



Branch

Banter

FEBRUARY 2017

Juvenile Justice in Pennsylvania: a Balanced and Restorative Approach

WHEN: Tuesday, February 14 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

WHERE: York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

PROGRAM: Traci McPate, Assistant Juvenile Public Defender for York County, will give us an overview of Pennsylvania's juvenile delinquency system, including diversionary programs designed to address mental health, trauma, and substance abuse issues.

Ms. McPate holds a B.A. in English and Philosophy, and minors in French and Women's Studies. After graduation from the Pennsylvania State University—Dickinson School of Law with J.D. degree, she began her legal career as a prosecutor in the Child Abuse Unit of the York County District Attorney's Office. While in private practice, she served as *guardian ad litem* and legal counsel for children in the dependency system. She currently serves as legal counsel for children in the delinquency system, and is a member of the Fast Track Drug Court team.

Come and hear what our public servants in the justice system are doing to help turn youthful offenders away from a lifetime of crime and toward a more hopeful future.

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.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of our January meeting.

Please make sure to check your email or call a board member.

BANTER DEADLINE

February 23 is the deadline for articles for the March *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

After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is nice to get back into one's normal routine, including York Branch activities. The Branch's regular monthly activities seem to have something for everyone. Special activities for later in the spring include York hosting the State Convention at Heritage Hills, April 21-23, as well as the Branch's scholarship fundraiser, the Spring Market Faire, on Monday, May 1. AAUW's National Convention will be in York's backyard, Washington, D.C., June 14-17. The D.C. Convention provides attendees with an opportunity to meet with their state senators and representatives regarding several issues of concern to AAUW relating to women and girls. Happy Valentine's Day!

Carol Heintzelman, York Branch Co-President

WRITE – READ – WRITE

Thank you to all of the members who supplied books for this year's Write-Read-Write Program. The third grade students at Phineas Davis School were very excited to receive your books and letters in December, prior to the holiday break. Those who participated in this program can look forward to receiving letters from the students at our February meeting. We hope you will be present to receive yours, but if unable to attend, please ask someone to take the letter for you.

Suzanne Robertson & Jean Quickel, Write-Read-Write Co-Chairs

SPRING MARKET FAIRE – MONDAY, MAY 1 – HOSTESSES NEEDED

Plans for the 2017 Spring Market Faire are well underway; however, there is one area where we need your help. **We need hostesses to serve on either the morning or the afternoon shift.** The morning shift is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the afternoon shift is from 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Your hostess badge allows you to tour the houses without waiting in line,** so there is time to tour the houses and serve as a hostess. **Non-members are welcome to serve as hostesses as well; this may be a way of introducing your friends to York Branch.** Please contact Rita Meisenhelder if you and/or your friends can help.

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

PLAY AT STRAND-CAPITOL TO BENEFIT YWCA VICTIM SERVICES

Our Junior Board of Directors is putting on a production of *The Vagina Monologues* on 2/15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Strand-Capitol. Tickets are selling quickly, it looks like it will be a popular event. Tickets are just \$15 and proceeds benefit our victim services efforts. The play contains adult language and content. There will be a cash bar and door prizes.

Submitted by Jean Treuhart, CEO, York YWCA (approved by Branch Co-Presidents)

BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, February 15 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Karen Julian
Book: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

BOOK GROUP II

Monday, February 20 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass
Book: *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh Leader: May Kemp

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick
February 21: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. A cranky old man, Ove discovers he is needed by others in the neighborhood. This novel shows the profound impact one life has on countless others.

Book for March: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday February 1	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Gayle Brass
Wednesday March 1	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Janet Misiolek
Wednesday April 5	12:15 p.m.	Hostess: Lois Kulp

Our "bring a sandwich social" now begins at 12:15 p.m. Bridge begins at 1:00 p.m. Please call Gayle Brass if you desire to play on Feb. 1. 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. Please RSVP to Carol Anderson 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.

Carol Anderson and Cheri Stine

GAME NIGHT

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

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.

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The March Lunch-A-Month will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Post, 3691 E. Market Street. Contact Betty Hooker or sign up at the February meeting if you wish to attend. Reservations are due **by Tuesday, March 14**.

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.