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IT HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...

The 60th Book Fair for our Branch

With a two year hiatus from this much anticipated yearly event, the co-chairs, section chairs, members and community volunteers are READY to get started.

Book Fair started small but has blossomed. The first year on Main Street then around the corner and up the hill to City Motors. After Broad Street the Book Fair moved to the Pennsylvania Playhouse in 1969 for a short run, then across the street to the Rink and Pool, next the Pool and finally to the Ice Rink in 2019. Volunteers, members and the community love the move to the Ice Rink - so much room! We are so looking forward to continuing to use the Rink for many years to come.

Despite no Book Sale for 2 years, we have been busy: dismantling the Amazon Store and gathering books from all over the valley. We have basements/garages full of books that we've been collecting and pre-sorting. We've been getting lots of emails from people looking forward to this outstanding event - both to donate and to buy.

Thank you to everyone who saved their books. We think this will be a banner year for donations. So we will need a banner number of volunteers to get everything sorted and priced. Any free time you have, feel free to come by the Ice Rink and give us a hand.

Looking forward to breaking \$1 Million in sales.

We couldn't do it without everyone!

Rita Bergstrom & Amy Fields,
Book Fair Co-Chairs
for the Executive Board



Photo compliments of former member.
Her books were dropped off this fall
by the little one in the photo.
The picture is c 1968 or 1969

Attention all Members! BOOK FAIR IS HERE

We are so excited to be resuming book fair this year!

This will be our 60th year and we hope to exceed \$1 million in gross sales since the sale began in 1962.

As you know, all net profits go to scholarships for high school seniors and women. We are accepting donations beginning Monday, April 4 and continuing until April 26, 9 AM – Noon, Mon. – Sat. The sale itself takes place from April 28 – May 2. As always, the book fair will only be a success with the help of our army of volunteers. Plan to come help sort, work the sales desk, or be a floor monitor. Even a few hours a week is so appreciated. If you have never done it before we will be happy to train you. Recruit friends – it is not necessary to be a member although of course new members are always welcome.



All volunteers are welcome at the Kick-Off Koffee, Tuesday, April 5, 10 AM at the Ice Rink. Rita and Amy will update us on new procedures for this year and sorting will begin! Plan to join us for a light supper and shopping on Tuesday, April 26, 6-8 PM at the Ice Rink for our Sup and Shop. This is also our annual meeting so we hope to see everyone there. Even if you are unable to volunteer, plan to stop by the Ice Rink for bookmarks and yard signs to distribute to friends, family, neighbors, churches, and businesses. We think there will be a lot of pent-up demand this year and we want to get the word out!

Thanks in advance for everyone's help.



Nominee For Branch Co-Vice President of Programs

Linda Federico graduated from Rowan University, (Glassboro State) with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She taught for four years in Vineland NJ and in her hometown of Willingboro, NJ. She decided to try a new "path" working as an editorial assistant at a McGraw-Hill company. After marriage to her husband, she moved to central New Jersey and worked as a wholesale book distributor. She then got a call from AT&T, Morristown, NJ.

After six years, commuting a long time and leaving a toddler for eleven hours, she decided to be with her children full time. Her family moved to Bethlehem, Pa. 1990. She loves the Lehigh Valley and finds there are so many activities to do. She joined AAUW in March 2014, after talking to a member of AAUW. She had a change in scenery in March 2015 and moved to Roswell GA, where she joined the North Fulton AAUW branch. She and her husband decided they needed to return to the Northeast because they missed their children, who are now in their thirties. She rejoined the Bethlehem branch in Sept. 2017



