. Each selected scholar will be provided generous financial support for up to three years, college planning services, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to connect with a thriving community of fellow Cooke Scholars.

Cooke Transfer Scholars are selected based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership. Students must be currently enrolled community college students residing in the United States.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded \$190 million in scholarships to nearly 2,500 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive counseling and other support services. The Foundation has also provided over \$100 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

For more information about this program go to: www.jkcf.org.

More Scholarship News

After reading about Kayla Valenti, I know you are all ready for some more information on Scholarships. Book Fair folks are diligently preparing for the next edition of Book Fair! The scholarship Committee also is heading into high gear. Updated applications were delivered to our participating schools and colleges, and we have received responses from 27 students and two adults for the committee to consider! Now comes the hard part. We will be scouring their academic records, looking at extracurricular activities, work history, and community service with an eye towards leadership skills, judging the essays, and interviewing all of them. It is lots of work, but a labor of love.

All of this culminates in our scholarship reception on May 15, 2019, again at Advent Moravian Church. So save the date.

As an organization we are blessed to be able to help these young women as they continue on their educational journeys. And I am so thankful to all of you who volunteer at Book Fair: members, spouses, friends, and community folks. The hard work you put in makes these awards possible. You all deserve a “pat on the back” for your dedication to this outstanding endeavor.



**Come see the fruits of your labor!
Scholarship Reception
May 15, 2019, 7:00 PM
Advent Moravian Church**

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

Members in the News:

On January 21, 2019 at the annual community breakfast in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, two of our members participated. Stephanie Hnatiw, member and Executive Director of the Bethlehem YWCA introduced the program: "Reigniting the Dream: The Power of Women". Judy Lappen served as a panelist and spoke about the roadblocks she faced as a woman in the 1950s and 60s. She mentioned lack of employment opportunities, wages, availability of quality health care and housing. Both appeared in a photo accompanying the reporting in the Bethlehem Press issue for 2.20.19.

Past President Ann Minner dead at 91

Ann Minner served as branch president from 1990-1992. She was a soft-spoken woman of many talents and guided our branch at a critical moment in its history. She died February 17, 2019 in Sarasota FL.



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all the great things AAUW does!

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