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# Bethlehem Bylines Brief

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## NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED

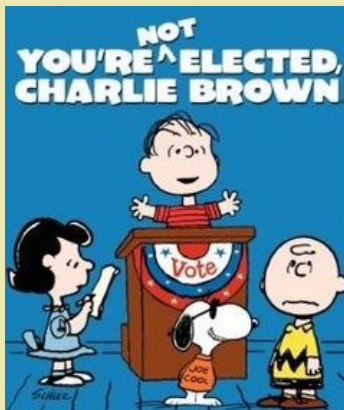
The Nominating Committee thanks these members who have accepted nominations for Branch officer positions: Olga Conneen, Mary Lou Vernon, and Phyllis Wargo agreed to serve as the Program Team (Vice Presidents, Program). Cathy Kotanchik has agreed to serve as Secretary.

The Nominating Committee wants to acknowledge and emphasize that it was a pleasure to speak with this year's candidates who were gracious and enthusiastic about offering service to AAUW-Bethlehem.

Rita Bergstrom, Anne Hammersmith (Chair),  
Debbie Spinney and Louise Wisser



Olga Conneen, Mary Lou Vernon, and Phyllis Wargo



Cathy Kotanchik

## **Group Information :**

**Bacchae** Bacchae will not be meeting in Feb. The next meeting will be on March 12th at 7:00 at Joanne Wagner's house. We will again be tasting wines from the southern hemisphere. Please contact Joanne to let her know whether you will be attending or not.

**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. Date: Wednesday February 19 Time: 7:00pm Place: Home of Froy Thompson Topic: We are reading "Girl, Women, Other" by Bernardine Evaristo  
Thanks. Rosemary Baker If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary [robaker356@gmail.com](mailto:robaker356@gmail.com)

**Mystery Paperback** Attention all lovers of mystery and mayhem! The next meeting of the Mystery Book Club will take place on Tuesday, March 17, at Cinda Jensen's house. Olga Conneen will be our discussion leader for "The Murderer in Ruins" by Cay Rademacher. We will meet from 1:30-3:00 PM and all new members are welcome. Contact Mary Dawson for more information.

**Paperback I** :Members choose and read same paperback book of various genres for discussion Feb. 20. The Salt Path, by Raynor Winn. Home of Kathy Stephen Mar. 19. Educated, by Tara Westover. Home of Norma Ferguson April 16. Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng. Home of Polly Hinder May 21. The Girl Who Wrote in Silk, by Kelly Estes. Home of Norma Ferguson June 18. Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. Restaurant TBA. Please contact Myra Saturen [myra125@hotmail.com](mailto:myra125@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**Paperback II** GROUP meets on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm PPBII Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm. Hostess is Phyllis Wargo Our book is "Last Days Of Night" by Graham Moore- our reviewer is Kate Grow. Please contact Phyllis if you are unable to attend. Joanne Wagner, PPBII group leader [jmfwagner@live.com](mailto:jmfwagner@live.com) "Happy Reading "

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at Mt. View Drive-In on February 18 at 12:00. Mt View Drive-In is at 602 Jacobsburg Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064 Mt. View Drive-In is a full-service restaurant serving sandwiches, burgers, salads, soup and chili for lunch. Mt. View Drive-In was a landmark business where generations of Nazareth families enjoyed ice cream and rounds of miniature golf. It closed in 2004 after nearly 50 years of business, and was revived with updated facilities in 2019. Please call Lynn Bittner at 610-838-1482 to let her know you would like to join us for an unusual dining experience.

### *NEW MEMBER*

### *WELCOME TEA*

Twenty-five members enjoyed an array of refreshments at Mary Dawson's home. New members heard explanations and descriptions of the various activities our branch engages in.



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

Wishing all Bethlehem Branch members a new beginning in 2020!

We Team members continue to meet and work diligently, dealing with the business of our Branch, AAUW-PA, and AAUW-National.

We hope you can come out and help support our Branch efforts "to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." Upcoming programs-- interacting with our Moravian and Lehigh University Student Groups, as well as with Calypso Elementary School students and parents--will endorse our mission. Come meet new members and old friends! We thank you for your continued support!

Shirley Daluisio on behalf of the Team

### **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

We are pleased to welcome a new member to AAUW -Bethlehem.

Cindy Huhn recently joined AAUW. She is a retired Spanish teacher and enjoys baking, golf, going to the gym and reading. Welcome Cindy!