Moravian University Winner of Bethlehem Branch 2022 Student Grant

Alyssa Dlutz is a Senior Double Major in Political Science and History. She minors in Indigenous Studies, and will be the first student to graduate from Moravian with this certificate. She is also a frequent recipient of Dean's List. In her four years on campus, she has been involved in many aspects of campus life. Alyssa is a member of our Law Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, and our History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta. She is the President of Iota Iota, our Women and Gender Sexuality Studies Honor Society. Alyssa also was a United Student Government Representative where she sat on three committees: Clubs and Events; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Sexual Awareness and Violence Prevention. She is most proud of her achievements through Triota and Indigenous Studies. Through Triota, she has partnered with other clubs on campus to deliver Friday Forums that emphasized intersectionality in each talk. Additionally, with Indigenous Studies, she further pushed the Land Acknowledgement to be recognized campus-wide and planned two "Reconciling History" events with Dean Hunt, Dr. Paxton, and Dr. Tabor about Indigenous Peoples in the Lehigh Valley. Her ultimate goal is to work closely with the Hopi Tribe in Arizona. Out of her time at Moravian, Alyssa is honored that she had the opportunity and privilege to work closely with DEI.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As we have done in past years, the Bethlehem Branch will hold its Annual General Meeting during the Sup 'N Shop Program. This year to be held at the Ice Rink on Illicks Mill Road on April 26th at 6 PM. At this time, we will hold the election for Branch officers commencing their two-year positions on July 1, 2022. We have one nominee for each open position:

Secretary	Joanne Wagner
Program Co-Vice President	Linda Federico
	Kristina Hollingsworth

We can accept nominees from the floor at the meeting, but please have the branch member's agreement to be nominated beforehand.

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting on April 26th, please use the paper ballot below.



BALLOT FOR OFFICERS FOR THE 2022-2024 TERM

(Please vote for a maximum of three.)

	JOANNE WAGNER, SECRETARY
	LINDA FEDERICO, CO-VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS
	KRISTINA HOLLINGSWORTH, CO-VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS

WRITE IN NOMINATION:	OFFICE	
	MEMBER	

Please place your completed ballot into an **unmarked** envelope, seal it, and put it into a second envelope, stamp it, and mail it to:

Cathy Kotanchik. AAUW Secretary
3038 Harvest Court
Center Valley, PA 18034

And the WINNER of the AAUW-PA Mini-Grant is... The Moravian University Student Affiliate

The student affiliate group at Moravian University was selected to receive an AAUW PA Student Impact Mini-Grant (\$255). The goal of the grant is to assist in furthering the collaboration efforts of Moravian AAUW Student Group, United Student Government (USG), Spectrum Moravian University student organizations and AAUW Bethlehem Branch's effort with the Period Project. The grant is being awarded to continue the volunteer work to offer free period products to assist in creating menstruation equality in women's and gender-neutral bathrooms across campus.

The goal of this project is to increase the availability of feminine hygiene products (tampons and sanitary pads) for individuals with limited access or limited finances. The student group purchases and distributes free menstrual products in women's and gender neutral bathrooms across campus. This allows individuals to have a "backup plan" in case they are not prepared for their period. This is especially important for our LGBTQ+ students who may not feel comfortable or may not have funds or may need help and knowledge of the various products for menstruation.

This project may sound simple – buy tampons and pads and put them in the bathrooms each month. Yet this simple idea has a powerful impact in providing a safe space to anyone. Access to free menstrual products helps reduce feelings of stress, anxiety, bias, and alienation. The project gives all students the equal opportunity to focus on their education and reach their full potential, regardless of gender.



New Volunteer Opportunities at Book Fair

As Book Fair fast approaches, there are abundant opportunities to volunteer your time and support our Bethlehem Branch and Book Fair. Many members contribute by sorting book donations throughout April. During Book Fair Days, volunteers work at the check-out stations bagging books and collecting money.

This year, we have another opportunity for members to volunteer and serve during Book Fair Days. We are planning a Membership Table where visitors can gather materials, ask questions about our branch and pick up membership forms. Please consider supporting this effort and help us get the word out about the benefits of membership in AAUW Bethlehem.



Contact Kathy Kahler - 610-704-6129 or Ann Brown - 610-462-7056

Sign up to volunteer during the Book Sale. Choose any day and times you can work

April 29, 10 am-7 pm, April 30, 10 am-6 pm, May 1, 12 noon-6 pm, and May 2, 9 am-12 noon.

