

Bethlehem Bylines Brief

FLASH: Newsletter Editor BETH CORRODA continues to struggle with her health. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery. Enjoy this abbreviated BBB!

Congratulations for a job well done!

Dear AAUW Bethlehem (PA),

I hope this finds you all well! I'm pleased to share that your branch achieved a star for Governance and Sustainability. Congratulations! AAUW Bethlehem is a 5-star branch!

It's more important than ever that we do what we can to achieve a future where women and girls are afforded equality of opportunity. Your commitment to the future of your branch and your work to advance AAUW's mission in your community will ensure that we can continue to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Your branch will be celebrated in the May 2021 national Membership Matters news hub and recognized on the national website as a 5-star branch. Your branch will also have its Five Star success story featured in an upcoming Membership Matters and a scheduled leadership briefing with AAUW CEO Kim Churches.

Congratulations again on your achievement and thank you all for your work in support of AAUW's critical mission.

I look forward to virtually meeting you all soon!

All the best,

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MORAVIAN STUDENT AWARDEE

Lara Slabber is an English major with Africana Studies and History minors at Moravian College. She is an international student from Cape Town, South Africa, a member of Spectrum (the LGBTQ+ club on campus), and has had the privilege of being a writing fellow in the English department for the last three years. Her areas of interest include queer studies and young adult literature, which are the topics of her senior honors project. She plans to pursue a master's degree in creative writing after graduation.

Professor Spotlight: Dr. Stacey Zaremba [Kaitlin Kridlo](#) Reporter

Dr. Stacey Zaremba is a professor of psychology at Moravian College. She received her B.A. from the College of Staten Island and her M.A. and Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Fordham University in New York.

What inspired you to go into your field of study?

An undergraduate psychology professor inspired me. I took every class he taught and worked in his lab during my junior and senior years at CUNY (The City University of New York). The focus of our research was errorless learning in pigeons. Ultimately, the fact that the pigeons and the other animals in the lab were all male led me to investigate the behavior of female animals in graduate school.

What research are you currently working on?

Children develop racist and sexist attitudes and stereotypes at a young age. I have developed an intervention program (Reading Circles) that is designed to reduce stereotypes and prejudice in children using multicultural children's literature. This intervention program has been implemented at several local elementary schools as well as the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem.

What do you think is the most recent important development in your field of study?

Intersectionality makes plain that gender, race, class and sexuality can simultaneously affect our perceptions and behavior. The development of the term 'intersectionality' has had a significant impact on the discipline of psychology. We must address these dimensions in combination to fully understand any one of these.

What job would you have if you couldn't be a professor, regardless of salary and job outcome? Why?

A gardener, café owner, non-profit work, and/or stained glass artist.

What do you know now that you wished you knew when you were in college?

I was a commuter in college and retrospectively, I wish I had the experience of living on campus. I got some of that experience in graduate school, but it was still a different experience than it would have been as an undergraduate.

What is your biggest student pet peeve?

Two of my pet peeves are students not reading assignments before class and having students ask if they missed anything after missing a class.

What was the last streaming show that you binge-watched or the last good book that you read?

The last show I streamed was "Flaked" on Netflix. I am currently reading "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla Saad for a book group I am in. I am also reading "Wabi Sabi" by Beth Kempton.

What is something interesting about you that most people don't know?

I have a small stained glass business called Glass Goddess (Instagram: @GlassgoddessAF). I learned stained glass from a friend while in graduate school. Not sure how I would have survived Covid without my glass.

What animal do you feel you identify with? Why?

I have always gravitated to turtles. Not sure why.

Given that it's Women's History Month, who are some women who have inspired you throughout your life?

My short list of women who have inspired me includes: Eleanor Roosevelt, Gloria Steinem, Maya Angelou, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Dorothy Height.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership wanted to make sure everyone heard the results of the recent AAUW vote that ran from April 7 to May 17, 2021.

Julia Brown (Board Chair), Malinda Gaul (Board Vice-Chair) and Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino will remain on the Board in their positions.

A quorum for the vote was reached within 3 days of the start of the vote which was amazing and showed how much interest there was in this vote.

Of those that voted, 92% approved the public policy changes dealing with language within the bylaws. There was 23% of the total membership that voted either on line or with a mail-in ballot.

The question of allowing non-degree holders to join AAUW was voted down - not reaching the 66.6% of the voting quorum. While the percentage was higher than prior attempts, our bylaws require over 2/3 of the votes cast to be in the affirmative. In the past attempts to pass this bylaw change just under 50% voted to allow non-degree holders to join AAUW, while this year 63% voted to pass this item - just under the 2/3 mark.

You should have received this information via email from Julia Brown and/or AAUW Editor: Mission & Action.

Thanks to all who participated in this vote.

Membership VP's
Annie Brown
Mary Dawson

Minimum Wage Webinar

A Minimum Wage Webinar was held by AAUW-PA on April 12 and can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/XG-a1MRieHA>. Jacqui Rogers, co-chair for Public Policy for AAUW-PA, was the presenter. Pennsylvania's minimum wage of \$7.25/hour, \$2.38/hour for tipped workers, is lower than every other state bordering it and has not been raised since 2009. The minimum wage has lost 40% of its purchasing power since 1968. A person earning minimum wage for a 40-hour work week would earn \$15,080 per year - not a living wage! Women and minorities are over-represented in low wage occupations and sexual and racial harassment has increased for tipped workers. While studies have shown that a moderate increase in the minimum wage has little or no negative effect on employment, bills to raise it have had little chance of success in the PA legislature. Sign up for AAUW's Two Minute Activist and contact your legislators about this important issue.

