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Join Us ...

*Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00
at Kirkland Village*



The Dementia Action Plan

You can't find your car keys...do you start thinking is this normal or is something happening to me? The word you are looking for is on the tip of your tongue, but it just won't come out. Is it starting to happen to **me?**

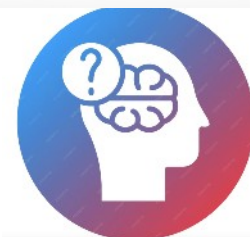


The "it" we don't like to think about is Dementia. What a scary word. But it doesn't have to be. Whether you think it is you or you are worried about someone you love. Knowledge is power! Kevin Jameson is the founder and volunteer President of the Dementia Society of America. Kevin will guide us through the basics of dementia care. We will learn to use the 7 simple steps in The Dementia Action Plan

and how to navigate life as a care partner or as a person living with dementia.

For over 35 years, Kevin served as a sales and marketing executive with major corporate divisions of ADT, Bosch, and Honeywell International. He is an author, singer, inventor, and patent holder. He also has a personal connection to Dementia. His first wife, Ginny, died from dementia and from that he leads the fight against all forms with thoughts, words, and deeds.

Fran Bentkowski, Program VP



Executive Team Message...

Greetings from your new Executive Team.

We met in June with a combined team of old and new officers. Kathy Kahler ended her position as VP of Membership. Debbie Matz and Natalie Chickey are replacing Kathy. Linda Robbins has ended her long tenure as Finance Officer and is being replaced by Janet Bauer. Fran Bentkowski and I will continue for the rest of our terms in Programs.

Along with a new Team, we will also have a new location and dates for monthly Board meetings. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20th at the East Hills Moravian Church on Butztown Rd., at 2:00 p.m.

Programs will be using a new location for many of our future programs. Thank you to Kirkland Village for working with us on this change. Many thanks also to Moravian Village and Linda Robbins for all their assistance in coordinating our past monthly programs and meetings.

Any Coordinators and Members who would like to attend a monthly Board meeting, or have a subject they would like discussed, please contact one of us.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. We hope to see you at our next program on September 17th.

Submitted by:

Kristina Hollingsworth
for the Executive Team



*When a team of dedicated individuals makes a
commitment to act as one, the sky is the limit!*
Anonymous



PA Supreme Court Judges

This November, three Democratic Supreme Court judges are up for retention; Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty, and David Wecht. This process of checking yes or no on the ballot to decide if these judges are given another 10 years on the bench is usually a done deal. Only one statewide judge has lost retention since 2005. However, this issue is going to be very important in the election.

The PA Supreme Court's decisions have had a huge impact on our daily lives recently. They oversaw congressional and legislative redistricting; allowed the education funding lawsuit to go to trial; upheld COVID-19 mediation efforts; and stood firm against the many 2020 election lawsuits that protected our voting rights.

Judicial elections used to be nonpartisan. That has changed! Look at the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings lately. A great deal of money is expected to be spent to flip the state's Democrat judicial majority. Study this issue before you vote. AAUW stands for women's rights, public education, and fair and equitable elections. We all want to live in a state the upholds these rights.

Joan Howe – Public Policy Coordinator

PA PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES



Each of us is trying to find our way during this turbulent time. No matter where you stand on the partisan side of issues, AAUW priorities are facing unprecedented attacks. Higher Ed is seeing their funds frozen, and voting rights are being attacked. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - yes, we are writing it out now- are assaulted every day. Each day, we face new challenges.

AAUW is taking important actions needed to elevate and protect our priorities. There are so many ways to engage, such as outreach to lawmakers, letters to the editor, attending trainings, and participating in rallies. Our members are our strength, and we are here to support your efforts to uphold our values.

Sandra Miller (Easton/Bethlehem)
Public Policy Chair, AAUW Pennsylvania



The summer has flown by. It's time to start another chapter of our AAUW branch. There are many new members who joined because of our VERY successful Book Fair. However, there is more to our branch than the book fair - honest!!! We have a wide range of programs, study groups and committees. Each issue of Bylines will include dates for programs and other upcoming events. Whether you are a new or seasoned member, we ask that you help make our group not only function, but a success. **Participate!** Join a group, a committee or attend a program. We're still looking for someone to lead our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee. Shirley Daluisio will be mailing our updated yearbook with a calendar of our activities along with names and addresses of our members. For safety reasons, we don't print phone numbers in Bylines as it is posted online and available to the public. Keep your yearbook handy. If you'd love to take part in one of the activities, call someone on the executive team, or a study group leader or me. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Olga Conneen, Communications

The Book Nook



*Book reviews by
Olga Conneen*



The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

From the age of 7, two Iranian girls begin a lifelong friendship that starts during the reign of Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi and continues to the present rule of the Islamic state. Like any friendship, life events take them in disparate paths over the years, but the bond that unites them is their quest to become "lion women" which remains even after a potentially damaging act of betrayal. The book provides an interesting look into the life of women in Iran both prior to the revolution and its subsequent restrictions. It's a fascinating read.

A Duty to the Dead by Charles Todd

For mystery lovers, *A Duty to the Dead* is the first in the Bess Crawford series by Charles Todd. The story takes place in England during WWI. In her duties as a nurse, Bess makes a promise to her patient, a young soldier dying of sepsis, to deliver a cryptic message to his brother. The novel not only provides a challenging mystery, but the reader is immersed in the misfortunes of war as it takes its toll on families and England.

Information :

All contact information in the yearbook

Bacchae: Bacchae will be starting our new year of wine tasting and studying on August 14 at Louise Wisser's home at 3. At this time we will choose our theme for the year. Please contact Louise to let her know if you will be attending or not. Any questions? Contact Phyllis Wargo

Mystery Paperback: For our September 23, 2025 meeting, we will be reading Ann Cleeves' *The Long Call* in which she introduces a new detective, begins a new series and provides "another terrific puzzle of a story" set in New Devon. Olga Conneen will lead the discussion and Linda Robbins will be the hostess at her home . Please RSVP. New members welcomed!

Paperback I: Paperback I has chosen to meet through the summer for the first time. The next meeting will be at the home of Marie Boltz on Tuesday, August 26 at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing *Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by Bob Greene. Our September meeting will be at the home of Mardi Metzger on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 1:00. We have not yet chosen the book to be discussed. We will choose books for the year at that meeting. New members will be warmly welcomed. Myra Saturen and Mardi Metzger, co-chairs.

Paperback II: Paperback II book group members will meet at 7pm Tuesday September 16, 2025 at the home of Shirley Daluisio. Over the summer we read the book "*Beneath a Scarlet Sky*" by Mark Sullivan. Marylou Vernon will lead the discussion.

Public Policy Study Group: Public Policy Study Group will meet 9/8/25 at Joan Howe's house. The new time is 1:30. There is lots to talk about so come and join the conversation.

Out to Lunch Bunch: September Lunch Bunch is scheduled for 9/10/15 at Hanover Roadhouse 5001 Hanoverville Rd. Bethlehem at 12:30. Contact Joan Howe if you would like to join us and maybe the resident ghost.





National Book Lover's Month

A book is a gift you can open again and again.
Garrison Keillor



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