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### BOOK FAIR NEEDS YOU

Have you given thought to helping with Book Fair, but just haven't followed through? Did you think, "Oh well, they have a committee that puts on Book Fair, they won't need me". That's not so.



#### **We need everyone!**

There have been numerous requests for additional assistance in almost every Bylines issue, and some members even received individual invitations to join us. Unfortunately, response for help from our members has been dismal. Here's your chance to make a difference in the work load that the Book Fair Committee and Section Chairs have. We are accepting donations, beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Saturday from 9-12. There are many opportunities for you to pitch in and help; just show up, sign in, and ask where we need you.

The sale begins on April 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can contact Myra Jones (phone number and email are in the Membership Book) to be put on the schedule to help in that department.

This is our only fund raiser, and the Lehigh Valley community supports us with their donations and comes back to purchase more books. The wider Lehigh Valley looks forward to our Book Fair. But we cannot accept the donations, sort them, price them, arrange them on tables, and be ready for the sale without all of us pitching in to do the work.

There is a Kick-Off Koffee/Celebration on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Bethlehem Ice Rink. Come and join in the enthusiasm that other members of the Bethlehem Branch of AAUW and community volunteers have.

Rita Bergstrom  
Amy Fields  
Book Fair Co-Chairs

## ***Executive Team Message...***

The Executive Team has worked hard over the past several years to be diligent in our spending and still provide quality programming and information to the branch. In a prior Bylines, we informed the branch of our decision to increase our branch dues. We did not take this lightly and deliberated the pros and cons. We have not had a branch increase for about 20 years, the state has not had an increase in about the same time period and National just completed a three year program of increases. With the rising costs for programming costs and book fair expenses, we felt it was time to bring our branch into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We increased the branch dues \$2, beginning this year. About the cost of a plain cup of coffee.

We are fortunate that our membership numbers have increased, thanks to our excellent Membership Team. We have also been steadily increasing our Honorary Life Members at the rate of one or two per year. These members benefit by not paying National, State or branch dues, but some make voluntary donations.

These dedicated members make additional donations to branch operations, scholarship and the National Funds for Greatest Need.

While we have a healthy bank balance, most of these funds are escrowed for scholarships and by IRS regulations cannot be used for branch operations.

Dues notices will be mailed mid-March. Please respond in a timely manner and also take a moment to reflect on how AAUW has impacted your life and consider volunteering in the future. You can serve on the Executive Team, a committee, offer programming suggestions, invite a friend to join, or attend programming events and Study Groups.

With all the issues at play in today's world, your input, suggestions and assistance will help us provide information to our branch members and offer means for them to get involved. Voter registration, Candidate Nights, Letters to the Editor, or Letters and Petitions to Legislators. Don't just send a check, GET INVOLVED.

Linda Robbins  
Finance Officer  
For the Executive Team

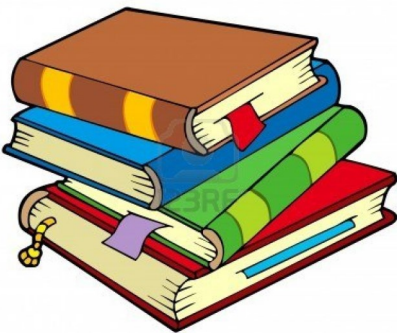


PS As I am entering my fourth and **FINAL** Term as Finance Officer, please consider taking on this position. Finance officer is the minimum requirement for maintaining status as a branch.

### **FREE BOOKS TO NONPROFITS**

If any Branch member knows of a nonprofit agency that would like free books, etc. for their clients, please contact AAUW Book Fair Nonprofits Coordinator Shirley Daluisio—home 610-866-7919 or email [budshirl@hotmail.com](mailto:budshirl@hotmail.com).

On Monday, May 1, 2023, the last day of Book Fair, from noon-2 pm, pre-registered nonprofit agencies will be allowed to take whatever unsold items they can carry from our AAUW Book Fair tables at the Ice Rink. Please forward the name of nonprofit agency, contact person name and way to contact (phone, email) to Shirley.



## **Nominations for Branch Officers**

### **Kathryn Kahler — Membership Vice President**

Kathy graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1975. Her college education began at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. It was not a good fit and she returned home and spent several months waitressing (Walp's!) which was also very educational in many ways. She soon enrolled at Muhlenberg for a BA in social sciences. Upon graduation, Kathy began her career in the Northampton County Division of Human Services. She worked in several departments, spending about 15 years at the Children and Youth division. She then transferred to the Area Agency on Aging for the next 18 years. She was able to provide assistance to several populations. It was a very interesting, demanding, and rewarding experience. She was able to learn how many wonderful residents live in the Lehigh Valley. Kathy spends her time traveling with family, reading, swearing at squirrels, and gadding about. She has chronic eye strain from reading.



