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Don't miss our

CELEBRATION

JUNE 29, 2022



Join with AAUW friends, past and present book fair chairs and all our spectacular book fair volunteers to celebrate...

the 60th Anniversary of the AAUW Bethlehem Book Fair

Do not miss this opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, share memories, participate in games for prizes, and much more. The next big anniversary will not be until 2032, so you will not want to miss this celebration. Find out if we hit the *million-dollar mark* and what lies in store for our future book fairs. Hear tales from past book fair chairs and meet with your new officers for the coming year.

June 29, 2022 at the Northampton Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

Invitations are coming soon and if you do not receive one in the mail by June 1, contact Linda Zimmerman. We are in need of a laptop for the day of the event. Please let the committee know, if you have a laptop that we can borrow.

We welcome any photos and suggestions.
If you need a ride, contact the committee.

Hope to see you there.

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Welcome Back, AAUW Book Fair 2022!



Well, now we know what everyone was doing for the last two years: cleaning out their book shelves! We are thrilled to have had such an incredible number of books donated. The Bethlehem ice-skating rink building was bursting with boxes stacked everywhere. We celebrated when our sorters made such great progress that we could actually see the floor! Within minutes, the stacks of boxes covered everything again.

Rita Bergstrom and Amy Fields have been working behind the scenes, for years, to organize everything from table deliveries to community volunteers such as the Boy Scouts and Mormon missionaries. We had so many books that they added more hours for sorting and pricing. Many husbands also volunteered to accept donations, use hand trucks to deliver stacks of boxes to designated areas in the sorting room and to the tables set up on the ice skating rink. Thank you, thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who make AAUW Book Fair such a success. We look forward to reaching the milestone of \$1 million dollars in sales to provide scholarships for worthy students.

Does the Woman Warrior in You Need a Booster Shot?

Come join AAUW members from all over Pennsylvania at the 2022 AAUW PA Convention in Harrisburg. If you worked at the Book Sale this year, you know the boost in energy you get from the people working around you. This year you have the opportunity to experience that energy as we emerge from pandemic mode and resume our fight for women and girls.

- WHEN:** June 3-5, 2022
- WHERE:** Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg
- COST:** \$145** Full Conference (meals included)
 \$120** Saturday and Sunday (meals included)
 \$110** Saturday Only (meals included)



Accommodations at the Central Hotel: \$133.14/night: double occupancy
 Check for registration information in your email in mid-March.

Check out the Agenda and links for Registration at aauw-pa.aauw.net and click on *2022 State Convention* in the topics at the upper left part of the page. Deadline to register is May 13, 2022.

Carpool with a friend and share a hotel room. Give yourself a break and your mind some stimulation. I hope to see you there!

Cathy Kotanchik
 Ckotchik07@gmail.com

****Funds may be available to offset some of the cost.**
****Please contact me for information.**

And the Award Goes to....

Outstanding Woman of the Year

Myra Jones, a 50 year member in 2021, has served her branch as Finance Officer, Book Fair Volunteer since 1973, active in Let's Read Math and serves on the Scholarship Committee. Myra also is a member of Bacchae and Paperback 2. She has served her community as Co-Director of Messiah Children's Center and as Chair of the Children's Theater of Bethlehem. At Edgeboro Moravian Church, she is a member of the Board of Elders, Sacristan, and Sunday School Teacher as well as a member of international mission trips to Nepal and assisting other missionaries as needed. Myra is always willing to help.



Member Making a Difference

Joan Howe accepted the position of Public Policy Chair, just in time to meet the requirements for our Public Policy Star. She is active in local, state and national politics and uses her knowledge for timely articles in our newsletter, making our members aware of important legislation and policies important to the mission of AAUW. She also co-chairs our Out to Lunch Bunch. Joan keeps busy with her children and grandchildren, skiing and playing golf and is an avid reader and movie goer. She steps up when she is needed and continues to motivate the members to take action.



The Awards Committee present Joan Howe her award at the April branch meeting. Linda Zimmerman, Joan Howe, Linda Robbins and Nancy Disario



Spotlight New Member

Our newest member of AAUW Bethlehem is Bernadette Mendez, who has been a familiar face at our Book Fair as a volunteer. You will often see her alongside friend and long-time member Cinda Jensen at Book Fair sorting fiction books. As she is better known, Bernie graduated from De Sales University in Center Valley with a BA in Psychology and Marywood University in Scranton with a MA in Social Work. Bernie loves board games, video games, tennis, basketball, and cooking. You will often find her in the garden as well. Welcome, and we are so glad you joined us.



