



# Branch

# Banter

JANUARY 2017

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## Henry "Box" Brown Found Freedom the Hard Way

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 10 7:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

**WHERE:** York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

**PROGRAM:** Judy Wolfman, author and storyteller, will give us a brief background on Henry Brown, his marriage, the loss of his family, and his desire to escape from slavery. Come and hear the story of his ingenious plan to get from Virginia to Philadelphia involving a long and arduous journey, and find out how he got the middle name "Box."

Judy is a retired elementary teacher, and an author of 14 books, 8 children's plays and over 200 magazine articles and short stories. If you go to a show or concert, you may meet her as a volunteer greeter and usher for the Strand, Pullo, and Belmont Theater (formerly York Little Theater). And you will meet her again in May, as she is a founder and performer in Belmont Theatre's Reader's Theatre Troupe, our program at the annual banquet. Also, she'll bring with her some copies of her books for sale to anyone interested.

*Carol Little & Linda Wolfe, Program Co-Vice Presidents*

**Inclement Weather? Check your email for a program cancellation.  
(Those not on email will be contacted by phone.)**

**Fragrance-Free Meetings** Let's make our Branch meetings "fragrance free." Several members have allergies to perfume or strongly scented powders and deodorants. **So please remember, no perfume!**

## BANTER DEADLINE

**January 22** is the deadline for articles for the February *Banter*.

## SUNSHINE

If you know of an AAUW member who deserves a card due to illness, death in family, or thinking of you, please notify Linda Rupert.

## FROM THE PODIUM

Happy New Year! As you plan for your new calendar year, please mark these dates:

\***April 21-23, 2017** – The AAUW-PA Annual Meeting will be held right in our own backyard at the Heritage Hills Resort. The meeting theme will be *Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength*.

\*Our Spring Market Faire will be on **Monday, May 1**. Please support and volunteer to make this event a success.

\*Something else to put on your calendar – the national convention will be closer to home, too:

### Get Inspired by AAUW's History in the Nation's Capital

AAUW's 2017 National Convention will take place June 14–17 in Washington, D.C.! Check out our blog series of stories from past AAUW conventions in Washington, D.C., and don't forget to register now to join us as we take the nation's capital by storm!

In addition, I wanted to share this quote:

“Each time a man [or woman] stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

— Robert F. Kennedy, former U.S. Senator

*Lois Conaway, York Branch Co-President*

## BRANCH AWARDS

York Branch is given the opportunity to present three awards annually through the sponsorship of our State organization, AAUW-PA. The honorees are recognized in the AAUW-PA Yearbook, and members receive a certificate at the convention, which will be held in the Poconos this year.

The **Gateway to Equity Award** is given to individuals or organizations that have shown by action and philosophy that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy or research.

**Member Making a Difference Award** (formerly Branch Spotlight Award and Teal Award) is given to a member who has made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year. This person need not be an officer or a committee chair.

### Outstanding Woman Award

- She has provided meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years.
- She may not be the current president.
- The state allows two nominees.

Check the Yearbook for past honorees. Please submit your nominations in writing by January 15, and give examples of the person's accomplishments.

You may send an email or a note via mail to Lois Conaway. Thank you for your suggestions. A committee of past recipients will select the 2017 honorees.

## SPRING MARKET FARE - MONDAY, MAY 1

The York Branch raised over \$200,000 for scholarships since the first Spring Market Faire in 1982. Help us continue this proud tradition.

- Write a check to be a Friend, Sponsor, Patron, or Angel and send your check to Jean Quickel (form elsewhere in the *Banter*).
- Volunteer to be a hostess. Contact Rita Meisenhelder to serve as a hostess or captain. It is only a three-hour shift and you can see the kitchens the other half of the day.
- Please contact Betty Hooker if you have any ideas for corporate sponsors. (In the past, we have asked homeowners for the names of the contractors who worked on their recently completed kitchens, but this year, many of the kitchens were completed several years ago.)