Welcome to our newest member!

Welcome to Susan Seidel.

Susan reached out to Rita Bergstrom to donate books for the Book Fair and the rest is history!

Susan is a Real Estate Agent and enjoys reading, ballroom dancing and supports Third Street Alliance for Women and Children.

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BOOK FAIR - CLOSING THE AMAZON STORE

Book Fair Co-Chairs, Amy Fields and Rita Bergstrom, and a small group of Book Fair Section Chairs, worked together to dismantle the Amazon “store”. It had been housed in Linda Robertson’s basement for about 5 years.

Wonder Book, located in several cities in Maryland, purchases books to sell in their store as well as online. They also sell “Books by the Foot” for movie and TV sets, or to fill a bookcase for a background.

To prepare the books for sale, it was recommended we sort them into decades, as the older the books, the more we might earn. The books are sold by the box, so for 1½ days, some of our members helped sort the books by decades and boxed them accordingly. There is also a price for 1st editions, autographed books, and books that are “pretty”, useful for backgrounds.

On April 14th, Amy and her husband and Rita and Debbie Spinney drove to Frederick, MD with one van and one station wagon and delivered 96 boxes of books. We were happy to receive the gracious amount of \$2,250 from Wonder Books.

Many thanks to Cynthia Weber, for researching and posting the books on Amazon, and to Linda Robertson for housing the collection and mailing the sold item to the new owners. They were actively involved with the Amazon sales for 5 years.

PROGRAM NOTES...

Program Committee
Message---Looking Back and
Looking Forward

Although this past year has presented us with plenty of challenges, we did end up having a successful year even though we couldn't meet face to face. We are happy to report that attendance at meetings was up from previous years. And again we thank all of you for being so supportive despite all the changes.

During our April meeting on Zoom, we had the

opportunity to discuss the issues surrounding the AAUW national proposal to change membership requirements. By the time you read this, we should know the results of that vote.

Because we missed attending a play and having our holiday luncheon this past year, the committee is trying to schedule those programs again for the 2021-2022 year. Of course, we are also planning for the Scholarship Reception next May when we can meet the amazing young women who will be the

recipients. Other ideas we are considering for next year are concerts, museum tours, talks by local authors and women business leaders. Also on our list of possible topics are climate change, environmental and transportation issues, school funding, redistricting for elections, and a trivia game night. Thanks to those who have already submitted ideas, and we welcome any other topics you would be interested in. Please send them to any one of us on the program committee. We are eager to consider any and all ideas.

FROM OUR STUDY GROUPS, AND MORE

Reminder from Shirley Daluisio, Yearbook Editor

AAUW Bethlehem Yearbook editor Shirley Daluisio will be editing the 2021-2022 Yearbook in June/July for August printing. IF YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT INFO(email address, telephone #'s, etc) that has changed/and you have NOT submitted to Finance Officer L. Robbins with your dues payment., please notify S. Daluisio at budshirl@hotmail.com or home phone (610)866-7919 as soon as possible.

From Paper Back 1

Welcome to Mardi Metzger taking over leadership of PB1. Thanks for stepping up!

Notes from Bacchae

After meeting on Zoom for a chat about our end of year activity the group decided on several future gatherings. Members gathered at Zest for a lovely dinner in June. Bacchae members decided that we would visit Folino Winery near Kutztown for an outdoor lunch and a wine tasting sometime in July, 2021. Our first meeting for the new year will be a chat meeting at our regular time, 7:00 on August 5, to set up our calendar for the new year. In person or on Zoom will be decided later. Any questions? contact Phyllis Wargo. Happy summer to everyone!

AAUW Pennsylvania Summer Retreat 2021

You're invited!! AAUW is holding their summer retreat Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 9:00am — 2:45pm via Zoom. It is your opportunity to help support AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Keynote Speakers:

Chrissy Houlahan, US Representative from Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District.
"Initiatives to Improve STEM and STEAM Education for Students in Pennsylvania"
and

Leah P. Hollis, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Morgan State University, Wilmington, DE.
"Workplace and On-Campus Bullying"

Registration is \$10 with an additional opportunity to donate \$5 to support AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund.

REGISTER:

[HTTPS://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWSummerRetreat2021](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWSummerRetreat2021)

(Registration closes July 17)

**From Stacey Zaremba
Moravian College**

On Thursday April 29th, Moravian College's American Association of University Women held a screening of the Virtual Global Take Back the Night Event! Following the event, which included multiple amazing speakers and activists, there was a discussion among attendants facilitated by Leah Naso from Moravian's Title IX. This discussion and screening connected the Moravian community in a special and safe way to share their own stories and reflect on what Take Back the Night means, resulting in an incredibly touching event!

Thanks, Stacey and Leah

In Memoriam: Betty Wellner (1930-2021)

Betty was a Life-time member of AAUW. Betty had been in assisted living her final 3-4 years, but was previously a willing volunteer. Our condolences to her family and friends.