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**IF YOU ARE ON FACEBOOK,**

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

**Then, share, share, share!**

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

**@AAUWBethlehem**

### **More ideas to gain membership for AAUW.**

- 1 Mention AAUW at meetings of other organizations during announcements.
- 2 When asked about your leadership skills & career success, tell them about AAUW
- 3 Repeatedly invite prospective members to our small groups.
- 4 Practice selling AAUW at any time—have a one minute “elevator speech” ready.
- 5 Make direct contact with women’s business associations.



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*AAUW Student Affiliates Present*  
**What Does Menstruation Have To Do With It, Anyway?**

February 18, 2020 ~ 4pm

We hear a lot about 'intersectionality' but what exactly does it mean? The dictionary states that intersectionality is the complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups.

Something as 'mundane' as menstruation - a topic that on the surfaces is simple and straightforward—is incredibly complex if you are a women is a less-developed or under-developed country or if you happen to be female and incarcerated here in the United States. Did you know that the equipment/products for simple hygiene are unavailable or difficult to access for many women who are incarcerated?

*Do you know what a "pink tax" is?*

*It is a problem for many low-income women in the U.S.*

The students AAUW at Moravian College and Lehigh University will share their studies, stories and knowledge about this not-so-simple topic on February 18 in a meeting room in the HUB (Hauptert Union Building) on the Main Campus. Refreshments provided.

Please plan to attend and support these dynamic young women who are the future of not only AAUW but also our country. Parking passes will be supplied.

*Looking ahead, the Program Team is pleased to announce that AAUW is collaborating with the PTO of Calypso Elementary School to present...*

***"Raising Boys Without Lowering Expectations"***

On Tuesday March 10, 2020. Member Trisha Moller is the PTC President and has arranged a special treat. At 5:30pm students will lead us on mini-tours of the building. At 6pm, Marcie Lightwood, a parent educator who provides family life service for Valley Youth House, will give us practical ideas on interacting with our boys. This program will be valuable to parents, grandparents, teachers, AAUW members and PTC members. Heathy snacks will be offered. This is an opportunity to learn about one of our productive Bethlehem public schools. Don't miss it.





## TWO MONTHS AND COUNTING!!!!

That's right...in just 2 short months, donations will be coming in and sorting will begin, signaling the start of Book Fair 2020, our 58<sup>th</sup> Book Fair.

The AAUW Book Fair attracts many folks from the surrounding and neighboring communities; last year's change to the Ice Rink brought us many favorable comments. We believe the new location allowed our buyers more room to browse and visit with each other; consequently they purchased more books. We need to continue the tradition of having a Book Fair that draws people from around the area and even out of state. We need to continue to

have materials in good condition and a set up that allows them to find that one book to complete their collection, or that one book for a child who's just learning to read, or that one book with the recipe they were looking for.

In order to do that, we need YOU to volunteer for sorting, set up and sales.

What is your commitment to Book Fair, 2020?

Of course, we want your used books, CDs and DVDs, but we are also in need of a few essentials during this process.

Last month we asked for weatherproof tarps for covering the tables and books in the ice rink. We will need enough to cover the 100+ tables in the Rink. They do not have to be new, but we found tarps (7' X 9') at Harbor Freight to be the correct size and price (\$2.99 with coupon found within their ads in most newspapers).

If you would like to be more involved with Book Fair beyond sorting and set up, we are in need of volunteers to work with current Section Chairs in their areas.

And finally, as you know the Book Fair needs many volunteer hours for sorting, set up and sales.

The Kick-Off Koffee on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 signals the beginning of donations and sorting.  
The Koffee is in the Warming Room of the Ice Rink.

Sorting continues Monday-Saturday from 9 – noon, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sales will need volunteers at various hours from April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for our Annual Sup and Shop on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM. This was a huge success last year and many members joined together to visit, share a meal and purchase new books for their reading.

We are looking forward to Book Fair 2020, Are You?

Rita Bergstrom, Book Fair Co-Chair  
Debbie Spinney, Book Fair Co-Chair

## **AAUW continues to influence legislation at the national and state level.**

In December, the bipartisan Building Blocks of STEM Act was signed into law, with a little help from AAUW Lobby Corps. The legislation expands educational opportunities in math and science for young women and students of color. Thanks to Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen for championing the bill!

In late January ,AAUW CEO Kim Churches offered a webinar on 2020 Vision: The Gender Agenda.

It will cover our equity priorities for this year at the federal, state and local levels. You can watch it by going to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) our National website.

State legislators have been making strides toward enacting equity laws. In all, 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico now have some form of equal-pay measure in place.

(Mississippi is the lone holdout.)

With the help of our members' advocacy, 11 states passed some form of fair-pay legislation, compared with six in 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015. Of course, we need to keep pushing in 2020 to strengthen state and local laws.



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