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Another SPECTACULAR year of Programs

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Saturday, September 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Moravian Village
Main Dining Room
526 Wood Street Bethlehem. 18018

Michelle Kott
Police Chief for the City of Bethlehem



Welcome back Bethlehem Police Chief Michelle Kott!
Recipient of the 2022 Gateway to Equity Award!

The first female police chief for the City of Bethlehem, Chief Kott will return to talk about the Bethlehem Police Department today which will be followed by a Q&A.

Executive Team Message...

July 2024 Executive Team Meeting

The Executive Team returned to the original format and invited all coordinators and chairs to the June end of year meeting. The thought was to open more in person communication and have more transparency. It was decided to invite chairs and interested members to future meetings, with an RSVP required.

Memorial donations were received in the name of Jack Weber and Barbara Janofsky, earmarked for scholarships.

The branch has welcomed 10 new members, and a tea is planned in the future. Check out your Yearbook for interesting programs and important dates.

To all committee chairs, coordinators and anyone wishing to address an issue to the Executive Team, the next Team/Board meeting will be held August 15 at 1pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Linda Robbins for rsvp and additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Executive Team



Net Worth

ASSETS

Current Assets

Banking	
Checking	\$ 50,047
Savings	133,927

Total Current Assets 183,974

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 183,974

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities \$ 0

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 0

NET WORTH \$ 183,974

**Scholarship Financials
Book Fair 2024**

Book Fair Income \$ 89,027
- Expenses 12,370

Book Fair Net Income \$ 76,657

80% for SCHOLARSHIPS \$ 61,326

Additions
 LVF \$ 4,110
 Memorial Donations 1,410
 Miscellaneous Donations 275

Total Additions \$ 5,795

SCHOLARSHIPS \$ 67,121

ACTUAL vs. BUDGET YTD**Year 2024-2025**

7/1/2024	Account Title	Actual	Budget
REVENUE			
	BOOK FAIR		\$70,000
	BRANCH DUES		1,000
	SPECIAL EVENTS		
	SCHOLARSHIP		
	MEMORIAL DONATIONS	\$1,410	
	PROGRAMS		
	AAUW FUNDS		
	MISC		
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,410	\$71,000
EXPENSES			
EDUCATION			
	SCHOLARSHIPS (CALENDAR YEAR 24/25)		65,600
	SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION		400
	SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES		150
	TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES		\$66,150
	PROGRAM		800
	Hospitality		200
	Special Events		0
	Room Rental		300
	MEMBERSHIP		500
	PUBLIC POLICY		100
	DIVERSITY		100
	BOOK FAIR		18,000
	BF Sup and Shop		300
	COMMUNICATION(NEWSLETTER)		100
	CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS		200
	INSURANCE		200
	COPIES		100
	POSTAGE		250
	YEARBOOK		600
	OFFICE SUPPLIES		100
	GTE AWARD- AWARD EXPENSES		200
	OTHER		100
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		\$22,150
	GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$88,300

Finance Officers Quarterly Report June, 2024

Reserved Moravian Village Dining Room for Holiday Event and Branch meeting in fall.
 Compiled documents and filed with IRS.
 Processed new members
 2 hour Conference Call with National
 Completed dues renewal process
 Completed end of year Finance Reports and closed books
 Opened new records for 24-25
 Served as treasurer for Book Fair
 All deposits and reports
 Paid invoices presented, prepared and made bank deposits
 Data enter all income and expenses
 Complete bank reconciliation, profit and loss statements, bank comparison and net worth.
 Documents distributed to Executive Team.
 Contributed article for Bylines
 Finalized Award recipient details; Articles for State recognition, Bylines, awards
 and made presentations
 Sorted files for archives

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Robbins, Finance Officer

A Blast from the Past

As a former educator, I have often wondered if anything I taught made a lasting impression on my students. As a former member of the scholarship committee, I often wonder the same thing. Just before book fair, I received this email from one of our former scholarship recipients, a graduate of Freedom High School and Tufts University and wanted to share it with all of you.