In Case You Missed the Latest Programs

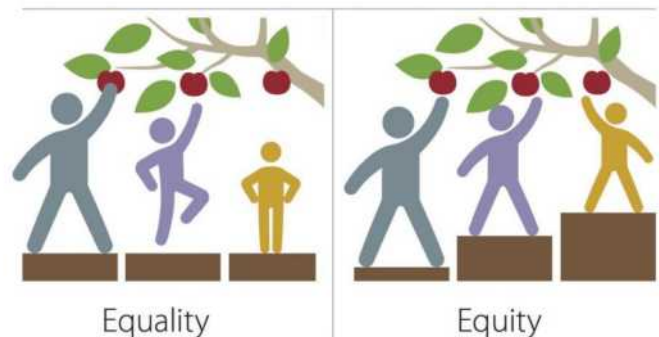
The Moravian student program “Dynamics of Gender, Reproductive Rights, and Privilege” was very interesting and informative. The students reported that generally medical research and treatment have focused on men. They used charts to demonstrate how women, especially minority women, have been impacted in medical treatment and services. Access to medical personnel who focus on women’s health issues, the location of medical facilities, funding, time off from work, and basic health education are all components of poor health in women. When asked if young men still believe that women are too emotional during their periods to make sound judgements, one of the students responded by saying that comments of that sort need to be shut down immediately as not funny and incorrect. There were 19 participants which included the 5 students.

Phyllis Wargo, Susan McNamara, and Olga Conneen attended the Easton branch program, “Growing Up Black in Easton”. Dr. Karen S. Britt, a professor of Business/Economics at Northampton Community College and an Adjunct Faculty member at Muhlenberg College shared her experiences growing up in Easton during the 1970s to well over 50 people. It was fascinating to hear her relate stories of the strong support she received from her family, church, and the black community in general. Her family’s strong belief in the value of education was instilled in her from a very early age. There was never any doubt that college was in her future.

On March 17, several AAUW Bethlehem branch members zoomed into an AAUW Allentown Branch presentation featuring Mary Brown, docent at the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem. She began with Moravian history in Europe, then went on to explain how the early Bethlehem Moravians set up schools for their own church members as well as local town children and indigenous people. Education and learning to read was very important for both boys and girls so they could read the Bible in their own language. Girls education included fine needlework but also science, math, geography and of course, music. Such a variety of interesting, informative and diverse topics from AAUW recently.

Fund Our Schools PA Update

Closing arguments on the issue of school funding were presented on March 10. The attorney for the 6 school districts, parents and organizations, Katrina Robinson, stressed the main point: “Low-wealth districts do not have the resources that they need to prepare all children for college, career and civic success.” She stated the PA Constitution promises to invest in every future citizen, no matter what corner of the Commonwealth they come from. Currently, the General Assembly maintains a “two-tiered public educational system divided by local wealth, a system or ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’



Legislative respondents suggested that different resources are acceptable because the Commonwealth needs people to “flip pizzas and work at McDonalds”. That the constitution requires no more than a system offering an “adequate basic education. The case is now in the post trial phase, legal briefings, due by July 6, followed by legal issue arguments. Weeks or months later the court will make its decision. Stay tuned!

I would like your ideas on how you want me to proceed with Public Policy. I can continue to write occasional articles, or do you want to get more actively involved. I suggested post card writing at your study groups, but I didn’t get any feedback, pro or con. Please talk to me as we’re sorting books the next few weeks.

Joan Howe Public Policy

DISRUPTION AS OPPORTUNITY: IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD

2022 AAUW PA Convention June 3-5, 2022

Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Disruption as Opportunity: It's a Woman's World

This broad theme gives us the opportunity to explore all the opportunities for women—business, health, economic, political, education—as we emerge from the pandemic. We don't want to “get back to normal” because normal wasn't the best for women and girls.

Many have written that the pandemic needs to have an impact on society like the industrial age, world wars, or the digital age—all disruptors. We hope to explore what good will come from the COVID disruption and how can we leverage change to improve issues impacting women and girls.

Featuring (but there will be SO much more!):

Alicia Petross, Chief Diversity Officer—The Hershey Company

Gloria L. Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer—AAUW

Presentations from Community Action Grant Winners

Friday Night Meet and Greet with a Hershey Theme (And we know what that means! Chocolate!)

Fund raising Silent Auction

ACTUAL real-life, face-to-face
(with appropriate social distancing) interaction with friends,
old and new!

Important Details (so you can start planning NOW)



Registration Full Conference: \$145 Saturday & Sunday: \$120 Saturday only: \$110 Sunday

Accommodations at the Central Hotel \$133.14/night; double occupancy

Watch for Registration Information and more by email around March 15!