### **Debbie Spinney — Membership Vice President**

Debbie Spinney grew up in Lancaster, PA and graduated from Susquehanna University. She worked at the James V. Brown Library in Williamsport as an Inter-Library Loan Librarian for several years before staying home with her young children. She returned to work as a paralegal for Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, PC for 28 years before retiring in 2014. She has been an active member of East Hills Moravian Church as a Sacristan, Chair of the Board of Trustees, etc for many years. As a member of AAUW she has been active with PB II, the investment group and Book Fair. She enjoys reading, golf, exercise and spending time with her family

### **Linda Robbins — Finance Officer**

#### Employment history:

State Government - Caseworker for Medical Benefits, 12 years

M.W. Wood - Food Services Management, 15 years

Education: 1992 Cedar Crest College, BS - Business Administration/  
Economics

#### Professional Organizations:

AAUW Bethlehem Branch - Finance Officer, Archives Chair, Past Book Fair Chair

AAUW Allentown Branch: Archives Chair, Past President

Finance Officer, Diversity Chair

AAUW PA State organization: Archives Chair, Past Diversity Chair.

Convention Chair, Nominating Chair

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Past Church Council President

Lutheran Congregational Services - Past Board Member

The Perfect Fit - Co-founder

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

Advent Moravian Church - Past Trustee

Others: Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club, Moravian Village Cottage

Council

Personal - Enjoys traveling, reading and, of course, volunteering.





## ***DON'T BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH!***

While the Ides of March did not bode well for Julius Caesar, for AAUW members March brings us the arrival of Spring and two interesting programs.

On February 13th our member Trisha Moller gave a very informative Zoom presentation on School Funding 101 and the BASD Proud Parents. This group's mission is to educate and empower parents and the community about issues that impact our public schools. Of the 500 school districts in Pennsylvania, Bethlehem and Allentown are among the lowest 100 in funding. Pennsylvania ranks 43rd in the nation for state share of funding for schools!

We hope to have Trisha and her BASD Proud Parents partners return for a future in-person program.



### **PROGRAM REMINDERS**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** - Saturday, March 18, 1:00-2:30 PM at Moravian Village, 526 Wood Street, Bethlehem. This program will be facilitated by our member, Jane Williams. Jane is a licensed psychologist, spiritual director and Episcopal Priest. She will be a great leader for our discussion. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Message from Jane Williams:



**"Taking Time Out to Breathe and Connect . . .**

**Life seems to be going at warp speed these days, doesn't it? What sometimes is left behind is time to connect with others in meaningful ways that deepen our appreciation of each other. Come explore what we have in common with each other -- and what makes us unique. Using playful and fun questions and activities, we will explore what makes us feel most alive, what nourishes us, what makes our hearts sing. Come join us!"**

*Please RSVP to Linda Federico at [linfederico@gmail.com](mailto:linfederico@gmail.com) before March 15.*

### **CHANGE TO MARCH 30TH PROGRAM:**

Due to the resignation of Liz Bradbury as Director of the Training Institute of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBTQ Community Center, the new Director of the Training Institute, Robin Gow, will now present our program. The new topic will be "Digging In The Past For Our Futures." This is about LGBTQ+ archives and exploring archives.

This program will be on Thursday, March 30, 1:00-2:30 pm at Northampton Community College main campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem (Alumni Hall-Gates Center 130D). This is a members only program. Please join us!

March is Women's History Month! Don't forget that March 8 is International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

**Kristina Hollingsworth  
Linda Federico  
Program VPs**

Amendments must be voted on by a simple majority in both the House and Senate in two sessions of the General Assembly before they can be put on the ballot. There are several amendments to the PA state constitution that might be on the May 16th primary election ballot. They are:

**#1 A bipartisan** measure that would temporarily extend the statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to sue their abusers.

The following controversial amendments were rushed through the legislature last June. The majority party waived the rules so they could hold votes past 11p.m. There was no public hearing and no public input.

**#2** Mandate voter ID. The problem: the state is not required to make these new ID cards widely available. It took years for the state to roll out Real ID driver licenses. Shouldn't we be making voting easier so more citizens participate?

**#3** Require the Auditor General to review elections and election results. The problem: it has been proven that our elections are fair and secure and this amendment reinforces a lack of trust in our election administration.