“My name is Emma Sonnenblick and I received one of the AAUW scholarships in 2019. I’m not sure if you are still working with AAUW, but I wanted to reach out because the scholarship really meant a lot to me. Since then, I have collected all of my family’s books and saved them until the book sale each year, and this past weekend was the first time I was home from college to drop them off myself.

Now, I am working at Swarthmore College as an admissions counselor. I just started in September, and I live in Philly (I was just home in Bethlehem for the weekend). Unfortunately, I won’t be able to be in Bethlehem for the book sale, but every year my mom goes and gets all of our books for the year, and I am excited to see what she gets for us!

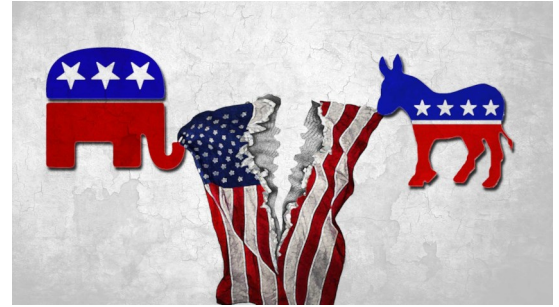
Between the college scholarship and the affordable books, the AAUW is like the gift that keeps giving, and I wanted to reach out to say thank you for giving me that opportunity, and for working to help women pursue higher education!”

So, if any of you are wondering, is all the hard work of book fair worth it – YES, IT IS!

Fran Bentkowski

Public Policy....Project 2025

I have recently become familiar with Project 2025. It is an 887 page manifesto created by the conservative Heritage Foundation to revolutionize our country. The Heritage Foundation funds many conservative candidates. In the coming weeks, these candidates will be talking about this national roadmap.



Pay Attention! Progressives hate it and extreme conservatives worship it. Here is a very small sample of this plan:

Enact a nationwide ban on abortion, birth control and IVF access.
 Civil servants must pledge loyalty to the president to keep their jobs.
 Abolish the Dept. of Education, eliminate Head Start and free school lunches.
 Limit Social Security.
 Privatize Medicare.

As with anything political, the left and right use language that helps sway their voters. As expected, I get many progressive messages on my Facebook feed. This week I received the following post:

Project 2025 Mandate for Leadership

“The only valid family is a working father, married to a stay-at-home mother and their children.”
 This concerned me greatly so I clicked on a link that took me to page 451 of the Manifest.

It reads:

Goal #3 Promoting Stable and Flourishing Married Families

“Families comprised of a married mother, father and their children are the foundation of a well-ordered nation and a healthy society. Unfortunately, family policies of programs under President Biden are fraught with agenda items focusing on LGBTQ+ equity, subsidizing single motherhood, disincentivizing and paralyzing marriage. These policies should be repealed and replaced by policies that support the formation of stable married, nuclear families.”

The difference in the first sentence (stay-at-home mother) is not used. The gist of the message is the same, but the writer implied something that is equally insidious. Project 2025 is a roadmap backwards to the 1950s when women couldn't even have their own credit card.

Pay attention!! Both parties use emotional language to fire up their bases, so watch for the inaccuracies in the rhetoric!

Program Notes

With this issue of Bylines, we start a new Programs partnership and Fran Bentkowski and I look forward to working together. All of our programs are already planned and confirmed for the coming year! Check your new Yearbook and mark your calendars. There will also be reminders via Bylines and emails.

A special thank you to Linda Federico for her work as Program Co-Vice President for the past two years and for her friendship and many laughs.

Kristina Hollingsworth Co-VP Programs

Book Fair 2024... Discussions are underway

Deb Spinney and Joan Howe got together in June to discuss Book Fair 2024. We went over all the good suggestions we got from the Men's Breakfast and the Volunteer Luncheon. Book Fair was successful because of all the time and energy our volunteers give and all the time and energy our members give. Thank you!

We were so sad to hear of the deaths of member Barb Janofsky co-chair of Children/Teen and Jack Weber (member Cynthia Weber's husband) chair of Science Fiction. There was a nice group of AAUW members who attended Jack's memorial. A box with the Science Fiction sign was placed on a table. Many Sci Fi book were donated in Jack's honor. Both kind people worked at the Book Fair for years. They will be missed.