Welcome Natalie Chickey

Natalie graduated with a BA in English from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, and then received her MA in English from Lehigh University. Natalie taught English at Liberty High School in the Bethlehem School District, retiring in 2018. She stays connected with her education background and supervises student teachers from Moravian University.

Natalie knows firsthand the value of AAUW in her students' lives. She attended several of our Scholarship Events over the years when her Liberty High School female students were awarded our AAUW Academic Scholarship. Along with our annual Book Fair, this endeavor was a definite draw to join our Bethlehem Branch.

Natalie wasted no time jumping into our Branch activities: volunteering for Scholarship Committee, volunteering to work at our 2022 Book Fair, and showing interest in joining our Paperback II Book Group.



Welcome, Natalie - we all look forward to meeting you this year.

Information :

Bacchae: At the March Bacchae Zoom meeting, we tasted and rated two wines, a Riesling and a Chambourcin, from one of our local wineries, Clover Hill Winery in Breinigsville. We learned the history of this family business as well as the characteristics of both these wines. Unlike Riesling grapes, which are grown in several different places, Chambourcin, a French-American hybrid grape, is grown primarily in the U.S. in the Mid Atlantic area. We also got a lesson on how easy it is to order wines through the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's website. www.FWGS.com

After the tasting, we were treated to Claire's delicious mini bundt cakes. Our next meeting is in person on April 14 at 4:00 at Linda Federico's house. Any questions? Contact Phyllis Wargo

Mystery Paperback: Attention all mystery lovers! The year's final meeting of the Mystery Book Club will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 1:30-3:00 PM. Linda Federico will be our hostess and Cathy Kotanchik will lead the discussion of "Facets of Death" by Michael Stanley. Set in Botswana, Detective David Bengu finds himself in hot pursuit of a gang of diamond thieves. All new members are welcome. Contact Mary Dawson for more information.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging: Our group meets monthly. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks. Rosemary Baker robaker356@gmail.com

Paperback I : Paperback I meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:00 in the homes of members. Our next meeting date will be April 26. We will be discussing and comparing two books. They are Fox and I: An Uncommon Friendship, by Catherine Raven. This is the story of a friendship between the author and a red fox and how it changed her. It is a "delightful mix of observation, reflection, humor, and poetry...a brilliant and surprising lesson in the deep responsibilities of companionship...full of tenderness and understanding." (Barnes and Noble) The second book is The Owl Who Liked Sitting on Caesar: Living With a Tawny Owl, by Martin Windrow. This book tells of a British military historian and the owl with whom he lived for 15 years. Mumble was adopted when he was the size of a corn cob with incredibly sharp talons. Barnes and Noble described this book as a "poignant and unforgettable story of the author's years with his improbable pet." Paperback I warmly welcomes new members. Mardi Metzger, chair, 484 951-7023

Paperback II: PPBII read "Sunflower Sisters" for March. In "Sunflower Sisters" the author tells the story of Caroline Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists in the Confederate army. We will meet on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00pm at Joanne Wagner's home. Our book for April is "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter. Please contact Joanne if you are interested in attending.. New members are always welcome.

Out to Lunch Bunch: Out to Lunch Bunch met on Wednesday March 9, 2022 at the River Grille in Easton. We enjoyed lively conversations around the beautiful table by the fireplace while it snowed outside. Great way to spend a cold day. Our next get together will be at the Clubhouse Grille at Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course at 1 pm on April 13. Since it will be in the middle of Book Fair, we picked a very close restaurant to the Ice Rink (across the street!) so everyone can join after a long (fun) morning of sorting. More information to follow.



From left: Marylou Vernon, Joan Howe, Mary Dawson, Jeanne Eroh, Fran Bentskowski, Susan Seidel, Rita Bergstrom, Jane Williams, and Debbie Spinney. Photographer: Amy Fields

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NOTE: This year there will be NO in-person (or synchronous on Zoom) voting during the annual AAUW PA meeting. You should have received the March- Keystone, which has instructions on how to vote. If not, you can go online at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2022/02/2022-March-Keystoner.pdf> or <https://AAUW-pa.AAUW.net> and click on the link to the Keystone. Candidate information found on page 2. The information for voting is on page 3. We will not be using option 3. **Please vote by April 13!**



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