BOOK FAIR —Still community STRONG at 60th Annual



As you are reading this article, Book Fair 2022 will be but a memory. As co-chairs for this event, Rita and Amy cannot thank everyone involved enough. None of our sale could have happened without the outstanding volunteers - members, non-members, adults, children, the Mormon Elders, husbands, the Senior Girl Scouts and the Brownie Girl Scouts, the high school community service students and of course the community from all around the area who donated books then returned to buy more books to support our high school scholarship awardees.

We believe we set a record with the amount of donations. The beginning of the book collecting was a little daunting with ALL the books that were dropped off plus collecting books from members' homes who had stored books during our 2 year delay in the hosting the Book Fair.

We look forward to reporting our total sales in the next Bylines.

With no book fair for 2 years did total sales set a record?

Did we break the Million dollar milestone?

We will let you know in the next Bylines

Now the co-chairs and all the many volunteers are going to sit back and relax for a little while.

Thanks to all for your support for such an excellent event.

Rita Bergstrom and Amy Fields,
Book Fair 2022 Co-Chairs



Rita and Amy address Book Fair volunteers at Kickoff Koffee wearing the new AAUW sweatshirts. If you volunteered this year then you know how much this latest addition to Book Fair apparel was needed at the ice rink.

Welcome to the New Program Committee Co-Chairs!

The current Program Co-Chairs (Olga Conneen, Phyllis Wargo and Marylou Vernon) met with our new Program Co-Chairs Linda Federico and Kristina Hollingsworth. Olga created a very thorough month-by-month checklist to help our new Program Team stay organized. It includes everything from calling early to get room reservations to remembering to send a thank you note after the event. Thank you, Olga!

Linda and Kristina would love for more members to send program ideas, contacts with interesting people in our community and another member to join their team. Anyone interested?

Olga, Phyllis and I stressed our continued support to our new Program Team. We are only a phone call or email away.

Marylou Vernon

Information :

Bacchae: Bacchae met on April 14 at Linda Federico's house, tasted, and rated two wines from the Finger Lakes region of New York. One was a Wagner Vineyards semi-dry Riesling and the other was a Bully Hill Special Reserve Red made from the Baco grape (a type we had not previously tasted or been familiar with). Our next meeting will be our annual end-of-year dinner on May 12, tentatively scheduled for Hampton Winds at 6 pm. 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 at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September through June. Our next meeting will be on May 24. We will discuss The Owl Who Liked Sitting on Caesar: Living with a Tawny Owl, by Martin Windrow. When Martin adopted an owl the size of a corn cob, it was love at first sight. Over the course of fifteen years, they became close companions. When Mumbled passed, it was nearly 20 years before Martin could bear to share their story. New members will be warmly welcomed. Please call Mardi Metzger, chair, at 484 951-7023

Paperback II: PPBII BOOK GROUP will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00pm at Phyllis Wargo's home. Our book for May is: "A Tale For The Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki. Please contact Phyllis to let her know you will attend the meeting. Our reviewer is Jane Williams. PPBII BOOK GROUP will meet at Linda Zimmerman's home in June for a "Welcome Summer Picnic" on Tuesday, June 14th at 4:30 pm. Then we will not meet until Tuesday, September 20th at Shirley Daluisio's home. Our book for September is "Remains Of The Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro. New members are welcome. Contact me or text me at 610-392-0891 Happy Reading Joanne Wagner

Out to Lunch Bunch: The lively (if not very tired and hot) group enjoyed a lovely break from sorting books for Book Fair! We gathered at the Clubhouse Grille across the street from the Ice Rink on Wednesday, April 13. April 13 was an EXTREMELY hot day and we were all wilted from a morning at the rink. Look for an email for our next outing: May 18 at 12 noon. We hope to eat outside at the Bayou.



From the left side of the table: Susan Seidel, Debbie Spinney, Rita Bergstrom, Marylou Vernon, Jane Williams, Louise Wisser, Joan Howe, Anne Hammersmith (missing from the photo: Pat Slivka, Ginny Stanglein) photograph taken by Amy Fields



Fran Bentkowski reminds everyone that May is **SCHOLARSHIP** month.

Remember to mark your calendars for the annual Scholarship Reception, when our branch distributes Book Fair revenue to deserving traditional and non-traditional scholarship recipients.





In the early 1940's this article announces that a new department will be opened to provide loans to women. It will be staffed by women to better serve women.

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The woman in the photo is the mother of one of our members. Can you guess who?

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