That leaves us with those two openings. We hope those of you who were on the committee this year will return. We also welcome anyone who would like to get more involved with Book Fair 2025 to let Deb or Joan know. It's work, but it's fun and also a wonderful way to get to know our members better and to make good memories.

Bad check update: We had a \$500+ check that bounced. We filed a Criminal Complaint in May. We were just informed that the Northampton DA approved our Criminal Complaint and will now submit the Complaint to the Judge and the Judge will schedule a hearing. Good news!

Joan Howe and Deb Spinney
Book Fair Co-Chairs

The Book Nook



My Side of the River is a fascinating book written by a very determined young woman of Mexican background. Elizabeth Camarillor Gutierrez, the author, was born in the U.S. and therefore is an American citizen. Her parents were immigrants, having overstayed their tourist visas. When they were sent back to Mexico Elizabeth stayed in the U.S., eventually being identified as an "unaccompanied homeless youth," Elizabeth was responsible for her younger brother, though he was eventually taken back to Mexico to live with their parents. Elizabeth graduated first in her high school class and received a full scholarship to University of Pennsylvania. When she graduated she took charge of her brother's education. This amazing story points out all the wrongful laws concerning immigration in the U.S.

Stay cool----Mardi Metzger

Information :

Bacchae: The first Bacchae meeting for the new year will be held at Louise Wisser's home on August 15, at 3:00. At this organizational meeting, we will choose our theme and create our calendar for the year. Please note that this meeting is NOT being held on the normal date and time (which is the second Thursday at 3:00.). Any questions? Contact Phyllis Wargo

Mystery Paperback: We will be meeting on September 24, 2024 at **1:30pm (note the change from last year)** to talk about Margery Allingham's Coroner's Pidgin. Susan McNamara will lead the discussion and Linda Robbins will hostess. (414 Kenilworth Court, Bethlehem, PA 18018) New members welcomed! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, just let me know. Thanks, Susan

Paperback I: Paperback I will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Mardi Metzger. Our first fall meeting is always particularly enjoyable as we choose the hosts and the books for the year. We will discuss our summer book, *The Art Detective: Fakes, Frauds, and Finds and the Search for Lost Treasures* by Philip Mould. Philip was one of the hosts on the original PBS program, "Antiques Roadshow." This very popular show has continued for many years. In each chapter of the book, Philip describes a particular painting and the people who help identify it. He is a wonderful storyteller, combining memoir, art history, and amazing tales in this delightful little book. New members will be warmly welcomed to this group. Mardi Metzger, chair.

Paperback II: Although we have no meetings in July and August, we are busy reading "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts to be discussed at our first fall meeting on September 17 at the home of Shirley Daluisio. Joanne Wagner will lead the book discussion. It is a story about a woman riding a horse from Maine to Los Angeles in the 1950s. I am amazed that it is a non-fiction book! At our October meeting, we will discuss "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and plan our trip to visit the Morgan Library in NYC.

Public Policy Study Group: We will meet September 9th at 3:30 at Joan Howe's house, 3396 Michigan Ct. Bethlehem. We will be discussing all the Lehigh Valley State Legislator candidates websites, and what their stand on Women's Reproductive Rights are. All are welcome!

Out to Lunch Bunch: We are looking forward to starting our monthly gatherings for lunch. We will be meeting at Pat's Pizzeria 1426 W. Broad St, Bethlehem on September 11, 2024 at 12:30. Please let Amy Fields (ajf219@rcn.com) know if you want a seat at the table! Looking forward to hearing about your summer escapades!

WE REMEMBER

Shirley McBride, (1941-2024) Past President of AAUW Bethlehem Branch 2002- 2006 and recipient of Member Making a Difference Award 2002.

Barbara Janofsky, Co-chair of the Children's and Young Adult Section at Book Fair





**“We are all different, which is great because we are all unique.
Without *diversity*, life would be very boring.”**

-Catherine Pulsifer

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