



Branch

Banter

JANUARY 2018

Discussion on Current LGBT Issues

WHEN: Tuesday, January 9 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

WHERE: York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

PROGRAM: Ines Ramirez, who serves York College of Pennsylvania as Assistant Director of Intercultural Student Life and International Student Support, will lead this discussion. We hope to have members of the LAMBDA organization as well to focus on current issues that the LGBT is facing. Different scenarios will be presented as well as tips for you to interact comfortably and work effectively with the LGBT population.

The office at ISLGP at York College is dedicated to educating the campus community on issues of diversity and inclusion. The office works closely with student organizations that help us advance that mission, such as LAMBDA, the Hispanic Cultural Society, International Students Club, Unity and Hillel, among others.

Come join us for an interesting discussion that will make you think about how our society looks at gender identity issues.

Carol Little & Rita Meisenhelder, 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!**

FUNDING RAISING MEETING

A meeting to consider past and possible future fundraising activities will be held at the home of Betty Hooker on Wednesday, January 31, at 1:00 p.m. Fundraising projects support a Graduate Scholarship and one Undergraduate Scholarship. At times, we have had sufficient monies to fund two Undergraduate Scholarships. Please call Betty if you plan to attend the meeting and share your fundraising ideas.

FROM THE PODIUM

Happy New Year! I trust everyone had a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season. At December's Branch meeting at least 6 chairs of Committees, Special Projects, etc., reported on their activities for January and on into the Spring. Again, there seems to be something for everybody. So enjoy what interests you. A special thank you to Marion Bowman for agreeing to serve as Branch Co-President through June. I met with my oncologist December 4 and the treatment continues to be "watch and wait" since I remain asymptomatic. She felt that chemo or radiation would be more harmful than my current condition. I see her again April 23 and in the meantime, I will be self-monitoring. Again, thank you for your kind cards and notes. They are greatly appreciated. Take care!

Carol Heintzelman, York Branch President

BOARD MEETING

Reminder – the January Board meeting is the virtual Board meeting (via email).

BRANCH AWARDS

York Branch is given the opportunity to present three awards annually through AAUW-PA. The honorees are recognized in the AAUW-PA Yearbook, and members receive a certificate at the convention. ***Please think about making a nomination. The Board has given me some ideas, but I'd like input from the general membership. Check your Yearbook for past honorees.***

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.

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 Betty Hooker. Thank you for your suggestions. A committee of past recipients will select the 2016 honorees.

Betty Hooker, Awards Chair

BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, January 17 1:00 p.m. Regrets: Linda Collison
Book: *The Japanese Lover* by Allende

BOOK GROUP II

Monday, January 15 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass
Book: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict Led by Jo Ann Piotrowski
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 16: *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg. Surveying the last four hundred years, Isenberg upends assumptions about America's supposedly class-free society – where liberty and hard work were meant to ensure real social mobility.

BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday January 3 11:30 a.m. at the Blue Heron Hostess: Carol Anderson
Wednesday February 7 12:15 p.m. *Hostess needed*

Bridge players and subs are welcome to join the group at any time. This month we will meet at the Blue Heron Restaurant. Call Lois Kulp for information.

FEMMES DU JOUR – FEBRUARY

Please plan on participating in the February 1 tour of the National Civil War Medical Museum in Frederick, MD. The museum's displays follow in the footsteps of soldiers and surgeons to highlight the harsh conditions and innovations of Civil War medicine. Admission cost is \$8.50 for self-guided tour of this 3-floor museum. We will meet at Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot, off of Rt. 30 W next to Lyndon Diner, at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to the museum. (*This is a change from time announced at the December meeting*). We will lunch in historic downtown Frederick at The Orchard restaurant. Please contact Cheri Stine with any questions or to sign up for this trip.

FEMMES DU JOUR – APRIL 5

The Femmes will be traveling to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 5, for a buffet and the matinee performance of *Show Boat*. We will leave the Galleria parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and arrive at the theatre for the 11:45 a.m. lunch buffet. The show begins at 1:15 p.m. **Guests are welcome.** The cost for the lunch and the show is \$55 which includes tax and the meal gratuity. (Sodas and alcoholic beverages are extra.)

*I only have one ticket left at this point, but I may be able to get a few more if there is sufficient interest. **Please contact me immediately if you are interested.*** Ensure your reservation by sending your check, made payable to 'Betty Hooker.'

GAME NIGHT – FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Carol and Brad Little. Put this on your calendar now and contact Carol when the time gets closer to let her know you can come and find out what to bring to the potluck.

LUNCH A MONTH

Lunch-a-Month will meet at Knicker's Pub in the lower level of Heritage Hills on Friday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. Call Suzy Hershey **by Monday, January 15**, to register.

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

Please join us for an evening of good conversation and delicious food. We all make one dish from recipes sent out by Anne. We are having a 'Rachel Ray Bourbon glazed ham dinner' with a few chosen family favorites.

January 27, Saturday, at 6 p.m. at Anne McFeely's. **RSVP by January 17.**

BANTER DEADLINE

January 24 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.

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.