**Finally, the next meeting of the entire Spring Market Faire Team is on Monday, January 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Hooker. Please call or email Betty so she knows you will be there. (Snow date is Thursday, January 26.)**

*Betty Hooker & Linda Rupert, Spring Market Faire Kitchen Tour Co-Chairs*

## SYMPTOMS OF UTERINE CANCER

As many of you know, I had a radical hysterectomy just before Thanksgiving for uterine cancer. Talking about it, I came to realize that it wasn't only me who didn't know the symptoms for this disease. The symptoms are varied and not big. I had brown blood on the toilet paper once and then nothing for 2 months. It was easy to put off seeing the doctor because it couldn't be anything significant. But it was. And not only that, I was in the 5% of the cases with aggressive cancer. So far I have a good prognosis, but do have to go through chemo. So when your doctor asks if you had any unusual vaginal discharge, ask what you are looking for. It can be red blood, brown blood, an irritating clear or yellowish greenish discharge, just once and then nothing for several months or for several days. The thing you need to know is that any time after menopause none of these are "normal," and you need to have it checked. It is not always cancer, but the risk for not checking it out is too great to ignore these symptoms. Please talk about this at your other meetings this month and in the future whether with AAUW, church, family and any group of women. Awareness will save someone's life. Thanks.

*(written by a member)*

## BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, January 18 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Cheri Stine  
Book: *Whiskey and Charley* by Annabel Smith

## BOOK GROUP II

Monday, January 16 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass  
Book: *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom Leader: TBA

*\*Inclement weather: Call Perkins Restaurant to hear if meeting is cancelled.\**

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick

January 17: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. Rachel takes the same train every day. She feels like she knows the people she sees out the window at one of the stops along the way – until she sees something that changes everything. A thriller.

Book for February: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

## BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday January 4	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Lois Kulp
Wednesday February 1	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: needed

Please take note that the lunch-social time will begin at 12:15 p.m. Game begins at 1:00 p.m. New Bridge players and subs are always welcome to join the group. Call Lois Kulp for information.

## FEMMES DU JOUR – PLANNING OPPORTUNITY

Anyone interested in suggesting places the group might visit during the years 2017 and 2018 is heartily invited to join us in a planning pot luck lunch on Thursday, February 2, at 12:00 noon, 416 Dupont Avenue. Please RSVP to indicate your fervent desire to attend. We can host only 16 people, so do not dally. If for some sad reason you cannot show up but have wonderful suggestions, please also RSVP in like manner.

*Cheri Stine and Carol Anderson*

## GAME NIGHT – FEBRUARY

Game Night will be Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lois and Bill Kulp

Please let Lois know **by February 5** if you are planning to attend and to find out what to bring to the potluck. Newcomers welcome. For more information, contact Lois or Karen Julian.

## LUNCH A MONTH – JANUARY

The January Lunch-A-Month will be held at the Red Brick Bakery in Red Lion at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18. Contact Sandy Cooley **by January 13** to make a reservation.

## LUNCH A MONTH – FEBRUARY

The February Lunch-A-Month will be held at the Blue Heron on East Market Street, on Thursday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m. Please respond to Joan Beekey **by February 3** if you are able to join us.

*Thanks for your courtesy - if you cannot attend a lunch as planned, please let the hostess know so she can inform the restaurant.*

## SUPPER CLUB

January is a hit or miss month, weather-wise, so we are going the restaurant direction: nothing to prepare; good companionship; delightful selections for food. After consulting the *Farmer's Almanac*, Saturday, January 14, seems like a good date. We will be going to Tutoni's, 108 N. George St. They now have valet parking so we will not have to worry about the car or parking availability. Reservations at 6:30 p.m. Call Marion Bowman **by January 8** to reserve your spot for a fun time. Open to all members and guests.

## HARRISBURG BRANCH SPONSORS "IMPERIAL CITIES" TOUR

The Harrisburg Branch is sponsoring a motor coach tour of the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary from October 9 - October 19. The Collette Gateway tour includes visits to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. An informational meeting will be held at 619 Haldeman Blvd., New Cumberland, on Monday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. To reserve your spot for the meeting or for additional information, contact Barbara Warfel of the Harrisburg Branch, or contact Betty Hooker for a brochure.

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### Kitchen Tour Support

\_\_\_\_ **ANGEL (\$100 & up) 2 tour tickets, 2 recipe packs, 2 door prize tickets, 2 chances in a drawing for a special basket at the May meeting, name on ticket and in *Banter***

\_\_\_\_ **PATRON (\$75) 2 tour tickets; 2 recipe packs, 2 door prize tickets, 1 chance for a special basket at the May meeting, name on ticket and in *Banter***

\_\_\_\_ **SPONSOR (\$60) 2 tour tickets, 2 recipe packs, 2 door prize slips, name on ticket and in *Banter***

\_\_\_\_ **FRIEND (\$35) 1 tour ticket, 1 recipe pack, 1 door prize slip, name in *Banter***

**Return to Jean Quickel at the November or December meeting or mail to Jean Quickel at by December 31.**

*Mission Statement*

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

*Vision Promise*

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

*Diversity Statement*

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.