**#4** Give the General Assembly more power to override regulations. The problem: this alters the balance of power by preventing the governor from vetoing a partisan regulation passed by the legislature.

**#5** Change the way the Lieutenant Governor is elected. The problem: takes the power away from the voters and allows political parties to select their nominees

**#6** Restricting reproductive rights. The problem: it eliminates any way to challenge laws restricting these rights in state courts.

Amending the Constitution is very serious. Only strong **bipartisan** amendments should be considered. It shouldn't be done in place of legislating or to avoid a governor's veto. It shouldn't be done to take away personal rights. It shouldn't be done without public hearings and input. Amendments should never be bundled together, as the House tried to do in January. Each amendment must stand alone. And, it should not be done in a rushed, late night session.

Joan Howe, Public Policy Chair

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sometimes we forget all the benefits of our AAUW Membership. Of course, membership means you join a group of like-minded people with a mission that has been transforming women's lives for many years. Of course, membership means you have opportunities to lead and direct the fight for equal and quality education through our action groups and define the issues that affect our times. Of course, with membership you have opportunities to socialize through study groups and activities.

But do you know there are many other benefits to Membership? There are membership discounts on car insurance with Geico. Are you looking for a vacation? AAUW is a proud partner with Hotel Engine, which offers discounted rates at over 150,000 hotels globally. Avis car rental discounts can save you up to 25% off your next car rental. Check out the AAUW National website under Membership, and click on Discount and Perks. These are but a few that may interest you.

Finally, our Book Fair is just around the corner. We always need volunteers to sort books and take leadership positions on the floor. But also remember, this is an excellent opportunity to talk to visitors about AAUW. You do not have to be a member to volunteer.

Please bring a friend to help; maybe they will look at our Branch and its membership opportunities.

Ann Brown, Membership VP  
Kathy Kahler, Membership VP

## Book Fair Co-Chair Needed 2024

I am Joan Howe and I have volunteered to chair the 2024 Book Fair. However, I can't do it alone and I won't do it alone. If I can't get a Co-Chair there will not be a Book Fair next year. That thought is terrible. The Book Fair is the one yearly activity that gets almost all active members involved. Why hasn't anyone volunteered? I feel the most likely explanation is that members feel the job is too overwhelming. I've been shadowing Rita and Amy the last few months and it is a huge undertaking. At the Book Fair Committee Meeting on 2/22/23 I proposed a way to lighten the load of the Co-Chairs. If the job becomes easier, I'm hoping someone comes forward. If the responsibilities of the present committees are expanded, the Co-Chairs' job becomes much more manageable.

### Examples:

**Treasurer:** would be in charge of contacting all businesses that we pay for; City Hall, table rental, insurance, storage shed.

**Publicity:** responsible for contacting Working Dog Press (bookmarks, flyers, posters, yard signs).

**Create a new Volunteer Committee:** contacting past volunteers, high school honors and community service students, Mormons, Girl Scouts.

**Website:** expand to easily answer community questions.

These are just some ideas. All of them are presently done by the Co-Chairs, but could easily be taken over by other members and be completed before sorting books even begins. PLEASE, if you are presently a Section Chair, maybe you could help out in one of the above committees. If you are not actively involved with the Book Fair I'm strongly asking you to do your part. The Book Fair is open six days a week for a month. I can't and won't do it alone.

**I need your help and our young ladies need the scholarships.**



## The Book Nook

### *A Game of Birds and Wolves* by Simon Parkin

During WWII, German U-boats were strangling the British Isles, sinking ships carrying women and children trying to escape to safety, and others carrying food, fuel and supplies to a starving nation. Thanks to Captain Gilbert Roberts of the British navy and a group of Wrens (Women's Royal Navy Service), a board game of naval war strategy was designed and played leading to the winning of the Atlantic War and eventually the war itself. This story is a factual telling of the German U-boat wolf pack tactics and the young women who fought them using the floor as a map of the ocean and miniature ships which were moved to simulate battle operations.

### *The Paris Bookseller* by Kerri Maher

Sylvia Beach, an American living in Paris after WWI, opened a bookstore in 1919 which she named Shakespeare and Company. The bookstore catered to English language books/authors and became a lending library as well. During this time, Left Bank Paris was home to writers such as Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein among others, all of whom frequented Shakespeare and Company. They along with the bookstore attracted many up and coming expatriate authors such as Hemingway, Fitzgerald and James Joyce - the Lost Generation. America was awash with conservatism and banned Joyce's book *Ulysses* as being obscene. This story details Beach's love of literature, her friendships with literary luminaries and her determination to have *Ulysses* published and distributed to the world.

## Information :

**Bacchae:** After not meeting in February, Bacchae will meet on March 9 at 7:00 on Zoom again. Hostesses for the meeting will be Claire Ressler and Linda Federico. We will continue to taste and evaluate wine from the Pacific northwest and northern California. Any questions? Contact Phyllis Wargo.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging:** Contact Rosemary Baker for information. TBD

**Mystery Paperback:** The next meeting will be hosted by Shirley Daluisio on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 1 pm. The book, *Dissolution*, will be reviewed by Susan McNamara. It was written by C.J. Samson, and is the first novel in the Matthew Shardlake historical mystery series. A Royal Commissioner is brutally murdered in a monastery on the South Coast of England. Matthew Shardlake is summoned by Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's feared vicar general, to lead the inquiry. Rsvp to Shirley and don't forget to submit suggestions for next year's books to review at the March meeting.

**Paperback I:** Paperback I will meet Tuesday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Norma Ferguson. We will discuss *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony. The author was asked to accept a herd of "rogue" wild elephants on his game preserve in Zululand. If he didn't take them, they would be killed. This is a memoir of Anthony's experiences with these huge but sympathetic creatures. He found out that they had much to teach him about life, loyalty, and freedom. Paperback I warmly invites new members. Call Mardi Metzger, 484 951-7023 for information.

**Paperback II:** Paperback II Book Club met at the home of Brenda Tomlinson. Marylou Vernon reviewed the book *Coming of Age in Mississippi* by Anne Moody. We had an interesting discussion about the very slow change in Civil Rights. As Ted Kennedy wrote in a review of this book in 1969, "If things are somewhat different, they are not different enough." Fifty years later, his statement is still true. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 21 7:00 pm at the home of Marylou Vernon, 3051 Kenwick Circle in Bethlehem. Debbie Spinney will review the book *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. We have chosen books for our next few meetings. On April 18, Ginny Stranglein will review the book, *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner at the home of Phyllis Wargo. On May 16, Joanne Wagner will review the book *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman at the home of Linda Federico. If you would like to join our group, we would love some new members. Please contact Marylou Vernon [marylou.vernon53@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.vernon53@gmail.com) for more information.

**Public Policy Study Group:** Public Policy Study Group met on Feb 13 and continued our discussion on the dysfunction in Harrisburg. We discussed writing letters to our representatives and to the caucus leaders pertaining to getting the rules changed to ensure bipartisan solutions and getting a vote in both chambers in Harrisburg. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 2:00 (March 13, 2023) at Joan Howe's house 3396 Michigan Ct. Bethlehem. Come join us! All voices are welcome. Contact Joan Howe, 610-509-3113, [joanhowe3@gmail.com](mailto:joanhowe3@gmail.com) for any additional information.

**Out to Lunch Bunch:** Lunch Bunch met February 8 at Braveheart Highland Pub for some delicious Scottish food. Good conversation about travel, family, health and the state of the world.

Everyone signed the letter that Jane and Public Policy Study Group wrote for The Morning Call. Some of us arranged to see "80 For Brady" at AMC the next week.

Out next outing is March 8th, 12:30 at Melt. Contact Amy Fields. [ajf219@rcn.com](mailto:ajf219@rcn.com)

Deb Spinney, Mary Dawson, Marylou Vernon, Fran Bentkowski, Louise Wisser, Jeanne Eroh, Joan Howe, Jane Williams and Rita Bergstrom







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# 61st Annual Used Book Fair

April 27-May 1, 2023

**Bethlehem Ice Rink**  
345 Illick's Mill Road  
Bethlehem 18017

**Preview Day**  
April 27, **Thursday**, 2pm-6pm  
**Admission:** \$20 2pm-4pm  
\$15 4pm-6pm

**Free Entry Days**  
April 28, **Friday**, 10am-6pm  
April 29, **Saturday**, 10am-5pm  
April 30, **Sunday**, 12pm-5pm *Half-Price Day*  
May 1, **Monday**, 9am-12pm *Bag Day, \$10 a Bag*

*Cash and Checks Only; No Credit Cards*

**Book Donations Accepted:**  
**April 3 - April 25, 2023, Mon-Sat, 9am-12pm**

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Send us your email through our website for notifications of future sales.

Proceeds benefit scholarships and other educational programs.

An illustration for the book fair featuring a stack of books, a small figure sitting on top, and the text 'BOOK FAIR' in large, bold, yellow letters. The background is dark with some decorative elements like stars and a small AAUW logo.